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NEWSLETTER 2 - October 2018

Congratulations to Dolores McDonnell SNA on the birth of her baby boy Nathan.

Scoil Mhuire Parents Association

The AGM took place on Tuesday 16th October. Please see the list of NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS on the back page.

The BOM of Scoil Mhuire would like to take this opportunity to thank the PA for all their hard work and commitment to supporting our school.

Sea Week

As part of this programme, we participated in a Soccer blitz which we are delighted to say that **we won**.

This is Leo Hallissey's last time organising the Sea week festival and Scoil Mhuire would like to thank him for his selfless hard work and dedication. It's rare that an individual can combine such organisational genius, ferocious energy and an alternative approach to challenges. He truly is a Renaissance man. We look forward to seeing what he focusses on next!!

Pirate Show

To celebrate Sea Week in Scoil Mhuire, on Thursday, Nico Brown will present his "Pirate Show" that requires a huge amount of audience participation, are looking forward to it!

Hallowe'en Dress up

Children can wear costumes on Thursday. Please note that scary masks, props or face paint are not permitted and we would appreciate it if costumes aren't too scary!! Contributions to SVP welcome.

Cross country County finals

In the Galway county finals, our 3rd and 4th class boys' team (Ibrahim Bankole, Stephen O'Rourke, Oisín Maher, Darragh Conroy, Evan O'Malley and Milosz Olchowj) finished 5th, missing out on a medal by only 5 points. Oisín Maher became the county champion in the same race when he finished strongly to take the gold medal. Our two girls, Rachel Dooley and Aoibh Morrow ran exceptionally well and Callum King was close to the medals in the Senior boys' event.

Oisín then represented Scoil Mhuire in the cross country Connaught finals on Saturday 13th of October. In dreadful weather conditions, Oisín fought his way through the field and finished 4th overall. We are very proud of Oisín and all our athletic club's achievements this year. Home time laps will continue every Friday and has now been opened up to include Second class. In order to participate, the children need to bring running gear (change of shoes, socks and shorts). Scoil Mhuire would like to thank Declan Maher for his continued support with the Athletics club.

Accelerated Reader

The Parent's Association and the B.O.M. of Scoil Mhuire have invested in developing an Accelerated Reader programme for 3rd to 6th class students. AR is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child chooses a book at his/her own level and reads it at his own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the com-

puter. (Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what was read.) AR gives both children and teachers feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help your child set goals and direct ongoing reading practice.

Children using AR choose their own books to read, rather than having one assigned to them. This makes reading a much more enjoyable experience as they can choose books that are interesting to them. Teachers will help your child choose books at an appropriate reading level that are challenging without being frustrating, ensuring that your child can pass the quiz and experience success.

AR is a powerful tool for monitoring and managing independent reading practice. With AR, teachers can create a reading programme to meet the needs of every student. Using information generated by the software, teachers can help students select books that are difficult enough to keep them challenged, but not too difficult to cause frustration. In addition, it helps teachers to monitor students' vocabulary growth, literacy skills development and reading skills taught through other reading schemes. Accelerated Reader (AR) produces an average of two years' reading age growth in just one academic year while promoting reading for pleasure. Scoil Mhuire looks forward to getting started with AR after the mid-term.

Chickenpox

Here are the recommendations from the Department of Education: "Chickenpox / Shingles Chickenpox is a viral illness, which causes fever, general malaise and a characteristic blistering rash. The rash appears as small red "pimples" usually starting on the back, chest and stomach and spreading to the face, scalp, arms and elsewhere. Within a few hours the "pimples" become blisters, which begin to dry and crust within about 24 hours. Blisters may develop in the mouth and throat that can be painful and may give rise to difficulty in swallowing. The rash appears as a succession of crops over 3 to 5 days. Chickenpox is not usually severe in children but can cause more serious symptoms in adults. The virus lies dormant in the body after chickenpox and may cause an attack of shingles in later life. A person with shingles is infectious and can give others chickenpox. It is not possible to get shingles from a case of chickenpox. The disease spreads easily from person-to-person. The greatest risk of transmission is just before the onset of the rash. Precautions: Pregnant women or individuals with impaired immunity who have not had the disease and are in contact with a case should seek medical advice promptly. Children under 18 with chickenpox should not be given aspirin or any aspirin containing products due to an association with Reyes syndrome, a very serious and potentially fatal condition. Exclusion: Those with chickenpox should be excluded from school until scabs are dry; this is usually 5-7 days after the appearance of the rash. Those with shingles, whose lesions cannot be covered, should be excluded from school until scabs are dry. Resources: Useful information on chicken pox can be found at <http://www.hpsc.ie/hpsc/A-Z/VaccinePreventable/VaricellaChickenpox/>."

