



EOLAS

JANUARY 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A very Happy New Year to you all, and I hope 2025 has started positively for you and your families. Despite the challenging weather during our first couple of weeks back, Term 2 is already off to a fantastic start here at Scoil Mhuire. We have an exciting term ahead, filled with events and activities that will enrich the learning experiences of our pupils.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the importance of attendance and punctuality. Persistent lateness can significantly impact a pupil's start to the day, disrupting their focus and overall learning. Arriving on time ensures your daughter has the best possible start to her school day and can fully engage in all her lessons.

As the weather begins to brighten (hopefully!), we will be making the most of our outdoor spaces during breaks and activities. Please ensure your daughter comes to school each day with a coat to keep her warm and comfortable while enjoying her time outside.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in making Scoil Mhuire such a wonderful place for our pupils to learn and grow.

Kind regards,

Liz Uí Bheinéid

Principal / Príomhoide

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 04.02 - Friendship February Begins
- 14.02 - Crazy Hair day (no uniform)
- 20.02 - 21.02 - Midterm
- 03.03 - 14.03 - Seachtain na Gaeilge
- 05.03 - School Closed at 1.45p.m.
- 13.03 - Sponsored Walk
- 21.03 - Confirmation
- 04.04 - Maths Training Day (school closed)
- 04.04 - School Disco
- 07.04 - STEM Week
- 11.04 - 28.04 - Easter Holidays
- 14.05 - Bí Cineálta (half day)
- 24.05 - First Holy Communion
- 27.06 - Summer Holidays

mól an óigé agus
tíocfaidh sí

PRaise the young and they will flourish

Uniform



At Scoil Mhuire, wearing the correct uniform is an important part of fostering pride, unity, and a sense of belonging within our school community. We kindly remind parents and pupils that the full school uniform should be worn every day, except on designated tracksuit days, which will be communicated by class teachers.

The uniform helps create an atmosphere of equality and focus, ensuring that pupils can concentrate on their learning. We ask for your continued support in ensuring that your daughter comes to school each day wearing the correct uniform, including appropriate footwear.

Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining our high standards and helping to uphold the values of our school.

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Gaeilge

Helping your child with Irish at home

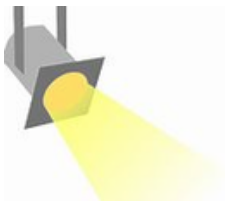
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This month, we are sharing with you the second of the NCCA's 'tip sheets' for parents, with the aim to encourage the use of Irish at home. We shared the first of these Tip Sheets in November's EOLAS. We encourage you to support your children as they learn the Irish Language at school. The "tip sheets" are designed specifically for parents to use, each one with a different theme. 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 2 for this month.

'Praise, Praise, Praise - Mol and Óige agus Tiocfaidh Sí!'
can be found [here](#)



SPOTLIGHT ON

Scoil Mhuire Student Council

The Student Council of Scoil Mhuire is an opportunity for students to be active participants in some of the decisions relating to our school, and it affords the pupil representatives the chance to have their say on their experience of school life. The student council is comprised of 14 student members, each representing her own class group. Our three eldest members of the council share their experience this month:

“The Student Council is a friendly and fun community. Being a part of the Student Council makes us feel like our voices are heard.

Each student council member was elected by their own class. We meet about once a month with Bean Uí Bheinéid, Iníon Uí Éalaithe and Bean Uí Ullacháin, and share our ideas, which we feel could help make Scoil Mhuire a better environment for the students.

We have been working on trying to decrease the weight of pupils’ school bags. We have also installed benches around the school’s yards. Now the pupils can run around as well as relax during lunchtime. Most recently, the council shared in the important discussion of ways pupils feel safe at school, and shared our classmates’ feedback with the council.

We have also given our feedback on school policies including the Anti-bullying and Child Safeguarding Policies.

During our meetings we try to do some group and partner work so that the student council members get to know each other and make new friends.

In conclusion the student council gives us great chances to make new friends, get our voices heard and improve our school.”

**Clara, Kate & Nina,
6th Class Student Council Representatives**



School Entry Reminder



A reminder as we enter into Spring, and hopefully more pleasant weather, to please use the correct gate and entrance when coming into the school building. This helps keep everything organized and ensures everyone’s safety .

Students should enter through their specific class level door/entrance and parents should use the same entrances for pick-up and drop-off. The children will be very familiar with these entrances by now .

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a smooth and safe school environment for everyone.



Competitions



Exciting Art Competitions Coming Up!

We are thrilled to announce two fantastic art competitions for our students to showcase their creativity!

'Water is Life' Green Schools Poster Competition

Students are invited to create a poster highlighting the importance of water in our lives. This is a wonderful opportunity to combine artistic talent with an important environmental message. **Entries to be submitted by the 6th of February.**

Texaco Art Competition

The renowned Texaco Art Competition is back, giving young artists a chance to express themselves through any theme or medium of their choice. **Entries to be submitted by the 19th of February.** We encourage all students to take part and let their creativity shine. Best of luck to all our budding artists



Grandparents' Day 2025

A massive 'Well Done' to the pupils and teachers of 5th Class, who invited their much-cherished Grandparents to Scoil Mhuire on Monday 27th January.

The girls celebrated a very special mass in honour of their Grandparents, followed by tea, coffee and refreshments in the school afterwards. Thank you to the pupils and their teachers, Iníon Uí Dhonnabháin, Iníon Uí Shúilleabháin and Iníon De Bhuicnéir for their preparations and fantastic hosting on the day! Míle buíochas to all of our wonderful Grandparents for taking the time to visit, and a special thanks to former Múinteoir Scoil Mhuire, Bean Uí Mháirtín, who visited the classroom and shared all about 'Scoil Mhuire of the past' with the girls!



Annual Cinema Trip

'Míle Buíochas' to the PFA of Scoil Mhuire for the very generous sponsorship of the annual Cinema Trip for all classes this month! On Friday, 17th January, classes from 3rd to 6th were treated to new release 'Mufasa', with classes from infants to 2nd watching 'Moana 2', at The Reel Picture, Ballincollig. The classrooms were buzzing with excitement as the children prepared to walk to the cinema with their friends and teachers. Many thanks to the Reel Picture also for their hosting of what has become a highlight of the Winter school term.