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NEWSLETTER 4



Welcome to Scoil Mhuire

This month we are delighted to welcome a number of Ukrainian students who have recently started in Scoil Mhuire since moving to Clifden. There has been great excitement amongst the students at school and we are proud of all our students who have been so friendly and helpful in assisting our new students in adjusting to school life.

Ми вітаємо вас усіх у Scoil Mhuire

Upcoming Dates to remember:

June 3rd and 6th– School Closed for the June Bank Holiday weekend

June 10th– School closing for 1/2 day for mandatory training.
All Infant classes and siblings leaving at 12pm and all other classes are to be collected at 12:15pm.

June 11th– 6th Class Confirmation

June 17th– Graduation

June 22nd-Scoil Mhuire closes for School Holidays

****Throughout the month of June, School Tours will be making a welcomed comeback. All parents will be notified via Aladdin on the tour details and dates.**



Remembering Marie Noelle

Earlier this month, the staff and students of our school lost a very special person and colleague.

Marie Noelle was a wonderful addition to this school over the years both as a Special Needs Assistant and as our school secretary. Marie Noelle was known to so many throughout the Clifden area whether through her profession or through her love the general area. She was such a fun, kind hearted, straight talking character who will be dearly missed by everyone she knew. The memories and stories of Marie Noelle will continue to roam the corridors for years to come and there will always be a bunch of her much loved wild flowers growing someone nearby to brighten the darker days.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam

Tu vas nous manquer notre cher ami



“Wildflowers aren't meant to be cut and tamed. They're meant to be loved and admired.”-Anthony T. Hincks

Cancer Care West Bake Sale

On Friday May 13th a number of our 6th class students came together and set up our first Bake Sale since 2019!

The Bake Sale which was held in the hall was a welcome delight to see returning and it was great to open the doors to visiting guests again.

From Brownies to Roulades, Banana Breads to Fairy cakes and even flavoured scones to Rocky Roads, everything looked delicious and believe us when we say that the smell coming from the hall was incredibly homely.

The fundraiser offered a number of raffles on the day with some fantastic prizes including fabulous cakes, colourful footballs, books and perfume sets. The day itself was a roaring success and one all the students should be proud of!

In total, the Cancer Care West Bake Sale raised a total of €1,270 which will be presented to Micháel King-a past pupil later this month who is also raising money for the charity. Micháel has set up an idonate page for his fundraiser which is still opened and has undertaken a gruelling challenge of 50k in 5 days in aid of the charity.

https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/11432475_micheal-king-s-page.html

We wish Micháel continued success with his fundraiser page and we would like to express a sincere thanks to all who donated towards the recent bake sale and of course, to our wonderful 6th class students for all their hard work both on the day itself and leading up to the event.

Check out our photos from the event on the next page!



School News

Swimming classes and GAA training are continuing this term at Scoil Mhuire. Our 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th class students have been enjoying the pool while our 5th and 6th class students have been training hard on the GAA pitch.

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5th class have started the Forum After School Programme this month with Tina Jack. We are looking forward to seeing all their projects and they will also be getting the chance to continue their programme upon return to school in September.

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Well done to all our Scoil Mhuire students-both past and present who recently took part in the County Fleadh which was held in Ballinasloe.

Reminder:

With the warmer weather hopefully on its way, we are asking all students to pack additional water in their bags to keep hydrated during the day. With continued play and learning both in and outside the classroom, it is important that all children have water with them at school.

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From September onwards, all students are being asked to wear their full uniforms from Monday-Wednesday and PE uniform on Thursday and Friday. Coloured hoodies, coats and other jumpers nor non school trousers will not be permitted to wear during class time.

Congratulations to Mr O'Brien and to his fellow team mates on all their wins this season with the Connemara All Blacks. Well done to all the players and management on bringing home the silverware.

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This month we said goodbye to Muinteoir Jane who has been offered a scholarship in America. The 5th class students came together and threw her a fantastic farewell party on her last day which everyone really enjoyed.

We wish Muinteoir Jane every continued success on her travels Stateside and we look forward to hearing all her stories when she gets back to visit us. A wonderful teacher who will be sorely missed here at Scoil Mhuire.

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Last month we welcomed back Ms Wallace who returned from leave. As our resident musician, it was great to have her back for both the Communion celebration and upcoming Confirmation

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Happy Birthday to Ms Gibbons who had a special birthday this month. We hope she had a wonderful day and enjoyed celebrating with her students and colleagues.



First Class Grows with Innocent Smoothies

First Class students are currently growing some special veggies in their classroom as part of the Big Grow 22 with Innocent.

The project is designed to encourage children throughout Ireland to grow their own food both at school and at home.

Together with their teachers, the students are growing some tasty vegetables including peas and radish to name but a few.

Well done to everyone involved, we can't wait to see how they get on!

What a creative and fun way to learn about how the vegetables get from the ground to our plates.



Active School Update:

Our students have been busy over the last few weeks getting ready for the upcoming Active School Week next month.

From fun activities both inside and out of the classroom, all students are getting to grips with how important being active is not just at home but at school too.

Our senior students went on a cycle of the Greeway earlier this month which thankfully they had lovely weather for and they all had a great time, so did the teachers involved.

Our junior classes have increased their daily walks at school with our new Active School Plagues which have been placed throughout the school and include fun games using both Geography and Maths. They've also taken up some dance routines in the class to keep active with even some of the teachers throwing shapes!

Our recent 5-a-side Soccer competition in association with Spar and the FAI was another great success for the children where our 3rd-6th class students were mixed onto teams in a bid to win the title. It was great to see new friendships also being made on the pitch.

We really can't wait for Active School Week to begin so be sure to check out our website for updates.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our Second Class students on their recent First Holy Communion which was celebrated on May 7th in St Josephs Church.

The children all looked wonderful and we hope they all enjoyed their special day.

Fr Ronayne, as well as all those who attended were very impressed with all the students stunning artwork which was on display in the church for all the weekend masses celebrated.



Scoil Mhuire School Calendar 2022/2023

August: School re-opens for pupils on Wednesday August 31st

October: Halloween Mid-term: Closed Monday 31st
School re-opens on Monday November 7th

December: Christmas Holidays: School closes ½ day on Wednesday December 21st

2023

January: School reopens on Thursday January 5th 2023

February: Spring Mid-term: School closed Thursday and Friday 16th/17th of February

March: School closed on March 17th
Easter Holidays:
School closes ½ day on Friday March 31st

April: School reopens from Easter break on Monday April 17th

June: School closes for Summer Holidays with a ½ day on Friday June 23rd

School Closed on the following Bank Holidays:

October: Monday 31st February: Monday 6th

March: Friday 17th May: Monday 1st

June: Monday 5th



Art Attack

Artwork (left to right) from students in 7th class, Junior Infants, 8th class, 3rd class, Senior Infants, 1st class, 4th class and 6th class.

