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## **Newsletter 1 October 2023**

Dear Parents and Students,

Well done to everyone on a great first month back!!

A new school year always brings an element of excitement and that hasn't changed this year.

We would like to welcome our new Junior Infant class and their teacher Ms Flaherty to Scoil Mhuire. The students are a fantastic addition to our school with smiling faces greeting us each morning, lots of singing during the day and our new playground area has been a buzz with laughter and fun so we hope they are also enjoying their new adventure in education.

As you know we have welcomed some new teachers into Scoil Mhuire also this year and a huge thanks to all the students for making them feel welcomed and for helping them out on their first month. We would like to welcome to our staff: Ms Flaherty, Ms O Toole, Mr Ryan, Ms Hewitt and Ms Loftus.

Our new modular building has begun construction and we have a busy but exciting few weeks ahead whilst this is getting underway. It is hoped that by November the rooms will be ready for use so these will be a welcomed addition to the school.

We will keep you updated on changes as they progress and in advance to say thank you for your patience whilst the work is ongoing.

Finally, just to say thank you to the whole school community for the 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

### **Thursday throughout October:**

Music with Marie is back so please make sure all students in 2nd-6th class their Tin Whistles, Instruments and musical notes in every Thursday.

### **Friday October 13th:**

County Photos are in Scoil Mhuire. (For one day only).  
All 3rd-6th class students to wear their Formal Uniform on this day please.

### **Friday October 27th: 1/2 day.**

Scoil Mhuire will be closing for all junior classes plus siblings at 12pm and the remainder of the school at 12:15pm.

No Uniform Day with a €2 donation towards a chosen charity (TBC) and students will take part in a Witches Walk that morning in Clifden town weather permitting.

## Tuesday October 31st: Happy Halloween

### **Monday November 6th:**

School reopens after Mid-term break

### **Tuesday November 14th:**

Immunisation for Senior Infants in school.

### **Mid November:**

Team Hope Shoebox Appeal Collection

## School Reminders:

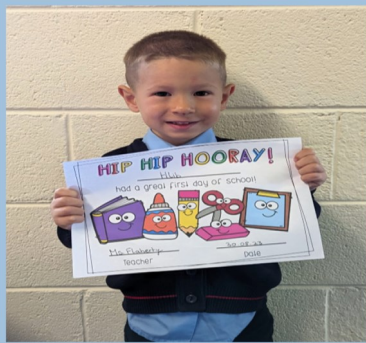
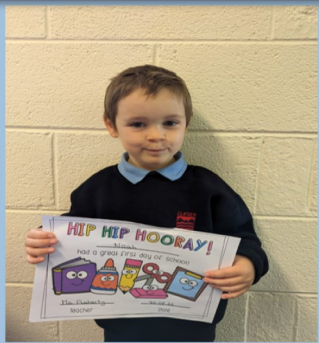
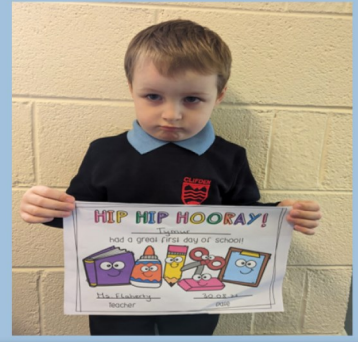
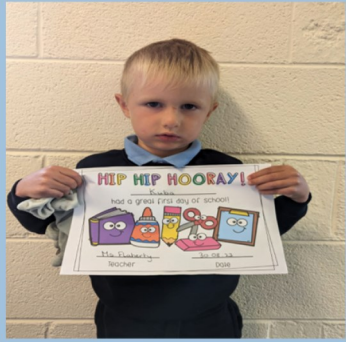
-Please note school starts at 9:15am so to ensure children are dropped off at 9:10am and are on time for class.

-We remind you all to label your child/ren's uniforms. Already we have started a collection of uniforms with no names and no one coming into claim. We know that uniforms are expensive so it is so important that your child has these in with them daily and going home daily too.

