



Scoil Mhuire Newsletter

October 2017

It's been a great half term...

We hope you enjoyed our September Newsletter and thank you for your positive feedback.



September/October has been a very busy half term for us. The girls and boys have been working really hard and making great progress in their learning.

On Monday 16th October, Storm Ophelia arrived at Scoil Mhuire. She did a little bit of damage to our roof. Fortunately no-one was injured and the roof will be repaired fully in the next few weeks.

Stephen Graham, from Australia, has been working with the children, Parents/Guardians, and teachers over the past 3 days to help us become even better writers. He shared great ideas with us all and we're looking forward to doing lots of new things in writing after the mid-term break.



School will be closed all next week (Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November). We will re-open on Monday 6th November at 8.50am.

Our November Remembrance Service, where we remember people who are dear to us who have died, will take place in the school on Thursday 9th November.

Everyone here in Scoil Mhuire wishes you a happy and safe mid-term break and Halloween.

Mags Jordan
Principal

Parents Association

Scoil Mhuire Parents Association AGM took place on Wednesday 4th October. The new committee was elected and the elected representatives are:

- Chairperson – Samantha Moran
- Vice-chairperson - Isabelle Byrne
- Treasure - Catherine Fortune
- Vice- treasure – Maura Morris
- Secretary – Lisa McAuley
- Vice Secretary – Bernice Fernihough

Split The Pot

Congratulations to Sharon Whitty, our most recent winner of Split the Pot. Sharon's win was a rollover jackpot of €343.00 thanks to Storm Ophelia.

Also pictured are our recent winners of the 'family prizes' (Junior and Senior) for Split The Pot



Goal Jersey Day

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting the GOAL Jersey Day fundraiser. The total amount collected was €450.25.



Pumpkin Sale

Our Halloween Pumpkin sale was a great success. It raised €785.00, which will go towards The Rainbow Unit. Our pumpkin sellers this year were Sophia, Sam, Lucy and Jake and by all accounts, they provided a great service. Once again a huge thank you to all at Ballycross.



Halloween in Sixth Class

Witch Parade

The witches are out tonight.
They fly about the streets.
With scary cats, pointy hats
And warty hands and feet.

Warty, warty warty nose
With nothing in between
Up and down and all around
They fly on Halloween!

By Alishia Whitty
6th Class Ms.Juggins



A Witch's Potion

Aim: To make a potion that will allow you to be invisible.

Ingredients: tadpole jelly, snail slime, worm skin, spider webs, bear blood and snake skin.

Method:

1. First take out your cauldron and the ingredients.
2. Then pour in the snail slime and stir, your potion should be nice and gloopy.
3. Now sprinkle in some worm skin and spiders webs. (This step must be done during a full moon!!)
4. Add one tablespoon of bear's blood. (Make sure you only add one tablespoon or you could suffer some side effects!!)
5. Now pour in one glass of tadpole jelly and half a glass of snake skin. You are now done!

Evaluation: You now have a potion that will allow you to be invisible for two hours.

Warning: Side effects include being stuck invisible forever, suddenly floating into the air and turning into a bear!

Orlaith Delaney
6th Class Ms. Juggins

Points Winner

Congratulations to Tuatha de Danann (YELLOW) who got the most points up to mid-term. The treat will be a trip to JF Kennedy Arboretum after the break. Watch this space!



Book Fair

Our Book Fair was reduced to a three-day event, again thanks to Storm Ophelia. Nonetheless, it still proved to be very, very popular. Due to the large amount of books sold, the school in turn will be able to buy more books for our class libraries.

Thank you very much to all of the parents/Guardians who helped out. The Book Fair couldn't run without your support. Also a



special mention to Ashraf, Angeleena and Rafaela of the Student Council, for keeping the books and shelves in order

Sport

Well done to the Girls' Rackard League team who qualified for the quarter finals of the competition. They played some fantastic matches against Glynn, Castlebridge, Kilmore and The Mercy, John's Rd to qualify. Unfortunately they came up against a very strong Bunclody team in the quarter finals and bowed out of the competition. Well done to all the girls who trained every Tuesday and played so well throughout the tournament. They are a fantastic and talented group of girls.



Halloween in the Rainbow Unit

On Tuesday the children from the Rainbow classes went to Ballycross Apple Farm and my friend Thanh lives there. We saw the place where the witches lived. The weirdest part was I saw a shop where you can make your nose longer! On the way we had a ride on the tractor. I also saw Thanh's fairy garden. We weren't allowed to touch the fairies' houses because they were breakable. We went on the go carts and then after that we fed the goats and chickens. This was also scary because it was the month of Halloween but we had an awesome time.

Written by Jessie Lee Larkin, Rainbow Yellow.



Wexford Festival Opera Orchestra

On Friday 27th of November the Wexford Festival Opera Orchestra Education Programme visited Mr Gregan's 4th class and Mr Sheridan's and Ms Walsh's 3rd classes. The children were excited to see the instruments and to hear the amazing sounds.





HSCL News

*Parent and Toddler group – Wednesday mornings, 9am, in the Family Room, starting after the midterm break. We are always looking for new members so if you have a little one at home who you think would enjoy making some new friends, bring them along!

*Coffee Mornings – Drop-in coffee morning every Thursday, from 9-10am in the Family Room

*English Chatroom – Tuesday mornings, in the Family Room, with Agnes. This is an informal get together for our Parents/Guardians who would like to improve their spoken English

*Men's Woodwork Classes – Monday mornings, Coolcotts Community Centre

*Pumpkin Carving will take place in the Family Room this Thursday morning, AFTER the Stephen Graham talk for Parents/Guardians.

*Halloween Garden – I will be looking for lots of helpers again this year this Friday to set up our annual 'Witches Walk' for Junior Infants to Second class. Please come along if you can!

*Cookery Course, beginning Tuesday the 7th November and will run for 5 weeks, concluding on Tuesday the 5th December, in the Family Room, 9:10-10:30 approx.

*Christmas Crafts, beginning on Wednesday the 8th November and will run for 4 weeks, concluding on Wednesday 29th November, in the Family Room, 10:30-12:30 approx.

Please pick up a Garda Vetting form from Michelle in the office if you think you would like to participate in any of the in-class activities which will be scheduled for the weeks to come.

You will receive notification via text or a note home about all upcoming activities.

I can be contacted on the school number or alternatively on 085-8668381. Please give me a ring or a text if you would like to arrange a meeting or if you require any information about any of the upcoming activities.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Laura

Supervision of Pupils

The school is open to pupils at 8.35am. No responsibility is accepted for pupils arriving before that time. Pupils will be supervised in the yard on dry mornings and in the hall on wet mornings. Classes begin each day at 8.50am and all pupils should be in school by this time. Classes end each day at 1.30pm for infants and 2.30pm for all other pupils. Parents/Guardians who wish to collect their children should make their own arrangements to have them met at the school exits. The person to collect them should be at the school not later than 1.30pm for infants and 2.30pm for all other pupils. The school cannot accept responsibility for looking after the children after that time.

