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SCOIL MUIRE, BALLINCOLLIG

MAY 2025



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we come to the end of a very busy and exciting month in Scoil Mhuire, it's wonderful to look back on all that has been achieved. From our beautiful First Holy Communion celebration to the fantastic achievements at Cork City Sports, it has truly been a month full of proud moments for our pupils. Our choir have also had many special opportunities to share their talents, while the Bike Wizards' visit brought plenty of fun and learning for First Class!

As we move into our final few weeks of the school year, there is still lots to look forward to, including our PFA Family Fun Day, Active Week, Sports Day, and of course, the countdown to the summer holidays!

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and encouragement.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Liz Uí Bheinéid

Saturday, May 24th brought a very special day for our pupils on the occasion of their First Holy Communion. The girls, their teachers and families celebrated a beautiful mass in the church of St. Mary and St. John, with the girls' participation, personal art work and sweet hymn singing bringing life to the celebration! There were smiles all around as the many preparations resulted in a wonderful day for all. Well done to the second class teachers Catherine Uí Churtáin and Clíodhna Ní Bhuachalla, the SNAs and our musical director, Sinéad Mhistéil. Many thanks to our priest Fr. Rónan, and our own Sharon, Mairead, Tadhg and PFA members for their invaluable contributions to the school reception afterwards.

'May you feel the love and warmth of God's love today and everyday'.



SCHOOL TOURS

6th June - Senior Infants: Leahy's Farm

6th June - 3rd Class: Smuggler's Cove

10th June - Jun. Infants: Grenagh Farm

11th June - 4th Class: West Cork Secrets

11th June - 6th Class: Ballyhass

19th June - 1st Class: Just 4 Fun MTU

24th June - 2nd Class: Let's Go Trabeg

Fundraising fun and we need your help

What do bravery, buckets of cold water, and a splash of school spirit have in common? Seven fearless members of staff just willingly volunteered to take part in the 'Water Bucket Challenge' — all in the name of raising money for our school. That's right: they traded dignity for donations, and warmth for a worthy cause.

We are on an exciting mission to bring more fun and dynamic learning experiences to our school. Our aim is to raise funds to install a projector in the school hall. This will enhance the educational experience and interactive participation of all our pupils, allow for more engaging presentations and assemblies and allow us to showcase pupil work and projects. By donating through iDonate, you are directly contributing to the funds needed to get this project up and running.

This project is going to cost in excess of €8000 and so our upcoming fundraising events will go directly to funding this initiative.

To kickstart this fundraising event some lucky pupils of Scoil Mhuire will get the opportunity to soak teachers: Alice Baudains, Lara Ní Nualláin, Sinéad Ní Chonchúir, Claire Ní Bhriain, Sinéad Mhistéil, Principal: Liz Uí Bheinéid and caretaker: Tadhg Ó Súilleabháin on the Family Fun Day on June 8th at 3pm.....should we reach our first target of €1000.

We appreciate all the support and continue to look forward to the smiles that this project will undoubtedly bring. Donate today and help us bring learning to life. Thank you for your generosity.



May was a memorable month for our school choir, with highlights including hosting Canada's St. Mary's Trebletones as part of the Choral Festival, performing at Ballincollig Library, and a special visit from the Lámh Choir from Our Lady of Good Counsel school. These experiences inspired, connected, and reminded us of music's incredible power to unite and uplift.



The hard-working members of our student council have been very busy this month! 'Fun Fridays' is the latest council initiative, which brings exciting activities to the breaktime play outdoors. The activities scheduled are:

- Chalk & Drawing
- Board Games
- Lego
- Parachute & Blocks
- Music



Thank you to Iníon Ní Éalaithe and Bean Uí Ullacháin for supporting our student council in their endeavours.





Lúthchleasa Bhunscoileanna Chorcaí

Congratulations to all of our pupils who participated, competed, and triumphed in the Cork Primary School Sports on May 29th, held in MTU! Your hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship have truly paid off, and each of you should be immensely proud of your achievements. We were proud to bring home 8 trophies, including 4 wins in the straight races and 2nd place in the Ull relay. A special thank you goes out to the teachers and SNAs who generously devoted their time and energy to train and prepare the girls for their races. Your guidance and encouragement have been invaluable, helping to shape these young athletes into champions. Well done to everyone involved!



Congratulations to the PFA on successfully establishing the annual school disco as a much-anticipated highlight of the year! This vibrant event has become a memorable evening for our school community, bringing together students, parents, and staff for an unforgettable evening of fun and camaraderie. The disco is a celebration of creativity and joy, where students can express themselves through dance and fashion, letting their personalities shine on the dance floor. It is a wonderful opportunity for building friendships, fostering school spirit, and creating cherished memories. The PFA's dedication and hard work in organising this event are greatly appreciated, as it brings so much happiness and excitement to all involved. Here's to many more years of dancing, laughter, and community connection!



Ulick from Bike Wizards visited Scoil Mhuire, bringing bikes and helmets for our First Class pupils. The sessions were filled with fun and interactive activities, using games to build cycling skills and boost confidence. For some of the girls, it was their first time on a bike, and it was fantastic to see their confidence grow as the sessions progressed.

We are very grateful to Cork Sports Partnership for providing a €150 grant to support this cycling initiative.



Keep up to date with our weekly media and photo posts on X [here](#).



We will soon be moving our social media channel from X to Instagram. More information to follow!

REMINDERS

8th June - PFA Family Fun Day

16th June - Active & Wellbeing Week

17th June - Sports Day

27th June - Summer Holidays (school finishes 12.00 noon)

Agreed Board of Management Report May 2025

The Board expressed their sincerest condolences on the sad passing of our colleague Bríd Iníon Ní Dhómnaill, who began teaching with us in Sept. She was remembered in our opening prayer.

The Board acknowledged the immense work that has occurred in the school since the last BOM meeting and wished to express their thanks and appreciation to ALL Stakeholders (teachers, SNAs, Tadgh, Sharon and Mairéad, pupils and the PFA). They particularly expressed their appreciation to the those involved in creating the Sensory Garden and Sensory Den, all the extra-curricular activities afforded to the children (On-Line Safety Talk, Mental Health Talk, Seachtain na Gaeilge, World Book Day, STEM Week, Choral Festival, Bike workshop to name a few!) and to Assistant Principal Gráinne Iníon Ní Dhonnabháin on the work completed in the area of Health and Safety. The Board Reviewed and Ratified the following Policies

- 1.Critical incident Policy (Update)
- 2.Class Reconstitution Policy (New)
- 3.Communication Policy (New)
- 4.Health and Safety Policy (Update)



We would like to invite you to our Scoil Mhuire Family Fun Day this coming Sunday, 8th June. This will take place in the school grounds between 1p.m. - 4p.m. and is a very important fund raising event for our school.

Entry is free and we will have lots of fun and games as well as refreshments and entertainment.

There will also be an opportunity to purchase our pre-loved uniforms.

We look forward to seeing you there!