

**Scoil Naomh Bríd**  
**Student Council**

**Report 2018/2019 – Plans for 2019/2020**

# UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

## Article 12

Children have the right to **say** what they think should happen, when adults are making decisions that affect them, and to have their **opinions** taken into account.

# **RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**You have the right to a safe environment.**

**You have the responsibility to follow safety rules.**

**You have the right to voice your opinion.**

**You have the responsibility to respect the opinions of others.**

**You have the right to use school books, materials, and equipment.**

**You have the responsibility to take care of all school materials.**

**You have the right to fair treatment.**

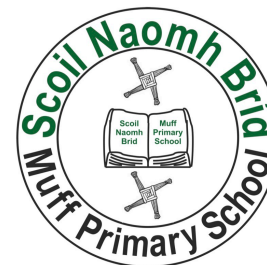
**You have the responsibility to treat others fairly.**

**You have the right to a good education.**

**You have the responsibility to do your best.**

# Why did the Staff at Scoil Naomh Bríd decide to start a Student Council?

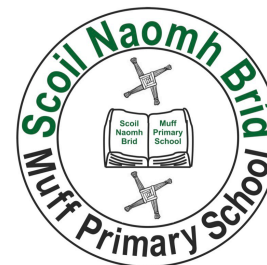
- To help create a positive school atmosphere
- To hear what students have to say on important school matters
- To support and include students
- To help school discipline
- To improve staff-student relations
- To get students' ideas for making our school a better place
- To empower students to help their peers
- To raise awareness of bigger issues for our community
- To help students develop important life skills
  - (listening, organising, speaking, negotiating, helping, caring)
- To learn about democracy
- To show respect for the views of students



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# What the Student Council did in 2018-2019

- First year of the Student Council at Scoil Naomh Bríd
- Met every couple of weeks
- Got to know each other
- Learned about how a Student Council works
- Learned how to communicate and listen to each other
- Learned how to talk to our classmates and get their opinions



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## Sharing Something about our Experience in the Student Council (2018-2019)

'I learned to be brave and learn new words for my speeches.'

'I felt important.'

'I learned to be more confident.'

'I think we have all gotten a bit more responsible and good at sharing ideas.'

'I helped make a speech to the class.'

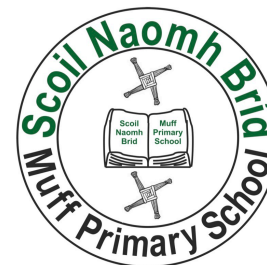
'I learned how to listen to everybody.'

'We learned to work in a team.'

'I learned to be responsible.'

'I learned to be a secretary.'

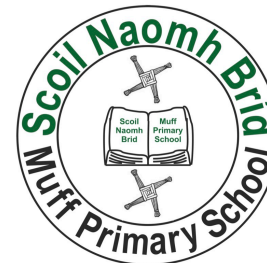
'I learned how to work in a team and share responsibilities.'



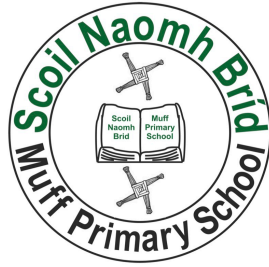
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# What the Student Council did in 2018/2019

- Some Issues we Tackled:
  - Misuse of playground equipment
  - Should we bring equipment from home?
  - Should we still have World Book Day Prizes?
  - How can we fairly judge the World Book Day competition?
  - How do we want Sports Day to be organised?
  - The introduction of tokens in the yard for positive behaviour
- Event we organised:
  - Cinema Day
- Policies/Plans we gave feedback on: Child Safeguarding Document
- What we decided to spend the money we raised on: Oven for our school kitchen and bench for the playground to replace the one broken last year



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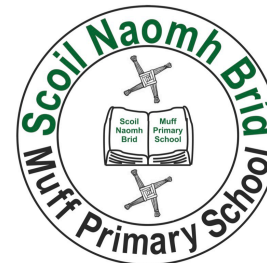
### 2019/2020

Staff would like your help with:

1. Something for Our School
2. Something for Our Yard
3. Something for Our Community/World

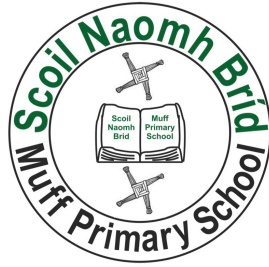


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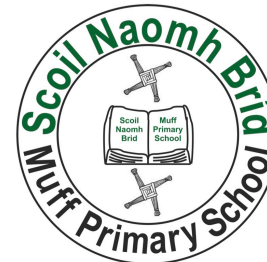
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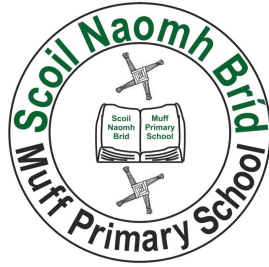
### 2019/2020

