



# Scoil Mhuire

## Newsletter – Summer 2022



### School Tours and Trips

**Junior and Senior Infants** went to Caragh Farm. The children had great fun on the double decker bus! At the farm, the children raced on the obstacle course, fed the goats, sheep and cows, jumped on hay bales and got the chance to ride on a pony. Great fun was had by all!



**First and Second Class** went to Lullymore Heritage Park. The children enjoyed a train ride around the park, walked through the funky forest and even spotted some fairies in the Fairy Village. They visited some rabbits and goats on the pet farm and met two pigs called Shrek and Fiona. They had great fun playing crazy golf and had wonderful adventures in the indoor and outdoor play areas.

**First Class** have been reading the Roald Dahl classic 'Fantastic Mr. Fox' over the last few weeks. On June 23rd they walked to Leixlip Library to watch the film and found it very funny. They enjoyed an outdoor picnic, some football and a walk along the river on the way back.

**Third Class** enjoyed a wonderful school tour to Dublin Zoo. They undertook a Dinosaur Fossil Workshop, where the children worked as Paleontologists, unearthing dinosaur fossils from the sand. They visited the African Savanna to see the giraffes, zebras, rhinos and many more animals. They enjoyed lunch together before visiting a great playground, the tigers, lions and chimpanzees.

**Fourth and Fifth Class** went to Causey farm in Co. Meath. They had a busy day feeding animals, running around mazes and getting tractor rides. However, they had to agree that the bog jumping was their favourite part, despite getting completely covered in dirt!

On the 2nd of June **Fifth Class** were lucky enough to attend Bloom in the Phoenix Park with Agri Aware. They had a fantastic day and saw everything from beautiful gardens to farm animals, and they even got a tour of a Garda car.



**Sixth Class** went to Lilliput Adventure Centre. They began the morning with a scavenger hunt, followed by 'Capture the Flag' in the forest, orienteering, aeroball, rock climbing, team games and finished the day with bog jumping and paddle boarding.

**Sixth Class** were very fortunate to also do a number of other trips. Both classes visited the Dáil and received a tour of Leinster House. They also walked to St. Catherine's Park, enjoyed a tour of Weston

Airport and had an excellent 'Living History Tour' in Castletown House: dressing up in traditional costume and acting like those who lived and worked in the house. A great end to their school year!

The children in **Rooms 3 and 4** have enjoyed lots of outings over the past few weeks. They went to Airtastic, where the children from room 3 had great fun in the soft play area and the children from room 4 enjoyed a game of bowling. Room 3 also enjoyed a wonderful day in Dun Laoghaire, which the children said was, 'The best trip ever!' Room 4 have also gone on lots of lovely trips around Leixlip including the Fairy Garden, the Train Station and Squirrel Wood.



## Sporting Events and Achievements



We are delighted to announce that we have received our first **Active School Flag**! Over the past year we have been very busy completing a range of activities and sports. The year started off with a four week 'Active Break Challenge' where each class took an active break everyday. In January Skippy John visited the school and started a four week 'Skipping Challenge.' In the 'Run around Ireland Challenge' each class had to run laps of the yard. An *Active Walkway* was set up on the school

grounds to allow classes to be active while learning. The Sixth Class Active School Committee were very busy being playground leaders on the yard and encouraging the active lines too!

Third to Sixth Class were lucky enough to complete a number of **rugby lessons** with Barnhall Rugby Club. They played lots of fun games to warm up, passing drills and tag rugby games. Every class enjoyed the rugby lessons and had great fun.

**Boys and girls football** was back in action! Both teams trained very hard and were both very successful. Huge congratulations to the girls who got to the Leixlip GAA league final and put on a great performance to beat Scoil Uí Dhálaigh in the final. Well done to everyone involved!

Thanks to Coach Ciarán from the GAA for all the coaching this year.

Sixth Class organised a **Soccer League** for June. Fourth to sixth class enjoyed having the opportunity to play together at breaks. In a thrilling final, the Congo came out on top!

**Sports Day** was held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The students had great fun running races, completing obstacle courses and playing with the inflatable games. It was a brilliant day, with sportsmanship shown by all students. Hopefully you have seen the lovely photos on our school website.

Students from Fourth to Sixth Class took part in the **Leixlip Amenities Soccer Blitz** competing against the other Green Lane Schools. Our Scoil Mhuire girls were runners up on the day in a closely fought final. The Scoil Mhuire boys team made a great comeback in their final resulting in a tie. They held their nerve and went on to win the penalty shootout. They were presented with the David English cup. We'd like to thank Leixlip Utd for organising this blitz.

On June 29th Scoil Mhuire played Scoil Bhríde to take home the **Basketball Campus Shield**.

*It was great to see so much sport taking place again. We are delighted with all the sporting success that we have achieved this school year. We look forward to continuing our active ways next year!*

