



# Scoil Mhuire Newsletter

## January 2018

Welcome to the January 2018 edition of our Scoil Mhuire Newsletter.

All the girls and boys have settled back into school after the Christmas break and, despite the flu and other bugs, they're working really hard. We were delighted to be able to share good news about their work at our recent Parent/Teacher meetings and a sincere thank you to our Parents and Guardians for such a high turnout on both afternoons.



There was great excitement in 6<sup>th</sup> Class on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> as our School Show 2018 was announced. This year's production will be Annie Jr. and speculation is rife regarding lead roles as dates for auditions are announced. Watch this space...

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February will see us join forces with the boys and girls from 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Classes of Kennedy Park NS as we gather in Clonard Church at 11.30am for our annual St Brigid's Day service, hosted by our friends in Teach Bhríde. The children in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Classes are also busily preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

The issue of cyber bullying among children and young people has been very much in the news in recent weeks. We are delighted that retired Garda John Dwyer will be speaking with our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils in the coming weeks. John will host a talk for Parents and Guardians on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00am in our Family Room. Please come along and take part in this important discussion.

Scoil Mhuire will close for mid-term break on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. We hope you have a fun family time.

Mags Jordan  
Principal

**Our Rainbow Unit Parents are hosting their annual concert fundraiser in the Riverbank House Hotel this Friday night at 8.30pm. This year's band is Divine Invention and tickets, which are available from The Riverbank House Hotel cost €15. The Rainbow Unit would be very appreciative of your support. If you can't come along on the night but you'd like to buy a ticket, you can write your name(s) on the back of the ticket and you'll still be in with the chance of winning one of the many spot prizes.**



## Split The Pot

Congratulations to all of our January 'Split The Pot' winners. The total prize-money paid was €455. Once again a huge thank you to everyone for supporting our Split The Pot which helps to fund some of the different initiatives within the school.



## Attendance

Even though there has been a lot of sickness during January, our attendance figures have dipped only slightly. Here's hoping for an end to the *bug* and a return to good health for all. A reminder that pupils should be in school no later than 8.50am. Pictured below are boys and girls from across the school, with their certificates for **improved** attendance. Well done to all.



## Race Night

Quite often during the school year our school pitch cannot be used by the girls and boys because it is waterlogged. The Board of Management has decided to fundraise for an all-weather astro surface.

Our first fundraising event will be the **Scoil Mhuire Race Night**. The details are:

- The **Talbot Hotel, Thursday 8th March**, 7.30pm to 10.30pm (over 18s only).
- Liam Spratt, South East Radio will be our MC.
- 10 races on the night.
- Best-dressed competition.
- Great raffle prizes.



We are now selling horses at €10 each. You are welcome to partner together with family or friends to buy your horse.

We are also encouraging business owners from within the school community to sponsor this event. If you would like to sponsor a race (€200 and a race will be named after your company; just **3** remaining) or if you would like to contribute to general sponsorship (€20 - €50 and your company name will feature on the race card), please contact one of our organising committee: Niamh Woulfe, Shane Canning, James Ryan, Tony Dolan & Dermot McDermott.

Already, there has been a very positive, supportive response to the Race Night: **Ní neart go cur le chéile: Together we grow.**

## Credit Union Quiz

Well done to the boys and girls from our Sixth Classes who represented Scoil Mhuire at the recent Credit Union schools quiz in the Ferrycarrig Hotel. As well as representing our school admirably, by all accounts they also had a very enjoyable night.



## 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.

## HSCL News

\*Parent and Toddler group – Wednesday mornings, 9am, in the Family Room. 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 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 (places still available). This will continue until May this year.

\*Beauty and Skincare with Marisa is a great success, we have 24 parents/guardians in attendance.

\*Yoga and Relaxation will begin on Tuesday 20th Feb for 6 weeks, please text me if you think you might be interested.



\*Parents Association meeting at 9am, Thursday 1st February, in the Staff Room.

### **Upcoming HSCL Activities;**

\*Internet Safety Workshop for Parents/Guardians, Tuesday 13th Feb. at 9am

\*Multicultural Day (A celebration of Asian/Middle-Eastern Cultures)

\*Yoga and Relaxation - starting 20th Feb. for 6 weeks

\*Couch-to-5km ongoing - Friday mornings at 9am

\*Storytime in the Classroom

\*Science in the classroom

\*Library trips

\*Easter Crafts

**\*Some photos of our recent Beauty and Skincare class**



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

