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# NEWSLETTER 2 - October 2019

## Board of Management

A new Board of Management will take office in December. We are seeking nominations for one father and one mother of pupils in classes from Junior Infants to Rang 2 who wish to become members for the 4 year term. If you are interested, please complete the nomination form that was sent home last week and return it to the office before 11am on Friday the 25th of October. Further information is available on our website and extra nomination forms are also available to download there too.

## Scoil Mhuire Parents Association

The AGM took place on Monday 7th October. Please see the list of New Committee Members on the back page.

## Sea Week

As part of this programme, Gordon D'Arcy will be visiting the school on Wednesday the 23rd of October to impart knowledge regarding local flora and fauna in his own inimitable style. The After the Light parade will take place on the same evening and all are welcome to Lettertrack.

## Rugby with Jason Walsh

We would like to thank Connemara RFC, the IRFU and in particular Jason for the weekly rugby sessions. Jason is currently working with Third and Fourth class on Wednesdays.

## Hallowe'en Dress up

Children can wear costumes on Friday the 25th of October. 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.

## Dance with Magda

Magdalena Hylak O'Connor has returned to the school this week in order to expand on the work that she started with the Senior classes in the school during Arts Week. Creative Movement and Dance Workshops are based on improvisation and play to experience and explore ways of communicating through movement in an inclusive and non-competitive environment. Pupils work in



groups, pairs and solo to develop body awareness, flexibility and stamina as well as use their imagination to create a unique movement and their very own dance.

## Halloween Bake Sale

On behalf of all the student council, we would like to invite you to our Halloween Bake Sale on Friday 25th of October at 1.30pm. There will be games, raffles, live music and cakes of all sorts. Feel free to bring some of your own goodies to be sold as all proceeds go to the future of Scoil Mhuire. We look forward to seeing you, Aoi-bhín—Council Secretary & Clementine—Junior Voice.

## Car Park

In order for our car park to function well, we need to ensure that the roundabout area is for drop-off only—if cars are parked there it adversely impacts on the car parks effectiveness. School is open to receive pupils from 9.05-9.15. Only parents of Infants and SEN Children should use the staff car park. It would also be very beneficial if Senior Infant children began to learn to walk in without parental accompaniment. We will have extra support during the week to support people using the car park. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

## Roots of Empathy

Sixth class pupils began their Roots of Empathy instruction on Friday. Scoil Mhuire is very grateful to Siorcha O'Sullivan and baby Patrick. Roots of Empathy is an evidence-based programme delivered in primary school classrooms which has shown significant effect in reducing levels of aggression among school children by raising social-emotional competence and increasing empathy.

At the heart of the programme is a baby and parent who visit the classroom every three weeks during the school year. A trained Roots of Empathy instructor coaches the children to observe the baby's development and to label the baby's feelings. The baby is the "teacher" in this experiential learning, while the instructor helps the children identify and reflect on their own feelings and the feelings of others.



Not baby Patrick!

The Roots of Empathy instructor also visits before and after each family visit to prepare and reinforce teachings using a specialised lesson plan for each visit. Research results from national and international evaluations of Roots of Empathy indicate significant reductions in aggression and increases pro-social behaviours.

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## PARENT ASSOCIATION

### Committee Members 2018-2019

Chairperson-Kevin Gavin  
 Vice Chair-Sophia Hume  
 Secretary-Susan Cockburn  
 Treasurer-Áine Conroy  
 Vice Treasurer-Sharon Maher  
 Public Relations-Marlena Olchowa &  
 Guislane Vandezande  
 Vice Public Relations-Eileen Burke  
 Committee member-Anne Ashe  
 Committee member-Kevin O'Connor  
 Committee member - Katie Lacey  
 Committee member - Therese Boulger

# Scoil Mhuire Fancy Dress Halloween Disco

**FRIDAY 25TH  
OCTOBER  
6:30PM TO 8PM  
CLIFDEN TOWN HALL**

**DJ Michael 'Mummified' McNeill**

**Children €5 Family €10**

**Parents Free**

**All Children Must Be Supervised**

**A Scoil Mhuire Parents Association Event**

AWARDS	STUDENT OF THE WEEK	BEST EFFORT	SPECIAL PERSON
JUNIOR INFANTS	Antoni Olchowy Niall Lacey, Dillan Coyne	Layla Weber Luca Bernard	Evelyn Ward Aoife Mannion
SENIOR INFANTS	Rebecca O'Grady Coyle Ben Walsh	Cameron Keogh Emilia O'Sullivan	Evin Jacob Kochumman Jessie Gordon
FIRST CLASS	Amelia Duke	Thomas Conneely Michael Conroy	Kathleen Conroy
SECOND CLASS	Caoimhe Foyle Rory Ashe	Roisin Loveland Cormac Heanue	Harry Sun
THIRD CLASS	Conor Canavan Matthew Carey	Drew Lambert Barry Loveland	Ben Waligorski Molly O'Rourke
FOURTH CLASS	Kieran King, Meera O'Toole April Baylis	Matthew McEvaddy Emily Conroy	Alan Kelly Sami Foyle
FIFTH CLASS	Ali Ilieva Jack O'Donnell	Rahul Joby Aoibh Morrow	James Canavan Stephen O'Rourke
SIXTH CLASS	Abbie McLoughlin Adam Duke	Grace Carey Laszlo Sipos	Oisín Foyle Mia Barry
SPECIAL AWARDS			