



Nuacht na Scoile

Deireadh Fomhair 2025

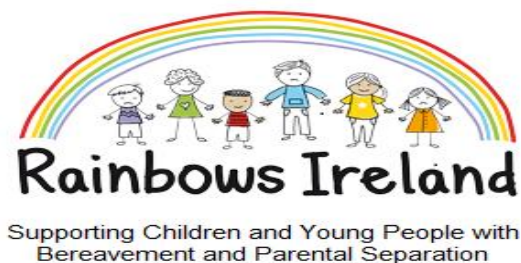
New Staff and Pupils

As we begin an exciting new school year, we are delighted to welcome all our new pupils and members of staff to Scoil Phádraig. We look forward to a year filled with learning, growth, and new opportunities.

Admissions

Admissions will close on Friday, 24th October for the school year beginning September 2026. Application forms are available on the school website or from the school office.

Rainbows



We are pleased to let parents know that our Rainbows Peer Support Group is available in our school.

The Rainbows Programme offers emotional support to children and young people who may be experiencing loss through bereavement, separation, or other significant life changes. The small group setting provides a safe and caring space where pupils can share their feelings and receive support from trained staff and peers.

If you feel your child would benefit from joining the programme, please email

rainbowscoilphadraig@gmail.com

Parent Teacher Meetings

Our Parent–Teacher Meetings will take place on Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th, and Thursday 27th November. Appointment slots will be available to book via the Aladdin app after the Halloween break. If your son receives additional support from our special education teacher, don't forget to book in with this teacher also. If you are unable to attend in person, a phone call appointment can be arranged instead. We look forward to discussing your child's progress and achievements.

Accordian Group

Our new accordion group is set up and we wish the boys the best of luck. Our band mentors are back to help our fledging band after Halloween. We look forward to them joining the school band.

Halloween Dress up



Pupils are invited to dress up in their Halloween costumes this Friday for our Halloween Fun Day! There will be a spooky walk and a school disco during the day. Please note that it will be a full school day. We're looking forward to a fun and frightfully festive day! If your family does not celebrate Halloween for cultural or personal reasons, your child is still very welcome to take part in our non-uniform day by wearing their own clothes. We want all children to feel included and comfortable on the day.

Football Finals



A huge well done to our Division 6 boys who emerged victorious in today's final at O' Moore Park – a fantastic achievement and a proud moment for all involved!

Commiserations to our Division 1 boys, who were narrowly defeated in a hard-fought and closely contested final. Your determination and effort were outstanding, and we're incredibly proud of your performance.

Swimming

Swim lessons for our older classes conclude this week. After Easter, pupils in 1st to 3rd class will have their turn for swimming lessons.

Badminton

Boys from 5th and 6th classes are enjoying badminton lessons every Thursday in the school hall. We are excited to share that four of our boys will represent the school at the county qualifier event this Thursday. We wish them the best of luck and know they will make us proud.

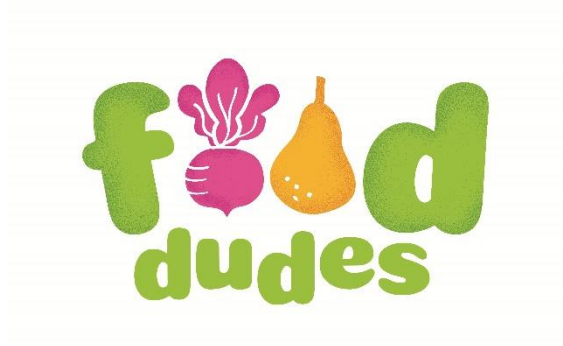
FÍS Film Award



Our film 'The Third Floor' has been shortlisted for an award at the 20th Annual FÍS Film Awards.

Congratulations to our film-making club, they will have a great day out in The Helix next February.

Food Dudes



We are delighted to announce that the *Food Dudes* programme will begin in our school on Monday, 3rd November. This initiative will run in every class across the school, encouraging children to enjoy a variety of fruit and vegetables as part of a balanced and healthy diet. Junior Infants, Senior Infants, and First Class will take part in 16 days of fruit and vegetable tasting, where they will be introduced to a wide selection of fresh produce. The rest of the school will participate in the programme for **5 days**, also starting on the 3rd of November. The *Food Dudes* programme has proven benefits, including:

- Encouraging healthy eating habits from an early age
- Helping children develop a **varied and nutritious diet**
- Supporting long-term physical health and wellbeing
- Promoting a positive attitude toward trying new foods.

We look forward to seeing the enthusiasm from the children as they taste, learn, and enjoy a colourful selection of fruits and

vegetables. Thank you for supporting this valuable initiative at home as well — together, we can help our students make healthier food choices for life!

