

# Scoil Mhuire Newsletter



Children can dress up in their Halloween Costumes on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct.

There has been so much happening in all the classrooms since September! As well as the usual work, here are some highlights from our year so far!

According to Ms. Shelly, the Junior Infant class have settled in so well to school life! They have been out to the garden with Mrs. Daly looking at the different plants and trees. They picked apples and Ms. Shelly stewed them - they were yummy! They have started station teaching and it is going really well!

Ms. Doyle's Senior Infants have been super busy doing yoga, breathing exercises and mindfulness. This is where they focus on being calm and relaxed. They are really enjoying it!

Mr. Byrne's 1<sup>st</sup> class have been exploring Pointillism in Art. They used cotton buds to make superhero masks. It was lots of fun!



Mr. Lynch's 1<sup>st</sup> class planted onion seeds in the garden. They are looking forward to watching them grow during the year! Guided reading has started in 1<sup>st</sup> class. Everyone is really enjoying having parent helpers in.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> classes are already busy preparing for their Communion! They had their Enrolment Mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October. The 2 second classes did lots of different activities for Maths Week, which was last week. They made badges and went on maths trails.

Ms. Cleary's 3<sup>rd</sup> class are scientists! They made spinners in class that can turn clockwise and anticlockwise. They have also started learning the recorder with Mr. Gaskin and have learned the notes B, A, G, C and D.

Ms. Doherty's 4<sup>th</sup> class said goodbye to Ms. Berry after 4 weeks in their class. They wish her the best of luck with the rest of her teaching career. They have been participating in lots of activities for Maths week - doing different activities each day such as maths trails and maths games. They also went out to the garden and dug up the turnips that they planted last year.

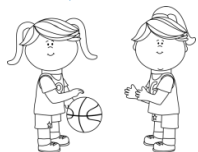
It's all about science in 5<sup>th</sup> class at the moment! Ms. O'Driscoll and Ms. McCormack's classes are working hard on their Intel Mini Scientist projects. The judges will be visiting the school after the mid-term break.



The 6<sup>th</sup> classes are busy preparing for Confirmation. On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October there was an Information Night for parents. The Commitment mass will take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. 6<sup>th</sup> class are looking forward to going to the GAA hall to watch High School Musical on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October!

Room 3 have had a very busy few weeks with 3 new students joining the class. Harry, Noah, Jayden and Ben have been working hard and had great fun learning about road safety and Autumn this term. They explored the locality and collected lots of Autumn things.

Room 4 welcomed two new boys to their class this year; Daniel and Damien. They have been working hard with their new teacher. They had a busy day last week digging potatoes in the garden. They washed them, cooked them and ate them - very tasty!!



## Sports

Wednesday mornings there's **Hurling for boys and girls**. Mr. Byrne has been delighted with the turn out and the children are enjoying training before school!

**The girls' Football Under 11 League** takes place on Thursday afternoon with Ms. O Grady and Ms. McCormack. Well done to everyone for taking part. The girls have won all of their matches so far!

**The boys' Football Under 11's League** takes place on Tuesdays with Mr. Lynch and Mr. Byrne. Like the girls, the boys are enjoying the league too. They have played 3 matches- won 1, drew 1 and lost 1. Both the boys and the girls are looking forward to their matches after the Halloween break!

On alternate Wednesday afternoons there is **Basketball for 6<sup>th</sup> class** with Ms. Doherty and Ms. O Mara **and Running** with Ms. Dowling and Ms. O'Donnell. Well done to all those runners who represented the school in Scoil Uí Dhálaigh last Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October for a running event. The children had a very enjoyable morning. Well done to all who attended especially to our Under 10 boys team who each won medals – James Murnaghan, Seán Murnaghan, Diarmuid O'Connor, Kiefer Prendiville and Dylan Flanagan. There will be plenty challenges for the children in the running club in the weeks up to Christmas.

**Leixlip GAA offered 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> classes 4 weeks hurling training during PE time over the last few weeks which we are most grateful for.**

### Other Activities

Our **School Choir** meet every Tuesday at lunchtime and sound absolutely beautiful. According to Ms. McCarthy and Ms. O Mara, they are working very hard and are very enthusiastic about the new songs they are learning. They performed at assembly last week and impressed us all! The Confirmation Choir have started preparing on Thursday mornings before school.

### Student Council

Scoil Mhuire has a new student council! Class representatives were voted from 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. The chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary and treasurer were chosen from 6<sup>th</sup>. The polling station was in Ms. O'Mara's classroom! The council are looking forward to coming up with lots of good ideas for making the best out of school life in Scoil Mhuire!

- Teachers of classes from Junior Infants to 4<sup>th</sup> class held Parent Information Meetings in September.
- We had a very successful fire drill on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- On 5<sup>th</sup> October our Junior Infant photos were taken.
- On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October, Fr. Karl celebrated a service in the hall for the Beginning of the School Year.
- The PTA took photos of all classes for the calendars which will be on sale at the Christmas Fair.
- Jersey Day took place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October with all children and staff wearing their favourite jerseys to raise money for GOAL. We raised €530. Thank you!

**We have been asked to remind all parents/minders to please remember to drive safely outside the school grounds as there are a lot of young children walking. Also please make sure you park in the designated parking areas.**

### Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October - The Liffey Champion will visit Junior Infants.
- **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Mid term break !**
- Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> - Annual Service for the Dead
- Sat 12<sup>th</sup> November - 6<sup>th</sup> class Commitment Mass at 6pm.
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Parent Teacher Meetings
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November - Junior Infant Immunisations
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Fair
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - combined Open Day and Carol Service



**Well done to all children who wear their full uniform every day! I am delighted to announce that our Attendance figure for the month of October was higher than in the previous four Octobers. I would love to see this great effort continuing for the rest of the months. Wishing you all a safe mid-term break.**  
Mrs. Mescal and the staff of Scoil Mhuire.

If you would like to volunteer in the school or if you would like to accompany a class on tour throughout the year, please call to the office for the new Garda Vetting Application form.