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Scoil Mhuire Ballincollig

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of the school year, I would like to sincerely thank you for your continued support and cooperation throughout the year.

A special word of thanks to the dedicated staff of the school for their hard work and commitment. I am also very grateful to the PFA and the Board of Management for the time and support they have given voluntarily to the school community. Most importantly, thank you to each and every girl in Scoil Mhuire. We are so fortunate to have such kind, respectful, friendly, and mannerly pupils. I hope they have enjoyed the year and are looking forward to the excitement of a new classroom and teacher next year.

Wishing you all a safe, restful, and happy summer.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Liz Uí Bheinéid



This month saw another highly successful 'Active & Wellbeing Week', where all pupils enjoyed a wide range of activities, including orienteering, Zumba, yoga, skipathon, dance fit, buddy walks, field races, soccer and the ever-popular water stations! It was a fun-filled week, packed with excitement and laughter. Our thanks to Ann Bn. Uí Raghallaigh and all members of the Active & Wellbeing Committee for their hard work and preparation for what is always a highlight of the summer term!

Used Uniform Donations Welcome

If you have any used uniforms in good condition that your daughter has outgrown, we would greatly appreciate your donations. These can be dropped into the school office during the first two weeks of the summer holidays.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh for your continued support!



Important Reminders

School reopens after Summer Holidays for all pupils on Thursday, 28th August 2025. Please find a downloadable version of our 2025-2026 calendar on our [website here](#).

Slán to our 6th Class Graduates

Congratulations on reaching this wonderful milestone! As you prepare to leave our school and begin your journey to secondary school, we want to acknowledge all the hard work, kindness, and enthusiasm you have shown during your time here. You have been fantastic role models for the younger students and have made a positive difference to our school community.

Your graduation ceremony on Thursday, 26th June, was a special highlight—a chance to celebrate your achievements and the memories you have created together. We are so proud of each and every one of you.

As you move on to secondary school, remember to be confident, stay curious, and always do your best. We know you will continue to shine and make us proud. Wishing you happiness, success, and lots of new adventures in the years ahead!

Go n-éirí go geal libh



My first day here was in twenty-
seventeen

What an amazing school it has been

I've learnt loads of words like
anachronistic and loquacious

Also pandemonium, ludicrous and
audacious

I've had a fantastic eight years

I've had so much fun with my peers

I've overcome lots of challenges along
the way

Scoil Mhuire has made me who I am today

All of these memories I'll cherish forever

I won't forget this school ever

I've loved every minute with all of my
heart

Slán Scoil Mhuire, It'll be hard to part.

Aoife Vincent, Rang 6

All the fun we've had over the years

Have us leaving full of tears

It might be really hard to go

But at least we have the memories to
know

Every day we learned something new

During 'Golden Time' playing games like
'Guess Who?'

From first to third class 'show and tell'
we'd have

Zumba with Frank, we'd have such a laugh

Drama with Tara once a week

Starting school, we were very meek!

But, look at us now, we're ready to go

Ask our teachers - they know!

Though it may not feel like it

We're ready for secondary in just a bit

To be entirely honest here,

I don't really want to leave this year!

Agata Obiedzinska



Bí Cineálta



Scoil Mhuire has officially adopted a new Bí Cineálta ("Be Kind") policy, approved by the Board of Management this month.

This important step reflects the school's commitment to promoting a culture of kindness, respect, and inclusion in the school.

Bí Cineálta is more than just an anti-bullying policy – it's a whole-school approach to building a safer, more supportive environment for everyone. It encourages students to treat others with empathy and care, and to take pride in positive behaviour.

Bí Cineálta encourages every member of the school community – students, teachers, staff, and parents – to prioritise kindness in words, actions, and attitudes. It aims to foster a culture where empathy, respect, and compassion are at the heart of daily life in Scoil Mhuire.

The Board of Management has now ratified Scoil Mhuire's new Bí Cineálta Policy, which outlines:

- Our school's commitment to preventing and addressing bullying behaviour.
- Updated definitions of bullying behaviour, including cyberbullying, identity-based bullying and harassment.
- Clear procedures for reporting, recording and addressing bullying incidents.
- New requirements for oversight and annual review of bullying data by the Board of Management.
- A student-friendly version of the policy will also be developed and made available to pupils.

The policy is available on our school website [here](#).



'Soak the Teacher' – A Splashing Success!

Our 'Soak the Teacher' fundraiser at the PFA Family Fun Day was a fantastic success—and an unforgettable highlight of the day!

Thanks to your incredible generosity through our iDonate.ie appeal, we raised an amazing €2,550, with an additional €300 from raffle ticket sales. The coveted prize? The honour of being the pupils chosen to soak our brave and willing staff volunteers!

It was a brilliant, fun-filled day for all involved, full of laughter and school spirit. All funds raised will go towards the installation of an overhead projector in our school hall, enhancing assemblies, performances, and school events for years to come.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated, participated, and cheered us on!



Board of Management - Report to parents

- The Board acknowledged the immense work carried out by Post Holders as reflected in the Action Plan Reports. They expressed their gratitude for the dedication and commitment they demonstrate to the growth and success of our school and its pupils.
- The Board expressed their thanks and appreciation to the PFA on their very successful and enjoyable Family Fun Day.
- The Board expressed their thanks to the teachers on the work carried out in completing the Drumcondra Tests and Reports.
- The Board reviewed and ratified the Bí Cineálta Policy (New Anti-Bullying Policy).
- The Annual Anti-Bullying Report was presented to the Board.
- The DLP and DDLP will change temporarily for the 2 weeks of the Summer Programme. The DLP for Week 1 will be Ann-Marie Mhic Aodh Bhuí and for week 2 will be Ciara Ní Cheallacháin. The DDLP for both weeks will be Caragh Ní Ailín.