

# Scoil Mhuire



## Newsletter 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022

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Hello to all Parents and Guardians of Scoil Mhuire.

I would like to officially welcome all our new families, both in Junior Infants and in the rest of the school. It was wonderful to see all our current students return in September.

Children have adapted very well to their new classrooms, teachers and routines. There has been a hive of activity from all of our class from Junior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> Class.

Please note that all children line up in the yard in the morning. Supervision is provided from 8.40am. It is important that children are not left alone before this time as no teachers are present.



### **Swimming:**

6<sup>th</sup> Class are enjoying their block of swimming lessons in Clondalkin Leisure Centre. 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> class will also avail of these lessons throughout the year.

### **Speech and Drama:**

Ms. Anna Walker will return to the school to resume Speech and Drama classes at the end of September.



### **GAA:**

David O'Callaghan GPO from Round Towers will be providing coaching skills for some of the classes this year.

### **Green Schools:**

A friendly reminder that Scoil Mhuire participates in the Green Schools Programme. For our litter and waste reduction we are aiming for Zero Waste in your child's lunchbox. Your child should have a reusable bottle and lunchbox. Please use kitchen roll instead of tinfoil or plastic as it is more compostable and more sustainable. We will be monitoring waste in the classrooms as part of our ongoing work for Green Schools.





### **School Books:**

The Department of Education funded ALL books and requisites for all children this year. We have requested €40 from each pupil to cover Pupil Insurance, Arts and Crafts, I.T. and Photocopying. It is important that this is paid to ensure we can deliver a full curriculum for all pupils.

### **Attendance:**

We will be monitoring attendance very closely this year as the overall attendance last year was very low. Please ensure your child is in school every day unless they are unwell. If they are absent, you are obliged to contact the school either through Aladdin Connect or by phone.

We will be doing "Best Class Attendance" each week and the winning class will have 15 minutes extra activity in the yard.

We would appreciate your support with this. Research results have proven that a child's performance in school is enhanced by attendance.



### **Mobile Phones:**

We would ask parents/guardians to be very vigilant as regards use of phones outside of school. Children are joining chat groups which can encourage bullying issues which are a source of great upset for many children.

### **Tesco:**

We are included in the current round of the Tesco Ireland Community Fund in Liffey Valley. If you are shopping in this store over the next few weeks, we would appreciate if you'd vote for us using your blue token.



### **School Secretary:**

Our school secretaries are job sharing this year. We warmly welcome Elaine Evans to our staff.

# Parents Association

### **Parents Teacher Association:**

Our PTA are looking for new recruits. Ideally we would like to have a representative from each class. They offer great support to the school and endeavour to keep the parents informed of events happening concerning your child.

### **Parents Meetings:**

We will be holding Class Teacher/Parents Information Meetings at the end of September. Teachers will outline the curriculum and activities for the year. More information to follow.

Best Wishes

**Ms. McKiernan and the Staff of Scoil Mhuire**