



Scoil Mhuire Newsletter - Summer 2017

The summer holidays are nearly here! It's very exciting! As we count down to June 30th it is a good time to look back over the last few weeks in Scoil Mhuire to see all of the fun and interesting things that have taken place. School is finishing, our 6th class are leaving, here's what's been happening!

- **Ms. Shelly's Junior Infants** went on their school tour to Marley Park and to Imaginosity. The children had a great time playing together in the playground before going to the children's Science museum in Dundrum. It was hard to work out which part was the most fun - playing in the 'supermarket', going to the 'diner' or looking for fairies in the rooftop garden! Junior Infants are having a Teddy Bear's Picnic with 3rd class next week! Everyone will bring in their favourite teddy (and a treat) and go for a play outside. The children in Junior Infants have grown so much over the past 10 months - they will be ready for Senior Infants after the summer break!



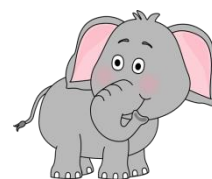
- **Ms. Doyle's Senior Infants** are super excited about going to Caragh Open Farm on their school tour! They can't wait to see all the different animals - they've heard that there is a really good playground and some haystacks there too! They have been busy reading lots and lots of books for the readathon- at the halfway point they had read 415 books! Senior Infants improved their soccer skills thanks to Coach Eoin who came to the school teaching kicking and dribbling skills. They really enjoyed the lessons. The Premier League here we come!

- **Mr. Lynch's 1st class** are going to the Chocolate Factory! They are going to be learning all about how chocolate is made. They will get to decorate some chocolates and might even get to eat some! They are also going to the Natural History Museum - this will be a good opportunity to learn about different animals and fossils. The sun was shining on Sports Day and they had lots of fun taking part in the different activities! Everyone was tired by the end of the day (including Mr. Lynch!) Well done to Darragh Johnson, Aaron Murphy and Jack Reilly who were on winning teams in the table quiz.



- There has been so much reading going on in **Mr. Byrne's 1st class**! They have really enjoyed doing the readathon and their teacher is very proud of how much reading they have all been doing. They are also looking forward to going on their school tour- they like chocolate just as much as the other 1st class! The Natural History Museum will be lots of fun - there are over 10,000 exhibits on display! Will they have time to see them all? Will they meet Spotticus the giraffe- the museum mascot?

- **Ms. Fisch's** class have had a very busy term! They went on a cinema trip to see Boss Baby! It was funny! Their big trip is to Dublin Zoo. They will learn about the jungle and rainforest animals. Going to the zoo, zoo, zoo! All the pupils in Room 3 love the new sensory room, especially the bubble tubes and the colour changing eggs. They had a visit from the dentist in their class. She checked all their teeth and gave them a new toothbrush for the class tooth brushing programme. Some American students joined their class for part of a day and learned all about the systems and strategies that are in place to make sure the day runs smoothly. Ms. Fisch, Sandra and Anne want to welcome Daniel who joined the class in May.



- **Ms. McCarthy's** class have had a very busy month! As a reward for working so hard all year they went to the cinema in town where they met their old teacher Niamh Irwin and the class she teaches now! They watched 'Inside Out' and had a lovely day! They want to say a big thank you to Liam Mahon, the TY student who has been a great help to everyone in Room 4 over the month of June. They went on their school tour to Tayto Park which was fantastic! The day was lovely and sunny and they were all so busy that they had a snooze on the bus on the way home! A big thank you to Liam and their bus driver Ann who went with them. Everyone was a winner on Sports Day - everyone took part in the races (even the parents!) and they got medals, certificates and prizes. Congratulations to Lauren who made her Communion in May in Confey Parish- she had a super day!

- **Ms O'Grady's 2nd** are going to the Bog of Allen on their school tour. They are looking forward to getting out and about learning more about the bogland habitat. Fingers crossed for good weather! There was no rain on Sports Day and they had lots of fun playing different games all around the school grounds. It was good to work together as a team. Ms O'Grady's class are great team players! The table quiz was good fun and Ms O'Grady wants to say well done to all who took part and a special congratulations to the winners from her class who were Isabelle Casey, Cara Heraghty, James Gaynor and Michelle Catana. The readathon has been a great success in her class with everyone reading lots of books!



- **Ms. Dowling's 2nd** have been busy out in the garden tending to their strawberries. They are not quite ready to be eaten but it has been lots of fun growing them! They are also going to the Bog of Allen on their tour. They are hoping to do some arts and craft there! They have added another page or two to their Book-About-Me projects which begin in Junior Infants and are added to each year in Primary School. It was fun looking at the pictures and seeing how everyone has changed over the last 3 years! Ms. Dowling was at the running event in the Amenities and wants to say congratulations to all who ran on the day! Well done also to Josh Maggrey and Marvellous Oulai who were on winning teams in the table quiz.



- **Ms. Cleary's 3rd** are going to Croke Park and to the playground on their school tour. They will get a 'behind the scenes' tour of Croke Park and get to go to the GAA Museum! That sounds like fun! They are also still gardening in 3rd! The pupils are planting their 'sow and grow' plants in the garden- these are runner beans, carrots and peas. The readathon has kept Room 8 busy. They will attend an Environmental Songs workshop on Friday 23rd June. Congratulations to Alexia Cojocar, Isabel Fanning, and Marie Therese Sidibe who were on winning teams in the table quiz.

- **Ms. Doherty** wants to say well done to all who were involved in the running event in the Amenities. Congratulations to all the participants and winners! Sports Day was a great success - the pupils had a great day playing sports and cheering for their team. The children in 4th really enjoyed the table quiz. Well done to all those who took part and to Emily Byrne, Oisín Fagan, Ciarán McCarthy and Diarmuid O'Connor who were on winning teams! There have been lots of noses in books in Room 12 for the readathon. It has really encouraged children all over the school to read lots of books and Ms. Doherty's 4th are no exception! They are looking forward to their school tour as well. They will be going to Croke Park and to the playground.



- **Ms. McCormack's 5th** class went on their tour to The Modern Art Museum in Kilmainham and to the National Aquatic Centre. Having seen the Art in IMMA, they went for a splash and a swim in the pool! It was great fun! Ms. McCormack was at the running event in the Amenities and wants to say well done to both the participants and the winners - our school was well represented! All the boys and girls in 5th had a great day on Sports Day. Friendly competition was the name of the game! They also went on a visit to Leixlip Library and got to meet Aidan Courtney, a cartoonist who taught them how to draw cartoons as Gaeilge! At the senior end of the school the Readathon is creating some avid readers - well done! Everyone enjoyed the table quiz in the hall and congratulations to Dara Ogunji who was on a winning team.

- **Ms. O'Driscoll's 5th** class also went to IMMA and the NAC on their tour. They had a great time! Her class are loving the soccer leagues. It's great to be outside exercising while at the same time playing on a team with your friends! 5th and 6th had a Gaelic football match which 5th won! The 5th classes were happy with this result! The table quiz was good fun - well done to Amy Heraghty and Caoimhe Hobson who were on winning teams. They also visited the cartoonist Aidan Courtney in Leixlip Library - he is an expert at drawing comic strips! They drew lots of characters. They have really enjoyed creating Indian Art and seeing it displayed in the hall. Lots of reading has been going on in Room 16 for the Readathon.

- **Ms O'Donnell's 6th** went on a trip to Confey GAA club for a Health and Safety talk about water safety, fire safety, work and personal safety. They all found it to be very informative and worthwhile. They are looking forward to going on their final school tour to Lilliput Adventure Centre where lots of exciting activities await! The kayaking and assault course should be fun! They went litter picking with the Tidy Towns and saw all the great work being carried out by the volunteers who put so much work into keeping Leixlip a tidy and great

place to live! The class loved the lunchtime soccer leagues. Ms. O'Donnell wants to say well done to Wayne, Sean & Isabelle who won medals at the Amenities in the running event. She also wants to say well done to Elizabeth and Rupasri who won prizes in the Poetry competition and to Sean and Harry who were on winning teams in the table quiz.

- **Ms O'Mara's 6th** have been enjoying some well deserved June rewards after all their hard work this year- extra P.E, a movie afternoon, ice-cream party and a walk to St. Catherine's Park to name but a few! They are also going to Lilliput on their school tour - lots of adventures await! It was great showing off knowledge at the table quiz and well done to Conall Henson and Jennifer Murnaghan who were on winning teams! Both 6th classes are looking forward to their Graduation Mass which is taking place on June 26th in the church. There will be speeches and presentations in the Parish Centre afterwards.



- **Student Council**- Ms O'Mara wants to say well done to a fantastic Student Council who represented the school exceptionally well this year. They were praised by the Board of Management for their great work and for the initiatives they implemented this year. Both teachers and students hope these initiatives will continue into the coming years!



- **Green Schools**- Ms. Cleary has exciting news that the flag raising ceremony will take place in Scoil Mhuire on June 23rd. This will be our 6th flag and everyone in our school is very proud of the journey we have taken and the choices we have made to make us a truly 'Green School'. She wants to thank all the pupils on the Green Schools Committee for all their hard work throughout the year. They have put in a lot of effort and have been responsible and deserving members of the committee. We are looking forward to having Dara Wyer, Environmental Awareness Officer at the ceremony.

