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## **December Newsletter**

### **Christmas Wishes**

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Board of Management, the staff and students of Scoil Mhuire, I would like to personally thank you for your continued support and patience throughout this year.

While it is our first year in awhile, where things have resumed to near normal times, everyday we are continuing to learn and grow as a school community and my continued wish for 2023 is that it will be a kinder year for us all.

I would like to take this opportunity also to thank each of our wonderful students whom help to not only make us laugh during school days but whom also educate us on a daily basis too. We are fortunate to say that the students of Scoil Mhuire sure know how to keep our spirits high and we are already looking forward to your return next term.

Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

*Dara McAleer*



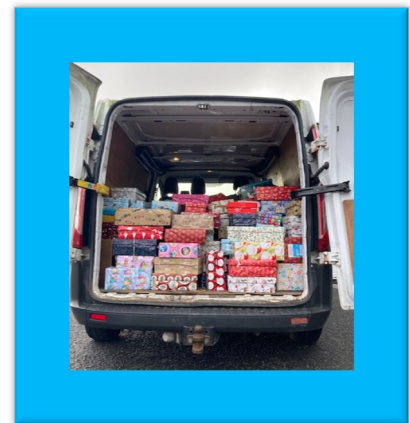
# TEAM HOPE™

Christmas shoebox appeal

## Thank you!

Well done to the students of Scoil Mhuire NS who collected a fantastic 138 boxes for Team Hope's Shoebox Appeal this year. The delivery driver was worried he wouldn't fit all the boxes into his van but after some careful reshuffling of all boxes, off he went on his merry way for delivery.

Thank you to all the students and parents who kindly donated boxes and online again this year.



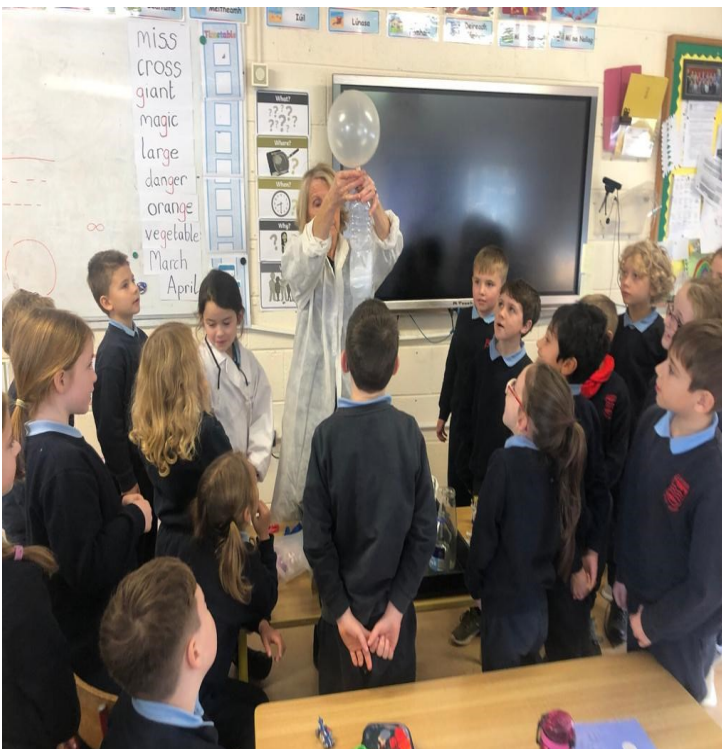
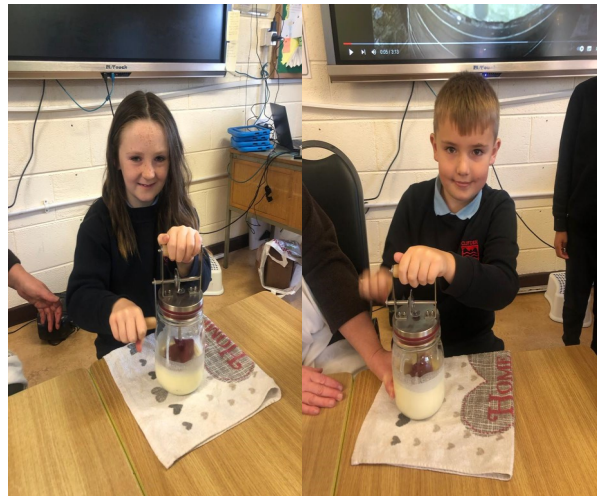


## Science Week Fun in 2nd Class

Last month our mad scientists in 2nd class students took part in Science Week with Muinteoir Anne, Muinteoir Attracta and Ms Keogh.

With some help from our friends in AUT Galway, the students were able to do some food printing and balloon inflating using white vinegar and baking soda to create Carbon Dioxide. (Co<sub>2</sub>)

A Real Chemical Reaction!!



# School Updates



Thank you to everyone who donated towards our Fancy Dress Day in October. We raised a huge €350 for Crumlin Street Childrens Hospital which was delivered to them this month.



Well done to Mr O Brien and the Naomh Feicin GAA team on their recent big win against St Ronans of Roscommon.

A fantastic achievement for the club on becoming the AIB Connacht Club JFC Champions. Here's to the semi finals #ClifdenAbú



Congratulations to past pupil Ger Gibbons on winning Galway Junior Footballer of the year. Ger is a younger brother of Ms Gibbons and plays alongside many past pupils and current teacher Mr O Brien.

Swimming lessons for 3rd and 4th Class students will begin in the new year in the Clifden Leisure Centre.

4th class students will start on Monday January 9th with 3rd Class starting on Tuesday January 10th. Lessons will take place weekly in the afternoons after big break.



