

# THE SCOIL MUIRE TIMES

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*Greetings from Scoil Mhuire's Student Council. This year we have decided to publish a school newspaper to inform you, the students, about everything going on in the school. We are trialling this issue for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Classes. We hope to do this every term and we encourage all of you to write articles and poems or submit quizzes for the next issue. Please send items to Room 13. This has been a particularly busy and exciting term in Scoil Mhuire. We hope you've enjoyed it just as much as we have! Keep sharing your ideas for new initiatives with your class representatives.*  
*The Student Council.*



## Farewell Mrs. McAuliffe

On the 24th of October 2018, students and staff gathered in the P.E. hall to say goodbye to Mrs. McAuliffe, who had been teaching in the school for 38 years. Ms. Lenfestey and Ms. Cleary spent the evening before decorating the hall for the ceremony. Every class from Junior Infants to Sixth Class gathered to say their farewells. Each class made a card for Mrs. McAuliffe, many contained poems and thoughtful messages. Fifth and Sixth Class sang 'May the Road Rise to Meet You', her favourite song. She received four gifts presented by two Student Council members and two Green Schools members. These gifts were presented by myself, Isabelle Casey, Chloe Stanley and Tom Byrne. Following her retirement, Mrs. McAuliffe sent a thank you letter to the students. This card granted each class a night off homework!

We will miss you Mrs. McAuliffe!  
By Ciarán McCarthy.

## We're 'On Top of the World' after our performance with The Three Tenors!

On Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of November, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class sang at the local church with the Three Tenors. The concert started at 8pm and ended at 10pm. Tickets cost €25.00. They sang "On Top of the World!" and the chorus to "Home from the Sea" at the top of their lungs, conducted by Ms. O'Mara. It was a great evening and most importantly, the pupils were well behaved and sang like angels. By Oisín Lynch.

## The Intel Mini-Scientist – 5<sup>th</sup> Class

During the month of October, 5<sup>th</sup> class worked on a big project called the 'Intel Mini Scientist' competition. We had a range of projects from 'weather' to 'sugar' to 'magnetism'. Electromagnetism came first. This project was created by Max Rochford who completed the study himself. In second place, was 'Weather'. This project was presented by Shane, Oisín, Conor and Matthew. In third place was 'Tsunamis'. This project was by Darragh, Giulio and Eamonn. We congratulate all who took part and we invite everyone to come visit Room 14 on Open Day to see all the projects. By Shane O'Dowd.



## Attendance

Congratulations Ms. Mc. Cormack's Class for having the best attendance for September and October!



Mr. Lynch - Junior Infants=96.7%  
Ms. Lenfestey - Junior Infants=96.6%  
Ms. McBrearty - Senior Infants=97.6%  
Ms. Doyle/Ms. Gilsenan - Senior Infants = 95.9%  
Ms. Milner - First Class= 96.3%  
Ms. O'Grady - Second Class= 96.9%  
Ms. Cleary - Third Class= 95.6%  
Ms. Barrett - Third Class= 96.8%  
Ms. O'Regan - Fourth Class= 98%  
Ms. McCormack - Fourth Class=98.1%  
Ms. O'Donnell - Fifth Class= 96.8%  
Ms. O'Mara - Sixth Class= 96.9%.



Ms. McCormack's 4th Class

## An update from Ms. McCormack's Class ...

Recently, Ms. McCormack's 4th class completed projects on bats. In groups we studied the different types of bats. We also learned about the life cycle of a bat. We loved doing this and had lots of fun. Our class were delighted when we found out we had won the attendance award with 98.1%. We have all agreed we are going to try hard to win it again next half term. Everyone in 4th class is trying really hard to get their pen licence. Some people have already got theirs and we know the rest of the class will receive theirs soon. During Science Week, George came in from the company 'Go Fly Your Kite' and he taught us how kites work. We also all made our own kites and decorated them. After breaktime we went outside and tested them out. We are looking forward to bringing our kites home soon. By Isabelle Casey.

## Ms. O'Regan's are loving 4<sup>th</sup> Class!

Here in Ms. O'Regan's 4th class, we are doing a project on Mars which we are really enjoying. On the window we put up all our talents. Every Tuesday we do meditation - we close our eyes and spend three minutes meditating. In Irish we do the Bosca Draíochta - we pick words from a box and we have to describe it as Gaelige. In Maths, Jacob brought in conkers. We had to estimate how many conkers were in the jar. The total was 316 - Cian Long's guess was the closest. We are also learning about 100's, 10's and units using cups and cubes.