Team Hope Shoe Appeal

Leaflets will be distributed on Monday 5th November and the boxes will be collected on Friday November 9th. If you could start gathering bits and pieces for the Christmas Shoe Boxes over the Mid Term Break, you will be ahead of the game!

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PARENT ASSOCIATION

Committee Members 2018-2019

Chairperson-Kevin Gavin
 Vice Chair-Sophia Hume
 Secretary-Susan Cockburn
 Vice Secretary -Eileen Burke
 Treasurer-Aine Conroy
 Vice Treasurer-Sharon Maher
 Public Relations-Terri Guy
 Vice Public Relations-Eileen Burke
 Committee member-Anne Ashe
 Committee member-Kevin O'Connor
 Peter Carey-Parent Rep BOM
 Olivia Staunton-Parent Rep BOM



AWARDS	STUDENT OF THE WEEK	BEST EFFORT	SPECIAL PERSON
JUNIOR INFANTS	AOIBHEANN MADDEN HALLE JOYCE CAMERON JOYCE	BEN WALSH SIMON O'CONNOR CLODAGH LEE	JESSY GORDON EVIN JACOB KOCHUMMAN SAOIRSE MITCHELL
SENIOR INFANTS	ZARAH JOYCE RACHEL WARD AMELIA DUKE	ADDISON GUY EWAN PREVOST ELLA MCDONAGH	MEGAN O'ROURKE AMELIE MAHON EMETAS BIELSKIS
FIRST CLASS	MIMI BROW ROISIN LOVELAND MATTHEW O'TOOLE	OISIN O'SULLIVAN AVA CONLON AINE CONEYS	BRIDGET ELLA CONROY RORY ASHE LUKE WALSH
SECOND CLASS	KYLE GAVIN KYLE GAVIN ALEX MCGOWAN	NELLY HARRIS LEYLA ROSE SWEENEY MAEVE DE COURCEY	BENJAMIN WALIGORSKI DEVNA DAS AOIFE GORHAM
THIRD CLASS	EMMA MADDEN ELLEN CONNEELY RACHEL DOOLEY	MATTHEW MC EVADDY MEERA O'TOOLE JOEY LOVELAND	ROISIN O'TOOLE CIARAN KING SHANNON ACTON
FOURTH CLASS	OISIN MAHER GEORGIA LAMBERT MILOSZ OLCHOWY	HOLLY O'TOOLE ELLA PRAUER LILLIAN DAMSKA	LUCAS O'HALLORAN AOIBH MORROW SHARON THORNTON
FIFTH CLASS	CLAUDIA HARRIS ELLIEANN O'TOOLE MIA BARRY SIOFRA GANNON	MARCUS MANNING HEATHER KING LAURA MALONE LAZLO SIPOS	TRACEY ANNABELLE CONROY OISIN FOYLE DUBHEASA O'CONNOR ALEXANDER SUN
SIXTH CLASS	MAX BAYLIS MACDARRAGH CONEYS NILS PREVOST	AHMAD BANKOLE KAYIA JOYCE CHLOE CONNEELY JADE FLAHERTY	AISLING POCOCK ZAK MAHON EVE MCCARTHY
SPECIAL AWARDS	ELLA COOHILL- MILO O'FLAHERTY- LUKE WALSH AOIBHE GAVIN-MAEVE DE COURCEY- HARRY SUN		