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NEWSLETTER 8– April 2016

WE WELCOME BACK ALL THE PUPILS TO SCOIL MHUIRE FOR THEIR FINAL TERM IN THE SCHOOL YEAR.

It is very important to keep up good attendance and to arrive on time for class daily. The majority of pupils arrive on time in the morning, unfortunately, a small number arrive late some mornings. Late arrivals are disruptive for other pupils and the class teacher.

STANDARDISED TESTING

Classes from First to Sixth will begin their standardised tests in English and in Maths from the 17th to the 19th of May. A standardised test is a test that measures a child's achievement compared to other children in all schools at the same class or age level. We will send out end of year reports in early June. The report card will be the same as the one used last year. It will include the results of the standardised tests which will be described as a 'STen score'. STen scores go from 1 to 10. About one third of children have scores in the average range of STen score 5 and 6. A STen of 7 means that the child is a high average and a STen score of 8-10 mean that the child is well above average. A STen score of 4 means that the child is a low average and a STen score of 1-3 is a score well below average. **It is important to remember that no matter what score a child gets one score taken in isolation is not a complete picture of a child's learning in that particular subject.**

We will send an information leaflet for parents in relation to standardised testing and STen scores with each child's report. Parents are welcome to make an appointment to discuss the reports with the relevant teachers if they wish.

DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

May 2-6: Mid-term break
May 11: Intergenerational Day
May 16: Paul McCavery from TUSLA
May 17: New Entrants Parents Day
May 19: Cycle Training Day for 6th class
May 21: First Holy Communion

NEW ENTRANTS

A meeting for parents of New Junior Infants for 2016/2017 will take place in Scoil Mhuire on **Tuesday 17th May at 2.15 pm.** It is important for all the parents to come to the meeting as important advice, rules as well as paperwork will be handed out on the day. The meeting should be finished before 3 pm. This meeting is for parents ONLY.

HEALTH SCREENING

The Public Health Nurse will visit the school this week to do Hearing and Vision check for Junior Infants.

SWIMMING

First and Second classes have started their swimming lessons in the Station House. All the children are enjoying the classes and making good progress. We remind you that hats are compulsory to get in to the swimming pool.

DAFFODIL DAY 2016

The Clifden Branch of Irish Cancer Society wish to thank the **children of Scoil Mhuire** for their generous donation of **€270**

GREEN SCHOOL NEWS

Scoil Mhuire would like to thank Triona, David Gavin and their children Kate (SI) and Adam (2nd class) for taking such great care of our hens over the Easter holidays.

The green school committee have been working extremely hard towards Green Flag No3, the theme of which is WATER. Sinead Ní Mhannín from Galway County Council visited and inspected our school on February 25th and was very impressed with our water harvesting system, school garden and most of all with the highly capable and enthusiastic committee members. Well done to all involved.

Our new polytunnel is up and running and we have already received offers from parents and grandparents to help out plant and maintain planting projects during the summer months. Please contact the school if you wish to volunteer.

**Thank you for
your continued support
in keeping Scoil Mhuire
clean and green!**