



Scoil Mhuire Newsletter

February/March 2018

We've had a very busy time during February and March here in Scoil Mhuire. We celebrated a wonderful Seachtain na Gaeilge in the lead up to St Patrick's Day and acknowledged our wonderful writers at special Writers' Week assemblies. Our 3rd Class pupils were busy learning about fire safety with a visit from Wexford Fire Service while our 6th Class pupils are looking towards their move to post-primary school through *The Next Step* programme. On our last day of term, the children enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book characters as part of our *World Book Day* celebrations.



We joined the boys and girls from Kennedy Park NS for a lovely St Brigid's Day celebration in Clonard Church hosted by our friends from Teach Bhríde. Sacramental preparation is going very well with our 2nd Class pupils making their First Confession and our 6th Class pupils participating in a special retreat in Ballyvaloo.

While it is said that March is the month of many weathers, it had a whole new meaning for us all this year with the arrival of the Beast from the East and Storm Emma. The children very much made the most of the opportunity for outdoor fun with wonderful snow creations seen throughout the Coolcotts community. A big thank you to our parents, staff and friends who picked up the snow shovels and helped us to re-open as soon as possible.

February and March was an action packed time for our parents and families too. Thank you for your support for the Divine Invention concert in aid of the Rainbow Unit and the Race Night in aid of the all-weather surface. There was great excitement in the school last Friday when Wexford goalkeeper Mark Fanning arrived with George Lawlor to launch this year's Blue 5km Fun Run/Walk. We very much look forward to you joining us on Sunday 15th April at 12pm here in Scoil Mhuire for lots of family fun.

As Easter break is upon us, it just remains for me to wish you and your family a very Happy Easter from all the team in Scoil Mhuire.

Mags Jordan
Principal



Child Safeguarding Statement

Following the full implementation of the Children First Act 2015, every primary school was required to develop a Child Safeguarding Statement (CSS) by 11th March 2018. Scoil Mhuire's Board of Management approved our CSS, which had been developed in co-operation with the Principal and staff, on 9th March last. The CSS, includes a Risk Assessment of possible harm to children in Scoil Mhuire and the measures we are putting in place to prevent any such harm. The Board has also adopted and will implement fully the Department's *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017* as part of our overall CSS. The CSS is available on our website www.coolcotts.com and is on display at each of the main entrances to the school. We would appreciate you taking a little time to consider the CSS. Please note that the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) for Child Protection is the Principal, Mags Jordan. In the absence of the Principal, the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDL) is Deputy Principal, Dermot McDermott.



Blue Fun Run

The Rainbow Unit Fun Run will take place on Sunday 15th April. The Fun Run has grown in popularity from year to year and we look forward to another great day this year.



Rainbow Unit 5Km Blue Fun Run/Walk

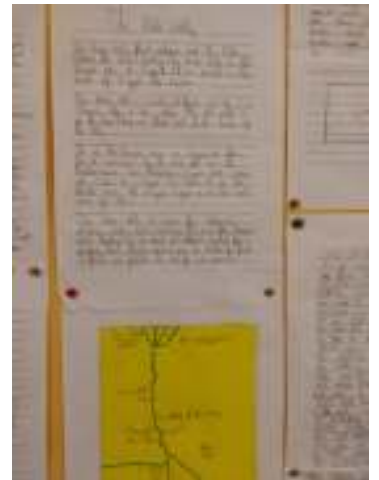


- Sunday 15 April at 12noon
- Scoil Mhuire to Race Course (one lap) & back to school
- Cost with free T-shirt
 - €7 for children
 - €14 for adults
 - €30 for family (2 adults/2 children)
- Registration:
 - www.njuko.net/bluefunrun
 - At Scoil Mhuire from 10.30am



Writers' Week

Mr. Gregan organised two assemblies to celebrate Writers' Week. Here are some samples of the children's work.



Student Council

The Student Council has had a very busy February. Firstly we organised the Donate a Book to School Week which turned out to be a great success. As you can see from the photo, we received a lot of books which have now been safely despatched to the various class libraries.



We also spent a lot of time reviewing Scoil Mhuire's Code of Behaviour, and how Restorative Practice fits in with our Code.



Finally, we were delighted to see the brilliant job which Bernard did, painting our new picnic tables for the yard. Maith thú Bernard.



Rainbow Celebrations

We celebrated the Vietnamese New Year in Rainbow. It is called Tet. 2018 is the year of the dog. Ky brought in lots of things from Vietnam to show us. Ky gave everybody a red envelope with treats in it. This is for good luck. We ate Vietnamese ice cream and cupcakes. We had a great time at the party.