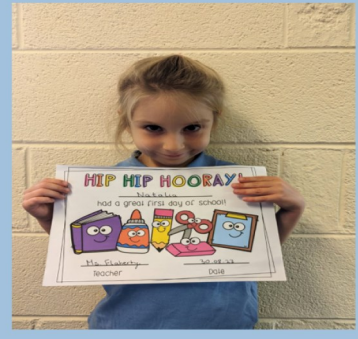
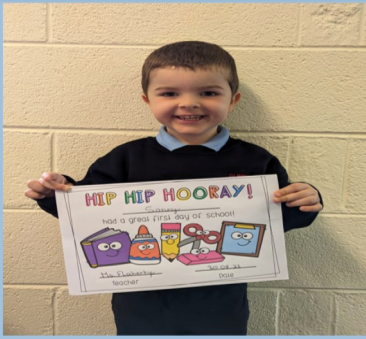
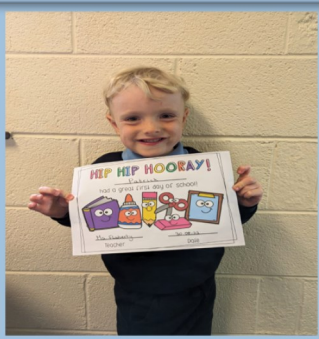
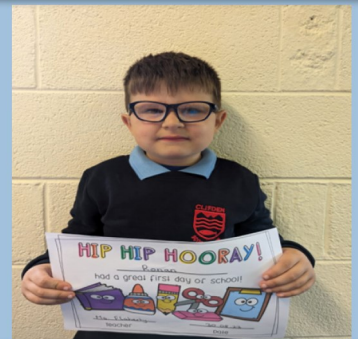
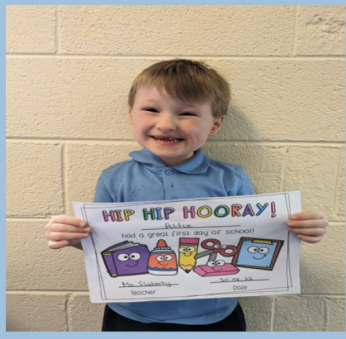
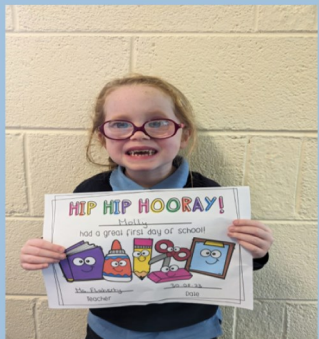
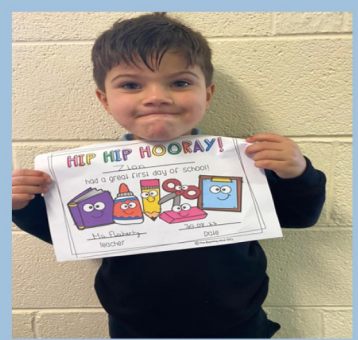
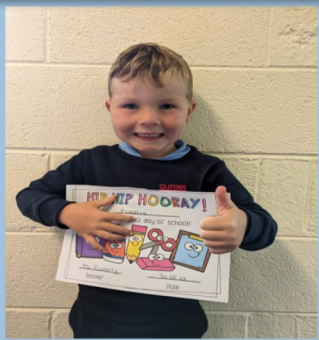
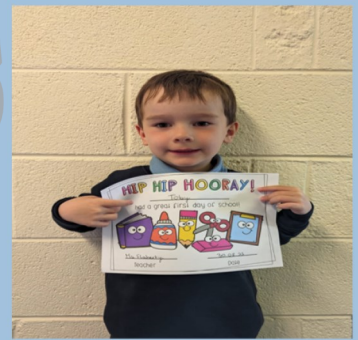
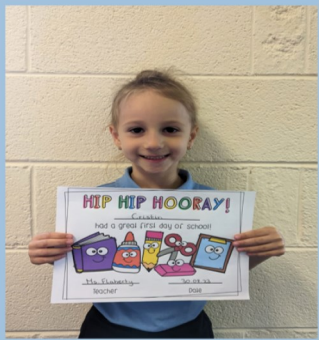
Also, with the colder weather setting in, we are reminding all students to bring in daily a coat with hood or a hat (scarves and gloves) to keep warm on yard. Please ensure tags on coats are labelled too.

-Our Fresh Today Morning Snacks and Hot Foods are proving to be a big hit here this year which is great to see. There is so much choice available for the children to choose from and it's lovely to see the children having something warm especially on the colder days. Just a gentle reminder that if you want to make any changes to your child/rens menu to make sure these are made using your logins before 5pm each Thursday.

-Please ensure children have water in with them everyday. As per the announcement in June last year, water will no longer be provided with the Fresh Today lunches so it is vital that all students have a minimum of 1 litre in with them each day. The senior students are advised to have between 1-2 litres with them especially on days if they are having PE or Sporting events.



# Welcome Junior Infants



# Active Flag

After a hugely successful start to our Active Flag campaign last year, we here at Scoil Mhuire have begun to get ready for another fun year ahead. Our PE room has had its annual dusting off and new supplies have been purchased for the classrooms to ensure every PE time is one of fun and laughter with lots of exercise and activities.

We have seen Yoga make a welcomed return both indoors and outdoors this year, new morning dance routines, daily walks including the GAA pitch next door. Lots of sports from basketball to dodgeball, Rounders, Gaelic games, skipping, sprints and even lunchtime dancing-with even our staff getting their movements in. On Friday the school will also be getting involved in European School Sports Day 2023 and our committee members will be giving out lots of details to the classes.

The Active Flag Committee have also been busy behind the scenes getting their paperwork ready, typed, filed and sent over to the Active Flag HQ for review. A huge thank you to them and Mr Lee for their continued commitment to our Active Flag Campaign.

So whilst we await an update from Head Quarters, we will continue getting as active as we can and welcome lots of fresh new ideas from staff and students to ensure everyday includes as much movement as possible.



Our Active Flag Committee 22-24 —>



# Arts Week 2023

What a wonderful week we had here this year once again for the fabulous Clifden Arts Festival.

There was something for all ages (including the staff) which brought so much joy, laughter and smiles to school.

From DJ mixes to Science experiments, Drumming workshops to Sean Nos dancing, movement, fun and connection were the key elements this year at Scoil Mhuire.

We also welcomed our first Arts Week Welcoming Committee and we were so proud of how well Scoil Mhuire was represented by our four 6th class students:

Mimi Brow, Matthew Flaherty, Ailbhe Gavin and Cormac Heanue.



Our local and international artists and performers were greeted with such a happy welcome and didn't have to lift a finger whilst they were here with the 4 team members getting their morning teas/coffees, showing them to their classrooms and helping them with the materials. A huge well done and Thank You to these four students and of course to our students in both 5th and 6th class whom were part of the annual Festival closing parade on Saturday September 23rd.

Finally as always a massive Thank You goes out to both Ms. Gibbons and Mr Brendan Flynn for all their organisation into the Clifden Arts Week celebrations for our school.

Annually Ms Gibbons puts a huge effort into getting all the performers, artists, community representatives and musicians here to the school and knows exactly what each class would love.

We are very lucky to have her as part of our team throughout the year but especially during this festival week as she puts so much time, effort and planning into making it so much fun for the children and her colleagues.





# Art Attack

Here's just a snippet from our hallways this week.  
Wonderful to have lots of colour and magic along the walls

