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NEWSLETTER - May 2021

CLAUDINE KNIGHT

We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Vincent, Conor and Sophie on the heart-breaking loss of the wonderful Claudine.

SCHOOL TOURS

School tours will take place this year. In order to comply with Government guidelines they will feature local attractions. We may need some parents to transport students to the local destinations in order to ensure that buses comply with capacity regulations.

GORDON D'ARCY

Gordon D'Arcy, artist and ecologist will be visiting the school on the 28th of May.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The After School club began on Thursday the 13th of May for sixth class.

OUTDOOR PLAY AREA

As part of our outdoor play area development, we are looking at building a sandpit. The picture attached shows an example of what it might look like. I know that there are people out there who could help with this. Please contact us if you are willing to help out with this project.



JOB OPPORTUNITY

Scoil Mhuire is seeking a full-time permanent secretary, commencing August 23rd 2021. Applicants should apply via post before the 31st of May. Additional information can be found on

<https://www.educationposts.ie/post/view/150477>



NEW ENROLLEES

We will be in touch with our incoming Junior Infants shortly regarding an induction programme for next year. We are really looking forward to meeting them all!

SCHOOL REPORTS

School reports will be issued on the 1st of June.

LOTTO WINNER

Congratulations to Eileen Burke who scooped the lotto jackpot of €750 recently. The current jackpot stands at €675 and you can join via:

<https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/scoilmuireclifden>

If you're not in, you can't win!



MAY ALTAR COMPETITION

May is the month of Mary and 1st class made a beautiful May Altar for their classroom. As well as that, their fantastic altar has been entered into an online competition for schools. The competition runs for the month of May and involves schools all across Ireland. Each day a photograph of a May Altar is chosen and uploaded onto the Association of Catholic Teacher's Facebook page. At the end of the month, a prize will be given to the best May Altar. If you follow this link you can have a look at 1st class's entry: <https://m.facebook.com/AssociationOfCatholicTeachers/> Fingers crossed that 1st class are the lucky winners at the end of the month.



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Thanks to Ms. T Gibbons and Olive Carty and their 1st class in Scoil Mhuire National School, Clifden, Co. Galway for sending in this photo of their beautiful May Altar. The stand was made from an old chair and was then painted blue and small holes were made to fit the fairy lights through. The children say a Hail Mary each morning and one child gets to switch the lights on. The children also made the flowers for Our Lady with Mr. Higgins who was on teaching practice with them for the past three weeks.



6th CLASS NEWS

SIXTH CLASS PARTY

Sixth class had a pizza and movie party on Friday the 7th of May. Shane O'Grady of Guy's covered the cost of the pizzas and gave some to the teachers too! We are deeply appreciative of this lovely gesture.

TRANSITION PROGRAMME

Our class did the transition programme for secondary school. Most of us were excited but also a bit nervous about going to the secondary school. Ms. King helped us to get all of our worries out of the way by talking to us about it. She was good at this and gave us loads of new information.

We also had a Zoom call with some of the teachers, Ms. Garvey and Chloe Walsh. It was a very useful conversation about everything we need to know about secondary school. Unfortunately, we did not get to go out to the secondary school to take a look around because of Covid but the Zoom call was the next best thing.

We all had a great time learning all about the secondary school and are all very excited to go in August.

SCIENCE BLAST OFF

We've been working on our science project with Graham, Bowen and Declan. We are focusing on life in space which includes chemistry, gravity and much more. Two weeks ago we were doing an experiment on how fast things move and fall. Daragh stood on the chair with a €2 coin and a 10c coin. He put the two coins in one hand and dropped them at the same time. The point of this experiment was to see if the €2 coin would drop faster as it was heavier. That was our gravity lesson. We are really looking forward to seeing what's in store for us next Thursday.

Annie, Iseult and Kara-May, 6th class