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Newsletter 1

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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome Back!!

We are just over a month back into school and it's great to have the halls filled with laughter and imagination again. After a couple of tough years for us all, things are finally back to normal here at Scoil Mhuire and we are hoping for a successful, happy and fun year ahead for all our students.

I would extend a big welcome to all our new students here at school and a huge thank you to you the parents and staff for making them feel so welcome.

I would like to again thank the whole school community for their support during the successful transition back into school and here's to an exciting, education and fun academic year ahead.

Dara McAleer

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

October 13th: Music with Marie is back (2nd-6th class)

October 25th: 6th Class trip to Dublin

October 28th: Halloween Fancy Dress Day at school. This will be in aid of a local charity –details to follow.

Mid-term break also starts and Scoil Mhuire will be closed at 3pm.

October 31st: Happy Halloween 🎃 👻 ✨

November 7th: Scoil Mhuire reopens.

Sports

Lots of sporting activity happening again this year at Scoil Mhuire especially for our senior classes this term. GAA with Johnny has restarted with both our senior boys and girls getting to improve their skills.

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Swimming at the Station House Leisure Centre has also resumed and is off to a great start. With our 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th class students all getting their toes wet this term.

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We are also delighted to welcome back Paddy Madden, a past pupil of Scoil Mhuire, who this year has taken over our rugby training with the students. It's great to see him back on school grounds and the students are really enjoying the sessions so far.

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Students have also returned to Horse Riding Lessons on Cleggan Farm with the wonderful team at the Connemara Therapeutic Riding Centre. The students were very excited to get back to meet some new additions to the centre as were the staff.

Scoil Mhuire are thrilled to be working alongside some of the best in sporting activity world that Connemara has to offer.

Active Flag

Our Active Flag hopes are off to a great start this term with lots of new and fresh ideas from both the staff and students paving the way towards attaining our 1st Active Flag. From Yoga to Dodgeball, daily walks and Circuit Training to random dancing-there is something for all of us to enjoy.

This year we have a new Active Flag committee appointed who will be keeping an eye on our progress and will meet regularly over the weeks and months ahead.

Furthermore, we have selected Playground Leaders who will ensure that all children are as active as possible during the daily breaks. They are also responsible for ensuring the distribution and collection of equipment for all yards. So far this has been a fantastic success so well done to everyone involved.

Throughout the weeks we will continue to update our school website too with all the fun and tough activities our students will be doing so keep an eye out for that.



Football

On Wednesday October 12th, Scoil Mhuire had a GAA match against the combined team of Ballyconneely/Aillebrack and Roundstone NS for our senior students.

Students from both 5th and 6th class were put to their paces from all schools where two thrilling matches took place.

Scoil Mhuire were fortunate to win one of their matches and a great day was had by all involved.

Thanks to the students and staff of Roundstone, Aillebrack and Ballyconneely NS who travelled to us for the games.



Restorative Practice (RP) Training

RP Training took place over the summer months for the staff of Scoil Mhuire and this year we are pleased to say that some of our students have begun their RP leader role at break times on certain days during the week. This entails the students going onto the different yards to assist and observe students during play time. So far it is working out well for all students involved and we are thrilled to see so many volunteers willing to assist with the school maintaining our RP status.

Reminders:

- Please note school starts at 9:15am so to ensure children are dropped off at 9:10am and are on time for class.
- With the colder weather setting in, we are reminding all students to also bring in daily a coat with hood or a hat (scarves and gloves) to keep warm on yard.
- Make sure all students have water in school with them especially our older students who may require more for the long days and when they have sport training.
- Fresh Today Lunches are provided by the school and all orders or any changes to your order can be made by you before 5pm each Thursday.

Welcome Back:

Welcome back to Ms Joyce (Junior Infants) and Ms Coyne (5th) who are back here at Scoil Mhuire this year.

Welcome also to the team Ms Coyne (2nd class), Ms Dooley and Ms Higgins, Muinteoir Aisling who have started with us this year.

Birthdays

Belated Happy Birthday to both Muinteoir Attracta and to Kathleen who celebrated their birthdays last month.





**Some of the
Autumnal Art
around the
halls of Scoil
Mhuire**





Some of our students in this years Arts Weeks Parade. Well done to everyone on a great night!

