



September 2023

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WELCOME

BACK TO
SCHOOL



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Céad Mile Fáilte ar ais ar scoil chuig gach uile duine! It is lovely to see everyone again after the summer holidays. Welcome back to school everyone! We look forward to a productive and safe year ahead. ”



Welcome to new pupils

We would like to welcome our new Junior Infant Classes. They are doing a fantastic job and have settled in well. We also extend a warm welcome to the new pupils who have joined us in other classes throughout the school.



Aladdin

The school uses the Aladdin App as the main form of communication between the school and parents. If you are having difficulties with the App, please let us know.



Scoil Mhuire PFA



The first meeting of the Scoil Mhuire's Parents and Friends Association was held on the 19th September. The PFA are a fabulous group of parents and guardians that arrange events and activities for parents and children throughout the year. Their work and time is greatly appreciated and has a tremendously positive effect on school life. Any parents interested in taking part in the PFA are welcome to email pfaballincollig@gmail.com. Whether you can help from time to time or can help on an ongoing basis the PFA would love to hear from you. All involvement makes a difference and is particularly welcomed by the children. We have scheduled our PFA AGM for the 11th October.

LUNCH
BOX



Scoil Mhuire has a healthy eating policy, and no sweets, chocolate or crisps are permitted. Children's lunchboxes, bottles and other equipment should be cleaned thoroughly daily. Children are required to dispose of their own lunch waste/compost by taking this home in their lunch box.

WASHBAGS

All girls are required to bring a small wash bag to school every day. This bag should contain a small hand towel (face cloth sized) which should be changed regularly. Children from 1st to 6th should also keep a small hand sanitiser in their washbags. Hand sanitiser units are placed around the school building and handwashing routines remain in place. We are a Green School and we plan on reducing our waste and carbon footprint by eliminating the use of disposable paper hand towels this year. Ensuring all girls have their own washable hand towel will help our efforts greatly.



Oct 11: PFA AGM 7pm

Oct 19: Open Night 6-7.30

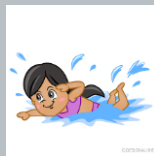
Oct 27: School Closes for Hallowe'en Midterm Break

Dec 8: PFA Cake Sale

Dec 15: Christmas Raffle

Dec 22: School Closes for Christmas

Activities



We have hit the ground running this September and many activities are up and running. We have the dulcet tones of our choir and the sweet tune of the tin whistle being heard throughout the school. The girls in 3rd are learning French with Madame Moylan. Our Sciath na Scol football team have been training hard and have tasted sweet success this week. The girls of 3rd and 6th have begun their swimming lessons in LeisureWorld. Our girls from Junior Infants to 3rd are getting a taste of the acting world with our Speech and Drama lessons. Gymnastic lessons have resumed for 1st and 2nd and the girls of 4th are attempting their slam dunks on the basketball court! Thank you to all the staff who help coach and coordinate these activities for our girls.



Road Safety

For the safety of our children, please drive cautiously near the school. Ensure you park only in designated areas when dropping off and collecting your daughters. Let's prioritize their safety together. Thank you for your cooperation.

Student Council

Over the coming days pupils from 1st to 6th Class will be given the opportunity to self-nominate to be a pupil representative on the Student Council. We will hold elections next week. This is a great opportunity for the girls to be involved in active leadership roles that contribute to the life of the school.