



Halloween Newsletter 2018

We have been very busy here in Scoil Mhuire since school started in September. A new year, some new teachers to meet and lots of hard work to be done - here is what has been happening....

Junior Infants- Ms. Lenfestey

- In Gaeilge Junior Infants have been doing lots of drama and really had fun acting out the scéal 'An Sicín Beag Buí'.
- They went to the jungle! - Well, they listened to the song 'Walking through the Jungle' and pretended they were in the jungle acting out the different sounds they could hear and animals they could see.
- For Halloween they are reading the story 'Room on the Broom'.



Junior Infants- Mr. Lynch

- Mr. Lynch's Junior Infants have been enjoying doing Aistear!
- Their Aistear themes so far have been 'The Kitchen' and 'The Fancy Dress Shop.'
- They visited our Fairy Garden and got to see pumpkins growing!

The Junior Infants have settled in really well to school life. Well done from Mr. Lynch and Ms. Lenfestey !

Senior Infants- Ms. McBrearty

- In Aistear, Senior Infants had lots of fun learning about the School Secretary's Office in September and are now learning all about their new theme - The Post Office.
- They visited the Fairy Garden, sprinkled some fairy dust over the houses and were excited to write letters to the fairies - some even saw a fairy or two!
- The class are enjoying great adventures with their class Teddy Bear, Paddington.



Senior Infants- Ms. Doyle, Ms. Gilsenan

- Senior Infants have been learning about The 5 Senses in SESE (History, Geography, Science). They went on a Senses Walk, exploring different sights, smells and sounds in the local environment.
- They welcomed Ms. Gaffney into the class and are looking forward to having her teach some lessons after Halloween.
- They really enjoyed learning about Toys and brought in pictures of themselves playing with toys as a baby.

1st class- Ms. Milner

- Ms. Milner's class are getting ready for Halloween! In English they read 'The Haunted House' and using the construction strand in Art, they made skeletons and pumpkins.
- They are really enjoying doing Athletics in P.E!
- In SESE they have been learning all about 'The Vet' and have read the story 'The Children of Lir'.

2nd class- Ms. O'Grady

- In SESE, Second class created a class museum using artefacts from when they were young. They are learning all about Halloween in Mexico - there it is called 'El Dia De Los Muertos'!
- They had lots of fun planting onions in the garden with Mrs. Daly.
- They went to visit the Fairy Garden and were thrilled to get a letter from the fairy.
- Clement, a Seminararian with the Divine Word Missionaries who is based in our Parish will visit 2nd class once a week for 6 weeks helping the children with their preparation for First Holy Communion.



Room 3 - Ms. Kelly

- Everyone in Room 3 was delighted to welcome Ms. Corduff to their class. They have been really busy working hard this term and are looking forward to a rest next week!
- Last week the children went on some Autumn walks to collect leaves, chestnuts and acorns which they used to create 'leaf-men'.
- They went to Howth on the train and had so much fun there!



Room 4 - Ms. McCarthy

- The children in Room 4 have been reading the story 'Owl Babies' - they liked it so much they did Owl Art with Autumn Leaves
- They also read 'Elephant and Piggie' stories and did art based on them.
- They have lots of new toys in their room which they can play with when they have their work done - trains, ponies and turtles!

3rd class- Ms. Barrett

- In Gaeilge, Ms. Barrett's 3rd class learned the poems 'An Scoil' agus 'Oíche Shamhna'.
- In English they have been reading 'Charlotte's Web' and have enjoyed Reader's Theatre with 'The Ugly Duckling' and 'Ich, I'm Sick'.
- They have been so busy in Art making 3D faces, Space Art and masks among others!



3rd class- Ms. Cleary

- Ms Cleary's class had a visit from Norah Patten who is an astronaut-in-training! It was very exciting to find out about being an astronaut. Norah is one of the Irish people hoping to go to the moon.
- 3rd class have started to learn joined handwriting and have been busy working on their Ancient Egyptian projects.
- They have done lots of planting in the garden and have welcomed Emily and Conor in to their class this year.

Mr. Gaskin has started teaching both 3rd classes the recorder.

4th class- Ms. O'Regan

- Ms. O' Regan's class have been working hard since September. They are trying to bí ag caint as Gaeilge as much as they can.
- They have started GAA training with Coach Michael which they are really enjoying!
- They have enjoyed going out to the garden and even contributed to it as Sarah brought in a bird house made by her Grandad!
- They showed off their talents by doing '4th class got Talent'



4th class- Ms. McCormack

- In Science, 4th class have been busy doing projects about bats - very suitable for this spooky time of the year!
- In Gaeilge they have been doing lots of drama and are really enjoying it this term.
- Training with Coach Michael has started and they are developing their GAA skills even more this year!

Some of our 4th class children are in the Confirmation Choir and will be rehearsing every Wednesday with Ms. McCarthy in preparation for the Confirmation ceremony in February.

5th class- Ms. O'Donnell

- 5th class are busy preparing for the Intel Mini Scientist competition. Judging will take place on November 9th.
- They will take part in the Laudate Choir in January and are learning many songs for that.
- Some 5th and 6th class students attended a soccer blitz in the Amenities, organised by Leixlip United on September 28th.

