



Scoil Mhuire

Newsletter – February 2023

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Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week was celebrated from January 22nd to 29th. This year it was based around the theme 'Walking Together in Faith and Love.' Posters were displayed around the school and many classes completed lessons and activities based on this theme.

Grandparents' Day



It was wonderful to have Grandparents visit the school on Grandparents' Day as part of Catholic Schools Week. So many Grandparents came along to visit their Grandchildren in the classrooms. They were interviewed, listened to some beautiful songs and poetry and had great fun playing board games! All of the photo booth pictures from the special day are up on our website.

Grandparents took home a candle to mark the special occasion. It was lovely to see Grandparents chat and enjoy some tea and cake following their classroom visits. Thanks so much to all Grandparents who made the trip to visit Scoil Mhuire. Thank you to Ms. Kelly and Ms. Doran for coordinating Catholic Schools Week and Grandparents' Day in our school.

St. Brigid's Day

For St. Brigid's Day the children made Brigid's crosses using materials such as reeds, colourful paper and lollipop sticks. A big thank you to John Joe Brennan from our Board of Management who collected and delivered reeds to our school.

Planting



As part of Brigid 1500, Kildare County Council sent two cross-pollinating apple trees to our school. Our Green Schools Committee are pictured above with the two trees that were planted on St. Brigid's Day.

Green Schools

All classes participated in the Green Schools Action Day on 3rd February, completing at least one lesson on protecting our Marine Environment. Classes watched videos, completed worksheets, designed posters, wrote reports and created slogans. Third class undertook a project on the Marine Environment. Ms. Dowling also completed the 'Life Below Water' Workshop with Ms. Doyle's Fourth class.

In recent weeks, Ms. Dowling and the Green School Committee have also been speaking at assembly, informing everyone all about the Marine Environment.

A number of things that you can do to help our Marine Environment:

1. Reduce - Cut down on the plastic that you buy.
2. Refuse - Say no to single use plastic - eg. plastic straws, plastic bags, plastic bottles.
3. Reuse - Try to reuse plastic, eg. bags, bottles, boxes.
4. Recycle - Put plastic in the correct bin so that it can be recycled.
5. Do not litter
6. Do a 2-minute beach clean or litter pick near your house

Garden - Seed and Bulbs

A number of classes were out over the last week clearing and weeding the school garden, getting it ready for planting. A huge thank you to Hubert Taylor for donating seeds and bulbs to the school.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day was held on February 7th. Many classes completed lessons with their teachers on how to be safe online. Classes designed posters and coloured in pictures. Pupils in the senior classes received a wristband for their participation. Parents can find out more information on [www. webwise.ie](http://www.webwise.ie).

Chess Competition

On 8th February, Scoil Mhuire participated in the Annual Féile Fichille Chess Tournament against five primary schools in Co. Kildare. Scoil Mhuire were represented by two teams - The Master Kings represented by 4th class and The Long Pawns represented by 5th and 6th class. Sixteen children in total travelled to Maynooth and took part in a fun filled day of chess.



Each player played six competitive chess games interspersed with fun variations of chess throughout the day. The emphasis of the tournament was to have fun and enjoy the game of Chess. The children of Scoil Mhuire represented our school wonderfully and the day was a great success. Thank you to Ms. Doran and Ms. Keating for organising the school's involvement in this event, as well as hosting a chess club every week in our school.

Student Council

The Student Council are busy organising a Talent Show for first to sixth class on March 30th. Posters are on display around the school. They are inviting any individuals or groups interested in performing at the talent show to attend the preliminary stage appropriate to their class level (as advertised on the posters). We can't wait to see all the wonderful skills and talents on display at "Scoil Mhuire's Got Talent!"

Scoil Mhuire's Student Council will meet Scoil Eoin Phóil's Student Council on March 1st to exchange ideas and to have an informal chat about the role of the council in our schools.

Service of Light

The sixteen 6th Class students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation attended their Service of Light on February 8th in Our Lady's Nativity Church, the final step before receiving their Confirmation on February 23rd. Sincere thanks to Fr Aloysius.

Visit from the Community Guard

On 31st January Garda Fallon from Leixlip Station visited the pupils in fourth to sixth class. He spoke about internet safety and also being good citizens. He discussed behaviour in the community and how you are responsible for your actions.

World Book Day - Dress Up

All students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character from a book on World Book Day. This will be held on March 2nd.



Newsletter Edited by Ms. Dowling

Upcoming Dates:

13th - 17th Feb	Mid Term Break - School Closed
20th Feb	School reopens at 9.20am
23rd Feb	6th Class - Confirmation
24th Feb	6th Class - Photos
24th Feb	5th Class - National Children's Choir Practice
2nd March	World Book Day - Dress up Day
7th March	6th Class - ACCORD RSE talk
1st - 16th March	Seachtain na Gaeilge
9th March	3rd to 6th Sixth Class - Tráth na gCeist
16th March	Lá Glas - Dress up Day
17th March	School Closed - St. Patrick's Day
27th March	Friendship Week
30th March	Student Council Talent Show
31st March	School Closes at 12.30 for Easter Holidays