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NEWSLETTER: FEBRUARY EDITION

Dear Scoil Mhuire Community,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone for our February edition of the Scoil Mhuire Newsletter. It's been a busy time at school, and it's great to see the spring season bring a renewed energy to our community.

We have many exciting events coming up, including Credit Union quiz county finals, FAI 5-a sides and GAA competitions. The instruments are being dusted down and the band is getting ready. In Clifden, the sound of our school drums signals the start of Spring. Our school band has been preparing themselves for the upcoming parade and they are improving daily (Thanks to the teachers, students and Marie and Attracta). This is always a great event for our school and we are proud to be able to showcase our musical talent to the wider community. Our Parent's Association is diligently working to ensure that the Junior side of the school (J1-2 nd class) are also fully involved in the parade and we've included details of how you can get involved below.

I would like to express my gratitude to our students, staff, and parents of Scoil Mhuire for your continued help and support, both inside and outside of school. Wishing you all the best for the spring days ahead.

Warm regards,
Dara McAleer



School Information



Attendance matters

Scoil Mhuire is deeply concerned by the poor attendance of some of our pupils. There are a significant number of pupils who have missed more than 30 days. We will be sending letters to the parents of these pupils outlining the extend of their children's absenteeism. These letters will offer support to families who are experiencing difficulties getting their children to school.

Poor school attendance is strongly associated with impaired school outcomes and significant behavioural and emotional problems such as anxiety and depressive disorders.

Enrolment 2023/2024

Enrolment Forms for the academic term 2023/2024 are now being accepted. Forms can be downloaded on our School Website or requested via email to Laura:

secrtary@scoilmhuireclifden.ie

Please note that the Closing Dates for Enrolment Forms this year is **Friday April 21st**. The school will then be in contact with all parents in mid-May regarding their placement for next year and upcoming open afternoon in June.

Don't Forget....

Just a reminder with the brighter Spring days coming we want to ensure that all children have water with them coming to school to keep hydrated during the day. This is very important for all students and particularly important for days where PE, yard walks and fun sports activities take place.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

March:

Thursday 2nd: World Book Day

Friday 17th: School Closed for St Patrick's Day

Thursday 23rd: 5th and 6th Class Confirmation in St Joseph's Church at 2:30pm.

Friday 24th: **Daffodil Day.**

Fundraiser in aid of Daffodil Day. Wear something **YELLOW** and donate €2.

Friday 31st: 1/2 day. Scoil Mhuire Closing at 12:15pm for Easter Holidays.

April:

Easter Sunday: April 8th

Clifden Trad Fest April 14th-16th

Monday 17th: School Reopens after Easter holidays.

Swimming Lessons for 1st and 2nd Classes begins this month.
Date TBC

Friday 28th: Scoil Mhuire Closed

May:

Monday 1st: School closed for May Bank Holiday

Saturday 13th: First Communion (2nd class)

June:

Monday 6th: School closed for June Bank Holiday

First Confessions

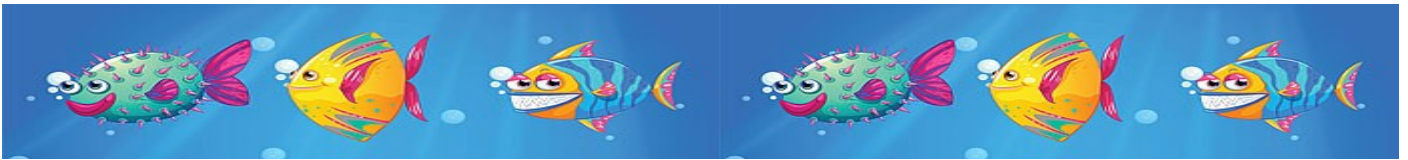


To our second class students here in Scoil Mhuire who made their First Confessions in St Joesph's Church on Tuesday February 14th.

The children were fantastic on the day and had put in many hours practice for this special sacrament and were lucky to have a special movie party in the afternoon to celebrate.

A huge well done to all of the children in second class and their teachers Muinteoir Anne and Muinteoir Attracta. Here they are pictured with Fr Roynane and Fr George.





