

# THE SCOIL MUIRE TIMES

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*As this is our last newspaper of the year, we would like to thank all of you for supporting the Student Council this year. Even though we're coming to the end of the school year, there are still lots of events to come, such as the read-a-thon, cake sale, general knowledge quizzes, school tours, Sports Day and much more.*

*This is the second year of the lunchtime table tennis tournaments in Scoil Mhuire and we are looking forward to seeing who will be named Champion Table Tennis Player this term.*

*Recently, we had a very special visit from American students from Kentucky. We explained the formation of the Student Council to them and our role. The Student Council also got to meet the Scoil Mhuire Board of Management and we updated them on our recent and upcoming initiatives. We also discussed our responsibility as leaders in Scoil Mhuire.*

*Finally, we would like to say 'Best Wishes' to Mrs. Murphy on her retirement and we would like to thank her for all the work she has done over the years in our School. We would also like to give a huge welcome to Mrs. Fitzpatrick, who will be taking her place as secretary. Saibh Dunne and The Student Council.*



**Mrs. Daly**

On the 15th of January 2019, Scoil Mhuire students and staff were shocked to hear the news that Mrs.

Daly had passed away. Mrs. Nora Daly was a teacher in Scoil Mhuire for many years before her retirement in 2015. Even though she had retired, she still stuck around to help out with the garden. We

hope to continue her legacy here in Scoil Mhuire for as long as we can and our prayers are with her family and friends. Rumour has it that 6th Class are saving up their Confirmation money to buy a bench in her honour, but we didn't tell you that! ;)

By: Ciarán McCarthy.

## Green Schools' flag coming soon!

On Wednesday the 18th of March, Dara Wyer came to visit Scoil Mhuire to meet the Green Schools' committee. He started his visit by asking us some questions, most answers were yes or no. After he asked us questions, we showed him the Green Schools' notice board. He was very happy with our presentation. We also showed him our Solar Panels. He was very impressed! Dara then presented all of the committee members with a new badge and a pencil made out of newspaper! Just before Dara left, he said that he will suggest that we get the new flag. We received the great news last week that we are to be awarded our 7th Green flag "Global Citizenship and Energy" in May. By: Megan McManus.

## Chess Tournament

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, eight people from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class took part in a chess tournament in St. Kevin's GAA Club, Staplestown. The eight students were Shane, Oisín, Tara, Conor, Sara, Matthew, Lara and Leon. The event began at 9:20 a.m. This was the second round of the 'Ficheall' competition. Our team finished in second place overall and our teammates Lara and Leon received joint first place individual prizes. Shane was awarded a third place individual prize.

By: Oisín Lynch.



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

Recently, Ms. McCormack's fourth class were paired up with Ms. McBrearty's senior infants for Friendship Week. We drew pictures of our partners and we played outside. 4<sup>th</sup> Class did a project on Celts, where they learned about Celtic homes, stories, festivals and clothes. We made model shields, homes and swords. After Christmas we had a student teacher called Mr. Maher. We made shapes with LEGO and did projects on islands like Barbados, the Maldives, Phi Phi and more. We also read the 'Children of Lir'. We think it's a very interesting story that can be told many ways.

By: Aoibhe Kelly.

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

Here in Ms O'Regan's class we are learning loads. We are doing our Celts project. We are also growing cress seeds, peas and tomatoes. In maths we are learning about the perimeter and area of a shape. We also brought in plastic bottles to make lava lamps. We added glitter and food colouring. They turned out really well. We made Mother's Day cards. We also constructed a 3D water cycle. For St. Patrick's Day we studied a poem for our Celts' project. Catalina made an awesome house out of paper. In Irish teacher writes sentences in English and we have to translate them into Irish. On Mondays we write what we did on the weekend as Gaeilge. We even had to take a selfie beside an Irish word at home. We have a grammar copy to write all our grammar in to. We have learned so much so far, but we are looking forward to our summer holidays! ☺ By: Erin Behal.



## 5<sup>th</sup> Class Laudate 2019

At the beginning of September 2018, Ms. O'Donnell told 5<sup>th</sup> class that we were going to be singing at the Laudate Festival 2019 in Ballymun. We had to learn 16 hymns. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of January we went on the bus for a practice. There was around 20 different schools at the church. The bus journey there was fun and when we got back from the practice it was 15:20. The conductor's name was Caroline. We were accompanied by the organ, the piano and the drums. They were all amazing! Scoil Bhríde and Scoil Eoin Phoil were there too.

On the day of the performance, Mrs. McAuliffe, Ms. O'Sullivan, Mrs. Mescal, Ms. O'Donnell and Ms. O'Mara went with us on the bus. We left on the bus at around 18:15. The festival started at 19:00. We sang really well and got no homework on Tuesday. Mrs. Mescal arrived to our classroom the next day with a treat. Laudate 2019 was an amazing experience that we were all thrilled to be a part of. By: Kate O'Neill.



