



Scoil Mhuire

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Welcome back to all our pupils and a special welcome to all the new Junior Infants. We hope that you will be very happy in Scoil Mhuire. **This week and next we are celebrating Lucky to be Me Fortnight.** This celebrates the uniqueness and individuality of every child and focuses on positive self-esteem. You will hear the pupils talking about Marvellous Monday, Terrific Tuesday, Wonderful Wednesday, Thoughtful Thursday and Fantastic Friday. **During the second week of Lucky to be me fortnight we teach the pupils the school's rules.**

- Be on time, properly dressed and be prepared.
- Listen to the speaker and obey adults in the school.

- Keep your hands, feet bags and unhelpful words to yourself.
- Walk carefully and in silence and hold the bar on the stairs.
- Do your work neatly, carefully and quietly.
- Put up your hand and wait in silence for the teacher's attention.



Scoil Mhuire has received the Digital Schools of Distinction Award in June 2018.

The report stated "Scoil Mhuire meets all the criteria for Digital School of Distinction Status and I have no reservations in recommending them for this prestigious DSoD award. I believe Scoil Mhuire, its teachers, support staff, students and community will continue to lead the way for other schools to follow. I would especially like to thank Ms. Siobhán Mc Kiernan a most dedicated ICT coordinator and Ms. Carol Burke-Heneghan a most supportive and passionate principal and all the teaching staff involved and wonderful students of the school for giving the validator such a warm welcome and a glimpse of what a resolute and committed school is achieving in the area of ICT and Digital technologies, when a clear vision is discussed, adapted, defined and executed. It was my pleasure to feel very inspired after my visit to Scoil Mhuire"

Well done to all involved.



Well done to the Girls Gaelic Football team in Scoil Mhuire who won their first Blitz in June. They played their second Blitz on 5th September and won again. It is great to see the effort and passion the girls put into each match. We will have training during this term for 3rd to 6th class and we will update you on day as soon as it is organized.



The Sam Maguire Cup will visit the school on **Tuesday 18th September** and pupils can wear their blue jerseys or polo shirt and tracksuit bottom. Time has yet to be confirmed.



We are tracking attendance again this year so it is important for all pupils to be in school each day unless they are ill. It is also important for pupils to be in school on time. We have taught them the Mantra **BE ON THE LINE AT 10 to 9**. Pupils should line up with their class and come into the school with their class teacher.

Junior Infants will be on full days from 8.50 until 1.30 from Monday 17th September. Pupils will line up in the Junior Yard each morning and will be collected by their class teachers.

The forms for Allianz Insurance have also been sent to parents. Please fill in and return to the class teacher by Friday 14th September.



Any information you need about the school will be on the website and each class will have a blog showing the innovative and creative lessons happening in each class.



Pupils will not be getting homework until Monday 17th September. This is to give pupils the time to settle back into school and to spend some time each evening being active.

NB If you have changed address or phone number please inform the secretary as this information is needed if your child is ill or for sending text a parent information.



Can I remind you of our healthy lunch policy in Scoil Mhuire. Please send a healthy lunch with your child. School lunches will begin later in September and your child will be informed the day they will receive lunches.

Chocolate biscuits/bars/cakes do not constitute a healthy lunch. The following are some ideas for healthy lunches.

Get the children involved in making their own lunches with you and ask them to choose something from the four food groups in order to get essential nutrients for example:

- + Carbohydrates: bread, wraps, pitta bread, rice cakes, bread sticks, crackers, rolls or baps.
- + Protein: Ham, turkey, chicken, tuna. cheese ect
- + Vitamins and minerals: Fresh fruit, raisins, carrot sticks, salad or dried fruit.
- + The possibilities are endless but it is important to establish healthy eating habits when children are young. Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh si.



Due to nut allergies, Scoil Mhuire has become a nut free zone. All nuts and nut products are now excluded from school. If your child has a medical condition we need to know about it so that we can support the child. Please make an appointment to meet your child's class teacher.



Please return book rental money. This can be given to your child's class teacher. This is not a voluntary contribution but covers book rental, reading programmes, art and craft, photocopying and computers. I thank you for your co-operation in this.



Our annual school walk will take place on Friday 5th October (weather permitting). Sponsor Cards will be sent out the week before and can be returned to the school after the walk.

This year the funds collected will be used to pay for extra drama and music lessons as well as more chrome books and tablets. As you saw from the booklists we no longer charge €25 for drama classes so this fundraiser will support this very worthwhile educational experience for your child. We thank you for your support in this venture.



Our beginning of year school mass will be on Tuesday 24th September for 1st-6th class.

The place to be happy is here and the time to be happy is now.

Le gach dea ghui

Ms Burke-Heneghan and Staff of Scoil Mhuire