



November 2023

# EOLAS



## Science Quiz Victory

Our Sixth Class students showcased their brilliance by winning the 6<sup>th</sup> class category in the UCC Primary Science Quiz held at UCC on November 21<sup>st</sup>. The triumphant team, featuring Izidora, Kasey and Aashna from Rang Iníon Uí Mhurchú. Not to be outdone, our Fifth Class representatives also delivered a commendable performance. Laura Juurik, Stephanie Stapleton and Ciara McCormack of Rang 5 demonstrated their knowledge superbly. Congratulations to all the pupils on their success!

Thank you to Bean Uí Raghallaigh for her mentoring of the girls in preparation for the quiz. The hard work paid off!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we step into the Advent season, a time filled with anticipation and preparation for Christmas, our school is already buzzing with the festive spirit. The corridors are echoing with Christmas melodies. It's heartwarming to see our students singing with full enthusiasm, truly embodying the joy of December!

We extend our sincere gratitude for your ongoing support in daily school activities. Your consistent attention and involvement in school-related matters significantly contribute to your child's educational experience. We deeply value your commitment.

Please find below some important updates and news for the upcoming weeks.

Warm regards,  
Liz Uí Bheinéid  
Principal



## Active Schools

Scoil Mhuire prides itself on being a holder of an Active Schools flag. Our Active School Motto is : **"health is the prize when you exercise"**. This month we have been fortunate to have students from MTU (Munster Technological University) come for three sessions to work with Rang 5 and Rang 6 on Fundamental Movement Skills.

We were very proud of Ema Tanurkova, in Rang 5, who represented the school on the 21<sup>st</sup> November in Páirc Uí Chaoimh in a skills competition.

So far this year 6 classes have attended swimming lessons in Leisureworld. This is a fantastic opportunity for the girls. We will continue with swimming lessons right throughout the year which means that all girls from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class will have the opportunity to take part.

The girls in Rang 4 and Rang 6 have begun dance lessons with Tina in the Community Hall. The class teachers report that the girls have 'loved' these lessons.



## Scoil Mhuire PFA



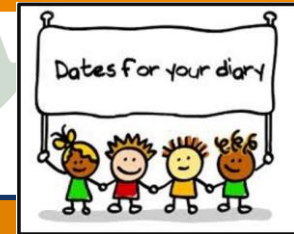
The Parents & Friends Association (P.F.A.) of Scoil Mhuire would like to thank those of you who came to our AGM in October. We always welcome new committee members and if anyone would like to join or volunteer with us please contact us at [Pfaballincollig@gmail.com](mailto:Pfaballincollig@gmail.com). We are delighted to announce that we will be holding our Christmas Cake Sale in the school Halla next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Your daughters can bring cakes to school on the morning of Friday 8<sup>th</sup>. We will also be running our annual Christmas Raffle this year. Tickets will be sent home next week and the draw will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December during school. The girls can wear their Christmas jumper or any Christmas Accessory / no uniform on that day. We hope the girls enjoyed designing their Christmas cards. Thank you to everyone for all your support of the PFA this year.



Our Christmas card fundraising initiative was a resounding success once more. This year we opted for a different printing service which allowed people to order online and purchase not only cards but also gift tags, wrapping paper, and calendars, which were all well-received. We are pleased to announce a profit exceeding €1000. Many of you have already admired the beautiful cards, and undoubtedly, your loved ones will appreciate these tokens, each created with artistic devotion. A heartfelt thanks goes to Bean Mhisteil for her efforts in organizing this event, alongside the PFA.

### Cainteoir na Miosa (Speaker of the Month)

Over the last two months we have placed a special emphasis on the use of spoken Irish throughout the day (not just during discrete Irish lessons). Students are given a ticket when heard making a great effort to speak 'as Gaeilge' throughout the day. Once a month, during assembly, a name is drawn, and the winning girl receives a small prize. Comhghairdeas leis na daltaí a bhuaigh cainteoirí na míosa Mí Dheireadh Fómhair agus Mí na Samhain. This initiative which is wonderfully coordinated by Assistant Principal, Iníon Uí Dhonnabháin, is helping to raise the profile of Irish across the whole school community and encourages the girls to see Irish as a living language – teanga bheo!



**Dec 6:** Choir Performance at the Airport  
**Dec 8:** PFA Cake Sale  
**Dec 14:** Christmas Concert (12noon and 7pm)  
**Dec 19:** PFA Christmas Raffle  
**Dec 22:** School Closes for Christmas Holidays (12 noon)  
**Jan 8:** School Reopens

### Local Credit Union Art Competition

Scoil Mhuire has an impressive record in the Ballincollig Credit Union Art Competition! This year we had seven prize-winners! Swasti Sonawane (Rang 4, Bean Uí Uallacháin) won 1st prize in the Additional Needs section for 8-10 years. Oliwia Osinska (Rang 5, Iníon Uí Shé) won 1st place in the '11-13 years' section and Ali Sheppard (Rang 6, Iníon Uí Shé) won 2nd place and in the same section. Nishka Makil (Rang 5, Iníon Uí Shuilleabháin) won 1st place in the '8 - 10 years' section and Nicole Hacina (Rang 4, Bean Uí Churtáin) came 2nd in the same section. Revathi Manikandan (Rang 2, Iníon Uí Chochláin) came 1st in the '7 years and under' section and Lucy Belle O'Mahony (Rang 1, Iníon Uí Ailín) came 2nd in this section. Congratulations to the girls, their teachers and their families. Special thanks to teacher Catherine Uí Churtáin for coordinating the Scoil Mhuire entries in this competition. We expect to hear soon from the Credit Union about the presentation of prizes. Our girls, have remarkable artistic abilities! The teachers at Scoil Mhuire dedicate significant effort to showcase this beautiful artwork along the school corridors. These displays transform our hallways into vibrant art galleries, creating an aesthetically pleasing and inspiring environment for all our pupils.



At Scoil Mhuire, we prioritize the safety of our pupils as they travel to and from school. We urge all drivers to exercise caution when driving near the school. Additionally, we kindly request that drivers remain mindful of our neighbors by avoiding obstruction of their driveways. Your cooperation is vital in maintaining a safe and considerate environment around our school for all members of our community.



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Thanks to the work of our Assistant Principal, Bean Mhic Aodh Bhúí, we are incredibly active on Twitter / X. It is a wonderful opportunity for you to become aware of the day-to-day activities that are happening in Scoil Mhuire. Click [here](#) to access and follow our Twitter feed.