6th class- Ms. O'Mara

- 6th class have been very busy this term with all their new responsibilities. They have really stepped up to the position of 'leaders of the school'.
- They went to the musical 'Bugsy Malone' in the GAA by Coláiste Chiaráin TY students on Tuesday 23rd October and had a great time.
- They are currently preparing with 5th class to sing with The Three Tenors in the church on November 16th. They will sing 'Top of the World' and will accompany the Tenors for the song 'Home from the Sea'.
- They are studying Native Americans and the rainforests in SESE and are doing STEM challenges in Science.



Green Schools

This year's committee members are: Tom Byrne, Grace Fennelly, Aoife Keating, Micheal Dunne, Lewis Clarke, Dylan Hanniford, Laurentiu Dumbrava, Chloe Ann Stanley, Alfie Lonergan, Nathan O Connell and Megan McMaus. The school is currently working towards their 7th Green Flag- Global Citizenship and Energy. Ms. Lenfesty and students on the Green School Committee are conducting an Environmental Review in the school at the moment. They took photos of our electricity metres each morning and evening for 1 week to measure how much energy we use during the day and how much we waste at night.

Student Council

This year's Student Council members are - Saibh Dunne (Chairperson), Kurians Biju (Vice Chairperson), Ciarán McCarthy (Treasurer) and Aimee O'Hagan (Secretary). The class representatives are; James Murnaghan, Emily Byrne, Alexia Cojocar, Shane O'Dowd, Erin Behal, Isabelle Casey, Tom Harrington and Aaron Murphy. We wish them the best of luck for the year ahead.

- The new committee launched on 19th Sept. They currently have some new initiatives in the planning stage. Last week the motion to have student of the week in every class was passed (after surveying all teachers).
- Yard games for seniors and juniors, Gaeilge sa chlós and cara sa chlós have all restarted.
- We have purchased a set of chess boards for the Chess Club and 2 more large outdoor chess boards for lunchtime activities. Many thanks as always to the PTA for funding these.



Running Club

Running club has started back for 4th, 5th and 6th classes every Wednesday from 3-3.45pm. The running club are looking forward to their upcoming running event.

Girls U11 Football

- The girls' team played against Scoil Eoin Phóil which unfortunately they lost.
- Better news when they played against Scoil Bhríde- they won!
- They are playing Scoil Uí Dhálaigh just before Halloween and after the break will be facing Scoil San Carlo.



Boys U11 Football

- The boys have been training on Tuesdays after school.
- They won their first two matches against Scoil Eoin Phoil and Scoil San Carlo and drew against Scoil Uí Dhálaigh. Well done – keep it up!

Chess Club

Chess club takes place every Tuesday from 8.30 to 9.10 am for 4th, 5th and 6th class children. We are getting ready for a competition in November.

Staff Choir

Ms Mc. Carthy's staff choir got off to a great start and is made up of current and retired staff from Scoil Mhuire, Scoil Eoin Phóil and Scoil Bhríde . They will be performing on Dec 2nd at the Christmas Fair!

Jersey Day: On 12th October we all wore our favourite jerseys and raised €500 for GOAL.

Farewell Mrs. McAuliffe

As you know, Mrs. McAuliffe is retiring on 25th November after teaching in our school for 38 years. She loves the school and has dedicated her entire teaching career to the pupils of Scoil Mhuire. Mrs. McAuliffe will be sorely missed by her colleagues, her pupils and by their parents. Her commitment, her love for teaching, her excellent teaching capabilities, her commitment to passing on the highest standards to her pupils and her belief that every child can reach their full potential are among her fine qualities.

She has taught every class level in the school and has spent the last number of years in Learning Support. She has a genuine interest in each child in the school and regularly supports the children at sporting events, concerts and the Sacraments. Probably the greatest gift she gives to all of us is her gift of time. She always makes time to talk to everyone in the school; staff, pupils, parents and even grandparents.

I have had the pleasure of working alongside Mrs. McAuliffe for the past nineteen years and have witnessed her commitment and dedication to Scoil Mhuire first hand. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank her especially for her support over the past three years. To the staff she is a friend, a mentor and a voice of wisdom. To the children she is simply Mrs. McAuliffe!

We wish you well in your retirement. Go n-éirí an t-ádh leat ón bhfoireann go léir. Nora Mescal

Dates for your Diary



Mon 29th October to Fri 2nd November: Midterm break - School will be closed

9th Nov: Intel Mini Scientist Judges visiting the school (5th class)

16th Nov: The three Tenors Concert (5th and 6th classes)

18th Nov: Enrolment Mass at 12.15pm in Our Lady's Nativity – (2nd class)

20th Nov: Chess Jamboree

Tues 20th, Thurs 22nd and Wed 28th Nov: Parent Teacher Meetings

Sun 2nd Dec: PTA Christmas Fair

Wed 19th Dec: Carol Service and Open Day

Well done to everyone on a great first term, especially in terms of attendance, homework, uniform and good behaviour. Many thanks to the parents for helping us improve the 'lines' in the mornings by staying behind the white line once the bell rings. Enjoy the well deserved mid-term break.

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