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School Self Evaluation for Physical Education

Dear parent(s) and guardian(s),

We are undertaking a self-evaluation of teaching and learning in **PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)** in our school. To help us with this evaluation, we would be very grateful for your views and opinions on a range of matters. In order to ascertain these views and opinions we will be sending a link to an online questionnaire next week. The questionnaire should take between 10 and 15 minutes to complete. We would be very grateful if you would complete it before the 13th of February. Please note that the questionnaire is anonymous.

With thanks,

Dara McAleer

Principal teacher

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS: 10-13 February

This is the time of year when the main Parent/Teacher meetings take place in Scoil Mhuire. These meetings provide an opportunity to discuss a child's progress and to give information from parent to teacher and vice versa. It is very important for a child to know that home and school are working together in the best interests of all the children. A new method of booking is being trialled this year and a link to book a meeting will be sent home to parents shortly. This meeting is a progress report and will take no more than 10 minutes, however, if you have an issue that will require more time, please contact the class teacher as soon as possible. Should parents require separate meetings, please contact the office. If parents cannot make the meeting because of urgent reasons, please let the office know and we might be able to reschedule your appointment.

Note that school will close at 14.45 for 1st to 6th classes that week, to give teachers time for a small break before the meetings.

ENROLMENT FORMS 2020/21

Enrolment forms will soon be available at Scoil Mhuire, on Scoil Mhuire Website and at Clifden playschool for 2020/2021 entrants.

Swimming

Third and Fourth class have begun their swimming lessons this term. Swimming is part of the aquatics strand of our PE curriculum and all children are supposed to participate.

All Ireland Final

It would be remiss of me not to wish my club, Oughterard (Cumann Peile Seamus O'Máille), the best of luck in this year's All-Ireland Intermediate club football final against Magheracloone of Monaghan tomorrow. Up Oughterard!!!

Virtually Here Project

As part of the Virtually Here Pilot for Primary Schools, which will commence in February 2020, five schools from Galway will be involved in this pilot programme throughout this school year and next. We are fortunate to be one of the Five schools selected for this exciting program.

This project explores the lines between natural realities and constructed digital realities. By shifting perspectives, this project will playfully explore the ability to think three-dimensionally within a virtual and augmented reality, developing new skills in digital storytelling, developing storyboards and new narratives within a Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) space.

Learners will discover how creating something on a computer screen, that is created to be explored in VR, requires a constant change of perspective and incorporates many of the curricular skills Immersive Classroom strives to instil. When creating a VR or AR environment, learners not only change between the perspective of the creator and the explorer, they can also take on various perspectives within the world they have created: from the worm's eye to the bird's eye view.

The curricular linkages with such activities when exploring the use of AR and VR in the classroom are endless. The aim of this pilot initiative is to give teachers the tools to use AR and VR independently, so that they can generate motivation in exploring the curriculum from a new perspective and so, begin to challenge young people to see the world differently.

Cisco Ireland, a multinational tech conglomerate will be partnering with Scoil Mhuire on this project and will be installing a state of the art Cisco Webex screen in the school. This will enable us to communicate effectively with other schools and our partner artist- Jojo Hynes.

Roots of Empathy



6th Class is participating in a Roots of Empathy programme since last October. This programme is lead by Ms. Lynagh. Baby Patrick is the centre of this project and it is an amazing experience for all involved watching him grow over the last few months.

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2020—26th January—2nd February 2020

The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is: *Living in Harmony with God's Creation*

The daily themes are as follows:

- Monday:** Living in Harmony with God
Tuesday: Living in Harmony with our Neighbours
Wednesday: Living in Harmony with All Generations
Thursday: Living in Harmony with the Earth
Friday: Living in Harmony in our Catholic School

OVERVIEW 2019/2020		APRIL	STANDARDISED TESTING 6th to 17th April: Easter Break
FEBRUARY	Week of 10th February: P/T MEETINGS 17th to 21st February: Mid Term Break	MAY	4th May: Bank Holiday 9th May: First Holy Communion
MARCH	28th March: First Penance @ 11am 17th March: Bank Holiday	JUNE	1st June: Bank Holiday 25th June at 12.30: Summer Break

AWARDS	STUDENT OF THE WEEK	BEST EFFORT	SPECIAL PERSON
JUNIOR INFANTS	Joshua Whelan	Lucy Dooley	Jade Conneely
	Aoife Mannion	Evelyn Ward	Leyla Weber
SENIOR INFANTS	Seanna Quinn	Mary Foyle	Cameron Keogh
	Mikey Kelly	Aoibheann Madden	Jessy Gordon
FIRST CLASS	Zarah Joyce	James O'Flaherty	Addison Guy
	Amelia Duke	Daniel Otvos	Matthew Allen
SECOND CLASS	James Dooley	Bridget Ella Conroy	Luke Walsh & Dylan Lacey
	Ruth Abraham	Roisin Loveland	Mimi Brow
THIRD CLASS	Molly O'Rourke	Barry Loveland	Ella Morrow & Ava Mitchell
	Matthew Carey	Victoria Todorova	Nelly Harris
FOURTH CLASS	Joe Boote	April Baylis	Filip Dros
	Aiden Tevlin	Tristan Sun	Hayden Quinn
FIFTH CLASS	Sean Coyne	Leah Shaughnessy	Cillian Mannion
	Marco LeDorven	Sharon Thornton	Milosz Olchowj
SIXTH CLASS	Grace Carey & Marcus Manning	Majka Janus	Ethan Dooley
	Aoibhin O'Connor	Heather King	Claudia Harris