



# Mid-term Newsletter

We are now half way through the school year and everyone in Scoil Mhuire is as busy as ever!

## Grandparents' Day

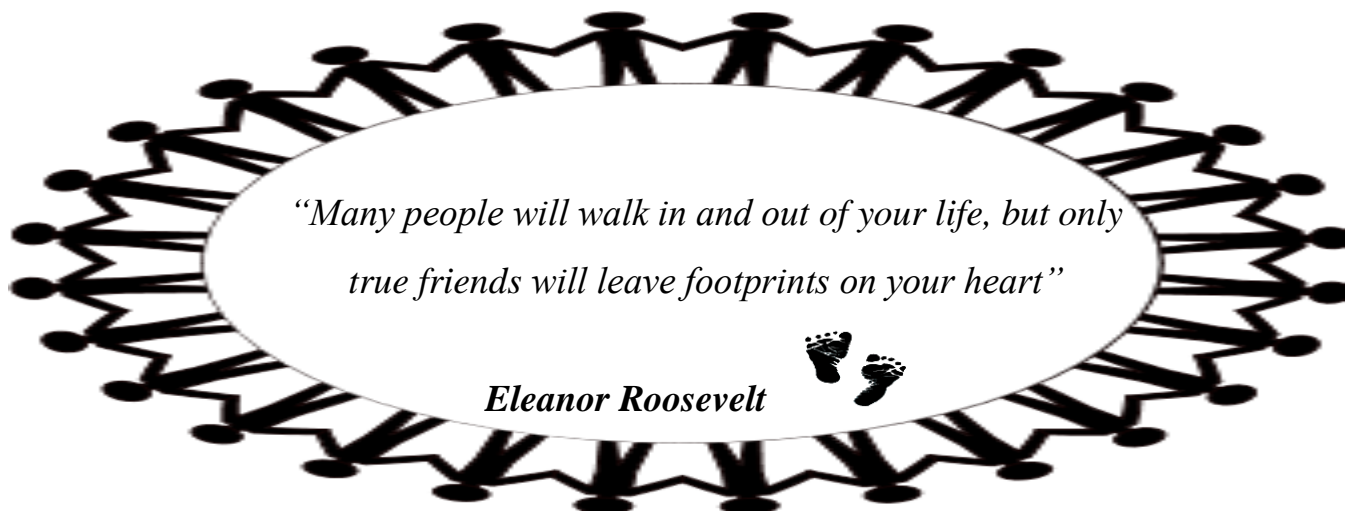


As part of Catholic Schools' Week (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Feb), the school was filled with grandparents as some of our classes celebrated Grandparents' Day by inviting grandparents into their classrooms. Many thanks to all the grandparents who visited the school during the week. Many grandparents travelled long distances to be with us and we really appreciate the effort they made. The children were delighted to have them and learned a lot about school life in the past. The staff also enjoyed meeting the grandparents during the lunch breaks!



St Brigid's Day also fell during Catholic Schools' Week and many classes made Brigid's Crosses, some out of reeds, others out of lollipop sticks and others out of paper.

## Friendship Week (8<sup>th</sup> – 12th Feb)



*"Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints on your heart"*

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

- Ms. Gilsenan's junior infants welcomed Mrs. McGrillen's third class into their room during friendship week for a number of activities. They were all very busy completing maths activities, reading stories and making lovely Valentine cards.
- Junior infants have also been learning a poem all about friendship- "Friends care, friends share, we need friends everywhere."
- Ms. Shelly's senior infants had a visit from Ms. McCormack's 4<sup>th</sup> class. They were very excited to play a variety of fun board games and the 4<sup>th</sup> class children were all very patient and helpful when explaining the rules and instructions.
- Mrs. Doyle's senior infants were delighted to spend time with Ms. Doherty's 4<sup>th</sup> class. The 4<sup>th</sup> class children came to work with the senior infants a number of days during friendship week. They played games and had a lovely reading session at the

beginning of the week and to finish up friendship week they joined up to create wonderful Valentine cards.

- Ms. O' Driscoll's class visited Ms. O' Grady's first class. They worked together on writing activities, paired reading and maths games.
- Mr. Lynch's first class had visitors from Ms. O' Donnell's 5<sup>th</sup> class. They had great fun playing maths games and were very lucky to get the chance to make special friendship bracelets.
- The children in room 3 did lots of work on what makes a good friend. They also revised their classroom friendship rules.
- The children in room 4 did a lot of work on turn taking games and had some structured play sessions which were great fun.
- Ms. Walsh's 2nd class were paired up with Ms. O' Mara's 6<sup>th</sup> class. Both classes were divided in half and one half went to room 10 while the others went to room 13. They read a variety of Irish and English stories.
- 6<sup>th</sup> class were also carrying out random acts of kindness throughout the week in connection with their Confirmation. *We would like to wish all those who are making their Confirmation a very happy and Holy day.* ✂

**Please note: Parents/ Minders/ family members are requested to report to the office upon entry to the school. A number of parents are calling to classroom doors to deliver messages during the day and some are still bringing their children to the classrooms in the morning. This is very disruptive for classes and it is easier to keep a record of who is in the building if people check in with the secretary first. The children's safety is very important to us.**




*Many thanks to anyone who sent in toys for AISTEAR. The infant teachers were delighted with the response and really appreciate it.*



### **Dates for your Diary**



- 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February – Mid-term break - school closed.
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February – school closure as the school will be used as a polling station for the forthcoming election.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Service of Light for 6<sup>th</sup> class in Our Lady's Nativity Church at 8pm.
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Confirmation in Our Lady's Nativity Church at 11am.
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March - Seachtain na Gaeilge:
- 4<sup>th</sup> March –Tráth na gCeist, 11<sup>th</sup> March - Céilí sa halla agus Lá Glas where children can wear green.
- 15<sup>th</sup> March - Proclamation day - Commemoration of 1916 Rising Celebrations 
- **4<sup>th</sup> March - PTA Table Quiz – GAA hall at 8pm, all welcome!**

*Enjoy the Mid-term break from Mrs. Mescal and all in Scoil Mhuire.*