



October 2023

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PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER:

We invite you to visit the school to discuss your daughter's progress with her teacher, and if applicable, her support teachers. We've scheduled two post-school sessions for these discussions on Tuesday, Nov. 21st, and Wednesday, Nov. 22nd. After the midterm break, you can reserve your time via Aladdin Connect. Please be aware that on these specific dates (21st and 22nd), school will end a bit earlier at 2.30pm, as opposed to the usual 2.45pm. Also, for those with children in Junior Infants, their parent-teacher sessions will be held in January 2023.

We wish to convey our heartfelt appreciation for your support in your daughter's education during the initial half of this term. Much of the fundamental learning occurs in the early stages of the school year, and now, the girls are eagerly anticipating a well-deserved rest. We hope you all enjoy a peaceful mid-term break.

Please take note that the school will be closed for mid-term, commencing this Friday, the 27th, and will resume regular operations on Monday, November 6th. Additionally, this Friday is Halloween Dress Up Day, as indicated below. Dismissal time on Friday remains unchanged: 1.45pm for Infants and 2.45pm for 1st to 6th classes.

**Warm regards,
Liz Uí Bheinéid
Principal**

Open Night

Scoil Mhuire's Open Night was a tremendous success last Thursday! We extend our gratitude to the young ladies who participated in the Choir, engaged in Drama performances, displayed their gymnastic skills, and acted as Guides for our visitors. A big thank you also goes to our budding scientists involved in conducting science experiments and engaging in Robotics tasks. It was our pleasure to connect with potential students and their families. We appreciate your support for your daughter's involvement in this special occasion. Please note, the application deadline for Junior Infants 2024 is October 31st, 2023. It's crucial to ensure that applications are submitted for siblings of existing students as well. Should you have any questions, please contact the school office.



Scoil Mhuire PFA



The PFA AGM took place on Wednesday, October 11th. Laura Kenna, the Chairperson, provided insights into the PFA's role and operations. Helena Ryan, the Treasurer, presented the Yearly Financial Report, which highlighted the remarkable amount of funds raised by the PFA for the benefit of Scoil Mhuire's students. The meeting also included the election of new PFA officers.

In conclusion, Gerard O'Sullivan, the Patron's Representative on the Board of Management, discussed the responsibilities of Parent Nominees on the BoM. For the upcoming term of the Board of Management, Jo Lancaster and Derek O'Sullivan were chosen as the Parent Nominees. Good luck to the new committee! We look forward to another great year ahead!



As part of our work on our next Green Flag (Global Citizenship: Litter and Waste), the school participated in Climate Action Week last week. The girls took part in several activities aimed to promote environmental awareness and care including 'Walk on Wednesday' and a 'Wear Something Blue Day' on Friday. The committee had a meeting with Úna Leader, from Cork City Council, who praised the quality of work that is being carried out in Scoil Mhuire by the Green Schools Council. Thank you for your continued support with our Green Schools campaign.

The talented girls in 4th, 5th, and 6th class have embarked on a journey to master the art of playing the tin whistle. Guiding them on this melodious adventure is Múinteoir Aoife, a skilled instructor hailing from the prestigious Cork School of Music. With each breath, the girls are not only learning to produce beautiful tunes but also honing their musical skills and appreciation. The tin whistle offers a wonderful opportunity for self-expression and creativity, fostering a deep love for music. We can't wait to hear the harmonious melodies these young musicians will create as they progress in their musical journey. Thanks to Múinteoir Aoife's expertise and passion for nurturing young talent.



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There will be a No-Uniform Day this coming Friday as a PFA fundraiser. The Halloween-themed Uniform-Free Day has been a cherished tradition on our school calendar, where we eagerly anticipate the transformation of our Scoil Mhuire students into witches, ghosts, pumpkins, vampires, or any other imaginative characters!

To support this event, the PFA kindly requests a contribution of €2 per student or €3 for families. As is customary for No-Uniform Days, dressing up is optional. We kindly advise ensuring your daughter has a jacket or coat with her on Friday, as some costumes can be quite light, and the weather can be chilly in the playground. We are so grateful for your continued support with our fundraising activities.



Oct 27: Hallowe'en Dress Up Day and School Closes for Hallowe'en Midterm Break

Nov 21-22: Parent – Teacher Meetings

Dec 8: PFA Cake Sale

Dec 14: Christmas Concert

Dec 15: Christmas Raffle

Dec 22: School Closes for Christmas



We were visited by our local Garda Sergeant James during the month. He supplied us with traffic cones to help remind parents to drive with extra care in the vicinity of the school. He encouraged parents to be mindful of our neighbours when parking near the school.

We have begun to use Morning Mantras with the girls. They are shared with them during assembly and the girls are given the opportunity to discuss the mantra. This week's mantra is, "I am kind to everyone."