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Newsletter for February 2016



Next month we will celebrate the centenary of 1916.

In school we will have a proclamation day where pupils will write and read their own proclamation and what it means for them to be a citizen in 2016. This will reflect their vision for a modern Ireland which embraces people from many nations and cultures.

We will also have a day where the tricolour we received in November will be hoisted in the school grounds. Now as well as our six flags for the Green school we will have the Tricolour as well. This is also a suitable time for the pupils to develop their own school motto. The finished products can be viewed on the school website with each class blog. All the activities for the centenary celebrations will be on the website.



Anois teacht an earraigh beidh an lá ag dul chun síneadh (Now with the coming of Spring the day will be lengthening) so now is the time to get out and about and enjoy the extra length in the day. We are still continuing with **Operation Transformation** and having extra PE slots throughout the week. It is great to see the infants classes doing exercises in the yard in the morning and senior classes running and doing laps of the

yard after break. You can support this programme to keep your child healthy by encouraging your child to eat more fruit and vegetables and to be active. We also have removed cereal bars from school lunches due to the amount of sugar they contain. You can see the project completed on this in the school foyer.

Trócaire boxes were distributed to all classes last week to mark the beginning of the Trocaire Lenten collection. The Trócaire boxes will not be collected until after Easter and we will let you know the day the children can return the boxes.



3rd class will perform in **Córfhéile na Scoileanna on March 4th at 10.30 am** in the basketball arena in Tallaght. Parents are welcome to attend but need to be seated in the arena by 10.15am. We look forward to a great performance.



Our annual céili is scheduled for Friday 11th March and sponsor cards for this will be sent out the week before. All the classes are busy practicing their dances for the céilí. **Pupils can wear a green jersey or tee shirt on that day with their tracksuit bottoms.** March also sees the beginning of Seachtain na Gaeilge which runs from 7th March. There will be lots of games, activities and competitions in all classes so encourage your children to make every effort to speak Irish. **Mol an óige and tiocfaidh sí.**



Just to update on the dividing wall between Scoil Mhuire and St Josephs. A

crack appeared in the wall in September 2015 and as it **was deemed a health and safety risk** Scoil Mhuire was advised to erect safety fencing as a protective measure. Both school had to get engineer reports and report from the insurance company. The wall was identified as a health and safety risk in all reports. The two schools sent a joint application to the department of Education and skills seeking **emergency funding** to rebuild part of the wall. This application was turned down in December 2015 so **we sent a five page letter of appeal including the reports from engineers and architects.** The cost of the fence to date has been €2,000 which Scoil Mhuire has had to pay. As you are aware the fencing is causing chaos in Scoil Mhuire car park mornings and evenings as there are children and parents from three schools passing through this area. **I am now asking you to contact your local representatives as a matter of urgency as this issue is causing a huge health and safety risk for our pupils entering and exiting the school.** I thank you for your support in this issue as I have spoken to a number of parents about it and share their concerns.

Easter Holidays begins on Wednesday 16th March at 12 o'clock

Le gach deaghuí

Ms. Burke-Heneghan and the staff of Scoil Mhuire.