

ScoilMhuire Easter 2018 Newsletter



Everyone here in ScoilMhuire is looking forward to the Easter Holidays! It hasn't been that long since the Mid-Term newsletter so we are going to do a short round up of some of the interesting things that have been happening in our school over the past few weeks! We hope that all of our families have a lovely Easter Break- **Cáisc Shona Daoibh!**

6th class made their **Confirmation** on Thursday, 22nd February. It was a wonderful celebration by Rev. Bishop Field. Ms. O'Mara and Ms. O'Driscoll were very proud of their classes. It was great to see that all the hard work and preparation paid off. As part of the preparation for Confirmation, the children from the two 6th classes took part in the 'You Shall be my Witness' programme in the Parish, attending four weeks before and one week after the Confirmation. Many thanks to Ella Doran, the leaders, Fr. John and Fr. Karl for all their work.

Both classes also had a visit on 22nd March from the **Accord** team who discussed all about 'growing up' with our 6th classes.

The two **2nd classes** made their **First Confession** on 21st March at a lovely ceremony in the church. Ms. Doyle, Ms. Gilsenan and Ms. O'Grady want to say a big well done to all the pupils who put in lots of effort preparing for their First Confession. Next will be our First Holy Communion in May!

3rd class harvested Kale in the garden and planted potatoes recently. Congratulations to Kate O'Hara who had a winning entry in the Fáilte Pope Francis Competition. She drew a picture of the Pope and wrote a letter to him. Her entry has been published in the **Fáilte Pope Francis book** and is available to buy in any bookshop.

The **4th and 6th classes** sang in the **Helix** on 25th February in a concert to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Michael Gaskin's music group. The children sang four songs on the night and were exceptionally behaved. Everyone enjoyed the evening and their teachers were very proud of them!

4th Class Chess Club which takes place on a Tuesday Morning, has been a great success in the past few weeks.

Cybersafe Ireland visited the school on 7th March to talk to the children from **4th, 5th and 6th classes**. It was an important talk about internet safety. They pointed out the benefits of the internet but reminded the children of some of the things we need to be mindful and careful of when online. It might be an idea over Easter for parents to look at the console games their children are playing and make sure they are age appropriate.

Many classes have participated in the **Write-a-Book** project again this year. Entries are all finished now and have been handed in to Ms. Dowling who will send them to Kildare Education Centre for other schools to read. ScoilMhuire will receive entries from the other schools after Easter- it is always exciting to read what other pupils have written!

The children in **Room 3** recently enjoyed a trip on the train to Maynooth playground and then went for lunch! The children in **Room 4** went on a trip to Dublin to The Natural History Museum and to St. Stephen's Green Playground. They learned about road safety and travel while out and about.

The **Student Council** have organised a Chicken Incubator and Hatchery which will be arriving in the school on the 9th April. This will help the pupils of our school learn more about life cycles, which is part of the Science Curriculum.

Some of our **Infants and First classes** have been busy taking part in the ‘**Sow and Grow project**’ where they planted cress, spinach and peas. They enjoyed doing Easter Art recently.

SeachtainnaGaeilge took place over the last fortnight in our school. On 9th March we had our **TionólGaelach** (Irish Assembly) where every class performed a song or poem ‘as Gaeilge’. We had a **LáGaeilge** on the same day and the teachers and pupils spoke mostly Irish throughout the day. Ms. O’Mara would like to say well done to all the children from 3rd-6th who took part in the **TráthnagCeist** which was great fun and another opportunity to be ‘agcaint as Gaeilge’. We had our **LáGlas** on 16th March where all the pupils wore something green to school. Ms. O’Sullivan came in to do a céilí where we learned lots of Irish dances!!

We recently have a new **Leadership and Management Team** in our school. Mrs. Mescal and Mrs. McAuliffe wish to congratulate the three newly appointed Assistant Principals whom they are looking forward to working closely with. Congratulations to Ms. O’ Mara (Assistant Principal 1) and to Mr. Lynch and Ms. Lenfestey (Assistant Principals 11).

Child Protection

The staff and Board of Management have been working on Child Protection procedures in the last few weeks. We have carried out a Risk Assessment on the school and our **Child Safeguarding Statement** is hanging in the main hall and will be available to view on our website after Easter.

Social Media

Reminder: Please respect all members of the school community when commenting on social media.

Dates for your diary:

25th March: PTA Easter Egg Bingo – GAA Club at 3pm.

Easter Church Ceremonies

Holy Thursday (29th March): The Family Mass Group will act out the Last Supper with Fr. John taking the part of Jesus at 6pm Mass.

Good Friday (30th March): The Family Mass Group will act out the Stations of the Cross at 11.30am.

Easter Sunday (April 1st): 12.15p.m. is a special Family Mass for Easter where children take part.

9th April: School reopens after Easter. Hatchery and Eggs arrive!

17th April: School closed for Primary Language Curriculum In Service for Teachers

20th April: Intercultural Day....All welcome!

23rd – 27th April: Active Schools Week (List of events to follow)

7th – 11th May: Mid Term Break.

BeannachtáinaCáscaoraibh! - Well done on all the work this term. Enjoy the Easter holidays from all the staff in ScoilMhuire.