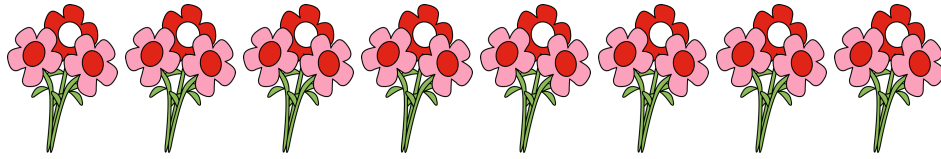


# Scoil Mhuire Newsletter - Mid Term 2017



The weeks have been flying by since Christmas in Scoil Mhuire! We can't believe that mid term is coming up next week! All pupils (and teachers!) have been working very hard. We had Grandparents' Day on Friday 3rd February- it was a special day for all the students, teachers and grandparents who were involved. It was a lovely way to finish Catholic Schools Week! This week is Friendship Week. There is a lovely atmosphere around the school as we see our 'buddies' on the corridor or on the yard. Here is a look back at what has been happening in our school recently!

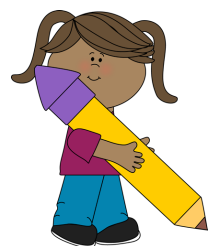


- In **Junior Infants** Ms. Shelly's class were so excited to welcome grandparents for Grandparents' Day. They had lots of questions about what life was like when they were young. It was a great way to invite new people into their classroom! Junior Infants have started using pencils when doing their work. They are enjoying this and are spending lots of time practising their letters!



- Some weather forecasters have moved into Ms. Doyle's **Senior Infants!** The children have been learning about the weather- they know how cold it is at the moment! They became weather forecasters for the day and had lots of fun broadcasting to each other. They welcomed over 20 grandparents during Grandparents' Day. They got to sit in groups and have a lovely chat about times gone by.

- In **Mr. Lynch's 1st class** they are busy at the moment preparing their write-a-book entries. They have been authors and editors and can't wait to send their work off to be read by another school. They will also get to read some stories that have been written by pupils from another school in Kildare. Even though school life is very busy, they remember to take time to practise their meditation and belly breathing to stay nice and calm!
- **Mr. Byrne's 1st class** did lots of preparation for the visiting grandparents! They learned about what school was like in the past. They also learned about transport and homes and how they have changed over the years. When their visitors came they were ready and waiting with lots of interesting questions!
- In **Mrs Mc Carthy's Room 4** there has been lots of work done preparing for the Sheila O'Hora Art Competition. They painted fantastic pictures and had so much fun being artists! They prayed for all families and really impressed their visitors with their 'Super Grandparents' song. All the pupils in room 4 are thinking of Lauren who is making her First Confession in Confey Parish.

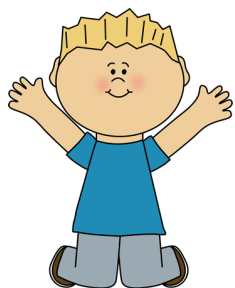


- **Ms. Fisch's** class have been going shopping every week to get ingredients for their homemade lunches. They really enjoy these weekly trips. Alex, a past pupil, visited the class and taught some children how to wash dishes and to set the table...very important lessons! As well as these excursions they made cards for Grandparents' Day and painted pictures for the Art Competition.

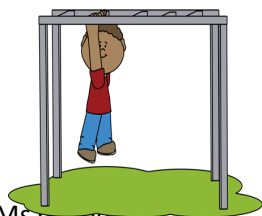
- The two **2nd classes** are also busy being writers and editors in preparation for the Write-a-Book competition. They are learning about the Great Wall of China this week in English and are doing a project about China also. It's good to learn about a different country! They were all very excited to meet and greet the grandparents that came to visit on what was a very busy day for all classes throughout the school! **Ms. Dowling** and **Ms. O'Grady** were impressed with all the questions that the second class children were asking.



