



Scoil Mhuire

Newsletter – October 2021

Keep an eye
on our brilliant
school website
for information!

A warm welcome back to all our pupils and their parents and guardians. We hope that you had an enjoyable summer and are settling back into school. We would like to say a big welcome to our Junior Infants and the large number of pupils starting in our school for the first time this year.



Welcome back to all our staff, especially Ms. Dowling and Ms. Morrissey. We also welcome the new members of staff Ms. O'Dea (4th) and Ms. Keating (SET).

Bike Week



This year Bike Week was held on the 13th - 17th of September. Many children made a great effort to cycle or scoot to school during this week. On the Wednesday, National C.O.W (Cycle on Wednesday), approximately 120 students cycled or scooted to school. This was an amazing amount, well done! Many children also designed 'Bike Week' posters. There were ten lucky winners in the school raffle.

Confirmation

We would like to congratulate last year's sixth class children who finally got to make their Confirmation on the 15th of September. It was a special day for the children, their families, the school and the Parish. The two classes had two separate ceremonies. We say a special thank you to Ms. O'Mara, Fr. Gregory and Ella, our parish worker, for preparing the children for the ceremonies. We also say a thank you to Ms. McCarthy who played music for the ceremonies.

Goal Jersey Day

Every Year we get involved in 'Jersey Day' which raises money for GOAL. On Friday 8th October, children can wear a jersey of their choice or a coloured top and bring €2 for GOAL.

Maths Week

From Monday 18th to Friday 22nd of October the school will celebrate Maths Week. There will be many Maths activities organised in school. That week our school website will also post problems and puzzles to do at home. We will also host our annual Maths Week Photo Competition, so be sure to check out the webpage for further information!

Halloween

Following on from the success of last year's competition the school will run the 'Decorated Pumpkin' competition again this year. Students can decorate a pumpkin at home, by themselves or together with their siblings, and bring it into school on the 18th, 19th or 20th of October.

Students are invited to dress up for Halloween on Friday 22nd Oct.



Here are a few reminders:

- **Website:** We are fortunate to have such a great website, so keep an eye on it to stay informed of what is going on in your child's class and in the school:
www.scoilmhuireleixlip.net
- **Full uniform**, including black shoes, must be worn everyday.
- **PE Tracksuit** and runners must be worn on PE days.
- **Label** all belongings - coats, jumpers, lunchboxes, drinks containers.
- Every child should have an **art shirt** in school.
- No mobile phones allowed in school.
- If your child is **absent**, please send a note to the teacher on their return.
- The roll will be called daily at 10.20am. If your child misses the roll, they will be marked absent.
- **Timekeeping:** Please make sure your child is on time for school each morning (9.15-9.25).
- If your child must **leave school early**, please come to the main door and sign the 'sign out' book.
- We are a **Green School** so try to avoid bringing tin foil, cling film and cartons. Try to walk or cycle to school especially on Wednesdays. Bring used batteries for the battery box.
- **Healthy Lunches:** In line with our healthy lunch policy, children should bring a healthy lunch to school - please do not bring crisps, sweets, cakes, fizzy drinks.
- **Nut-free school:** please do not send food containing nuts (such as chocolate spread) in your child's lunchbox. We have a number of children in the school with nut allergies.
- Please ensure that **homework** is completed and signed every night by an adult.
- Please pay school payments to the office by the end of next week if you haven't done so already.

Upcoming Dates:

6 th - 7 th Oct	Photos will be taken of all classes for the PTA school calendars
8 th Oct	Goal Jersey Day
16 th Oct	First Holy Communion (3rd Class)
18 th - 20 th Oct	Decorated Pumpkin Competition
18 th - 22 nd Oct	Maths Week
22 nd Oct	Halloween Dress-up Day
25 th - 31 st Oct	Mid-term Break

