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NEWSLETTER 1



Welcome Back

The school has been open for a few weeks now and it has been a pleasure to observe the children settling back to school.

I would like to use this opportunity to thank the whole school community for their support during this successful transition.

First Confession and Holy Communion

Third class made their First Confession last week.

This prepared the way for their First Holy Communion tomorrow.

We wish all students in 3rd class who are making their Communion the very best of luck.



Arts Weeks 2021

Scoil Mhuire Arts Week took place from the 20th-24th of September. Scoil Mhuire truly came to life and the children were creatively inspired. The whole school community enjoyed many activities, workshops and cross curricular projects.

Arts Week began with 5th & 6th class going on a walk of Clifden with local historical writer Kathleen Villiers Tuthill. Kathleen kindly brought the children on a walk around Clifden exploring stories of famine, war and conflict in the Capital of Connemara.

The Junior side of the school enjoyed a magnificent Drama in our school hall by Roz and Sean Coyne which inspired all of our younger classes, while Fourth and Sixth classes were treated to an amazing workshop of circus skills with Jim. This workshop gave the children a wonderful opportunity to develop their artistic and social skills.

Tony Curtis visited the children from Junior Infants to Third class. Tony, who is no stranger to Scoil Mhuire explored many poems and songs with the children such as the Mouse poem and the song 'All the White Horses'. Michael O Sullivan from the theatre company HumourFit performed to 5th and 6th class pupils. Mike performed his drama 'Mighty Bully Brady' which has received huge plaudits from Departmental Inspection teams throughout Ireland.

Local photographer Michael Harris took learning and photography to a higher level for students with his inspiring presentation on photography to pupils in 5th & 6th class.

On Tuesday 3rd Class went to Omey Island with one of Ireland's leading field Archaeologists Michael Gibbons. Michael kindly took the children on a walk of Omey Island talking through the ecological formation of the island and its history.

Local band the Slyne Heads performed an outdoor concert for the whole school community. The children and teachers sang and clapped along with Adam, Peter & Sean.



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Scoil Mhuire welcomed back retired teachers Mrs Ann Keogh & Ms Eily Vaughan during Arts Week. Using the arts to learn in science Mrs Keogh & the children carried out some magnificent science experiments together. The children in Junior Infants, 4th, 5th and 6th classes visited the Art Gallery in the Station House with Ms Vaughan where they toured the gallery looking at artwork. They also toured artwork by Damien Manning on display in Hedz Hair Salon. Damien kindly spoke about the inspiration of his art pieces and the art process.

First class toured the art exhibition in the Hair Gallery with artists Gina Foyle and Kate Mc Namara. This year students enjoyed a wonderful digital event organised by Cora Gibbons which Gina and Kate talked through with the students. Cora herself, then co-ordinated an engaging zoom quiz with questions based on the arts for 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class pupils.

On Friday the children wore their own clothes to school for our fundraiser Fashion Friday-which raised money to buy a defibrillator for our school. All students came together after morning break to sing a Scoil Mhuire version of the hit "Love Shine A Light" which Ms Wallace kindly taught us all to sing.



One of the highlights of Arts Week was a surprise visit from Luxe Theatre Company who performed the Arts Week parade in the school playground. The children enjoyed watching the floats, aerial performers, fire juggling,



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Throughout the week our resident artists Ms Catherine Tierney & Ms Olive Carty worked with the children in Scoil Mhuire to create a project of mixed media art on the theme 'Connections'. The children felt a magnificent sense of pride and ownership with this project. For the first time during Arts Week we ran our own schools Art Competition for pupils in 3rd -6th class. Children were asked to design an Arts Week poster based on this year's arts week theme 'Connections'. We had a number of wonderful entries to the competition and our winning posters can be viewed on our school website. A huge congratulation to all involved.

Scoil Mhuire Arts Week 2021 brought immense pleasure and joy to the whole school community and to Mr Brendan Flynn, we thank you immensely for your continuous involvement of Scoil Mhuire in the Arts Week festival.

We wish to also thank the following artists who made our Arts Week truly magical: Sean & Roz Coyne, Kathleen Villiers Tuthill, Michael Harris, Michael Gibbons, Eily Vaughan, Ann Keogh, Mike O Sullivan, Jim, Mandy and all the team from Luxe Theatre Company, Peter, Adam, Sean from The Slyne Heads, Damian Manning, Cora Gibbons, Tony Curtis and all our own artists here in Scoil Mhuire.

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