



# EOLAS

## February 2025

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

As always at this time of year, it is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the school year. Before we know it, we will be in the final term, with the summer months fast approaching.

A huge thank you for your support of Crazy Hair Day - the creativity and effort on display were truly fantastic! It brought great fun and laughter to the school, and we appreciate your participation in making these events so special for the girls.

On behalf of all of us at Scoil Mhuire, I want to express our sincere gratitude for your continued support. Your encouragement allows us to provide the very best for your daughters every day, and we truly could not do it without you. We also greatly appreciate the positive feedback you share with us, both in person and in writing - it means so much to our entire school community.

Finally, I hope you all had a lovely half-term break and are looking forward to the busy and exciting weeks ahead.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

*Liz Uí Bheineid*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

03.03 - 14.03 - Seachtain na Gaeilge

05.03 - School Closed at 1.45p.m.

13.03 - Sponsored Walk

21.03 - Confirmation 6th Class

04.04 - Maths Training Day for Staff (school closed)

04.04 - School Disco

07.04 - STEM Week

11.04 - 28.04 - Easter Holidays

14.05 - Bí Cineálta Staff Training (half day)

24.05 - First Holy Communion

27.06 - Summer Holidays



'**Seachtain na Gaeilge**' begins on Monday 3rd of March, with much preparation underway here at school! Flags, banners and 'frásaí ghaeilge' adorn our hallways, encouraging all of our pupils to embrace the Irish language and use all that they know to communicate throughout the two weeks. There will be a host of exciting and fun activities trí ghaeilge throughout the fortnight, in the lead up to St. Patrick's Day. Míle buíochas to Gráinne, Iníon Uí Dhonnabháin for all her hard work in preparing such an engaging two weeks here at school.

**Don't forget to see our 3rd 'Helping your Child with Irish at Home' Tip Sheet below!**

**"Ag Labhairt is ag Léamh as Gaeilge / Speaking and Reading in Irish" can be found [here](#).**

### SPOTLIGHT ON

#### Active & Wellbeing Committee

"The **Active and Wellbeing Committee** helps everybody to keep up with all of the sports that are happening in the school, and aims to teach all of the students healthy new habits and sports techniques. The committee holds a meeting every term, and at these we discuss the Fundamental Movement Skills we would like the pupil community to focus on improving for that term. So far, we have encouraged our classmates to develop their running, throwing and catching skills. The committee make sure there is a good range of games equipment in the yard for each break-time, which is enjoyed by all the classes.

We are supported by Bean Uí Raghallaigh and Iníon Uí Thuama. We also helped with Wellbeing ideas last month for 'Friendship February', where we connected with younger pupils to teach them leadership skills."

Molly, Lily & Aisling,

Rang 6 'Wellbeing & Active Committee' Representatives



February was a month focused on 'Friendship & Wellbeing' here in school, with the girls participating in a vast number of fun activities designed to promote fun, happiness, friendship and a sense of calm and wellbeing for all.

Activities included 'Speed Friendship', Collaborative art projects, 'Buddy walks' with our buddy class, Collaborative games in the Halla, yoga and meditation, Random acts of kindness, Compliments Day and lots more.

A great way to start the spring! Many thanks to Elaine, Iníon Uí Thuama for coordinating such enjoyable events throughout the month.



On Friday the 7th of February, eight girls from Scoil Mhuire participated in the Ballincollig Credit Union Quiz. In the under 13 category, Aoife McGuane, Stephanie Stapleton, Ciara McCormack and Zainab Sohail earned an impressive 53 out of 72 points. In the under 11 category, Claire O Sullivan, Eirena Babu, Faye Ward and Kirsten O' Flynn Murphy scored a fantastic score of 45 out of 60 questions. Both teams were excellent and we are so proud of their achievements. Well done cailíní!

### Board of Management Report to Parents

- The Board commended Tadhg on his work and commitment during the week of the snow. They expressed their gratitude to him for going above and beyond to ensure the safety of pupils and staff during this time.
- The Board thanked the staff for all the wonderful after school activities taking place and expressed how positive this was for the pupils. They also wished to pass along how lovely the school environment is looking and commented on the displays in the corridors.
- The Board acknowledged the ongoing work being completed for SSE in both spelling and the beginning of work on wellbeing.
- The Board thanked pupils, the PFA, parents and teachers for their work on the Child Safeguarding Survey and Policy Development.
- The Board wished all school teams (including debating team, badminton team, quiz team) good luck in their upcoming competitions.
- The Board reviewed and ratified the Health and Safety Statement and Risk Assessment and completed the Child Protection Review.
- Solar Panels - The Board has received approval for the funding of Solar Panels and thanked Liz Uí Bheinéid on her work in completing the application process.



Following on from last year's Badminton training day in MTU, 6 of our 6th Class Pupils participated in the **Munster Primary Schools Badminton Competition** on Feb 19th. This marks a special milestone in Scoil Mhuire as our inaugural participation in this event.

The girls were filled with excitement and determination and were eager to test their skills and experience the thrill of competing at this level. They represented the school proudly and topped their group to progress to the Quarter Finals, where they eventually lost to Anascaul. Congratulations to Ishi Jain, Ema Turnakova, Amelia O' Driscoll O' Sullivan, Rafaella Castro, Mary Grieve and Ellie Rose O' Mahony. We hope this experience will inspire them to continue to pursue the sport with passion.

### EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS TIPS FOR PARENTS BY PARENTS

- Don't give in! Follow through.
- Be organised! Get everything ready from the night before. Have their coats and bags at the door, their lunch made and their clothes on the banisters.
- Treat it like a military operation in the morning!
- Don't give them a choice to stay at home.
- Give yourself 15 minutes before the kids get up.
- No TV, iPad or phones allowed in the morning.
- Keep talking about the importance of school.
- Early to bed the night before school, especially after holidays.
- Come back to school after doctor/ dentist appointments.
- Know how many days your child has missed in school.