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Class allocation 2018/2019

Junior Infants: Mrs O'Malley
Senior Infants: Ms King
1st class: Mrs Clancy
2nd class: Mr Lee
3rd class: Ms Chonchubhair
4th class: Ms. Staunton
5th class: Ms Mullen
6th class: Ms Joyce
7th class: Ms Keogh
8th class: Ms Mitchell
Support Teachers: Mrs McEvaddy,
Ms Lynagh, Ms Vaughan

Intergenerational Day 2018

Scoil Mhuire and residents of Cluid are celebrating Intergenerational Day 2018 on Thursday the 24th of May. Cluid residents are lending us their quilt for the week! Scoil Mhuire children will have a chance to view it and to make their own square, about their own life, on paper. On the Thursday, the residents will come to talk about their own square in the quilt and the children can share their square and stories with them. The children's square will be displayed in the classroom/school, to form their very own quilt. We are hoping to have some entertainment in the hall after lunch, to finish off the day.

End of School Year Reports

The reports will be posted to parents mid-June, with calendar for school year. Book lists for each class level will be put on the school website at the end of June.

Michael Jacobs

We look forward to Michael Jacobs' visit. He is a wildlife and environmental expert and is coming to the school for 2 days next week.

Parents Association

Scoil Mhuire would like to thank all parents, particularly those involved in the PA for their hard work on behalf the school this year. In this academic year alone the PA has helped us to fund music, reading programmes and computing -enriching the lives of all the students and helping the teachers to do the best job that they can do.

Accelerated Reader

Scoil Mhuire has invested heavily in Literacy education over the last few years. Students from Junior Infants to Second class use graded readers that are specifically targeted at their Reading level. Next year we will have two Reading recovery teachers to support children as they learn to read. In order to build on this progress we will be introducing the Accelerated Reader programme from 3rd class to 6th class next year. Reading is a skill and, as with every skill, it requires

Dates for the diary

MAY

Friday 25: School closed for Polling
Monday 28: Michael Jacobs
Tuesday 29: Michael Jacobs

JUNE

Friday 1: School closed till Tuesday 5 June
Wednesday 6: 4th class tour to Recess
Thursday 7: 5th class tour to Recess
Friday 8: 6th class tour to Achill
Wednesday 13: Senior Infants shore exploration
Thursday 14: GAA blitz in Oughterard
Friday 15: Incoming Infants open day
Wednesday 20: Infants class tour to Loughwell Farm
Thursday 21: Soccer blitz in Letterfrack
Friday 22: Graduation Mass
Tuesday 26: School closes for Summer

not just instruction but practice. Reading practice serves a number of purposes. It enables pupils to apply the skills and strategies that you teach. It gives us opportunities to check pupil learning and identify weaknesses. And it draws pupils into the world of "real" reading – a world in which people learn from and enjoy books. Practice does not automatically lead to growth, however, to be effective, practice must have certain attributes: It must be at the right level of difficulty, cover a sufficient amount of time, be guided by the instructor, and be enjoyable enough to sustain. The purpose of Accelerated Reader is to enable powerful practice.

It does this by:

- * Providing data that helps us monitor and personalise reading practice.
- * Encouraging substantial amounts of practice, according to guidelines based on research findings.
- * Making practice fun for pupils by facilitating successful encounters with text.

We look forward to engaging with this programme and would like to thank the PA for their support in implementing AR.

Social media

The use of social media is prohibited in school, however the effects of its use can often be felt here. Several issues that have arisen outside of school have negatively affected relationships within the school. We strongly encourage parents to monitor their child's online activity and to be aware that Ireland's digital age of consent is 16 years of age.

First Holy Communion.

Second Class celebrated their First Holy Communion on the 12th of May. In all 25 boys and girls received the Holy bread for the very first time. It was really a special day. All the boys and girls were dressed immaculately and looked beautiful. They participated wonderfully in the ceremony with their superb reading and singing. Many thanks to the choir and their teachers for enhancing our day with music. It is a day which we will not forget for a long time.



Award Winners	Student of the Week	Best Effort	Best Person
Junior Infants	Amy Tevlin Ewan Prevost	Michael Conroy Zarah Joyce	Ciara Francis Emetas Bielskis
Senior Infants	Matthew O'Flaherty Aine Coneys Aoibhin O'Malley Matthew O'Toole	Luke Walsh Rebecca Ward Cormac Heanue Lily Shanahan	Ruth Abraham James Dooley Caoimhe Foyle Mimi Brow
First class Mrs Salmon	Devna Das Drew Lambert	Kevin Coyne Molly O'Rourke	Aaliyah Bankole Aaliyah Bankole
First class Mrs Clancy	Siobhan McGonagle	Oisin Gavin	Kyle Gavin
Second class	Tom Mansfield	Megan Griffiths	Alan Kelly
Third class	Daragh Conroy Ella Prauer	Amy Heffernan Tony Kottoor Binu	Lucas O'Halloran Chantelle Sweeney
Fourth class	Siofra Gannon Heather King	Ethan Dooley Caoimbhe McLoughlin	Laura Malone Stephen Dickinson Ellieann O'Toole
Fifth class	Nils Prevost Luke Acton Ruth McLoughlin	Angela Thornton John Lambert Sean Walsh	Jack Weesjes Chloe Conneely Jade Flaherty
Sixth class	Emilia Jarosz Alan Atkinson Jake O'Flaherty	Kane Pocock Daniel Conroy Ronan Heanue	Conor Knight
Special Awards	Special Mention to 4th class for their involvement in the Cake Sale. Special Person Award: Meibh Dickinson Outstanding participation during Sports Week: Sean Coyne, Lucas O'Halloran, Mikayla Folan, Alex McGowan.		