**Scoil Bhríde**

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2nd October 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

**Please read both sides!!!!!**

**Saturday October 5th is ‘World Teachers Day!’**

**Thanks to all teachers, SNAs, principals and support staff, past and present, who have contributed to make Scoil Bhríde the lovely school it is today. The shortage of qualified teachers has certainly shown the hard and valuable work that’s teachers, SNAs, principals and support staff do each and every day across the World.

***To have a teacher and all other school staff is a Blessing. Cherish it every day.***

To them all we say well done and Thank you.

Thank you also parents, as according to the Irish Constitution, you are the primary educator and carer of your child. We are delighted to assist you in that journey!

**Dance lessons for all pupils**

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**Irish Figure Dancing**

Skerries Irish Figure Dancing class conduct dancing classes in Nurney GAA hall each Friday night with beginners from 7.00pm to 7.45pm and main class from 7.00pm to 8.30pm.  They are a voluntary organization affiliated to Kildare Irish Figure Dancing Council.  They aim to instill in children a love and respect for our culture through traditional Irish figure dancing.  The teachers and volunteers give their time free of charge and they strive to be as budget friendly as possible.  They train dancers in two four six and eight hand dances.  New dancers and ex dancers are welcome from school going upwards with classes costing €3 per night.  If anyone wishes to join or rejoin they can contact Skerries facebook page or skerriesifdc@gmail.com to confirm desire to attend please or just drop in to Nurney hall on any Friday night.

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3rd class – November 6th 2024

6th class – January 15th 2025

4th class – March 5th 2025

**Dates for your diary**

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* Jr and Sr infants field trip to Riverbank Theatre Newbridge – October 9th
* Halloween Closure – School closed October 28th to November 1st inclusive.
* **School closes on Monday November 11th 2024 for all pupils as staff must attend a Department of Education seminar on the New Primary Maths Curriculum.**
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* Annual School Book Fair – March 6th and 7th **2025**

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

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