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school website for
more information
and pictures!

Scoil Mhuire Newsletter – September 2019



— WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL

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 all those starting in our school for the first time this year.

Welcome back to all our staff, especially Ms. Doyle, Ms. Campbell, Ms. Irwin and Ms. Hughes. We also welcome the new members of staff - Ms. Munroe (5th), Ms. Haughney (1st) and Ms. Hanafin (Senior Infants) and Ms. Brennan (SET). We wish Mr. Lynch and Ms. Kelly every happiness and success in their new schools.

We would also like to wish Fr. John McNamara the very best in his new role as Parish Priest in Balbriggan. We are very grateful to him for his magnificent contribution to the life of the parish and our school. We will miss his support, guidance and friendship. We extend a warm welcome to our new Parish Priest, Fr. Gregory O'Brien.

— WORK HARD,
— BE KIND AND
— AMAZING THINGS
— WILL HAPPEN.

Conan O'Brien

PareView

School life has resumed with great gusto! It is super to see everyone settling in so well. Each class is busy setting up their own routines. The 5th class science projects have already begun! The student council elections will take place next week. After school sports will commence in the coming weeks. Hurling and camogie training for 3rd and 4th class have started this week.

We look forward to a year of hard work and great fun!

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, should be worn.
- **PE Tracksuit** and runners should be worn on PE days.

- **Label** all belongings - coats, jumpers, lunchboxes, drinks containers.
- Every child should have an **art shirt** and a **towel** in school.
- No mobile phones allowed in school.
- **Attendance:** Last year attendance greatly improved. We hope this continues! Please refrain from taking children out of school for holidays during term time.
- If your child is **absent**, please send a note to the teacher on their return. We must inform the National Education Welfare Board if a pupil misses 20 days.
- 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 (9.20am).
- Please come in the two new pedestrian entrances only.
- On wet mornings, children can line up on the corridors at 9.10am. Children will be supervised so there is no need for parents to wait.
- If your child has to leave school early, please sign the 'sign out' book in the office.
- **Green Schools:** 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. Bring used stamps to school for recycling.
- **Healthy Lunches:** children should bring a healthy lunch to school - no crisps, sweets, cakes, fizzy drinks.
- **Nut-free school:** please do not send food containing nuts in your child's lunchbox.
- 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.
- **Security:** All visitors to the school must report to the office rather than going directly to the classrooms.

Volunteers: A huge thank you to all parents who have offered to volunteer with school activities including paired-reading, station teaching, school trips etc. If you would like to become more involved in Scoil Mhuire, you are more than welcome to pop into the office and register for Garda Vetting.

Upcoming Dates:

13 th Sept	Farewell Mass for Fr. John at 7.30pm
18 th Sept	First Class Parent Meeting
24 th Sept	Third Class Parent Meeting
7 th Oct	Communion Information Meeting 8pm SEP hall
11 th Oct	Goal Jersey Day
14 th Oct	Confirmation Information Meeting 8pm SEP hall
28 th Oct – 1 st Nov	Midterm Break
12 th Nov	Parent-Teacher Meetings
14 th Nov	Parent-Teacher Meetings
20 th Nov	Parent-Teacher Meetings