

NEWSLETTER 1 - SEPTEMBER 2020

BACK TO SCHOOL!!



Welcome

The school has been open for a few weeks now and it has been a pleasure to observe the children settling back to school and effortlessly adopting the new ways of doing things. I would like to use this opportunity to thank the whole school community for their support during this successful transition. I would like to welcome our new pupils in Junior Infants and our new pupils throughout the school. I would also like to extend a special welcome to all our new staff- Ann Keogh, Ciara Coyne, Louise McNicholas, Gráinne Clancy, Eileen Byrne, Jane Gibbons and John O'Brien. They are bringing wonderful energy, enthusiasm and expertise to our school.

Safety

I think it's important that all our school community realise that we share responsibility for looking after each other. One person not acting responsibly puts others at risk. Keeping people safe and taking three simple precautions around how we cough and sneeze, keeping our hands clean and respecting social distancing are very important in the school now.

Our return to school plan is available on the school website at this [Link](#). We should bear in mind that this can and will be updated as circumstances change.

There are a few important points in it for parents:

1. Children should NOT be sent to school if they are sick.
2. If a child is sent home from school with symptoms of COVID 19, parents must phone their GP for advice before sending the child back to school.
3. Parents must ensure the school has up to date contact details for parents/guardians AND one other contact who could pick up a sick child.
4. Everyone should be aware of the three symptoms of COVID 19:
 - a. Fever (High Temperature)
 - b. Dry Cough
 - c. Tiredness

First Confession

Third class did their First Confession today at 11.30 am. This will prepare the way for their First holy Communion on the 17th of October. Details of this ceremony will be forwarded to parents later.



Donations and Returns

We are looking for donations of sturdy plastic toys for outside play. We would also love to get donations of AR books. You can check if the books are on the AR system via this [Link](#).

We would also really appreciate it if parents would check to see if there are any school books at home- we know that we are still missing some PM books and AR books that we gave out during the lockdown.

If you have toys/books to return or donate, please drop them in after school this Friday from 3-4pm.



Settling in– Slowing Down to Catch Up

As we return to school our curriculum will focus on getting everyone back to school safely and the wellbeing of the whole community.

We will work on the recommended five principles to support the wellbeing of all our pupils and staff.

These are promoting:

- ☺ **A sense of safety**
- ☺ **A sense of calm**
- ☺ **A sense of belonging and connectedness to school**
- ☺ **A sense of self-efficacy and school community efficacy**
- ☺ **A sense of hope**

A **special thanks** to Liam Keogh who generously donated the topsoil for our Woodland project during Lockdown 2020.

Parents Association

Due to Covid-19 restrictions it has proven impractical to organise a Parent's Association AGM and elect new officers. The current PA has kindly agreed to step into the breach and will shoulder the responsibility of supporting the school for another year. Scoil Mhuire deeply appreciates this commitment to our school.



AWARDS	STUDENT OF THE WEEK	BEST EFFORT	SPECIAL PERSON
JUNIOR INFANTS	Eliza Musgrave Evan Keogh	Adamas Bielski Emma Carey	Gavin Linnane David Mata
SENIOR INFANTS	Ava Linnane Aoife Mannion Joshua Whelan	Niall Lacey Dillan Coyne Evelyn Ward	Jamie Shanahan Louis Gavin Aoibhean O'Halloran
FIRST CLASS	Rebecca O'Grady Coyle Frederic Boulger-Neu Lorcan O'Sullivan	Ben Walsh Cameron Keogh Seanna Quinn	Aoibheann Madden Clodagh Lee Matthew Huang
SECOND CLASS	Dylan Prauer Megan O'Rourke	Rachel Ward Ella McDonagh	Ewan Prevost Amy Tevlin
THIRD CLASS	Whole class Shane Conneely Caoimhe Foyle	Nicole O'Neill Lily Shanahan	Emma Dylan Lacey Jakub Gdynia
FOURTH CLASS	Devna Das Molly O'Rourke Cara McNamara	Jason O'Neill	Clodagh Lee
FIFTH CLASS	Edel Nee Matthew McEvaddy Roisin O'Toole	Joey Loveland Naoise Barry Aiden Tevlin	Evan O'Malley Alan Kelly Mikayla Jolan
SIXTH CLASS	Aobh Morrow	Aleksandra Ilieva	Cillian Mannion
SPECIAL AWARDS	Ella Coohill: Excellent Reading Award		