- **Ms. Cleary's 3rd class** have stepped back in time to learn about the fierce Vikings in History! They have really enjoyed finding out more about them! If you're wondering what they are doing at 10 o'clock each morning, they are doing 10 @ 10 for Operation Transformation. This means they do 10 minutes of exercise- 3rd class know how important it is to be fit and healthy! Cillian's grandad brought in his fireman's helmet on Grandparents Day - the children were really impressed with that!



- The country of China has popped up in **Ms. Doherty's 4th class** also! They have been learning lots of interesting facts about it. Some of the pupils are singing in the choir for the Confirmation ceremonies which are taking place on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th February. They have put in a huge amount of work with Mrs. McCarthy and both Ms. Doherty and Mrs. Mescal really appreciate their efforts. 4th class really enjoyed the theme of the Sheila O'Hora Art competition which was tourism. They look forward to hearing the results!
- Science still features in the 5th class classrooms and following on from all their hard work preparing for the Intel Science Projects in the first term, **Ms. McCormack** and **Ms O'Driscoll's** classes went to the RDS in January for the BT Young Scientist competition. It was a great day and the pupils all enjoyed getting to see the projects put forward from other schools from all over the country. The 5th classes have also been learning about the Famine and the effects it had on the people of Ireland. In Geography they have been learning about the Mountains of Ireland and in Science The Respiratory System. Both classes used rushes to make St. Brigid Crosses during Catholic Schools' Week.
- This week is a very important one for **Ms. O'Mara** and **Ms. O'Donnell's** 6th classes. They had their Service of Light on Monday night and are making their Confirmation on Thursday 16th February. They have been so busy preparing, especially in recent weeks when they had 4 sessions of the You Shall Be My Witness programme. They will have one final session after the Confirmation. They really enjoyed this programme. Thanks to Ella Doran for organising it.
- Ms. O'Donnell's class have started reading their class novel- it is Matilda by Roald Dahl. They are looking forward to going to see the film in the library in March! Ms. O'Mara's 6th have also started their novel. They are reading Holes by Louis Sachar. Both classes are enjoying their novels!



- All classes from Junior Infants to 6th have been gymnasts since Christmas! Every pupil gets to develop this strand of the P.E curriculum at this time every year. A big thank you to Pat from all the students for making sure the equipment is ready for us for every session!

- Scoil Mhuire had a visit from the Diocesan Advisors on 13th January. They were very impressed with the level of
- Green Schools- Ms. Cleary and the Green Schools Committee have been very busy working towards our 6th flag. Students took part in a poster competition for the school's Green Code for Global Citizenship, Litter and Waste. Well done to everyone for participating and to the winners Tom Byrne - Junior Infants, Chloe Szabo - Senior Infants, Isabelle Casey- 2nd class and Oisin Lynch- 3rd class. The Golden Bin award is our new initiative to reduce waste in our school. We are trying to eliminate the general waste bins in our classrooms. Congratulations to Ms Dowling's 2nd and Ms Cleary's 3rd- the first winners of the Golden Bin award! As we are a Green School Ms. Cleary wants to give a gentle reminder to all children to bring in a towel for drying hands and to remember not to put any wrappers in lunchboxes.
- **Sport-** Well done to all the pupils who are taking part in the various sports activities this term. Ms. Dowling wants to say a big well done to all the students who participated in the Running Challenge. She gave out medals for the Christmas Challenge recently in assembly. The runners did as many laps as they could around Scoil Mhuire and Scoil Bhride within 5 minutes. This went on for 5 weeks. That means that the pupils ran between 15-21 laps! That's a lot of running! The Easter challenge has also started- they're at week 2. Ready, set, go!
- **Choir** – The choir have been working hard preparing for the Confirmation with Mrs. McCarthy. They have been great ambassadors for Scoil Mhuire and all of their hard work is much appreciated.



## Dates for your diary:

