



Scoil Mhuire Newsletter

Summer 2021

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Summer Holidays

The school will close for the summer holidays on Wednesday, June 30th at 12.00 and will re-open on Wednesday, 1st September. On behalf of everyone in Scoil Mhuire, we would like thank you for your co-operation, understanding and support during the year. We hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

Cliona Galvin (Principal)



Retirement of our Secretary Finola Farrell

Our amazing secretary, Finola, has decided the time is right to retire. Over the last 20 years or so, hundreds of children and parents have been warmly welcomed into the school by Finola. She has been a most dedicated member of staff and has always gone beyond the call of duty in ensuring the smooth running of the office. We are very lucky to have had her as a colleague and a friend. Finola has been a wonderful asset to Scoil Mhuire and she will be greatly missed by us all. We wish her all the best for the future.

Book Lists

Our book rental and requisites scheme will continue for the next school year. As explained the €25.00 book rental and the €25.00 requisite money you are asked to pay will enable us to supply sets of books in each subject area for each class level. (The only books on the booklist are those that your child will write on). School Journal is €3.00 available from the school only. All fees can be paid through the Aladdin App. The success of the plan will depend on everyone paying the required money.



Active School Week

Active School Week 2021 was eagerly anticipated by children and teachers alike. Many activities had to be curtailed due to the need to keep all physical activity outdoors and to maintain a degree of social distancing. However, where there's a will there's a way and the week was a huge success. Children and teachers wore tracksuits every day, ready to participate in all activities. Regular homework was replaced with PE homework and Home Challenges. All outdoor open spaces were timetabled for maximum usage. A section of the church carpark became a Unihoc pitch and the church green area became the designated obstacle course. Basketball, Rounders and Dodgeball were set up in two yards. The school pitch was divided into four sections where Relay Races, Soccer, Rounders and No Man's Land were played with great gusto. A School Walkway activity was completed by each class and the final week of our 'Run Around Ireland Challenge' was completed using the school running track. Daily school challenges were set for the children and the whole school engaged in the Jerusalem dance on Friday. The week was such a success that we are doing it all again this week!

A selection of photos which capture the essence of the Active School Week is available on the school website. Please take a moment to view the children giggling and laughing as they engage in all sorts of physical activities.





Credit Union Quiz

The Credit Union Quiz was a virtual experience this year, with all students in 5th and 6th class getting the opportunity to take part. Instead of the usual team format, this year's quiz was an individual one, with 2 winners, a boy and a girl, from each of the 9 participating classes. Congratulations to the winners and well done to all for taking part.

Gardening in Scoil Mhuire

Some students have had the opportunity to engage in some gardening recently in school. What started out as messy flowerbeds have been transformed by the children into beautiful areas of colour. The flowers in full bloom are being appreciated and admired by all those who pass them. The pop of colour is a welcome addition to our yard area. It has been great to see the children take responsibility for the upkeep of our newly planted flower beds. Daily watering and weeding has been taking place in order to keep the beds looking pristine. Petunias, violas and marigolds are to name but a few of the flowers to be seen. Well done to all involved.



Mrs. Hanafin and her group cheered us all up, in what has become an annual event, with a lovely display of flowers planted by the children in pots which they had beautifully decorated. Children from Mrs. Nea's and Mrs Dunning's class planted some vegetables in school. Progress was monitored daily by the children who eagerly awaited the arrival of some shoots! After a few weeks they compared their plant sizes and eventually took them home to replant in a bigger space.



Seachtain na Gaeilge i Scoil Mhuire

Seachtain na Gaeilge was a great opportunity to explore and celebrate our unique Irish heritage and culture.

The children learned about the history of our own GAA and Croke Park and were engaged in some online football skills under the guidance of John Doyle and Declan O Toole.

We had the pleasure of visiting some great Irish landmarks, courtesy of our virtual tours, such as Áras an Uachtarán, The Cliffs of Moher, The Giants Causeways , Cork City Gaol just to mention a few. Nach álainn an tír atá againn.

While we were unable to enjoy the traditional céilí, the children watched videos of Riverdance and listened to some Irish traditional music performed by some local musicians. Bhaineamar go léir sult as.

Tráth na gCeist is always an exciting part of our Seachtain na Gaeilge in Scoil Mhuire and this year classes had their Tráth na gCeist on Zoom.

The children enjoyed designing posters on 'What it means to be Irish?' for the annual poster competition 'Is Éireannach Mé'.

'Lá Glas' was the final event to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge. The children and staff, dressed in many shades of green, had great fun running the daily mile on our return to school.

Bí ag caint, bí ag spraoil!

Summer Art

Ms. Brophy's class created fish bowls using clay when they were learning about the theme of summer. They really enjoyed creating sea creatures such as turtles, fish, octopuses, sea horses and star fish from the clay and they made their own colour palettes using the three primary colours and white to paint their fish bowls. They were very proud of the finished product.



Yummy Rice Krispie Buns

Every class got to make rice krispie buns. They made two each, melting the chocolate and adding the rice krispies. They got to decorate the buns with toppings and really enjoyed them. Some pupils even saved one to bring home. They were delicious. Thanks to School's Completion Programme for sponsoring this lovely treat.



Summer Talent Show

The usual excitement and buzz in anticipation of the school talent show auditions was felt for the last month. It will be a virtual show this year and we are very disappointed not to have our usual audience of grandparents and Newbridge Day Care Centre, but due to coronavirus it is a non-runner. Hopefully by next year the children will once again be able to grace the stage to perform for a packed hall. In the meantime, preparations are well underway for this year's show.



Measuring Capacity

We've been having lots of fun in fourth class learning about capacity and using different equipment to measure the capacity of various containers. The children estimated the capacity of each container and used their problem solving skills to figure out the most efficient way to measure each one.



Virtual Retreat for Confirmation

On Tuesday, 8th June iCatholic filmed a segment in our School for the Diocesan Virtual Retreat for Confirmation - 'Be Brave, Take Heart'. Fr David Vard and Charlotte Vard, both past pupils, spoke of their time in Scoil Mhuire Senior and looked at all the wonderful artwork displayed in our School Hall as our 6th Class prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

