



## Scoil Mhuire Newsletter – Halloween 2022

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**School Enrolment -September 2023:** The school will accept applications for enrolment for Junior Infants for September 2023 in January.

**Goal Jersey Day:** 'Jersey Day' was held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. The children wore many different jerseys and colourful tops. We raised €547.45 for GOAL. Thanks to all those who donated!



**Decorated Pumpkin Competition:** Our annual pumpkin competition was back this year with a bang! We had so many outstanding entries. It was almost impossible to pick winners! Well done to all who took part in the competition.

**Gaelic training:** Coach Ciarán worked with our 4th, 5th and 6th classes since September practising a number of Gaelic football skills and playing games. In January he will be working with 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes for a number of weeks.

**Maths Week:** Last week our school celebrated Maths Week. There were many activities organised, including a photo competition, conker estimation and laps of the school yard. It gave the pupils a chance to see how Maths is used across the different subjects, as well as in their life at home.

**Hula Hoop Event:** This week each class enjoyed a Hula Hoop lesson with Sarah Brennan from Hula Headspace. Children loved learning new tricks and skills with their hula hoops.



**PTA:** The members of the PTA were delighted to see so many parents at their social evening. The next committee meeting is Nov 9th in Scoil Eoin Phoill hall at 8pm.

**Green Schools** Our new committee for 2022-2023 has been formed. It is a very exciting year as we will be applying for our eighth green flag in a few months. So they will have their work cut out for them!

**Student Council** We have received our badges and established our initial aims for the coming year. We have replaced the old table tennis rackets, pumped all the footballs and basketballs and are in the process of purchasing new goals for lunchtime soccer as was requested from senior classes.

### 5th Class - Intel Mini Scientist Competition

5th Class have been so busy since the beginning of the school year preparing for the Intel Mini Scientist Competition. The work that has gone into the projects has been phenomenal and we are so proud of each student for their dedication and hard work. There were projects on the effects of caffeine, a study on the shelf life of milk types, gravity, a comparison between electric and fuel-run cars, and even a study on the effect of chewing gum on concentration, amongst others. On Oct 26th, a judge from Intel visited our school which was fantastic as it was the first time since COVID-19 that this could occur. In the end, a project entitled 'Crystals' by Clara Murphy, Sara Banas, Lena Pawlik and Lyza Holub claimed victory. Well done girls and best of luck going forward to the regional finals in 2023.

The children in Room 3 enjoyed listening and reading a variety of classic fairytales before using their imaginations to create some of their own wonderful fairytales. The children also welcomed Room 4 into their classroom for a pizza party which was great fun.

Room 4 have been very busy since the beginning of September. They welcomed Zain, a new classmate, to the school. In September they helped harvest the carrots in the garden and have created an Autumn table full of conkers, leaves and pumpkins in their room.

Both Junior Infant classes have been learning all about the farm and have been very busy playing in 'The Farm Shop.' They went on a nature walk around the school and saw lots of autumn leaves, conkers and berries. They made beautiful hedgehogs using forks instead of paintbrushes and learned all about how hedgehogs hibernate.



Ms O'Dea's Senior Infants have had great fun exploring the theme of 'The Witches Den' as part of Aistear, acting as witches and wizards, writing spells and creating spooky potions! They took part in 'Show and Tell' where they each brought in something that was special to share with the class.

Ms. O'Callaghan's Senior Infants had a lovely visit from the Green Lane Lollipop lady. She taught the class all about road safety. Ms. McCarthy has been teaching the class all about 'The Life Cycle of a Spider' and they even made cool spider webs in art.



First Class went on a nature walk to Squirrel Wood and identified the different signs of autumn and even spotted some fairies in Fairyvale. They've also been learning about 2D shapes and had great fun on a 2D shape hunt in the yard. They had a blast (off) making 2D shape rockets too!

**Second Class** has been very busy. They made hedgehogs out of clay and have been learning about autumn in SESE and An Fómhar in Gaeilge. They really enjoyed learning the poem 'Duilleoga'. They picked carrots from last year in the garden and brought them home to enjoy. They are learning the song 'Halloween Is Lots of Fun'.

**Third Class** have been learning all about 'The Skeleton' in SESE and even made skeletons from match sticks. They are practising 'Smiling Mind' everyday by taking five minutes out to do deep breathing and to put a smile on their minds. They also designed flags, posters and bunting for the Irish Women's soccer team who qualified for the World Cup 2023.

Both **Fourth Classes** have been learning about 'Homes' and made constructions of houses at home which were displayed along the corridors. They harvested carrots and potatoes that they grew in 3rd class. They have been working hard in Gaeilge learning their verbs and have challenged themselves to learn them all by Midterm.



**Sixth Class** have been studying the Native Americans in history and the Rainforests in geography. They are busy learning the repertoire for the National Children's choir and have even performed with fifth class at assembly. They are looking forward to meeting some of the other schools in November for the first local rehearsal.

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

7th Nov	School reopens at 9.20am
9th Nov	Talk - Supporting Parents to Support their children's Mental Health: 8pm Scoil Uí Dhálaigh Hall
14th Nov	First Communion Meeting for parents in Scoil Eoin Phoil Hall at 8pm.
14th - 25th	Parent Teacher Meetings
14th Nov	Chess Competition (10 students)
15th Nov	National Children's Choir Practice
21st Nov	Confirmation Meeting for parents in Scoil Eoin Phoil hall at 8pm
16th Dec	Open Day
21st Dec	Half-Day for Christmas Holidays
23rd Feb	Confirmation
6th May	First Communion



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