



EOLAS



NOVEMBER 2024

As we enter the season of Advent, we begin our preparations with hope and anticipation for the joy that Christmas brings. Advent is a time of reflection and readiness, and here in Scoil Mhuire, the Christmas spirit is already in full swing! The sounds of Christmas carols echo through the hallways, and the joy in the pupils' voices is truly heart-warming. It is a privilege to witness their excitement as the season of Advent approaches.

We are immensely grateful for your continued support in all aspects of school life. Your attention to the small, everyday details, from preparing your child for the day ahead to supporting their learning and wellbeing, has a profound impact on their experience. It is this partnership between home and school that truly makes a difference, and we deeply appreciate your efforts.

As we move through the weeks ahead, there are many exciting events and activities to look forward to, and we are delighted to share some updates and important information with you below. Thank you for being an integral part of our school community and for helping us make this time of year so special for your daughters.

Mise, le meas,
Liz Uí Bheineid

IMPORTANT DATES FOR DECEMBER

December is a busy month every year for pupils, teachers, and parents alike! With it comes the excitement of Christmas and our annual Christmas Carol Concert. Please note dates and times of special festive events below.

Friday 6th December: PFA
Cake sale (see poster for more details below)

Tuesday 17th December:
Whole school Carol Concert
(Church of St. Mary & St. John)
12 noon & 7pm.

Friday 20th December:
Christmas Holidays (school finishes at 12 noon)



SCHOOL VISIT

On Thursday 28th November, 3rd and 4th class attended 'MathsWorks', the hands on primary Maths Workshop from Lifetime Lab, who came and set up in our school halla.

MathsWorks @ Lifetime Lab aims to demonstrate and explore a multisensory approach to the learning of mathematics and is a stimulating and fun introduction to primary maths, motivating pupils to engage primary maths through sight, sound, touch and movement. The girls greatly enjoyed participating in a series of hands on fun maths based activities covering multiplication, symmetry, problem solving and transformations. Thank you to Sandra Bean Uí Ullacháin for coordinating these workshops for our pupils.



Helping your child with Irish at home

The NCCA has put together some helpful tips for parents to support children as they learn the Irish Language at school. They have created “tip sheets” designed specifically for parents to use, each one with a different theme. The aim of the leaflets is to encourage the use of Irish in informal conversations. Each leaflet describes a range of activities which you can do with your child at home ‘as Gaeilge’. The materials are designed to be fun and engaging for children and parents alike.

Please see the link to the NCCA website with Tip Sheet 1 for this month,

‘Irish all Around Me - An Ghaeilge Mórthimpeall Orm’ can be found [here](#).



We are delighted to congratulate our outstanding 6th class debate team for their impressive performance at the recent Concern Primary Debates competition. On Tuesday, 26th November, our three talented girls competed against Crosshaven BNS, opposing the motion "Everyone in Ireland should be given a bike." Through their diligent preparation and articulate arguments, they demonstrated exceptional teamwork and critical thinking skills. Their dedication shone through, ultimately securing a well-deserved victory in this challenging interschool debate. We are very proud of their achievement! Thank you to Kay Iníon Uí Shé, Anna Iníon Uí Mhaidín and Niamh Iníon Uí Dhálaigh for preparing the girls for the debate.

CREDIT UNION ART COMPETITION WINNERS!

Congratulations to our many winning artists in this year’s Credit Union Art Competition! The standard of entries across the whole school was very impressive.

8-10 years

1st - Sophia Josette Quitlong Gadingan (Rang 3)

2nd - Maeve McSweeney (Rang 4)

11-13 years

2nd - Nina Bielecka (R6)

3rd - Oliwia Osowska (R6)



UCC Science Quiz

Six pupils representing 5th and 6th class participated in the UCC Primary Science Quiz on Nov 13th, showcasing their impressive knowledge and enthusiasm for science. They demonstrated a keen understanding of various scientific concepts, tackling challenging questions with confidence and teamwork.

The experience was both educational and inspiring, allowing them to engage with peers and experts while further igniting their curiosity in the world of science.

We were delighted with our 6th class girls who were runners up in the 6th Class competition. Thank you to Aisling Iníon Uí Éalaithe for preparing the girls so well for the quiz.



On Tuesday, November 12th, 5th Class had the exciting opportunity to visit Cork City Hall for the much-anticipated 'Cork Pops' Concert. The students were thrilled to experience the vibrant atmosphere of the event, where they joined other schools in celebrating the magic of live music. The Cork Pops Series has been running for over 30 years and their aim is to make connections between popular music and the great classical music of the past. This year the children were treated to the amazing vocals of Keith Hanley and the rhythmic speaking and clever rhymes of Rap Artist, Tiny.

Thank you to the teachers and staff who accompanied the girls and to Sinéad Bean Mhistéil who organised the trip.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed their trip!

Anti-Bullying Policy Update

We are pleased to share that our Anti-Bullying Policy has been recently reviewed and updated to reflect best practices and ensure the continued wellbeing of our school community.

The updated policy has been collaboratively developed with valuable input from the Parents and Friends Association (PFA), the School Council, and our teaching staff, and has been formally ratified by the Board of Management. This revised policy emphasizes our commitment to fostering a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for all pupils and staff at Scoil Mhuire.

You can view the updated policy by clicking on the link below:

[Scoil Mhuire Anti-Bullying Policy](#)



Lifetime Lab
AT OLD CORK WATERWORKS

This month 3rd and 4th class took part in an Energy workshop provided by the Lifetime Lab. The girls learned about the different energy sources, climate change, CO2 and what they can do to reduce the energy they use. Lots of insightful questions were asked and the workshop finished with fun interactive games. We look forward to the girls putting all their new energy saving ideas into action at home and at school.

SCOIL MHUIRE PFA
ANNUAL CAKE SALE

**Calling all
bakers**

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER
9:30AM - 3PM

50c per cake

If possible please bring coins

All cake donations welcome in the Halla on the morning of Friday the 6th December

NO NUTS

Please label any gluten free cakes
Please label any containers you wish to have returned

Girls are encouraged to bring own container/ zip lock bag to save on waste