Sarah F's Grandad brought a birdhouse into school. We are going to hang it up in the garden. Our Hogwarts board of the week is Ravenclaw. In P.E. with Michael we are doing GAA. We are learning how to bounce, solo, kick and handpass. In Drama we are doing miming. In recorder class we are learning F #, D# and C# notes and the song 'Ride Home'. We already learned the song 'Bye Bye Love'. In English we are doing a diary entry. Some students brought in old artefacts and we wrote about school in the past.

By Erin Behal.

## Chess Jamboree

On the 20th of November we had a chess jamboree, held in the Scoil Mhuire\Scoil Bhríde hall. Players from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes in Scoil Eoin Phóil, Scoil Uí Dhálaigh, Scoil Mhuire and Scoil Bhríde took part. There was a great turn out from every school. The competition was strong and there were some really clever chess moves played!

Lara Putar (Scoil Mhuire) took first prize with a score of 296. Her brother Leon Putar (Scoil Mhuire) came in second place scoring 274. Harry Scully (Scoil Bhríde) took third prize with a score of 235. Congratulations to them all.

All the players and the team who helped organise the jamboree were awarded with 'Celebrations' afterwards.

By James Murnaghan.



## SEANFHOCAIL & CEIST ... GET READY FOR ASSEMBLY!

- December's seanfhocail is 'Ní hé lá na báistí lá na bpáistí. (A rainy day is not a child's day)
- Next week's ceist is 'Cén bia is fearr leat?'



## It's been a busy term so far in 6<sup>th</sup> Class ...

Where to start? 6th class have been working very hard and they have a lot of responsibility this year. We have definitely matured over the year so far and have become great leaders. We are doing Maths tests every week and working hard on all the other areas of the curriculum also. We have been preparing for our Confirmation in February and have been doing a lot of singing. We just sang with the famous Three Tenors along with 5th class! We are recreating 'Starry Night' by Van Gogh on our wall in art. We went to the library for a Science Workshop and saw a 3D printer in action. 6th class has been so much fun so far and we know it's only going to get much better! By Saibh Dunne.



## Science Projects in Ms. Barrett's Class

In 3rd class we have been learning all about Science. We have learnt how to conduct electricity and how to make papercopters. We also learned about living things, like leaves and human bodies. Our big question was 'Why do we have a skeleton?' when we were studying the body. The answer was 'We need a skeleton for protection'. My personal favourite activity was conducting electricity and I know most of my classmates agreed with me. For Science Week we did many things. We examined lava lamps, we cleaned coins, we observed dancing raisins and how skittles can make a rainbow. Science is a great subject and it's far from boring! Another thing I'd like to mention is the Christmas play. We have been working hard at the rehearsals. We look forward to seeing you there! By Aaron Murphy.



## 3rd class Ms. Cleary's

In October, an Irish astronaut, Norah Patten came into our class. She told us interesting facts about space and that she might be going to the moon. At the end of the presentation, we showed her our space art and we took some photos. In November, we went to Leixlip Library and a kind scientist, Ross, told us cool facts about Chemistry. We did an experiment called a 'colour bridge' and we learned about primary colours. We also learned about 'Chromatography'. For this experiment, we got a piece of chromatography paper and we rubbed a skittle with a cotton bud. Then we rubbed the cotton bud on the paper. The colours transferred onto the paper. We had great fun. In History, we are learning all about Irish myths and the Legend of Cúchulainn. This week we are presenting our Ancient Egyptians projects to the class. By Patrick Whelan.

## Running

Every Wednesday, running takes place from 3:00 to 3:45. Ms. Cleary and Ms. Milner organise this activity. We get warmed up by doing drills, sprints and more. Near the end of the session, we have eight minutes to run around our school and Scoil Bhríde as many times as possible. Each lap we do, Ms. Cleary records. At the end of the term, we will get a reward for the amount of laps of the schools we have achieved. Bronze= 15 laps. Silver= 17 laps. Gold= 20 laps or more.

We thank Ms. Cleary and Ms. Milner for taking the time to make running club happen. Running club is open to 4th-6th Class students. By Tara Mooney.

