

Scoil Mhuire Mid-term Newsletter



We have had a busy term so far since Easter. Here is a quick summary of what has been going on and a list of dates for your diary.....



We had a fantastic **Active Schools Week** from 24th to 28th April where children were involved in lots of activities such as the marathon, Wake up, Shake up, the parent and child run, the races with the teachers for our junior children and rounders for our senior children. We also had the Skipping Workshop which was a great success and the week ended with the whole school dance in the hall on Friday morning! Many thanks to the teachers who organised the week's events – Ms. Doherty, Ms. O' Grady, Ms. McCarthy and Ms. Dowling.



We have had: *Football coaching from the GAA for 3 weeks for 3rd, 4th and 5th classes.
*Soccer coaching begins this Friday for 3 weeks for classes from Junior Infants - 6th
*Drama classes for 3 weeks for various classes throughout the school with Marie Daly.



We were awarded our 6th Green Flag from An Taisce this month and on Tuesday, Sai Vaikuntum (6th class) and Lucy Kelly (1st class) attended the Green Schools Ceremony in the Helix with Ms. Cleary and Mrs. McAuliffe where they were presented with the Green Flag.

Our 6th class children enjoyed a workshop on transitioning to secondary school by Leixlip Youth Group and those children who will be attending Coláiste Chiaráin next year got the opportunity to visit the school last week. Ms. O' Donnell's class also attended a Safety Workshop in Confey GAA on Tuesday 16th and Ms. O' Mara's class visited Leixlip Library for Technology Week.



The children in 2nd class made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 20th May which was a very special occasion. The children were a credit to themselves and their teachers – Ms. O Grady and Ms. Dowling. Many thanks to our wonderful choir, who sang so beautifully on the day and to Ms. O' Mara and Ms. McCarthy for all their work with the choir. We'd also like to say a huge thanks to the parents who helped out with the refreshments on the day.



Many classes took part in the Write-a-Book 2017 Competition and wrote fantastic books. Congratulations to our winners:

1st Class: 1st - Doireann White, 2nd - Ava Byrne, 3rd - Clodagh McCarthy.
1st Class: 1st - Lucy Kelly, 2nd - Danielle Tjurin, 3rd - Gwen Sullivan
2nd Class: 1st - Erin Behal, 2nd - Kaitlin Lawlor, 3rd - Ailbhe Mooney and Evelyn Sullivan.
2nd Class: 1st - James Salig, 2nd - Harry Dunne, 3rd - Cara Heraty and Suleman Aurfan.
3rd Class: 1st - Darragh Byrne, 2nd - Charvi Kosanam, 3rd - Shane O' Dowd
5th Class: 1st - Jack McGonigle, 2nd - Aine Lynch, 3rd - Eoghan Harrington.



Cake Sale !!!!!



The Student Council and 6th class are organising a Cake Sale on June 9th in aid of Heart Children Ireland and Leixlip Tidy Towns. . There will be a Pop Up Café on the day so do call in and support these two worthwhile causes. The cake sale will open at 9.20am but parents are welcome to drop goods to the hall from 8.30am.



Dates for your diary



- 23rd May: Student Council End of Year Meeting with the Board of Management
- 26th May: Football Blitz in GAA club at 3.30 for 3rd 4th and 5th classes.
- 26th May: PTA Coffee Morning –SEP Hall 9.30am
- 31st May: Half day for the children who sang in the Communion choir
- **5th June: School will be closed for the Bank Holiday**
- 6th - 16th June: Readathon for 1st to 6th classes.
- 8th June: PTA Clothes Recycling
- 9th June: Cake Sale
- June 12th: Meeting for new Junior Infants 1pm
- June 14th: Green School Ceremony (raising our 6th Green Flag)
- June 15th: Running event – Leixlip Amenities
- June 20th: Sports Day
- June 26th: Graduation Mass 6th classes.
- **June 30th: School closes at 12.30pm for the Summer holidays.**

School Tours

Junior Infants: 16th June: Imaginosity and Marley Park Playground

Senior Infants: 27th June: Carragh Farm

1st Classes: 23rd June: The Chocolate Factory and Natural History Museum

2nd Classes: 28th June: The Bog of Allen Nature Centre

3rd and 4th Classes: 28th June: Croke Park and Ashtown Castle Playground.

5th Classes: 22nd June: Irish Museum of Modern Art and the National Aquatic Centre.

6th Classes: 27th June: Lilliput Adventure Centre.



Uniforms

Please remember to wear full uniform at all times. Now that the weather is warmer, children are welcome to wear tracksuit shorts on PE days and grey shorts on uniform days. Don't forget black shoes! Tracksuit shorts are available to purchase in Bernard Owen's Shop in the village.

Recent Work

As you know, we recently created a new outdoor sensory area with OT equipment in the school. Sincere thanks to the Board of Management for funding this project and to those parents who donated sandpits, bikes and scooters to the area. We also received a grant from the Department of Education to create a sensory room in our old library, which we are delighted with.

We thank Intel for the 'Intel Pride of Place' prize of €5000 which we won recently and which we will use to create a new school garden during the Summer. This garden will be shared with Scoil Bhride.

We will report on all the Sport that has been going on this term, in the 'Summer Newsletter'.