



Scoil Mhuire Newsletter

September 2018

Welcome Back to a New School Year

Welcome back to all our Scoil Mhuire pupils to a new school year. We are delighted to welcome our 62 Junior Infants, 2 pupils to our Rainbow Unit and a further 19 pupils who joined different classes across the school. It is great to see the girls and boys looking so fit and well after the wonderfully sunny Summer we had this year.



I would like to thank our Parents and Guardians for having their children ready for the return to school, in sparkling uniforms, with new school bags and happy smiles. A big thank you also for the prompt payment of Book Rental fees.

As always, we are putting a special focus on attendance and punctuality, so we appreciate your help in making sure that your child is at school and on time every day. It's also important that your child remains in school for the full day, except when they have a medical appointment.

Our beginning of school year Mass took place in Clonard Church on Thursday 27th. It was a lovely occasion for the children to come together in prayer and song to mark a special occasion. We were delighted that a number of our Parents and Grandparents were able to join us on the morning.

In order to keep you up to date with all that is happening in Scoil Mhuire, we will send you details of our monthly newsletter throughout the year. You're also very welcome to visit our website to view the regular blogs from your child's class.

I hope that your child is enjoying being back at school and is settling in well.

Every good wish to all our Parents, Guardians and families

Mags Jordan

Principal

Junior Infants

Our new Junior Infants have settled in very well: here are some of them working and playing hard.



Parents Together Group

If you are a parent of a child with Special/ Additional needs you can access support through our Parents Together group. The group will meet once a month. It is a chance to chat through concerns and get advice from Special Education Teachers and other parents. It is open to all parents whether your child has a diagnosed special need or whether you are concerned about your child's development or behaviour in some way.

There will be a cup of tea/ coffee on offer and throughout the year we will offer mini workshops/ talks on issues that many parents have difficulty with.

If you would like some more information please talk to Andrea Roche.

Please join us for our next session:

Friday October 19th

9am in the Family Room.

Theme: Helping your child who has Dyslexia

Dyslexia Awareness Week

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month and this year we will run our first Dyslexia Awareness Week on 1st- 5th October. During this week teachers will participate in a dyslexia workshop to help them to become more aware of the difficulties associated with dyslexia and to learn some dyslexia friendly practices. We will run a Dyslexia Awareness Assembly for the children from 2nd-6th class and the children will take part in some classroom activities to promote dyslexia awareness.



Student Council

Scoil Mhuire's Student Council for 2018-19 has been elected and held its inaugural meeting last Friday. Congratulations to all of the new members, and thank you to all of the many pupils who bravely put their names forward for election. Democracy is alive and well in Scoil Mhuire. We look forward to a busy year ahead.



Senior Infants

Senior Infants have settled back into school. We are busy learning all about the restaurant. We have been building restaurants from blocks, making food from play-dough for the restaurant and taking on different roles in our role play restaurant area.



Split The Pot

Congratulations to Kathleen Hall (€187) and Tracey Malone (€152), the first two winners of this year's Split The Pot. Thank you to all our parents and guardians for your support for this very important fundraiser for Scoil Mhuire.



Sing Out Loud

We have been notified of our night in The Opera House, which is to be Friday 16th November. The boys and girls are practising hard under the direction of Ms. Barron, Ms. Sutherland and Ms. Byrne.



Sports News

The boys and girls football teams have so far played two matches each, against Kennedy Park School and The Mercy, John's Road. Both teams have won and lost a game. They have been very exciting matches, played as 'double-headers', resulting in large crowds attending. Next up is The Faythe, and these matches will be played in the idyllic setting of St. Mary's Maudlintown.



Some of our Scoil Mhuire pupils hard at work



Class Assemblies

The first assemblies of the year were staged by Ms. Sutherland's Senior Infants and Mr. Sheridan's 3rd Class and both were very enjoyable, informative and entertaining presentations. These were followed by two equally wonderful assemblies last Friday presented by Ms. Conroy's 2nd Class and Mr. Roche's 4th class. Well done to everyone, and in particular to our certificate winners.



All-Weather Fundraiser

Two All-Weather Fundraising signs were erected over the summer. The first 10K was raised last year, and we expect to be able to apply the 20K stickers in the coming weeks. Watch this space!



Band

Lessons have resumed for the boys and girls from 5th and 6th Classes. The message from the instructors is “KEEP PRACTISING.”



Homework Club



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.



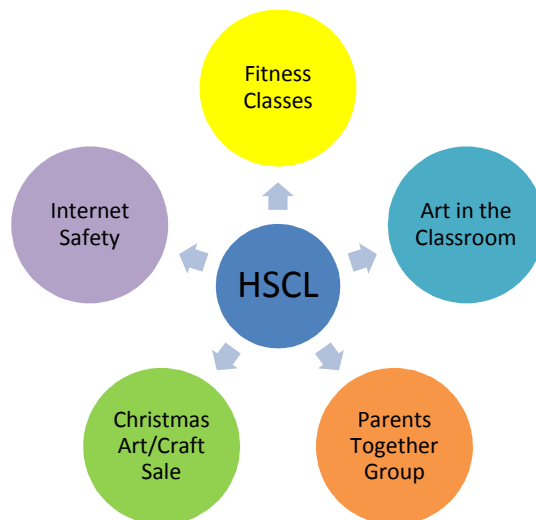
HSCL News

There are lots of exciting activities planned for parents/guardians to participate in this year. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible join in, especially parents/guardians who are new to Scoil Mhuire. These activities include;

- *Coffee Mornings – Drop-in coffee morning every Thursday, from 9-10am in the Family Room
- *English Lessons – for parents/guardians who would like to improve their spoken English
- *Hallowe'en Garden – I will be looking for lots of helpers again this year to set up our annual 'Witches Walk' for Junior Infants to Second class. Please come along if you can!
- *Storytime in the Classroom – Senior Infants
- *Parent & Child Pumpkin Carving
- *Christmas Crafts – 6 week course, starting in November
- *Design-a-Card Christmas Card Project – there will be notes going home which MUST be returned in order for your child to participate

Garda Vetting through Scoil Mhuire is essential if you intend on participating in in-school activities. 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, especially the upcoming Hallowe'en activities.

Other activities to look forward to this year:



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

