

# Reminders

## Supervision

The school day starts at 9:00 am and finishes at 1:40pm for Infants and 2:40pm for all others. Therefore children who are on the school grounds before or after these times will not be supervised. Please make any necessary arrangements which may be needed in this regard.

## Car Park

School Car Park is for staff only. When parking please do not park at school exit or in the Bus area. Please encourage your children to only use the pedestrian exit. This is for the Health & Safety of all pupils.

## Birthday Invitations & Christmas Cards

While it is lovely to see boys and girls inviting some of their friends to birthday parties, we would ask, and it is school policy, that invitations are not handed out during school time or on the school yard before or after school. This is to ensure no child feels left out and is disappointed. The same applies to Christmas Cards. Thank you for your co-operation.

## NEWB

As per NEWB regulations, please be sure to send in a note to class teacher following an absence outlining dates and reason for the absence.

## Roll Call

Teaching time starts in Scoil Mhuire at 9:00am. A child who turns up after 9:20am will be marked late. The child will still be marked 'Present' on the attendance. Should any child come to school later than 12 o' clock he/she will already have been marked absent. Children who leave the school after 10:30am for appointments will be marked 'Present'.

Many thanks for your continued support.

*Scoil Mhuire Staff*



# Scoil Mhuire Newsletter

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As the Halloween break approaches I would like to wish everyone, staff, pupils and parents an enjoyable week off to recharge the batteries. Everyone has worked really hard this half term and I think it's fair to say we have all settled back into school very well.



While Hallowe'en is a great time for everyone and all the fun that goes with it, we urge everyone to keep safe while partaking in the festivities. We hope there are no accidents and that nobody puts themselves or others in harms way. We want everyone to come back to school after the week off safe and sound.



Our 6<sup>th</sup> Class students had Halloween Storytime with our Junior & Senior Infants in the library.

## Enrolment & Staffing

We are delighted to announce that our Enrolment this year currently stands at 183 children. This has significant meaning for our school as it ensures that we keep our staffing numbers at Principal + 7 class teachers and our two support teachers with a shared support teacher from Donard.

## Home time Arrangements

Please ensure that your son or daughter is aware of the after school arrangements surrounding collection or walking home. Children are told to wait inside the school wall with myself or teacher if they cannot see who is collecting them. They should always come back to us in the school if they are unsure of the home time arrangements.

## Parents' Association

Chairperson: Eileen O'Neill.      Treasurer: Patrice Caroll  
Secretaries: Sinéad Dowling & Fiona Lambe

We had an excellent AGM last week with a very informative talk from Aoife Smith on Bullying and the signs of bullying in young children.

Ms Sinead Dowling was also elected to the Board of Management for the coming school year.

A good and productive discussion was had as part of the AGM in relation to the coming school year.

The Bag Collection will finish on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October and we thank all those who have contributed. We hope the funds raised will go a long way to helping improve the parents' kitchen supplies and also for the events they hold during the year.

Contact was made with Declan Keogh from the Roads Department of Kildare County Council regarding Road Safety issues in the morning and evening. He will be coming out to the school to carry out a site inspection this week.

## Sport

We have had a fantastic two months on the sporting field and I just want to say well done to all those who have tried out for teams and events so far this year. Our Cross Country runners had a fantastic day out in Vallemount recently and came home with plenty of medals. Well done to all those who competed from 1<sup>st</sup> class up to 6<sup>th</sup> class. Thanks to Ms Miley, Ms Crone and Ms Mulroy for all their work getting our runners up to speed.



On the Footballing field, we had a great campaign in the U11 boys and girls' competition. Ms Miley's girls team played some mighty football this year and were unlucky not to progress from the group stages. Our boys footballers made it all the way to the semi final and were narrowly beaten by one point. This was their only defeat of the campaign.



This is our first year partaking in the soccer league in Scoil Mhuire and we made it all the way to the final which was played in Kilcullen on Wednesday. The boys played a great game and we are very proud to even get to the final. Well done lads.



Of course our two infant classes have been getting on great with John Holmes. John has been coming in for the past number of weeks to do Hurling with our Infant classes. First and Second Class will be starting hurling soon also with John.





