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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a very successful first half term, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks for your wonderful support. The start of this academic year has been filled with many achievements, and this success is only made possible by your contributions.

Whether it's your involvement in school activities, supporting your child's learning, or the encouragement you provide each day, we are truly grateful. Your partnership plays a vital role in making Scoil Mhuire the thriving community it is.

Don't forget to follow us on X [@scoilmhuireball](#) where we post all the events that occur in school.

Enjoy the extra hour as the clocks go back on Sunday and remember school reopens on Monday 4th November.

Wishing you a restful break, and we look forward to the exciting months ahead!

Warm regards,

Liz Uí Bheinéid

Trick or Treating

In this week's assembly, we spoke to the pupils about the dangers of fireworks and the importance of staying safe during Halloween. We also reminded them to be respectful and considerate while out trick-or-treating, ensuring that everyone in our community can enjoy the festivities.

We encourage you to continue these conversations at home, and thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our pupils safe and mindful during this exciting time of year.



Open Night

This month, Scoil Mhuire proudly opened its doors for our much-anticipated Open Night, showcasing the many activities and opportunities that make our school so special. Our incredible 6th Class pupils took on the role of tour guides, warmly welcoming our special visitors and leading them around the school. Their enthusiasm and pride in Scoil Mhuire were evident in every step of the evening.

Visitors were treated to a glimpse of our vibrant school life, from learning through play in our Junior Infant classrooms to exciting activities such as speech and drama, choir, gymnastics, and our varied sports programs. The night also highlighted our commitment to preparing pupils for the future with robotics, coding, digital literacy, and even 3D printing. The science investigations taking place in our classrooms showcased our pupils' curiosity and love for learning.

We are extremely proud of the warm community spirit fostered by our Parents and Friends Association (PFA), whose support plays a vital role in so many of these enriching activities. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the evening such a success—it was truly a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all that Scoil Mhuire has to offer.

Buddy System at Scoil Mhuire

Coordinated by Assistant Principal, Elaine Iníon Uí Thuama, our buddy system pairs different classes together, fostering friendships and a sense of community across year groups. Each class meets regularly with their paired class to engage in a variety of activities that promote learning and collaboration. So far this year, pupils have enjoyed activities such as using iPads, paired reading sessions, and engaging in arts and crafts. As Hannah and Valentina from 2nd Class shared, ***"It is really good fun as we get to make friends with the big girls in the older classes!"***

The buddy system encourages both social and academic growth in a positive school environment.

Library Visits

This term, we have been fortunate to continue strengthening our wonderful links with Ballincollig Library. Pupils from various classes had the exciting opportunity to attend workshops and author visits, where they explored new books, creative writing, and storytelling in engaging and inspiring ways. These enriching experiences have not only fostered a love for reading but also encouraged creativity and critical thinking among our pupils. It is a true privilege to have such a valuable resource right on our doorstep. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Ballincollig Library for being a trusted partner and a valued friend to Scoil Mhuire. Their continued support and the engaging opportunities they provide play a vital role in enhancing the learning experiences of our pupils.

Arts Week at Scoil Mhuire

Arts Week was an incredible celebration of creativity and culture at Scoil Mhuire! Each stage was assigned a different continent, with pupils basing all their work around the unique aspects of their given region. The school was a hive of activity, filled with music, art, and drama, as pupils explored the wonders of the world.

Our Infant pupils dived into the lush Amazon Rainforest, creating vibrant artwork and learning about the unique wildlife of South America. The pupils of 5th and 6th explored the colours and flavours of Asia, crafting intricate designs and engaging in storytelling from countries such as China and Japan. Meanwhile, our 1st and 2nd class pupils were inspired by the African culture.

Their African drumming, filled the halls with rhythm and energy as they learned about the cultural importance of music in Africa. Finally, the pupils of 3rd and 4th immersed themselves in the fascinating wildlife and landscapes of Australia, showcasing art pieces and dramatic performances based on the Outback and the Great Barrier Reef.

The school was electric with excitement, and the atmosphere was alive with creativity. A huge thank you to Sinéad Bean Mhistéil, Acting Deputy Principal, and to all the teachers involved for coordinating such a fantastic week of learning and artistic expression.