

BRIDGE TUITION IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Before Covid we had an enthusiastic group who taught bridge in primary schools. We plan to run classes after Easter and prepare young people who could have basic knowledge and can get involved in Big School.

Norma Irwin did an excellent job of coordinating the group. This included sending lessons to the relevant leader in the school and ensuring the necessary bridge equipment is available at the schools and that all went smoothly.

Three primary schools have agreed that we would be welcome to teach again but NIBU can only do this with the help of some volunteers who taught previously or new volunteers who be willing to help with this worthwhile project.

Teaching in the schools entails one session per week and the number of teachers in each school relates to the number of pupils. If anyone is willing to help please let me know.

Norma is unable to be coordinate this project as she is going to visit her family.

We would require one or two people to help with this job. This is a worthwhile project as we need young people to learn bridge and ideally the primary schools be feeder schools for secondary/grammar schools who already play bridge. These young people are the future of bridge.

We are also trying to grow the number of groups in post primary schools and again if any Bridge player has contacts in such schools please let us know of their willingness to approach the schools and start pupils being taught bridge. We have contacts in some schools and we plan to start teaching in as many schools as possible.

The Peggy Bayer and Junior Camrose Home Internationals will be hosted by the NIBU in 2024 and we need more young Bridge players. We are also running a teaching event in Dublin on 4th March. This will involve young people who already play bridge and beginner sessions for pupils who would like to learn.

If any adults are interested in coming along to see what is involved and wish to bring their children or grandchildren to learn to play, let me know.

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