## Boys Football

The U11 boys football team are on fire! They have been unbeatable this season! They have played four matches altogether. They beat Scoil Eoin Phóil, Scoil Bhríde and Scoil San Carlo. Scoil Bhríde forfeited their match, which counted as a win for our school. The Scoil Mhuire team also drew against Scoil Uí Dhálaigh. They have worked very hard this season. A big thank you to Mr. Lynch and Mr. Coughlan for the time and effort they put into getting our school to the final against Scoil Uí Dhálaigh. By Kurians Biju.

## Girls Football

The girls U11 team would like to thank Ms. McCormack and Ms. O'Grady for their dedication to the team this year.

## Green Schools

In Green Schools we're learning to save energy because this year we hope to get our 'Global Citizenship - Energy' flag. This would be the 7<sup>th</sup> Green Flag for Scoil Mhuire. We have a new award called the 'Greenies'. It will be awarded to anyone who helps our school stay green by participating in WOW or any other activity. By Alfie Lonergan.



## Laudate and Cara sa Chlós

5th Class will be representing Scoil Mhuire this year at the Laudate Festival. The concert will take place in Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun during the last week of January for Catholic School's week. We will be singing 16 songs. A lot of schools will be attending the Laudate concert and the tickets are free. We are practising hard.

5th class are doing Cara Sa Chlós this year. Each day of the week two people from 5th class go to the junior yard and look for students who are on their own. They help them find a buddy to play with. The Student Council implemented this initiative a few years ago and it has been very successful. By Alexia Cojocararu.

### Upcoming Events

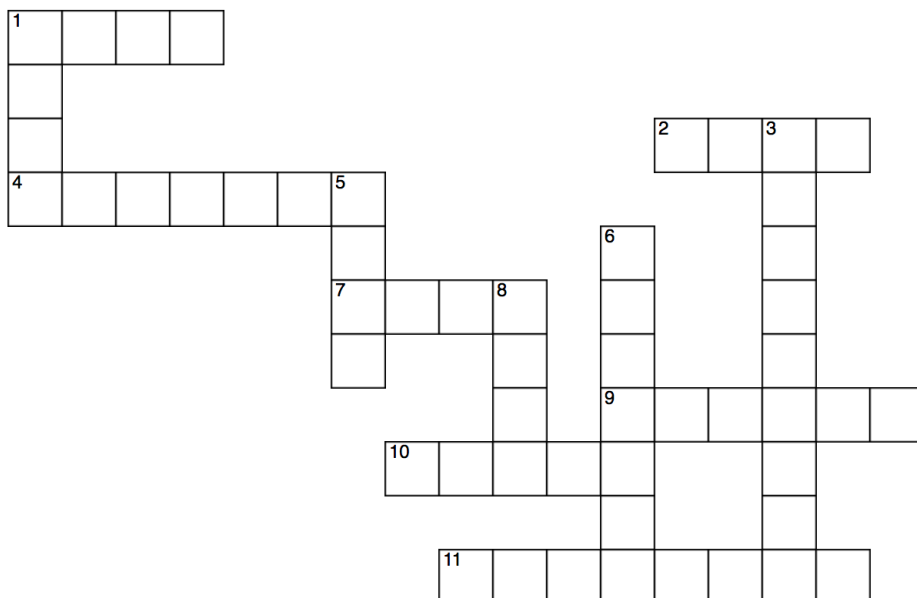
#### DECEMBER:

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> - PTA Christmas Fair  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Deadline Recyclable Christmas Decoration Competition  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>-Carol Service and Open Day  
Christmas holidays - Closing at 12:30pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

#### JANUARY:

Reopening on Monday 07/01/19  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> - Pre-Confirmation Mass for 6th class  
28<sup>th</sup> of January to 2<sup>nd</sup> February - Catholic Schools Week  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> - Grandparents Day.

## Scoil Mhuire



#### ACROSS

- 1 Muire is the Irish for this word.
- 2 School starts at 20 past this time.
- 4 Window on the World is a series of Geography, Science and \_\_\_\_\_ books.
- 7 In \_\_\_\_\_ 4, you will find Ms. McCarthy.
- 9 Room 5 is a junior \_\_\_\_\_ class.
- 10 The Irish for school.
- 11 Students love to get one of these passes.

#### DOWN

- 1 In Maths, you might be asked 'How much altogether?'
- 3 The 'Scoil Mhuire Times' is an example of one.
- 5 Sometimes the rain can prevent us from spending time here.
- 6 Our native language.
- 8 Ms. Dillon is from this county.

By Shane O'Dowd.

#### Student Council 2018-2019

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## Sudoku