### Something for Our School

1. Teachers would like your help and ideas for updating the **library**
2. Teachers would like your help and ideas for improving our **Wellbeing** and Mental Health and getting a Pieta House Amber Flag
3. Teachers would like your help to get the 'ISPCC **Anti-Bullying** Blue Shield'



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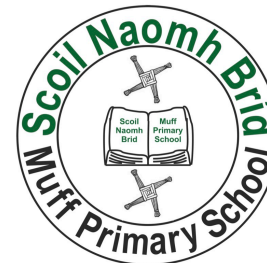
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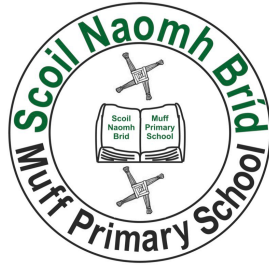
1. Teachers would like your help and ideas for improving the **playground**
2. Teachers would like your help and ideas for improving **play** in our yards



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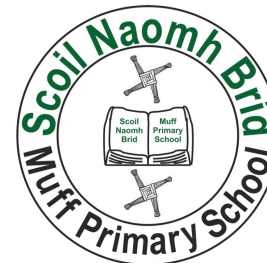
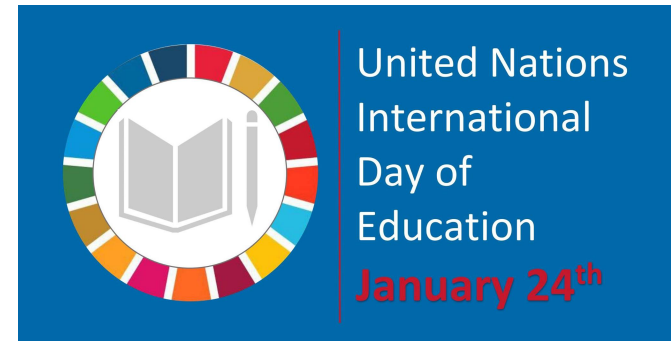
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# Scoil Naomh Bríd Student Council 2019/2020

## Something for Our Community/World

1. Teachers would like to mark a UN Day that you think is important.



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# Inside the brain of a School Councillor

**Committed  
& determined**  
to make a difference

**Learning**  
new skills

**Thinking**  
about ways to  
improve the school

**Ideas**  
about things the  
School Council can do

**Looking**  
out for issues to  
deal with

**Listening**  
to other pupils' views  
& understanding them

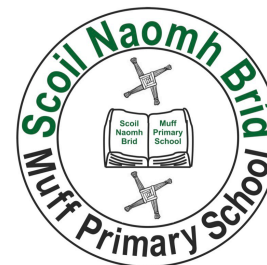
**Talking**  
to pupils & staff about  
the School Council

**Caring**  
about school &  
wanting to improve it



# Structure of Our Student Council

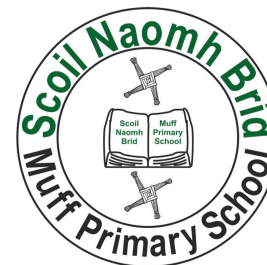
- An election takes place
- Two representatives from each class 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>
- One boy and one girl representing each class
- Each child gets a vote
- Members can serve for one year
- If you were on the Student Council last year, you will have to wait for one year before you can run again



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## If you want to put yourself forward for election:

1. Ask your Teacher for a parental permission form
2. Talk to your parents about your participation
3. Bring the parental permission form in on Wednesday
4. Plan your election campaign
  1. Think about the things you would like to do
  2. Make a poster telling your classmates about your ideas
5. Display your poster in your classroom on Wednesday – Friday
6. Voting will happen on Friday morning
7. Newly elected members will be announced on Friday afternoon
8. The first Student Council meeting will take place after Halloween



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Thank you to our first ever  
Student Council

2018/2019

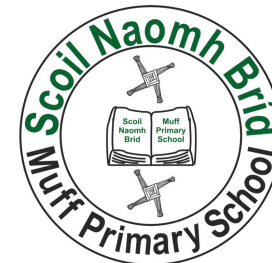
We are so proud of your  
achievements and we really  
enjoyed working with you.

Thanks also to our Parents'  
Association who donated the  
proceeds from a Non-Uniform  
Day to the Student Council.

Thank you to our link teachers  
and Principal who helped make  
the Student Council a reality.



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