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# NEWSLETTER 9– May 2016

## Active School Week

Scoil Mhuire Active School week will take place from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 25<sup>th</sup>. The ASW initiative is about providing FUN and INCLUSIVE physical activity opportunities for ALL members of the school community. It allows schools to reinforce the message that not only is physical activity good for you but it also very enjoyable. It provides schools with an excellent opportunity to raise awareness about the physical activity opportunities that are available in their locality and to work collaboratively with students, parents and members of the community.

## Standardised Testing

Classes from First to Sixth will begin their standardised tests in English and in Maths from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> of May.

## All Ireland Plearacha Champions

Four pupils from Scoil Mhuire, namely Jane Conroy, Aoife Mannion, Roisin King, Sabhdh O'Toole and Laura Conroy, took part in the All Ireland Plearacha Finals place in Ennis Co. Clare, during the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

They participated in the Senior competition and their performance included singing, dancing, story-telling and music playing. The performance lasted around 30 minutes. There were 42 participants in their group with the youngest being 11 years of age and quite a few adults.

The Scoil Mhuire participants won the Senior All Ireland Title for Plearacha 2016.

There was great celebrations afterwards with a convoy around town and bonfires to welcome them home.

Congratulations to all, we are very proud of the children who brought an All Ireland Cup. It is not everyday that we share a classroom with All Ireland champions! This is a wonderful achievement and we at Scoil Mhuire are very proud of these gifted students. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Parent's Association for fully funding Marie's involvement with the school.

## Soccer tournament

An in-school soccer tournament will take place in May/June. We hope that the finals will take place during Active school week.

## Intergenerational Day

Scoil Mhuire and residents of Clúid are celebrating Intergenerational Day 2016 on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May. The older generation will demonstrate some of the old crafts and in return, senior class students will organise a short concert in the afternoon. Invitations will be sent out soon.

## Cycle Training

Cycle training will take place for Sixth class on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May. This will teach students safe cycling techniques and open participants to the option of an invaluable and inexpensive form of exercise at a time when lack of exercise is a cause for concern. All the equipment will be supplied including bicycles.

## Transition programme and visit to the Community school

Sixth class were extremely fortunate to work with Fergal Clancy-a mentor . Fergal works with many primary and post primary schools in the surrounding areas. He is dealing with many areas with the pupils from Scoil Mhuire, including transition to secondary school and making this transition as smooth as possible. Fergal also looks at respect, respecting ourselves and others. The children did a lot of work on self-help tips about dealing with difficult situations and the appropriate procedures to help you overcome these situations. The students of Scoil Mhuire are really enjoyed these sessions and are gained great coping skills and life skills as a result.

As part of this transition programme, Sixth class will be visiting the Community school on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of May.

## Holy Communion

As you know First Communion will be held on Saturday May 21st at 11.00 a.m. in St. Joseph's Church, Clifden. The children are busy preparing for the sacrament, doing their bible stories, learning their prayers, hymns and the mass responses. They will be going to the church next week for practice and we would welcome parents to come and help with supervision going to and from the church.

First Communion is always a beautiful ceremony and everyone remembers their own day. The children in Scoil Mhuire in third, fourth, fifth and sixth classes have been the main Choir members for the last few years. Each year they have been wonderful and have added so much to the ceremony. At school we are busy preparing the choir hymns with the senior classes. This will make the First Communion all the more special for the boys and girls and indeed their families and friends. The more children we have in

the Choir the better! If at all possible please make sure your child takes part.

## Stay Safe Programme

Teachers in Scoil Mhuire are going to be teaching a personal safety education programme called Stay Safe to all classes in our school. The aim of the Stay Safe programme is to teach children personal safety skills so they can look after themselves in situations which could be upsetting or dangerous. It deals initially with common situations which most children will experience at some stage or other, e.g. getting lost or being bullied. The programme also teaches children the safety skills necessary to protect themselves from physical or sexual abuse. Essentially the programme teaches children to tell a trusted adult about any problems they may have. More information on this programme can be found on [www.staysafe.ie](http://www.staysafe.ie).



## Help Needed!



Funds are needed to allow Scoil Mhuire Parents Association to continue paying for **music classes** for the children of Scoil Mhuire and also to support its other activities such as **swimming contribution; instruments; books; equipment, Santa** etc.

Some parents have suggested a **Summer Fete on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 2016.**

School Management are behind the idea however it can't happen without people to help out (ideas, organising and on the day)

**Please attend a Summer Fete meeting in the School on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm**

*If you can't attend the meeting but are willing to help out please text Anna on 0876246863 or message us on our Facebook page.*