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Scoil Mhuire

Mid-Term Newsletter

February 2020



This week is **Friendship Week**. The classes are engaging in mindfulness and making an extra effort to be kind to others. Each of our senior classes are also paired with a junior class and they are enjoying playing together on the yard and doing activities such as reading, art, PE, games, stations and jigsaws.

The following classes have been paired up together:

Ms. O'Grady's Junior and Ms. Hughes' 3rd class.

Ms. Doyle's Senior Infants and Ms. McCormack's 4th class.

Ms. Hanafin's Senior Infants and Ms. McBrearty's 4th class.

Ms. Haughney's 1st class and Ms. Munroe's 5th class

Mr. Kennedy's 1st class and Ms. Cleary's 5th class.

Ms. Doyle's 2nd class and Ms. O'Mara's 6th class



The Laudate Festival was held on Tuesday 28th of January at 7pm in The Church of Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road. The children from the two fifth classes sang 19 songs with 19 other schools. They were fantastic! A huge thank you to Ms. Cleary and Ms. Munroe who helped make this occasion a success. Thanks to Ms. O'Connor, Mrs. Mescal and Ms. O'Mara for accompanying the children on the night.

The school celebrated **Catholic Schools Week** from the 27th – 31st January. The theme for this year was 'Living in Harmony with God's Creation.' Many classes engaged in the daily lesson ideas. Classes also learned about St. Brigid and some even made St. Brigid's crosses.

The highlight of the week was **Grandparents Day** on Thursday 30th of January. As always it was a huge success with over 100 visitors to our school! Grandparents visited the different classrooms and spoke to the children about what it was like when they were in school. Some even played games and did art with the children. We had grandparents who travelled from far afield and it was great to have all our local grandparents too. We'd like to say a special thanks to all our grandparents and to Fr. Karl for his lovely prayer service on the day.

Safer Internet Day was held on the 11th of February. Some classes completed lessons from 'HTML Heroes.' The 5th and 6th classes completed lessons entitled 'My Selfie.' Both resources and further information are available online at www.webwise.ie. Ms. Cleary spoke at assembly about being safe online. Some students also had the opportunity to enter a poster competition. These wonderful posters are on display on the school windows.

Library

We are looking to update our school library. If you have any children's books (recent titles) that are in excellent condition that you and your family are finished with, we would be grateful if you would donate them.

Intercultural Day - 5th of June

This year we have decided to change the format of Intercultural Day. We are inviting siblings or groups of students to perform a song/poem or to present a number of facts about their native country to the school.

Strictly Come Dancing is on the 7th March. Please support our two parents Sasha and Ailill's mum (Oksana) and Michael's mum (Louise.)



Green Schools

As we are working towards our 8th Green Flag: Global Citizenship and Marine Environment, Second Class completed projects on different animals that we'd find in the world's oceans and seas. The Green Schools Committee also set a challenge for the school for the months of January and February.

1. Turn off the lights when they are not needed.
2. Bring in any used batteries and place them in the battery boxes.

Student Council

This term, the Student Council sought a 'Wish List' of new books. We intend to update the senior library, working with Ms. Cleary. Updated recommended reading lists are now available in the pupils' section of the school website. We held the bi-annual table tennis tournament after Christmas. The following students were crowned class winners:

Cillian Harrington (6th Class), Oscar Mongey (4th Class, Ms. McCormack), Patrick Whelan (4th Class, Ms. McBrearty), Eoin Creaven (5th Class, Ms. Cleary), Harry Dunne (5th Class, Ms. Munroe) and Jamie Treacy (3rd Class). Cillian remains undefeated!



Confirmation & Service of Light

Candidates for Confirmation attended their Pre-Confirmation Mass on January 18th and the Service of Light in the parish church on the 3rd of February. Fr. Karl and Fr. Gregory were the celebrants. Parents passed on the flame on faith to the candidates, who also made their pledges to abstain from drugs and alcohol and renewed their baptismal promises.

We look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with Scoil Bhríde on Thursday, the 27th of February at 11am. The Very Reverend Fr. Paul Thornton will confirm the candidates with the gifts of the Holy Spirit on the day. 6th Class students and their siblings, if they so wish, will have their photographs taken the following day.

Dates for your Diary:

Feb 14 th	School closed at 12.30 for students (Staff In-Service)
Feb 14 th	PTA: Coffee Morning in SEP Hall
Feb 17 th – 21 st	School Closed: Mid-term Break
Feb 27 th	Confirmation (6 th class) at 11am in the church
Feb 28 th	Confirmation Photos (6 th class)
March 1 st – 17 th	Seachtain na Gaeilge
March 3 rd	Chess Tournament for 8 representatives
March 5 th & 6 th	PTA Book Fair
March 6 th	World Book Day in Scoil Mhuire (Dress-up Day)
March 7 th	PTA: Strictly Come Dancing
March 9 th	Sacrament of Reconciliation (2 nd class) at 6pm in the church
March 13 th	Céilí & Lá Glas (Dress-up Day)
March 16 th and 17 th	School Closed
March 18 th	Accord meeting for parents of 6 th Class students at 8pm
March 23 rd	Accord talk for 6 th Class students
April 3 rd	School closed at 12.30 for Easter Holidays
April 6 th – 17 th	School closed: Easter Holidays
April 27 th – May 1 st	Active Schools Week
May 1 st	School closed at 12.30 for students (Staff In-Service)
May 23 rd	First Holy Communion (2 nd Class) at 11am in the church
June 5 th	Intercultural Day
June 19 th	Cake Sale
June 23 rd	Graduation Mass for 6 th class at 7.30pm
June 24 th	Sports Day (Weather Permitting)
June 26 th	Sports Day (Back-up day)
June 30 th	School closed at 12.30 for Summer Holidays