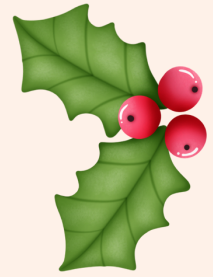




EOLAS DECEMBER 2024



SCOIL MHUIRE



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As December draws to a close and the festive spirit fills the air, we look back with great joy on a wonderful month at Scoil Mhuire. The school has been alive with the sound of Christmas carols, sparkling decorations, and the happy chatter of excited pupils. From rehearsals for our Christmas performances to art, music, and storytelling, the girls have embraced each activity with enthusiasm, energy, and smiles as bright as the lights on any Christmas tree! These moments truly capture what this season is all about—joy, togetherness, and a little magic.

A huge thank you for your continued support, whether it was helping with costumes, attending events, or cheering on from home. Your kindness and encouragement make all the difference, and we are so grateful to have such a supportive school community.

As we prepare for a well-earned break, I wish you all a Christmas filled with love, laughter, and precious time spent with family and friends. May the New Year bring happiness, health, and plenty of new opportunities for you and your loved ones.

Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir!

Warm regards,
Liz Uí Bheinéid
Principal



Christmas Carol Concert 2024

Our annual Christmas Concert in the church of St. Mary & St. John was a wonderful performance opportunity for all of the girls of Scoil Mhuire, who were so excited to participate and entertain their families and friends on December 17th. Well done to all of our wonderful performers, their teachers and SNAs who worked so hard on preparing and rehearsing their pieces for the concert. Our thanks to Tadhg, our caretaker, and Geraldine, the church Sacristan, for their invaluable help in preparing the church as our stage for both performances. Thank you to you, the parents and guardians for your support in all of these events. Performing on such a scale builds confidence in our pupils of all ages.



TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AROUND THE SCHOOL



As you may have seen, there are now Garda traffic cones at the main school gate entry in the morning and afternoons. These have ensured that visibility for our young pedestrians is the key factor in a safe entry and exit to and from school for each of our girls, and this measure is working well in keeping the area clear of parked cars at the busiest times of drop off and collection. Thank you all for your cooperation with these traffic measures. We remind all drivers to please drive at a safe and slow speed around our entry and exit gates, and the approaching roads.



School Choir

The school choir had an exceptionally busy and rewarding month, filled with performances that showcased their talent and community spirit. They kicked off the month by performing at the turning on of the 'Balance' Charity crib in Ballincollig, where they added a magical touch to the occasion. Their next highlight was the annual 'Cantairí Mhuscraí' concert, where the choir represented the school proudly, earning admiration from all in attendance. Finally, the choir brought joy to the residents of Westgate, proving that their music had the power to uplift and connect with all members in our community.



December 13th marked the final day of the MS Readathon. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to you and our pupils for your incredible participation and support. Whether it's one book or twenty, the joy of reading and the difference it's making for those living with MS is something to be proud of. While the final day of reading has passed, donations can still be made. Funds can still be lodged until January 15th, so there's plenty of time to gather any offline donations or final contributions.

P.F.A. CAKE SALE



Our thanks to our wonderful P.F.A. For their hard work and team effort in hosting the highly popular annual 'PFA Cake Sale' this month! The delicious donations from parents and pupils went down a treat on the day, with the girls from all classes excitedly awaiting their turn to come to the school halla to purchase a wide variety of cakes, biscuits and buns! This very worthy fundraiser raised a whopping €1069.60, which is used very generously always by the PFA to fund and support a variety of activities and purchases throughout our school. Thank you all for your support in making the cake sale such a highlight of the term.



MICROSOFT 'DREAM SPACE LIVE' EVENT

Pupils of Iníon Uí Dhálaigh's sixth class participated in Microsoft's interactive classroom "Dream Space LIVE Event - Hour of Code" this month. Dream Space LIVE events allow classrooms across Ireland to join in bespoke interactive Dream Space activities to explore STEM and digital learning in a new way. Using the 'Minecraft Education' App on the school iPads, the girls worked on developing problem-solving skills and unleashed their creativity through coding. Activities included designing Minecraft sets and costumes, tackling musical challenges and choreographing dance routines! Future STEM leaders in the making!



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We wish you all a very peaceful
Christmas break and look forward to
welcoming all our pupils back in the
new year.

Bishop Fintan Gavin, diocese of Cork
and Ross, has shared a Christmas
message for schools and their
communities for 2024. You can find his
Christmas message [here](#)



School reopens on Monday, January 6th



We are thrilled to share the incredible success of our recent Scholastic Book Fair at Scoil Mhuire! The book fair created a wonderful buzz around reading, with pupils excitedly exploring the range of books on offer and adding new titles to their personal libraries.

Thanks to the generous support of our parents and guardians, the book fair raised an amazing €2,988. These funds were used to purchase books for each classroom, ensuring that every pupil has access to a vibrant and engaging selection of reading materials. This initiative not only supports literacy development but also fosters a lifelong love of reading among our girls.

We extend our gratitude to all who contributed to making the book fair such a success.