

The School Bell

(Ms. Cushen's class)

The school bell has been an important aspect in all schools for many years. It is a signal in a school telling children it's time to go into the classroom, time to change classes, time for lunch or time to return to the classroom.

Years ago, all of the bells in Ireland took the form of a physical bell which was rung manually. However, in modern schools today many bells are electronically operated. Children will hear a bell sound, a tone, a siren, chimes, or a piece of music.

The bell is a very important artefact in Scoil Bhríde N.S. The bell has a wooden handle and a brass body. It is kept on the shelf beside the photocopier in the front hall. A similar bell which is used as a spare is kept there also.

The bell rings every day on both small break and lunch time, by the teacher on yard. The bell is rung twice, the first is to remind every child to freeze, and the second ring is to remind children to walk slowly to their class lines.

In our new school, we will have an electronic bell so that is a reason why we think our bell is an important reminder of how life was in Scoil Bhríde.

