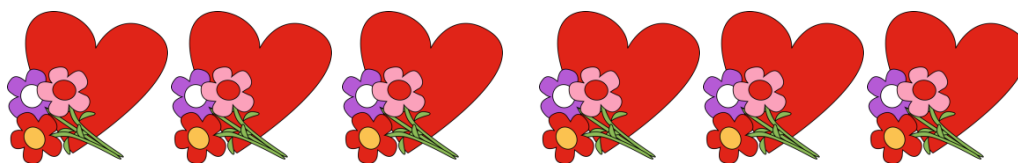


Scoil Mhuire Newsletter - Mid-Term 2018



We are looking forward to the mid-term. It has been a busy term as usual. It is a good time to look back over all the interesting and fun things that have been happening in our school!



Grandparents' Day

As part of Catholic Schools Week, we celebrated Grandparents Day on Friday 2nd February. On the day, one hundred and twenty three grandparents visited our school.

They visited the different classrooms and spoke to the children about what it was like when they were in school. Some even played games and did Art with the children. We had grandparents who travelled from places such as Tipperary, Clare, Longford and Limerick and it was great to have all our local grandparents. One grandad (Tiankai's grandad) came all the way from China to tell the Junior Infant children about life in his country! We'd like to say a special thanks to all our grandparents and to Fr. Karl for his lovely prayer service on the day.

St. Brigid's Day

All classes learned about St. Brigid during Catholic Schools Week and many classes had great fun making St. Brigid's crosses.



Laudaté Music Festival

Well done to our 6th classes who took part in the Laudaté Music Festival on January 30th during Catholic Schools Week where they sang as part of a choir of 700 children in Our Lady's Church of Victories. It was a lovely night of reflection and song. Many thanks to Ms. O' Mara, who taught the repertoire of 16 hymns to the children, and to Ms O Driscoll for all her support. Special thanks to those parents who travelled to the event on the night. After all the work, we greatly appreciated your presence.

'Sow and Grow'

Junior Infants, first class and 3rd class took part in the Sow and Grow project and planted Spinach, peas and cress.



Friendship Week

Last week was Friendship Week and what a wonderful week it was! Each of our Senior classes paired with a junior class and they enjoyed playing together on the yard and doing activities such as reading, art, PE, games, activities, stations and jigsaws.

- Ms Lenfestey's Junior Infants made friends with Ms. Cleary's 3rd class.
- Mr. Lynch's class paired up with Ms. O'Donnell's 3rd class.
- Senior Infants celebrated Friendship week with 4th class.
- 1st class paired up with 5th class
- Ms. Doyle/Ms. Gilsenan's 2nd class had 'buddies' in Ms. O'Mara's 6th class.
- Ms. O'Grady's class made friends with Ms. O Driscoll's 6th class

Writing

At the moment all classes are focusing on the Procedural writing genre and are writing instructions and recipes for things like pancakes and smoothies!

Student Teachers

We were delighted to host four teaching practice students this year - Ms. Gallagher in Junior Infants, Ms. Logan in 2nd class, Ms. Mulvey in 3rd class and Mr. Whelan in 4th class.



Sheila O'Hora Art Competition

This year's theme for the annual Sheila O' Hora Art Competition was 'Memories'. The entries were of a very high standard and we are expecting the judge's visit very soon.

Leixlip Credit Union Quiz

Huge congratulations to the five Scoil Mhuire teams who took part in the Leixlip Credit Union Quiz on 29th January in Scoil San Carlo. They were competing against teams from the other primary schools in Leixlip. We were very proud of all our teams and well done to our three teams who won prizes on the day.



Dentist Visit

The dentist visited rooms 3 and 4 and our 2nd class. They have been learning about looking after their teeth and the dentist gave them advice on healthy teeth.

Confirmation

Since Christmas both 6th classes have been very busy preparing for Confirmation. They had their pre-Confirmation mass on January 20th and their Service of Light on Tuesday 13th February. They have been taking part in the You Shall Be My Witness programme with children from all the primary schools in Leixlip. They are looking forward to making their Confirmation on Thursday February 22nd. School photos will take place on Friday 23rd February.



Trocaire

Members of Trocaire visited 4th, 5th and 6th classes on Feb 12th as part of their Lenten 2018 Campaign. They spoke about the work of Trocaire in Sierra Leone and the challenges faced by communities there, in particular following the mudslide that occurred in August 2017.



Green Schools

Ms. Cleary wants to remind everyone to save energy at home by turning off light switches and appliances when you are not using them!

Remember that as a Green School, we ask you to have no packaging at all in lunch boxes. Every child should also have a towel in school.

Helix Performance

Our 4th and 6th classes will be taking part in a concert on Sunday 25th February in the Helix with Mr. Gaskin and children from Scoil Eoin Phóil and Scoil Bhríde.



Lost and Found

Mrs. Eastman wants to remind parents and children that there is a collection of school items in our recently established 'Lost and Found Box'. Pictures of these items can be seen on our school website. Please mention it to your teacher if you think that you might own something in the box.

GAA

Coach Michael is currently coaching the children in 3rd and 4th classes on Friday afternoons.

PE

All children have been enjoying the Gymnastics Strand in PE and are enjoying using the gymnastic equipment.

Playball

Junior Infants, Senior Infants and First class have had coaching from the Playball team for the past few weeks. The children are really enjoying the classes and benefiting from them.

Playball classes take place every Monday at 2.10 & 3.10 in St. Mary's GAA. Spaces available. Collection from school may be available, pending interest. Contact Wendy 0862987551/FB [wendyplayball/](https://www.facebook.com/wendyplayball/)wendy@playball-Ireland.com

Dates for your Diary

- **Thurs 15th and Fri 16th Feb - School closed for mid-term**
- Thurs 22nd Feb - Confirmation 11am Church
- Fri 23rd Feb - Confirmation photos
- **Fri 23rd Feb - School will close at 12.30pm for Child Protection In-service for staff**
- Sun 25th Feb - Concert Helix - 4th and 6th classes
- Wed 7th March - Internet Safety talk for 4th, 5th, 6th classes
- Wed 7th March - Accord 6th Class Parents Meeting
- **Fri 9th March - School will close at 12.30pm for Child Protection In-service for staff**
- Fri 16th Ceili Mór and Lá Glas (Children can wear something green !)
- Wednesday 21st March - Confession 2nd class - 6pm Church
- Thurs 22nd March - 6th Class Accord Programme
- **Fri 23rd March - School will close at 12.30pm for Easter holidays**

Art Classes:

Please note: Art classes will go ahead as originally scheduled on Friday 23rd Feb and Fri 9th March at the usual time of 3.05pm to 4.05pm despite the half day.

