**Scoil Bhríde**

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Dear Parents/Guardians

**Please read both sides!! Thank you.**

**To the Ukrainian families and pupils in our school community and beyond**

****The thoughts and prayers of all our school community are with you at this most distressing of times. Our school family is here for you. The ability to go to school and be with friends and with a teacher is something than can be all too easily taken for granted. The ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic and the events in Ukraine however have shown just how easily they can be taken away. The images coming from Ukraine, puts into perspective just how lucky and blessed we are. Thank God for our blessings and for our school community, our hard-working staff and our pupils and their families, but most of all, that we have peace, food, water, shelter, services and each other. As we head into this Lenten period, pause and be ever grateful. *Please light a candle and keep the people and children of Ukraine in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you.*

**Parenting Supports**

For information on parenting supports and services in Co. Kildare & West Wicklow please check out [www.parentingsupport.ie](http://www.parentingsupport.ie/)

In addition, if it any stage you wish to speak to your child’s class teacher about your child’s learning progress, please contact the school office by phone or email. The school office will gladly arrange a conversation between you and your child’s class teacher.

**School Assembly**

Well done to all our pupils who received well done awards over the last month for great lining up, working hard, wearing the proper uniform, following teacher instructions, playing fair and nice in our school and following in the footsteps of Jesus by showing kindness, compassion, respect, saying sorry and offering forgiveness. Congratulations to the following pupils who were pulled out of our “Well Done Award Prize Draw” ***Katie – Senior Infants, Adam –2nd class, Ryan – 4th class, Jack – 6th class***

**Healthy Eating and Lunchboxes**

Scoil Bhríde is a Health Promoting School and has a Healthy Eating School Policy that encourages parents and children **not** to put certain foods in the lunchbox such as *chocolate, crisps, sweets, fizzy drinks, sweet sugar drinks and high calorie take-away fast food*. **To learn more about Health promoting Schools, please visit Health Promotion and Improvement** [www.healthpromotion.ie/health/schools](http://www.healthpromotion.ie/health/schools). **For healthy snack ideas please visit** [www.safefood.eu](http://www.safefood.eu). **Check out the *safefood* website for easy ways to choose a balanced nutritious and tasty lunch for your children each day** [www.safefood.eu/whatisahealthylunch](http://www.safefood.eu/whatisahealthylunch)

**New School Twitter account**

****Please follow and share our new school twitter account **@sbnurney** to receive reports of all the latest news, events, photos, activities and great work being done by the pupils and staff in our school each and every day!

**March – the month of all seasons!**

As we head into a variety of weathers, please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing for each and every school day. Thank you

**World Book Day**

To celebrate World Book Day all pupils are being asked to dress up as their favourite book character on **Thursday March 3rd**. So please start planning your costumes! The Newspaper is being asked to send a photographer.

**Green Day**

To celebrate Saint Patrick’s Day and Seachtain na Gaeilge all pupils are being asked to dress up in Green on March 16th. So please start planning your costumes!

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| **IMPORTANT NOTICE – SCHOOL HALF DAY March 10th**  |
| * **The school has been requested by the Department of Education to allow staff attend compulsory training in the new Primary Language Curriculum. For that reason, the school will close for all pupils at 12:30pm on Thursday March 10th 2022. The bus has been told.**
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**Dates for your diary**

* Scoil Bhríde will be closed from Thursday March 17th to Monday March 21st inclusive.
* School closes at 2pm for all pupils on Tuesday April 5th 2022 to accommodate a staff meeting. Bus told.
* The Parish wishes to inform you that First Penance for families with children in 2nd class will be March 15th 2022 @ 7pm
* The Parish wishes to inform you that Communion for families with children in 2nd class will be May 7th 2022 @ 11am
* The Parish wishes to inform you that they have arranged a Confirmation Retreat for Confirmation candidates and their class teacher on May 11th 2022 10am-2pm in Kildare town.
* The Parish wishes to inform you that Confirmation for families with children in 6th class will be May 21st 2022 @ 11am

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

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

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

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**Vinny Thorpe – Principal**

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