**Scoil Bhríde**

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26th October 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

**Thanks for supporting our Halloween Cake Sale 2022!**

****Many thanks to all the families who supported our Halloween Cake Sale. Thank you for kindly donating cakes/buns and for allowing your children to buy something! It was a wonderful day. The home bakes and shop bakes were just fantastic, and it was great to see the wonderful smiles on the children’s faces. The total amount raised for the school garden was a tremendous 956 Euro. Once again, even in these tough economic times, the generosity and kindness of the people in Nurney and its surrounds is simply amazing……...Thanks to members of the Parents Association, our 6th class prefects, our principal and deputy principal and the entire SNA team who helped with all the setting up, organization and selling on the day. A special mention to prefects Lily-Ann and Braden and SNA Julie for labelling all the unnamed tubs and containers upon their arrival so that they could be returned to their correct owners.

**For the first year ever, we have no bake trays/tubs/boxes left in our school office for collection. Great job!!!

**Drumming**

**A 4-week course of drumming classes for all pupils with a specialist instructor starts on November 7th.** To cover the cost a payment of 8 Euro will be needed from each pupil. This can be paid online or by cash. Thank you.

**Nut Allergies and Halloween celebrations**

Just a gentle reminder that we have pupils in our school with a nut allergy. For that reason, our entire school is a nut free zone (and that includes all forms of chocolate spread). Thank you for your continued vigilance in this matter especially in the run up to Halloween!

**Halloween Fancy Dress**

**Children may wear their Halloween costumes to school on Friday October 28th. School opening and closing times will be as normal on Friday October 28th. Please do not allow your child dress up as killer clowns or bring replica guns to school. Thank you.

**Christmas Shoe Box Appeal**

This will be going ahead again this year. If you wish to take part, please drop your boxes into the school office by 3pm on the deadline date of Thursday October 27th. Thank you. More information at [www.teamhope.ie](http://www.teamhope.ie)

**Gymnastics**

**A 4-week course of gymnastics classes for all pupils with a specialist instructor started on October 10th. Payment of 6 Euro from each pupil is now due. Thanks.**

**Parents Association**

On Friday October 21st the Parents Association held its AGM to elect a new PA committee. The following parents were elected for the school year 2022/23. The Board of Management wishes them the best for the year

**Chairperson:** Emer Moore **Secretary:** Veronica O’Driscoll **Treasurer:** Ami Fitzgerlad

The Board of Management wishes to say a word of thanks to the outgoing PA (**Chairperson**: Margaret Boyle, **vice-chairperson:** Kim Morris **Secretary:** Patricia Chaston **Treasurer:** Emer Moran, **vice-treasurer:** Rose O'Neill for all the good work they did on behalf of the school. We are very grateful!

**What is the Parents Association all about?**

For all the information you need about a Parents Association, its role, its function, how it contributes to school life and how you can get involved please visit the following link: www.nurneyns.com/pa

**4th Class Annual Cycle Safety Training Course** A **seven-week course for 4th class started Thursday September 8th**. Payment of 10 Euro from each 4th class pupil is now due. Thank you.

**Swimming**

**A six-week course of swimming classes in K-Leisure Athy for 5th class begins on November 9th.** Payment of 50 Euro from each 5th class pupil is now due. Thank you.

A six-week course of swimming in K-Leisure Athy for all other senior classes will start as follows:

4th class – February 22nd 2023

3rd class – April 26th 2023

**Dates for your diary**

* Halloween Closure – School closed November 1st to November 4th inclusive.
* ***School closes at 12:30pm on December 16th for all pupils*** as staff must attend Department of Education training in the New Primary Language Curriculum. The bus has been told.
* School Book Fair –**Spring 2023; risk assessment pending**
* The Parish office wishes to inform you that Communion for families with children in 2nd class will be May 13th 2023 @ 11:30am in Nurney Church
* The Parish office wishes to inform you that Confirmation for families with children in 6th class will be March 25th @ 12 midday in Nurney Church

***Wednesday Note and school information also available***

***on* www.nurneyns.com**

***Thank you for your co-operation with the above.***

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**Dr. Vinny Thorpe – Principal**

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