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STANDARDISED TESTING

Classes from First to Sixth will begin their standardised tests in English and Maths before the Easter break where possible. 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 through Aladdin 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.

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. It could be argued that these standardised scores merely reflect how good the children are at a particular Standardised test. I would advise parents not to discuss these scores with their children. This is doubly true for high achievers as research has shown that concentration on their high standardised test scores at the expense of discussion of their school based effort can lead the development of a fixed mindset. Children who have predominantly fixed mindsets have been found to be risk adverse, believe in talent over effort and lack resilience in challenging situations.

There is an information leaflet attached to this Newsletter for parents in relation to standardised testing.. Parents are welcome to make an appointment to discuss the reports with the relevant teachers if they wish. Please note that these Standardised tests are taking place earlier than usual in the school year and this may affect the outcomes. Furthermore we are doing our tests online for the first time with our third to sixth classes.

DAFFODIL DAY IN SCOIL MHUIRE

Many thanks to all of you who took part in the Daffodil Day last Friday. A whopping €250 was collected and will be lodged into the Irish Cancer Society account shortly.

FIRST PENANCE

Congratulations to the children of Second class who had their First Penance ceremony on Saturday 9th March. The children made this occasion

so special with their wonderful reading and singing. Many thanks to Aodan McGlynn for his help in co-ordinating the music. A truly special occasion.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

It was a majestic sight to behold the Scoil Mhuire band marching in the St. Patrick's Day parade once again. The BOM would like to thank the whole school community for their contribution to this unique experience.

TRANSITION PROGRAMME

The transition to secondary school is both an exciting and challenging event for students and parents alike. Our transition programme tries to ensure that this transition is smooth and that the students can anticipate what lies ahead. This year's programme will involve the children going out in small groups to maximise the attentiveness that they receive. The trips will be approximately one and a half duration and will involve a tour as well as attendance at a class. This is in addition to the main visit where they go as a whole class. The first visit took place today and Scoil Mhuire would like to thank Allison King for all her hard work facilitating this event.

CONFIRMATION

Fifth and Sixth class have been preparing tirelessly for tomorrow's confirmation (2pm) and our (third and fourth class) choir have been well primed by teachers and Aodán to augment the occasion. Scoil Mhuire would like to thank the whole school community for their contribution to this wonderful sacrament.

MEETING FOR PARENTS JI

Scoil Mhuire is delighted to host a meeting with the parents of prospective enrollees for Junior Infants next year. This meeting is for parents only and will concentrate on how to best prepare to start your child in school. I look forward to meeting you there. There will be a meeting for the children later.

OVERVIEW 2018/2019

APRIL

STANDARDISED TESTING

15th to 26th April: Easter Break

MAY

6th May: Bank Holiday

11th May: First Holy Communion

JUNE

3rd June: Bank Holiday

21st June: 6th Class Graduation

26th June at 12.30: Summer Break

FAI FIVE-A-SIDE

The Five-a-side soccer competition has been rescheduled for the 1st April in Barna. Apologies again to those parents who didn't receive a postponement notice. We have three teams competing- two boys teams and one girls team. We would to wish them all the best of luck.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Scoil Mhuire will close for the Easter break on Friday 12th of April. Infants and their siblings will leave at 12:15pm and the rest of the children will depart at 12:30pm.

SCHOOL BAND- Tradfest

The school band will be opening the Tradfest in Clifden at 11.15 on Friday 12th of April. Full school uniform must be worn. The band will gather in the school at 10.45 and then assemble on the Galway Road. The band will complete their performance on the square.

We are looking forward to a wonderful day!

PS: Please keep a close eye on your phone: Should the march be rescheduled due to bad weather, we will text all families.

AWARDS	STUDENT OF THE WEEK	BEST EFFORT	SPECIAL PERSON
JUNIOR INFANTS	Rebecca O'Grady	Mary Foyle	Dáithí McNamara
SENIOR INFANTS	Megan O'Rourke	Amelia Duke	Michael Conroy
FIRST CLASS	Cormac Heanue	Dylan Lacey	Shane Conneely
SECOND CLASS	Kyle Gavin	Olwyn Conroy	Siobhan McGonagle
THIRD CLASS	Shannon Acton	Edel Nee	Emma Madden
FOURTH CLASS	Tiernan Lee	Alexandra Ilieva	Niamh Heanue
FIFTH CLASS	Rachel Abraham	Majka Janus	Clementine Lavelle
SIXTH CLASS	Luke Acton	Jack Kennington	Seamus King
SPECIAL AWARDS	Oisin O'Sullivan—Faye Walsh—Adam Heanue—Ciaran Coohill		