6th Class Confirmation Retreat in Ballyvaloo





Ms Bradley's 3rd Class

We learned about static electricity in class today..... and about the wonder of balloons!



Most Enterprising Pupils

Some of Scoil Mhuire's most enterprising pupils pictured at a recent assembly.



The Wider Community

On Tuesday 13th February, some of the boys and girls from our 6th classes, accompanied by Ms. Roche, Ms. Jiggins and Ms. Cleary, put on a short concert for the older members of our community in the Coolcotts Community Centre. They were brilliant.



The Beast from the East meets Storm Emma....



And finally.....it was all hands on deck to help fix Ms. Murphy's car during the snow!



Seachtain na Gaeilge 2018

Bhí craic 'ís spórt againn idir an Luan agus an Aoine seo chaite i Scoil Mhuire.

Thosaíomar leis an gceol ar dtús ar an Luan le Mr Roche, Mr Hayes agus Ms O'Grady ar an bhfidil , Ms. Kehoe ar an mbosca ceoil agus Mr. Sheridan ar an bhfeadóg stáin. Ceol iontach a bhí á chloisint againn agus bhaineamar an-taitneamh as.

Am céilí a bhí ann ar an Máirt agus arís bhí an craic againn, páistí óga ag rince le páistí níos sine. Bhí tuirseach an domhain orainn tar éis é!!

Bhí ceolchoirm an mhaith ar siúil ar an Déardaoin . Bhí gach rang sa halla - ag canadh le chéile, ag aithris dánta, ag damhsa agus ag seinm ceoil. Caighdeán ard a bhí ann agus rud iontach é nuair a bhíonn na páistí ag baint taitneamh as an nGaeilge a labhairt.

I ndeireadh ar an Satharn, bhí an bua againn i Twickenham-go n-éirí linn...Éireannach agus bróduil as!!



HSCL News

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

*English Lessons – Tuesday mornings, with Richard from WWETB. Please come along if you think you would like to improve your level of English.

*Men's Woodwork Classes – Monday mornings, Coolcotts Community Centre. This will continue until May this year.

*Yoga and Relaxation is finished for this year.



*A big thank you to all the Parents Association for the annual Easter raffle which was a huge success.

Easter Crafts

Thank you to all the parents/guardians who came in to participate in the Easter craft activities with their children, as is clear from the photographs a great time was had by all. Thank you to Agnes O'Mahoney Sharon Healy, and Maria Ennis for all the work they put in to this.



Upcoming HSCL Activities;

*Next Step Programme for 6th class

*Headstart Programme for our incoming Junior Infants

*Art in the classroom - 3rd & 4th classes

*Science in the classroom – 5th & 6th classes

*Storytime in the classroom

*Library trips

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

If you have any old school track suit bottoms or t-shirts in good condition that you would like to donate to the school we would be very grateful.

Please pick up a Garda Vetting form from Michelle in the office if you think you would like to participate in any future in-class activities. Garda Vetting is absolutely essential if you wish to take part in any activities which involve interaction with the children.

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.

Laura

Race Night

Our recent Race Night in the Talbot Hotel raised over €6,000. Thank you to everyone who supported the fundraiser, whether through buying a horse or raffle tickets, sponsoring a race or attending on the night. In particular, there was a very supportive and generous response from our local business community. As our pitch often cannot be used during the winter months, the aim is, over time, to create an all-weather surface.

Finally, well done and thank you to the committee for all of the time and effort

which it put in, in organising this event.



Yard Supervision

Pupil Safety

In Scoil Mhuire, it is very important to us that we do everything we can to ensure that your child is safe at all times. We ask that Parents/Guardians co-operate with the following:

1. On dry mornings, your child will line up in the yard. Parents/Guardians who bring their children to school are asked to stand back from the line at lining up time.
2. On wet mornings, your child will line up in the hall. Parents/Guardians of Junior & Senior Infants may walk their child into the hall but are asked to leave promptly. All other Parents/Guardians are asked to say their goodbyes at the door coming in to the school.
3. Please wait in the yard when collecting your child at the end of the school day.
4. If you wish to make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher, Michelle in the office will arrange an appointment for you.
5. If you're collecting your child early for a medical appointment, please go to the office. Michelle will call your child from their class while you are signing him/her out.
6. If you need for any reason to call to the school during the day, please go to the main entrance at Michelle's office only.



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.

