



EOLAS SEPTEMBER 2024



Principal's Message

Back to School

As we embark on another school year, I want to extend a warm welcome to all our students, staff, and families, both new and returning. September always brings a sense of excitement and fresh beginnings, with new goals to pursue and opportunities to explore.

We are thrilled to see our girls settling back into their routines, forming friendships, and engaging enthusiastically in their learning. Our dedicated staff has been hard at work preparing to make this year a successful and enjoyable experience for everyone. Together, we are committed to fostering a supportive and inspiring environment that encourages each child to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Here's to a wonderful year ahead filled with growth, discovery, and achievements!

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Liz Uí Bheinéid

Important Dates

Please find below some dates for your diary for the coming year.

We have kept dates for school closure inline with Scoil Eoin.

- **15th October:** Open Night (Tuesday)
- **25th October:** PFA Hallowe'en Fancy Dress (€2 per pupil / €3 per family)
- **20th November:** Staff meeting – school closing at the earlier time of 1.45p.m.
- **27th & 28th November:** Parent Teacher Meetings
- **6th December:** PFA Cake Sale
- **17th December:** Christmas Show (afternoon and evening shows)
- **14th February:** Valentine's Crazy Hair / Socks No Uniform Day
- **5th March:** Staff meeting – school closing at the earlier time of 1.45pm.
- **4th April:** Maths in-service (school closed all day)
- **14th May:** Bí Cinéalta staff in-service – School closed at 12 noon.
- **24th May:** First Holy Communion 11a.m.

A Busy Start to September!

We've kicked off the new school year with a range of activities already underway. Our choir's beautiful harmonies and the lively sounds of the tin whistle can be heard throughout the school. The Sciath na Scol Gaelic football team has been training diligently and celebrated a tremendous victory this week. Swimming lessons have begun for our 3rd and 6th classes at LeisureWorld. Junior Infants to 3rd Class are exploring their theatrical sides with Speech and Drama lessons, while gymnastics is back for 1st and 2nd classes. Meanwhile, our 4th Class pupils are aiming high with basketball training. A big thank you to all the staff supporting these activities for our pupils!

SNA Appreciation Day

The first ever SNA Appreciation Day happened on Thursday 26th September 2024. An incredible 3,750 schools across Ireland participated. Special Needs Assistants play a crucial role in supporting students with additional needs, and are at the heart of our school. We are so lucky in Scoil Mhuire to have an incredible team of SNAs who are so committed to meeting the needs of our pupils. #ThankOurSNAs!



Regular attendance and punctuality are crucial for pupil success, both academically and socially. Arriving on time helps your daughter start her day positively, connect with classmates, and engage in lessons without disruption. Consistent attendance ensures that pupils don't miss valuable learning experiences that build their knowledge and confidence. Beyond academics, these habits teach responsibility and respect—skills that will serve pupils in future education and the workplace. It is important that we work together to support consistent attendance and punctuality, ensuring that our cailíní gain the most from their school experience and set themselves up for a bright, successful future.

Schools are obliged to report all students who have been absent 20 days or more by submitting Student Absence Reports (SAR) twice each year to Tusla Education Support Services (TESS).



Washbags Reminder



Each pupil is required to bring a small washbag to school daily. This washbag should include a small, regularly changed hand towel (face cloth size). Pupils from 1st to 6th Class should also have a small hand sanitiser in their washbags. Hand sanitiser stations are available throughout the school, and handwashing routines are firmly in place. As a Green School, we are committed to reducing waste and minimizing our carbon footprint by reducing our use of disposable paper towels this year. Having each pupil bring a washable hand towel will support our eco-friendly goals significantly.

Board of Management

- The Board paid tribute to Mary, the Rúnaí, and her incredible service to Scoil Mhuire.
- The Board acknowledged and expressed their appreciation of the work done for the Free Book Scheme, the Work of the P.F.A., the work completed by Tadhg the Caretaker and the work and preparation completed by Liz Uí Bheinéid on the interview process over the summer.
- The Board acknowledged and commended the work involved in producing the End of Year School Magazine.
- The Board commended the Student Council on their interaction with the Lord Mayor.
- The Board expressed the positive impact the Open Night has and expressed their thanks for the work that goes into it.