- **Poetry Competition**- The annual Declan O'Toole Poetry Competition was a huge success and Ms. O'Grady would like to say a big 'well done' to all the pupils in Scoil Mhuire who participated. The theme this year was 'Holidays' and the judges were really impressed by the standard of work. The winners are as follows: Junior Infants- Clara Pinner, Senior Infants- Chloe Szabo, 1st (Mr. Lynch)- Clara Ryan, 1st (Mr. Byrne) Doireann White, 2nd (Ms. O'Grady) – Amelia Kaczmarek, 2nd (Ms. Dowling) - Josh Maggrey, 3rd - Tara Mooney, 4th - Ciarán McCarthy, 5th (Ms. McCormack) - Áine Lynch, 5th (Ms. O'Driscoll) - Sinead Andos, 6th (Ms. O'Donnell) - Elizabeth Kovalchuk, 6th (Ms. O'Mara)- Jennifer Murnaghan. Overall winner Rupasri Kumar.

Sports

- **Running Event**- Boys and girls from 4th, 5th and 6th class represented our school in the running event which took place in the Amenities. We had many individual and team winners on the day. Well done to all for participating and a huge thanks to Ms. Dowling for organising the whole event!



Soccer blitz

4th and 5th class boys attended the soccer blitz in Coláiste Phádraig in Lucan with Mr. Byrne and Mr. Swords. Many thanks to Mr. Dunne for inviting us to attend every year. The boys played very well and came 2nd. Well done to all involved!



- **Student-Teacher Basketball Match**

The annual basketball match between the teachers and the 6th class will take place this year on Thursday 29th June at 2pm.

- **Boys U13 League**

Boys from 4th to 6th took part in the Boys Football League with the Final on Tuesday 23rd between Mayo and Kerry

Sports Day

The sun came out on Sports Day and a great day was had by all on 20th June. Many thanks to Aisling Carey, Jackie Doyle and Denise Mughrabi for providing refreshments for parents on the day!



• **Hurling Blitz**

At the moment children from 2nd to 6th are involved in a Hurling Blitz across the three schools. Many thanks to Mr. Byrne, for all the early morning training sessions every Tuesday and best of luck to all involved.

- **Sports presentations** took place on June 19th in the hall with all children from 3rd to 6th across the three schools attending. These were a fitting end and reward for all of the effort and time dedicated to sports on the campus. Many of our children received medals but a special award went to Footballer of the year – Matthew O Hara, Ladies footballer of the year – Kayleigh O Neill, Sportsman of the year – Conall Henson and Sportswoman of the year – Emily Gorecka. We look forward to lots of leagues, matches and events next year.

- **Readathon** -The Readathon was a student council initiative. Pupils from Senior Infants to 6th were encouraged to read as many books as possible from June 6th -16th. Prizes were awarded to the children in each class who read the most books and to the class who read the most books. There has been a big push on reading and great enthusiasm from all the pupils! The final tally indicated that Ms. Doyle's Senior Infants had read the most books. Well done to them!



• **Handwriting Competition**

Congratulations all children from senior Infants to 6th class who took part in the handwriting competition. The results will be announced at the final assembly on the day of the holidays.

Cake Sale

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Cake Sale on Friday June 9th in aid of Heart Children Ireland and Leixlip Tidy Towns. It was a huge success and the children raised a total of €1806. Thanks to the children and staff who baked for the event. We were delighted to see so many parents at our pop up café during the day! Thanks to Ms. O Mara, the Student Council and 6th class for all their hard work.



Farewell!!

We say farewell to our 6th class students as they make the transition to secondary school. They have come a long way since 2011 when they arrived as nervous Junior Infants. They have now blossomed in to mature, hard-working, reliable, kind and honest young adults. We thank their parents for their interest and continued support of the school. We have enjoyed having the children in the school and we wish them well as they move to secondary school. We hope they will continue to work hard and remember the values they have learned in Scoil Mhuire.

New Junior Infants

Our new Junior Infants visited the school on Monday June 12th. They were very excited to meet their teachers Mr. Lynch and Ms. Shelly and to see their classroom and meet some new friends. We look forward to working with them and their parents over the next 8 years!



I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for your continued support of the school. We had a very good year which I attribute to all members of the team working in partnership together - our teachers, SNA's, ancillary staff, Board of Management, PTA, our parents, volunteers and most importantly our students. Working together, everyone achieves more! Many thanks to the PTA for their generous donation of €12,000 this year and to anyone who helped the school in any way this year - we really appreciate all your help!

The school will close at 12.30pm on Friday 30th June for our summer holidays. The Board of Management and Staff wish you an enjoyable summer break. If you need to contact the school during the summer, please email us on scmhuireleixlip.ias@eircom.net. School reopens on Thursday 31st August.



