



# Scoil Mhuire

## Newsletter – Christmas 2022

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### School Enrolment: September 2023

Applications for Enrolment for Junior Infants 2023-24 will take place in January 2023. Application forms will be available on the school website ([www.scoilmhuireleixlip.net](http://www.scoilmhuireleixlip.net)) in early January 2023.

### Science Week

All classes in the school took part in different activities to mark Science Week in November. Rooms 3 and 4 came together to complete a number of experiments, including melting chocolate to make Rice Krispie Buns. Lots of our junior classes did the 'Walking on Air' experiment where the children stood on the table supported by balloons! Ms. McBrearty's class had an exciting visit from the Irish Reptile Zoo. They learned all about snakes and even got to meet and touch a California kingsnake, a boa constrictor and a red-bearded dragon. They created their own snakes using socks and other materials. Ms Doyle's Fourth class completed a number of cool experiments, but their favourite was separating salt and pepper using a balloon. Ms. Flynn's class thoroughly enjoyed Science week, learning all about which substance was the best for cleaning coins and they also isolated protein from milk. Clara, Lena, Lisa and Sara represented the school superbly at the regional final of the Mini Scientist Competition. Well done!



### Chess

The Scoil Mhuire Chess Jamboree took place in November and was a great success. Four local schools took part - Scoil Mhuire, Scoil Eoin Phóil, Scoil Uí Dhálaigh and Scoil Bhríde. Scoil Bhríde were crowned champions on the day. Each school received a box of sweets for taking part and the winners were presented with the Chess Plaque and medals. It was a fantastic day.

### National Children's Choir

Fifth and Sixth class went to their first cluster practice for the National Children's Choir on the 15th of November in Kilcock. They joined two other schools to rehearse a number of songs from the repertoire. It was a very busy day but they sounded great.

### Student Council

The student Council created an advent calendar for the whole school for December. They announced various activities over the intercom, including a kindness day, Christmas riddles and jokes and Christmas Wake Up, Shake Up! They also purchased new goals for lunchtime soccer. They raised €1033.71 for St. Vincent de Paul on Open Day. Thank you to all those who kindly donated.



## Green Schools

First and Fourth class began the 'Sea Keepers Project' with Ms. Dowling, learning all about basking sharks and grey seals. The two Senior Infant classes also learned about a number of sea creatures. They also explored ways in which they can protect the marine environment.



## PTA Christmas Fair

It is great to have the PTA back organising events after Covid. Well done to the PTA for organising the Fun Day on December 11th which was a great success. The total money raised will be released in January.

## Open Day

After two years, Open Day was back with a bang! Everyone was delighted to be able to perform their play and songs or showcase their excellent science projects. Junior Infants performed 'The Nursery Rhyme Nativity.' We couldn't believe how good Senior Infants were in 'Fishing for Stars.' First class were excellent in 'Shine Star Shine.' Second Class had everyone singing along with their play 'It's a Party.' Third Class were amazing in 'Straw and Order.' The Fourth Classes had us captivated with their performances of 'Christmas with the Aliens.' Finally Sixth Class wowed everyone in 'It's Christmas.' Fifth class had the opportunity to present their Intel Mini Scientist projects to their parents, guardians and visitors to the school on Thursday 15th December. Rooms 3 and 4 held their Open Day on Tuesday 13th December. They sang a medley of songs and had a Christmas party for the parents. It was a great success!



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This term students in **Room 3** enjoyed cooking activities, a few trips to the coffee shop and a trip on the train to Dublin City to see the Christmas lights and the crib. They have learned all about Italy and the Romans. They have also been very creative designing amazing Christmas art.

**Room 4** have explored stories such as 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea,' 'The Elves and The Shoemaker' along with 'The Christmas Nativity.' Learning all about number lines and shapes has been great fun! They have also been busy with their friends in Room 3 cooking and baking lots of delicious food!



**Ms. O'Mara's Class** visited the Wonderful Barn and received an insightful tour of the historic structure. Thanks to Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Brennan for sharing their knowledge with the class. Some students in the class committed to making their Confirmation with their attendance at mass on December 6th. They are also looking forward to engaging with the 'You Shall be my Witnesses Programme' after Christmas and making their Confirmation in February.

**Ms. Flynn's Class** were engrossed by the World Cup and learned all about the 32 teams taking part. They even had a sweepstake's competition for the winning team! They created many Christmas masterpieces in art and were lucky enough to do 'Secret Santa' to end their busy first term in an enjoyable way.

**Ms. Haughney's and Ms. Doyle's Classes** have been very busy learning about Italy. They even made pizza in school! They made clay pinch pots when exploring the Stone Age and used the Ipads to research Mars. They really enjoyed learning all the songs and creating dance moves for their Open Day play. All the children did a brilliant job!



**Ms. Milner's Class** learned all about the Ancient Egyptians. They designed and created wonderful projects on Ancient Egypt. They explored facts about Tom Crean and Antarctica. In Maths, they have learned how to multiply by 2, 4, 5, 8 and 10.

**Ms. McCormack's Class** created a number of beautiful pieces of Christmas art, including Snowmen, Penguins and Christmas lights. They used the child-friendly website *kiddle.co* to research different Irish Christmas traditions. They also had an opportunity to practise mediation in SPHE.

**Ms. McBrearty's Class** enjoyed spending some time in the school garden. They dug up potatoes and planted garlic. In art, they made paper plate Christmas Trees and paper roll Christmas elves, who have been getting up to all sorts of mischief in the classroom with their class elf, Dash!



**Ms. O'Callaghan's and Ms. O'Dea's Classes** enjoyed the build up to Christmas with the visit from Santa, making Christmas decorations and performing their Christmas plays. They hosted their own Toy Show showcasing their favourite toys. They have also been exploring the theme of 'The Post Office' as part of Aistear where they wrote letters, delivered letters to Santa Claus and even wrote Christmas cards to the residents of the local nursing home to spread the Christmas cheer!

In Aistear, **Ms. Kerr's Class** learned all about 'The Hospital' in November and in December they were very busy in 'Santa's Workshop,' designing, building and checking toys for Santa. They enjoyed Santa's visit to the school too! They harvested potatoes to bring home to cook and celebrated their successful Open Day Show with some tasty hot chocolate!

**Ms. Doyle's Class** have also been working on the Aistear themes of 'The Hospital' and 'Santa's Workshop.' The children have had great fun diagnosing and treating patients, along with designing and making toys for Santa. They planted garlic in the garden with Mr. Brennan. They look at it most days to see if it needs to be weeded, the garlic shoots are just coming out of the ground now.



#### Upcoming Dates:

21st Dec	School closes for Christmas Holidays
5th Jan	School reopens at 9.20am
6th Jan	Mass celebrating the Epiphany
23rd Jan	Catholic Schools Week
6th Feb	School Closed
13th Feb	Mid-term Break
23rd Feb	6th Class Confirmation

