

Other Events and Activities in May and June

Some of the children from second class celebrated their **First Holy Communion** on the 14th of May. This was a very important day for the children and their families. Both classes had been very busy practising for the day. The children were a credit to themselves and to the school. Thank you to Ms. McCormack, Ms. Haughney, the priests of the Parish, Ella Doran and all who prepared them for this special day.

Sixth Class celebrated their **graduation** on the 21st of June. The service included prayers, reflections, songs, speeches and of course the end of school slideshow. It was a lovely evening reminiscing and celebrating their years in Scoil Mhuire. We wish all our sixth class students the best of luck in their new schools.



The Student Council organised this year's **Cake Sale** for *Make a Wish Ireland* with the help of sixth class. Thanks to all the families and staff who provided treats and raffle prizes on the day. It was an extremely successful event, raising €1610.22 for the charity. Our pop up cafe for parents was a big hit and we were delighted to welcome parents, grandparents and past students back to Scoil Mhuire.

The Student Council held its annual **Read-a-thon** in June. The following children were deemed the winners in their classes: 6th (Ms. Milner): Charandeep, 6th (Ms. O'Mara): Damian, 5th: Samanvitha, 4th: Clara M., 3rd (Ms. deBarra): Nicholas, 3rd Ms. Kelly: Rian, 2nd (Ms. Haughney): Chloe, 2nd (Ms. McCormack): Ava Rose, 1st: Harry, Senior Infants: Alexandra

To celebrate **Intercultural week**, children from different nationalities spoke on the intercom everyday saying 'Good Morning' in their own language. It was lovely to hear all the different languages spoken in our school! On the 9th of June, we celebrated **Intercultural day**. We had a 'Parade of the National Costume' followed by a performance by every class. In the afternoon, we paired up with our buddy class and had great fun doing different activities from making origami to playing with Tangrams!



Our **Green Schools Week** was held on the 13th to the 17th June. During this week classes explored lessons on the marine environment. Ms. O'Grady's class completed art projects using recycled materials. Fifth Class went **litter-picking** with Leixlip Tidy Towns Committee. They were fascinated by the amount of rubbish they gathered in an hour.



All classes attended a **Drumming Workshop** with Eamon. We used our hands to follow beats. We learned that the drummer only plays on the front and the middle of the drum. We really enjoyed composing our own tunes on the drums.

The Declan O'Toole Poetry Competition is in its 26th year. Our theme this year was "A Recipe for Happiness" and we had some amazing entries. This year's overall winner was Jesse Gilligan from 6th class with his brilliant poem entitled "The Difference Between Happiness and Sadness."

On the 14th June we welcomed our new Junior Infants who will be joining our school in September. They got the chance to meet some new friends, see their classroom and meet their teacher.

Upcoming Dates:

June 30th School Closes at 12.30pm
For the summer holidays
August 31st School Reopens at 9.20am

Be sure to check out our school website.

www.scoilmhuireleixlip.net

It is brimming with photographs and information on the wide range of events that have taken place in our school over the year. The class pages also give a great insight into the activities of your child's class.

Other Notices



Summer Stars is the public library national summer reading programme for children that runs from the 13th of June until the end of August. All children throughout the country are invited to join the adventure and to enjoy the fun and pleasure of reading and writing over the summer. Summer Stars is non-competitive and every child who reads even one book/ ebook is regarded as having completed the programme - and it's all completely free!

Check out www.librariesireland.ie or visit Leixlip Library for more information.

*Well done to all the boys and girls
for all their hard work in this school
year. We hope you have an enjoyable
summer with your families.*



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