PARENTS ASSOCIATION and St PATRICKS DAY 2023

Following on from the Parents Association poll a couple of weeks ago, the chosen theme for our St Patricks Day parade entry is..... THE SEA! Thanks to everyone who voted.

The Parents Association parade entry will include pupils from junior infants up to 2nd class so if you have a child in those classes, it's time to start thinking about costumes. We want you to be able to make your costume at home with free or easy to come by materials such as recycled household products.

We've put together a few ideas to get you started:

Waves, fish, shells, mermaids, pirates, boats, sand, buoys, seaweed, starfish, shark, fishing net, scuba diver, jellyfish, octopus, whale, dolphin, turtle, crab.

Useful items for making your costume:

- Cardboard (Ask in supermarkets and shops if they have any unwanted cardboard boxes)
- Bubble wrap
- Blue fabric or net fabric (Blue clothes would also work)
- Discarded fishing nets and floats
- Plastic bottles

We will be posting ideas and further info on the Parents Association [Facebook page](#) so keep an eye on there.

Scoil Mhuire P.A.



Aldi School Rugby Poster

Thank you to all the students, parents and staff of Scoil Mhuire for helping us fill all our posters for the Aldi School's Rugby Competition. We have successfully sent off 6 filled posters which is fantastic so keep your fingers crossed that we hear some good news once the competition closes later this spring. For now, we are finished filling in our posters and we are happy to confirm that any spare stickers we had left over were donated to other local schools in the area.



Music Workshop in Clifden Community School

Thank you to CCS for inviting some of our 5th and 6th class students to a musical workshop with All Ireland Winner Mirella Murray. The children had a great time meeting up with other musicians from various schools and got to meet some of past pupils who were also involved in the workshop. A huge thanks to both Ms Gibbons and Brendan Flynn from the Arts Festival for organising.



School News

Credit Union Quiz.

Well done to our recent winners at the Connemara Credit Union competition earlier this month. Team A were: Halle Joyce, Rebecca O Grady Coyle, Ella McDonagh and Amelie Mahon representing 3rd and 4th Class and Team B were: Matthew Flaherty, Matthew O Flaherty, Arlo Morrow and Kaylum McHale who represented 5th and 6th class. The teams are now onto the next round of the competition which takes place on Sunday March 5th in the Menlo Park Hotel in Galway. Goodluck to both teams!



GAA Training every week with Mr O Brien for classes 4th, 5th and 6th are up and running and a fantastic crowd is turning out each week. Currently he is taking the boys and girls every other week in these classes and already there has been a huge improvement in their work.



Band Practice is in full swing here at school. The children are doing a great job each week with Marie and at our daily practices so it is important that the children and their instruments are in everyday as school participation is incredibly important. We look forward to seeing you all at the parade which starts at 12:30pm



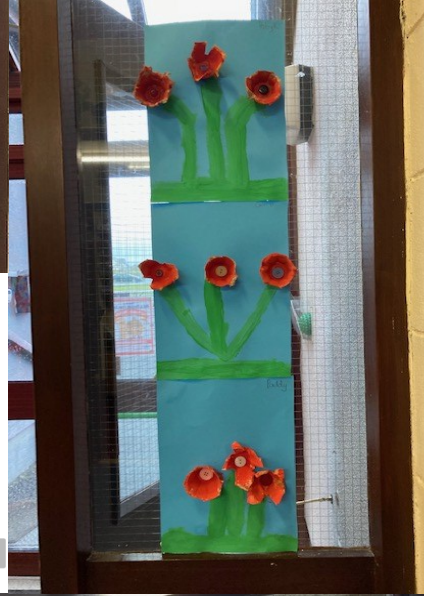
Rugby Training continues with past pupil Patrick Madden every Thursday here in Scoil Mhuire. The children in 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes are enjoying learning about the game from him and having lots of fun getting involved too.



After School with Forum is currently underway for the senior students and they are having great fun making some creative projects including something very exciting for outside their homes

Just some photos of whats been happening throughout the school this month. Lots of smiles and laughter which is always a fantastic thing to see here at Scoil Mhuire.





Artists in the Making.

