



Scoil Mhuire
Roll No. 19973V
Racecourse Road
Clifden Co. Galway

Tel: 095 21353
Fax: 095 22200
Email: secretary.scoilmhuire@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER 3 NOVEMBER 2015

I hope everyone is feeling refreshed after the mid-term break. The month of October was made significantly less dreary than it can be by the variety of activities that the school was engaged in. For example we were fortunate enough to have three visitors from the Heritage in Schools group due to our participation in Conamara Sea week.

Skip-Hop was a resounding success and we still have some skipping ropes for sale. I found the sight of so many students skipping a wonderfully nostalgic experience.

*Winter is upon us now and each class is preparing diligently for our **Christmas activities**. As a school we consistently demonstrate our desire to support the wider community through our Christmas commitments. As you can see, we have extensive obligations over the Christmas period and we would greatly appreciate it if you can take the time to support your children's attendance at these events.*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in dropping off and collecting children for their forbearance and patience during this building period. If you are unsure about drop off and collection procedures, please see the note below.

Dara Mc Aleer

CAR PARK

Only cars dropping off and collecting infants are allowed in the main gate. Infants to be dropped to the school BEFORE 9am. Cars collecting infants to arrive NOT EARLIER THAN 13.55 please. All other vehicles should use the GAA car park. Pedestrians can enter and leave via the GAA pitch, main entrance and Clúid.

Road Safety

The school has been contacted by a number of concerned citizens regarding the behaviour of our pupils on the road. There appears to be a lack of 'road sense' amongst some of the pupils walking to school. If your children walk to school, please talk to them about road safety and try to discern whether or not they are capable of safely walking to and from school.

Website

Scoil Mhuire is in the process of developing a school website. The Parent's Association have generously agreed to fund this development. This website will not only facilitate communication between school and home, it will enable us to celebrate your child's work and achievements. As a result, images of your child and his/her work may appear on our website. We require your consent to do this. Please note that children's names - either attached to their own image, or to images of their work - will not be published. We are sending home consent forms with this Newsletter, please return them as soon as possible. If you have any concerns regarding this and wish to talk to me about it, don't hesitate to call.

Board of Management

The parent's nominees for the BOM are Peter Carey and Olivia Staunton. The teacher's nominees are Dara Mc Aleer and PJ Lee. The composition of the rest of the BOM will be publicised in the next Newsletter.

The **School Book Fair** raised €1103 in Free Books for our school.

Scoil Mhuire Parents Association Committee

The new committee is as follows:

Peter J Carey, Chairperson Patrick Thornton Vice Chairperson

Shona Allen Treasurer Joan Conneely Vice Treasurer

Anna Carey Secretary Lucy Murray Vice Secretary

PRO Sophia Hume

There will be a **Family Table Quiz** in Mannion's Pub on Sunday at 2.30 to raise funds for the Parents Association.

A **bag packing day** is being organised for Monday 21st December in Supervaly. Volunteers are needed. Contact Anna at 0876246863

New Science programme

Sixth class are embarking on an exciting new Science project which will focus on the areas of Robotics, Electronic Engineering and Coding. This will encompass 8 sessions in total, culminating in a presentation day in May 2016 where the children will present their creations to the world! The main aim of the project is to inspire young people and give them the skill sets they will need to design the world of tomorrow. All this is possible thanks to kind sponsorship of the Whalen Foundation.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

128 boxes were brought to the school. Many thanks to all the families who took part and to the Shoebox Appeal Team who collected the boxes.

Special Class

As our Science lesson this week, Special Class made balloon rockets. We had fun launching the rockets in the hall and comparing distance travelled. Second and third classes joined in our investigation.

National Flags for Primary Schools Project

As part of the Ireland 2016 State commemorative Programme to celebrate 100 years since the Proclamation of the Irish Republic, Scoil Mhuire will receive its own National Flag in a special ceremony to be held on Tuesday 1st December. Along with a pack to explain how to care for the flag, information on the programme, a poster of Amhrán na bhFiann and our National Anthem, the Proclamation will be read by members of the Defence team and some of the students and there will be time for questions and answers. The Programme will culminate in Proclamation Day on 15th March 2016 where every school will raise the National Flag in special ceremonies. Due to space constraints, we are unable to invite parents to this ceremony. Specific times have not been given yet.

The boys and girls **Connemara U-II Olympic Handball Championship** will take place in the Connemara Sports and Leisure Centre on the 2nd of December. Among the schools to participate will be Claddaghduff, Kingstown, Tully, Eagles Nest and ourselves. A squad will be chosen from fourth and fifth classes to represent our school on the day. We wish them the very best of luck and we will inform you in how they got on in the next newsletter.