Be sure to tune into the brilliant Connemara Community Radio on: **Christmas Day** after mass to hear our fantastic students who sung a few songs and recorded some lovely music for the listeners last week. We hope you enjoy the wonderful sounds of Scoil Mhuire.

Connemara Community Radio broadcasts on 87.8 and 106.1fm. Thank you to CCR for inviting us on to the airways once again.



After a failed attempt due to a frosty Friday in Clifden, Scoil Mhuire were finally able to have their Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Clifden Playschool on the Monday before we broke up for the holidays.

The day brought lots of cheer to the hallways and classrooms along with many wonderful, glittery, colourful and magical jumpers, hats and accessories. We are delighted to say that the fundraiser raised a whopping €325 for the playschool which will be presented to them in early 2023.



A Very Happy Birthday to:

Ms Clancy, Ms Mullen, Muinteoir Bairbre, Denise and Olive who celebrated their birthdays this month.

We hope you all had a great time celebrating your special days.



Santa Claus was welcomed back to Scoil Mhuire and into each classroom this week. The children were delighted to see him and each class gave Santa and his elves a warm reception with lots of singing in English, Irish and even German!! He was thrilled to see all the boys and girls and was sure to tell all the staff who was on the naughty and nice list this year.

Thank you so much to Clifden fire brigade who helped Santa arrive safely here once he landed in Clifden and also to our wonderful Parents Association who brought treats on the day too.

# Christmas Winners.....



Congratulations to all our winners on our BUMPER Christmas Lotto last week. Some fabulous prizes were won by a number of people and we hope you enjoy all your prizes.

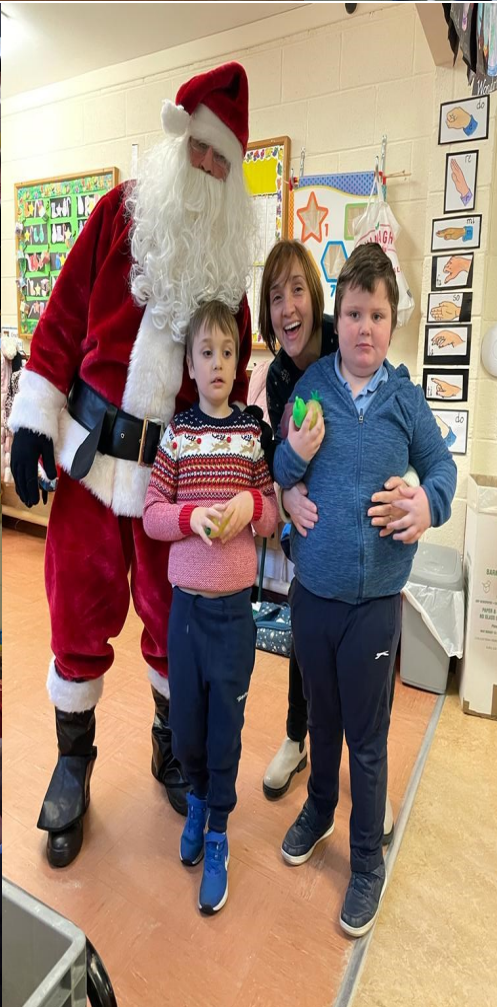
A note of thanks to all those whom donated prizes again this year and to all those who are supporting the lotto throughout the year.

Finally thank you to everyone present (and past) on the Parents Association who worked their magic again this year in helping with Scoil Mhuire's Christmas Lotto.

## Winners for 2022:

- Siobhan Nestor - Love Vintage Voucher
- Laura Gavin - Kylemore Abbey Hamper
- Ashling Flaherty - Kylemore Abbey Admissions Voucher
- Aoife O'Toole - Brigits Garden Family Pass
- Sinead Pryce - Steam Cafe €50 Voucher
- Julie Foyle - 12 Pens Coffee €100 Voucher
- Eileen Burke - Station House Signal Bar Lunch for 2 People Voucher
- Rachel Scullion - Sweet Nothings Cafe €50 Voucher
- Terri Guy - Connemara Real Adventures Voucher
- Sharon De Courcey - €50 Repairs Voucher for Keanes Computer Services
- Christina McDonagh - One Earth Squared Gingham Bag and matching purse from Oh By Gum







# St Vincent de Paul

Congratulations to the winner of the fabulous Christmas Cake Raffle in aid of St Venicent de Paul. Our lucky winner was:

**Jamie Shanahan** (2nd Class)

The cake was made by our very talented students and staff here at Scoil Mhuire and the raffle itself, we are delighted to confirm raised a total of €618.

On the afternoon of the draw itself our super talented 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class students popped down town to brave the weather elements and sang some carols for passers by which also helped to raise funds for the charity.

This year we are pleased to say our 5th and 6th class students Food Drive for St Vincent de Paul was another great success.

The food hampers which were collected, assembled and wrapped by our students were picked up by local volunteers Mary and Anita from Clifden SVP.

We would like to say a huge well done to everyone involved again this year across all fundraisers for this wonderful charity and thank you for your continued support.

Check out our photos on the next page.





Here are our hard working students making the Christmas Cake in aid of St Vincent de Paul and our lucky winner:

**Jamie Shanahan.**

Jamie is in 2nd class and is pictured with her brother Rian & sister Lily and our Christmas Elves: Jakub & Aoibheann (5th class).







**Our 5th and 6th class students with Ms Mullen & Mr O'Brien presenting their SVP Hampers.**







# Throughout the halls in Scoil Mhuire







**Wishing you  
and yours  
a Merry Christmas  
from 3rd Class**