



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, our parents, for your continued support throughout this year.

2023 was a year with a lot of change and growth here in Scoil Mhuire and we are delighted to see our Modular Builds have taken shape and works, whilst ongoing, are on the right track. We are super excited to see these rooms being filled in 2024 so watch this space! The Junior Infant playground has also been a huge success and we cannot wait to see what Spring 2024 will bring to our grounds and our school community.

Numbers were up again this year in the school and we are incredibly thankful to all students who have welcomed in new students and our new staff members this year.

Our wonderful students continue to know how to keep our spirits high on the good and bad days and it is so important that we, as a school have this.

To the staff, our Parents Association and to you the Parents, thank you for all your hard work throughout the year both in front and behind the scenes of the schooling day. The work you do does not go unnoticed!!

Sending warm wishes to you and yours for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Dara McAleer

Dates to Remember

December 2023:

Wednesday December 20th: Ssssh it's a SURPRISE!!

A special visitor will be coming to Scoil Mhuire alongside the wonderful Scoil Mhuire Parent Association Elves.

Scoil Mhuire **Winter Wonderland of Festival Songs** at 6pm in St. Josephs Church, Clifden.



Friday December 22nd:

Scoil Mhuire closing for Christmas Holidays.

Junior, Senior Infants, 1st, 7th, 8th class plus siblings finishing at 12pm and the remaining students finishing at 12:15pm.

January 2024:

Monday 8th: Scoil Mhuire reopens after the holidays

Saturday January 27th:

2nd Class Enrolment Ceremony in St Joseph's Church Clifden.

All children with their parents making their First Holy Communion must attend.

February 2024:

Monday February 5th: Scoil Mhuire closed for the Bank Holiday

Tuesday February 13th: 2nd Class First Confession in St Joseph Church at 11am

Thursday and Friday February 15th/16th: Scoil Mhuire closed for midterm break. School reopening on Monday February 19th.

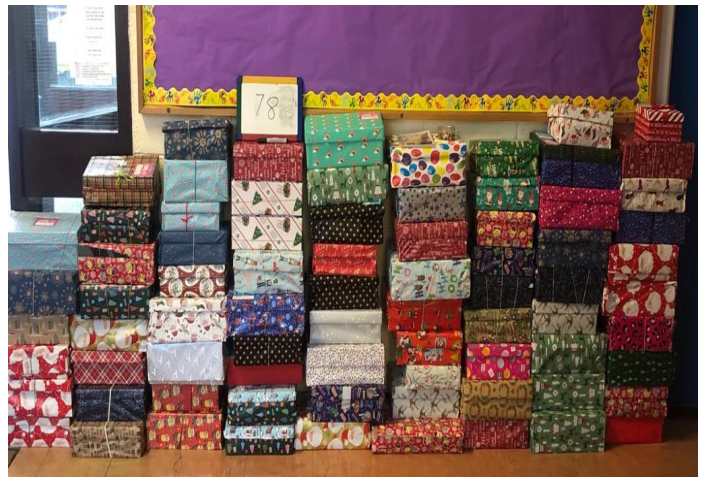
Thank you!

Well done to our wonderful students of Scoil Mhuire NS who donated a fantastic 119 boxes this year for the

Team Hope's Shoebox Appeal.

Although we had a short window for this years collection date, between our online and in-person boxes we were delighted to be able to fill the bus up on its arrival. This years driver was very impressed with how well organised we were!!

Thank you again to all the students and parents who once again kindly donated towards this worthy charity.





Our Scoil Mhuire choir popped over to the Clifden Daycare Centre and St. Anne's last week to spread some Christmas cheer.

Thank you to all the residents for making us feel so welcomed and we hope you enjoyed our performances.





St Vincent de Paul

Christmas Cake Raffle, Christmas Hampers and Cake Sale 2023

Our Junior Infants were super busy this month helping Ms King with the preparation and the making of the Christmas Cake for St Vincent de Paul. They done a wonderful job and we were super lucky here at Scoil Mhuire that when the cake was baking, the smell filled the hallways.

The Christmas Cake will be raffled on Wednesday December 20th and the winner will be contacted that afternoon.

So far we have raised **€600** for the charity so there is a lot of excitement that we have managed to beat our initial target of €500.

A massive Thank You to all those whom have already bought some raffle tickets and for your continued support.

Our wonderful 5th and 6th class students were also busy this festive season and were wonderfully generous in gathering their perishable goods for the St Vincent de Paul Hampers which we collected last week.

The donations again this year were incredible to a massive Well Done to all the students in these senior classes who helped make this annual collection a great success.

Finally, our 1st class students were run off their feet last week with their first ever Cake Sale which was in aid of the local St Vincent de Paul shop here in Clifden.

There were treats of all shapes, sizes and deliciousness available on the day and it was a massive success for the students whom raised a total of **€650**.

Congratulations to all the students, Ms Gibbons and Aisling for such a great day at the Cake Sale and we're sure they all had a great rest after all their hard work on the lead upto and on the day itself!

Christmas Cake Making with Junior Infants, Ms King and her helpers Faye and Ruth





1st Class Cake Sale





Christmas Hampers



Christmas

Word Search

Can you find the words hidden in the puzzle?



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CANDY CANE

JINGLE

CAROLS

JOY

CHRISTMAS

SANTA

REINDEER

ELF

STOCKINGS

MERRY

PRESENTS

TREE

Christmas Riddles

I am super warm and cozy and it might look like I belong on your toes but at Christmas I'm actually carrying gifts.... What am I?

You mostly see me at night, you can even sometimes see me fly. Sometimes I help guide people too but at this time of year I'm sitting up high inside your house.... What am I?