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# NEWSLETTER 5 - January 2017

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

As Catholic schools, we can play an essential role in shaping the future of our planet by working together to care for our common home. Our world is a gift from God and we are called to act as both stewards and protectors during our time here. It is our responsibility to care for our world and make it a better place for the next generation. Through the encyclical letter *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminds us of the necessity and importance of caring for our common home.

The daily themes are as follows:

**Monday:** Seeing the beauty of our common home

**Tuesday:** Caring for our common home

**Wednesday:** Grandparents: Watching over our common home

**Thursday:** Protecting our common home

**Friday:** Sharing our common home

## NOTES FOR ABSENCES

When a child is absent from school, parents must send a note to the teacher to explain the reason for the child's absence. Parents may like to fill in the notes at the back of the journal or write their own note if they prefer. It is really important that the reason for the absence is given for example illness etc... Schools must collect this information and if a child is absent for twenty days or more in any school year the school must report this information to TUSLA (The Child and Family Agency) and must give details of the reason for the absences. If parents send in a note that the child was absent on eg January 9th and do not give a reason the school must record that as an unexplained absence.

## ENROLMENT FORMS 2017/2018

Enrolment forms are now available at Scoil Mhuire (or Clifden playschool) for new entrants 2017/2018

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Christmas concert was a tremendous success. Events like these enable everyone to come together

and celebrate all that is great in our school. The whole school community rallied behind the cause and we had a wonderful night. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the students, the teachers, Marie Walsh and the Parent's Association for all the hard work and creative energy that they put in to making this night possible. . Well done to all!

## PARKING AT CLUID

Scoil Mhuire greatly appreciates that Cluid allows children to walk home via its premises. This walk home can foster a growing sense of independence for children and is proving very convenient for parents. In recent weeks, however, it has become apparent that many parents are still collecting their children at this entrance and if this continues, Scoil Mhuire will have no choice but to shut it down due to Health and Safety concerns.

## PARENT TEACHER CONTACTS (13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> of February)

This is the time of year when the main Parent/Teacher meetings take place in Scoil Mhuire. These meetings provide an opportunity to discuss a child's progress and to give information from parent to teacher and vice versa. It is very important for a child to know that home and school are working together in the best interests of all the children. Timetables for these meetings will be sent home shortly.

## SHADOWLANDS EXHIBITION

The exhibition will be held in the space beside the AIB Clifden. The artwork was created by 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> class of Scoil Mhuire. The exhibition will be open on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 1pm – 3pm and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 11am and 3pm February. Refreshments are included. There will be a musical performance by 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at the exhibition. A special thanks to Alannah Robins that helped 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

*(Read overleaf for details on the exhibition)*

## Dates for the diary

February 3: Shadowland Exhibition

February 11: First Confession

February 13-17: Parent-Teacher meetings.

**School closes at 14.50 Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16.**

February 23-24: Mid Term Break

April 6: Confirmation

May 6: First Holy Communion

## Alannah Robins

Last October, Alannah Robins the artist came to Scoil Mhuire to work on an art project with 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes. Alannah worked on a variety of art styles with us.

### Blind contour

Blind contour is where you look at the object you have to draw and you are not allowed to look at the page.

### Ten second drawing

Ten second drawing is where you have ten seconds to draw as much of a person as well as you can.

### Reverse Shadow

Reverse Shadow is where Alannah gave us black paper and an object from a mystery bag and we had to draw the object with chalk and put the shadow in white.

## Proclamation

Alannah Robins chose the theme 1916. We were then separated into groups. In the groups, we chose a theme from the proclamation 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class wrote last year. The top three themes were homelessness, education and animal welfare. We decided to show off our themes by making trees out of cardboard. We chose trees to symbolise that everyone deserves an education, a home and animals deserve to be treated with care.

### What did we use?

We used a tough card that curled up so it was tricky to work with. We then started to use corrugated cardboard for bases and stands etc. We didn't use regular tape. We used a tougher kind that you had to wet before you use it.

Award Winners	Student of the Week	Best Effort	Best Person
<b>Junior Infants</b> Mrs. V	CLASS AWARD FOR FANTASTIC IN CHRISTMAS SHOW Lily Shanahan-Harry Sun-Oisin O'Sullivan-Aoibhin O'Malley- Rory Ashe-Teagan Larkin		
<b>Junior Infants</b> Muínteoir Bairbre	CLASS AWARD FOR FANTASTIC IN CHRISTMAS SHOW Jakub Gdynia- Cormac Heanue-Luke Walsh-Ruth Abraham- Carla Carroll-Ryan Morrissey		
<b>Senior Infants</b>	Kevin Coyne Kacper Pietraszewski Drew Lambert Siobhan McGonagle Molly O'Rourke	Ella Morrow Barry Loveland Cara McNamara Zuzanna Bobrowska Leyla-Rose Sweeney	Nelly Harris Kyle/Oisin Gavin Teresa Conroy Clodagh Lee Daragh Keenan
<b>First class</b>	CLASS AWARD		
	Tom Mansfield Tristan Sun Edel Nee	Mikayla Folan Naoise Barry Matthew Mc Evaddy	Kate Gavin Ibrahim Bankole Shannon Acton
<b>Second class</b>	Lucas O'Halloran Sharon Thornton Ella Coohill	Sean Coyne Georgia Lambert Chantelle Sweeney	Jack O'Donnell Stephen O'Rourke Iseult O'Flaherty
<b>Third class</b>	Laura Malone Aoibhin O'Connor Tara Heanue Heather King	Claudia Harris Oisin Foyle Adam Duke Jude Mc Evaddy/Ethan Dooley	Majka Janus Maksymilian Waligorski Caoimbhe McLoughlin Jack Acton
<b>Fourth class</b>	John Lambert Luke Acton Sean Walsh Chloe Conneely	Zak Mahon Evan King Kaiya Joyce Eve Mc Carthy	Ruthie McLoughlin Jade Flaherty Ciaran Davitt Ahmad Bankole
<b>Fifth class</b>	Sebastian Smith Mia O'Connor Kane Pocock Clíodhna Conroy	Kevin Allen Timmy Malone Chloe Allen Nathan Acton	Billy Carey Jake O'Flaherty Conor Knight Ronan Mannion
<b>Sixth class</b>	Hannah Joyce Laura Conroy Shane Lee Kyle Byrke	Kamila Ktobukowska Axel Prevost Camilla Ktobukowska Kealan Barry	Alannah Carty Robyn Flaherty Michéal King Amy Nevin
<b>Seventh class</b>	Noe McLoughlin		
<b>Eighth class</b>	Ciaran Coohill- Luke Walsh		
<b>Special Awards</b>	Ellen Conneely- Cillian Mannion-Klara Ktobukowska-Tadhg McDonagh-Teresa Conroy Leyla Sweeney-Drew Lambert- Ryan Morrissey-Tadhg McDonagh- Ellieann O'Toole Jake Bann-Maia Barry- Ellen Conneely- Tiernan Lee- Sharon Thornton-Arfin Chowdory		