Trip to the Dáil



Our Student Council recently had the exciting opportunity to visit Leinster House in Dublin. During their trip, pupils enjoyed a guided tour of the Dáil and Seanad. The boys took part in a citizenship workshop and they learned about the importance of voting and the Irish voting system. It was a fantastic educational experience for all involved, and the group represented our school with great enthusiasm and pride!

Rounders

Rounders has got off to a great start this year, with a large number of boys attending training each week. It's been fantastic to see their skills improving steadily — from batting and throwing to their overall understanding of the game. We're especially pleased to welcome back the 5th and 6th Class boys to

training. Their energy and experience have added great value to the sessions. We'll now take a short winter break and look forward to resuming training in the spring. Thank you to all the boys for their enthusiasm and interest throughout the term.

Maths Week



We had a fantastic time celebrating Maths Week in school! Pupils took part in a range of fun and challenging activities linked to the new Maths curriculum, including riddles, puzzles, maths jokes, and problem-solving challenges. There was lots of maths talk and fun. The week was all about showing that maths is not only important but also exciting and enjoyable. Classes worked together to explore patterns, logic, and real-life problem-solving in creative ways. A big well done to all pupils (and teachers!) who got involved and made Maths Week such a success.



Yard Games

It's been fantastic to see the boys enjoying all our new yard games and play resources. This exciting new chapter began with **Yard Week**, where the boys learned a wide variety of new games and activities to enjoy during break times.

Since then, the yard has become a lively, welcoming space full of fun, energy, and creativity. Most importantly, the boys are feeling **safe, happy, and included**—just as we hoped. The positive atmosphere is a credit to both the students and staff who have embraced these new additions and made playtime such an enjoyable part of the school day.

Half Day

Whole staff health & safety training will occur on Wednesday, 5th November. To facilitate this essential whole staff training school will close at 11.50am on this day.

Chess

Chess will resume after the midterm break and we're looking forward to another exciting year ahead.

Sessions will take place on Tuesdays for 4th Class and on Thursdays for 5th and 6th Classes – resuming on the 1st week back. We're delighted to welcome 90 boys to play each week, and it's great to see such strong interest in the game continuing to grow across the school. We also look forward to hosting the Ficheall tournament in our school again early next year — a highlight of the chess calendar.

Shoebox appeal



In recent days, you will have received a leaflet home about the Team Hope Shoebox Appeal. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to come together and support children in need by creating gift-filled shoeboxes. It's something many families enjoy doing as a shared activity — and the Halloween break could be the perfect time to get involved! Completed shoeboxes can be brought into school after the mid-

term break, with the final collection date on Thursday, 7th November. This allows time for delivery to the sorting centre before the Christmas shipments. If your child would like to contribute, individual items (such as toys, toiletries, school supplies, or clothing) instead of a full shoebox, these will be passed along to the sorting centre to help complete boxes that may be missing one of the essential “5 WOW items.”

St Vincent de Paul

As we look ahead to the Christmas season, our school will once again be supporting St. Vincent de Paul by creating class hampers for families in our community. Each child will be asked to bring in one food or drink item, which will be combined with others in their class to create a beautiful hamper. These hampers will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul to help make Christmas a little brighter for those in need. We appreciate your support with this small but meaningful gesture of kindness and community spirit. Further details and your child's assigned item will be sent home shortly.



Back to school Service

Earlier this year, our school came together as a community to pray for the year ahead and for everyone in our school family. It was a special moment of reflection, unity, and hope as we asked for guidance, strength, and support for all students, staff, and families in the months to come.

Sacramental Dates and Enrolment

Confirmation for Scoil Phádraig will take place on Thursday, 5th March at 11:00am. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, 23rd May at 11:30am. We look forward to these special occasions in the faith journey of our pupils and thank families, staff, and parish members for their continued support. If you missed the enrolment night please contact the parish office directly or Ms Mortimer here in the school to enrol for the sacraments.

World Rosary Day



The boys in 2nd and 6th class took part in the international initiative to have "one million children praying

the Rosary for Peace" on Tuesday 7th October. Brandon from 'Aid To The Church In Need' came to talk to the boys and gave each of them a Rosary Beads and Rosary card. This was a really special occasion and they boys were very prayerful and respectful. Well done everyone.



Congratulations



Congratulations to Ms Murphy and her partner on the safe arrival of their beautiful baby boy! We're all delighted for you and wish your family every happiness as you begin this wonderful new chapter

Holidays

School Closes on Friday, October 24th for our midterm break. This is a full school day. School re-opens on Monday, November 3rd.