## More 5<sup>th</sup> Class News ...

5<sup>th</sup> Class did projects on different countries. They were very interesting and educational. We've been doing the circle in Maths. Fifth Class worked hard in preparation for our big Easter Maths Test. We also have a new student called Rhia. By: Alexia Cojocaru.

## Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge was in March around St. Patrick's Day. During Seachtain na Gaeilge we had a Lá Glas and a céilí. The céilí was so much fun and we would like to thank Ms. O'Sullivan and Mrs. McAuliffe for teaching us some dances. 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class also participated in a Tráth na gCeist in the hall. Seachtain na Gaeilge was a really fun week! By: Saibh Dunne.

## Confirmation Choir

*A selection of students from Ms. O'Regan's and Ms. McCormack's classes met in the hall every Wednesday at 2:10p.m. We sang with Scoil Bhríde and Scoil Eoin Phóil, but Scoil Mhuire was the harmony group. One of the choir's favourite songs was 'A Spirit Filled Day'. The Confirmations were on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of February. We all really enjoyed being in the Confirmation choir. By: Caoimhe Dunne & Sean Flynn.*

## Term Two was even busier in 6<sup>th</sup> Class ...



Sixth class have been working very hard this term. We are studying WWI in history and we are learning about France in geography. We all had a blast dressing up for World Book Day and the Lá Glás. The school also held a Tráth na gCeist which we all enjoyed. We sang 'Shotgun' as Gaeilge for Seachtain na Gaeilge. We also had our Confirmation with Scoil Eoin Phóil and it was a great day for us and our families. Also, in art we made papier-mâché sculptures of the first letter of our names.

This year has been a truly amazing year and we are really looking forward to graduation and our last school tour! We have thoroughly enjoyed our time in Scoil Mhuire and we will miss everyone lots. Thank you to all our teachers along the way who have been so supportive and helped us to become the best versions of ourselves. By: Kurians Biju & Saibh Dunne.

## Our Confirmation

My class and I made our Confirmation on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2019 along with Scoil Eoin Phóil's 6<sup>th</sup> class. Bishop Field was the celebrant for our Confirmation. Father John, Father Karl and all our family and friends attended the mass at 11a.m. Confirmation was very exciting and we were well prepared. Confirmation is when you become a full member of the church. Confirmation is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sacrament of Initiation after Baptism and the Eucharist. We also had our 'Commitment Mass' on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October, our 'Pre Confirmation Mass' on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January and our 'Service Of Light Ceremony' on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February before Confirmation. When we went up to the altar, Bishop Field said 'Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit' and we replied with 'Amen'. This was happening while he was putting Chrism Oil on our foreheads. He also asked us about our saint's name and sponsor. We all enjoyed our Confirmation Day very much. By: Aimee O'Hagan.

## You Shall Be My Witness

After Christmas, 6<sup>th</sup> class took part in the 'You Shall Be My Witness' programme. The programme prepared us for our Confirmation. We went through things such as Random Acts of Kindness, modern day Prophets and much more. I went on a Wednesday evening but it was also on Mondays or Tuesdays. I also made so many new friends, though there was at least one person from your class in every group. I would 100% recommend You Shall Be My Witness! Thanks to Ella Doran and the parents for volunteering to run the programme. By: Emily Byrne.

## The Sheila O'Hora Art Competition

The Sheila O'Hora Art Competition is an art competition held every year in honour of a past teacher. This year's theme was 'My Dreams For The Future'. There was a prize for the best painting in each class and the best three paintings in each side (Junior and Senior). The winning painting in the senior side was Saibh Dunne's painting. In second was my painting and Cara Heraty was awarded third place. By: Alfie Lonergan.



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

- May's seanfhocail is 'Bíonn dhá insint ar gach scéal'. (There's two sides to every story)
- Next week's ceist is 'Inis dom faoi d'éadaí scoile'.

### Running

Running is on every Wednesday from 3:05 to 4:00p.m. We start off by doing warm-ups, then we do a few relays or games. After all that, we do laps around Scoil Mhuire and Scoil Bhríde. For each lap we do, we get a red card. At the end of the session, we count our cards and Ms. Cleary records them. At 3:45p.m., we do a couple more stretches and exercises. Thank you to Ms. Cleary and Ms. Milner for all the hard work! By: Serin Biju

### Football and Basketball

The under 13 football after school leagues have begun for boys and girls. We wish the teams all the best with their competitive matches. The girls' lunchtime league is also in full swing. Hopefully we'll receive some medals at the end of the year. 6<sup>th</sup> Class will begin their basketball tournament this week and will play matches against Scoil Bhríde and Scoil Eoin Phóil. We are really looking forward to the matches.

### Fact Corner: African Wild Dogs

African Wild Dogs are the only species of the dog family, that have four toes on each paw. The Alpha female is in charge of the pack. The Alpha female can also have up to twenty-one pups in one litter. They give birth in an old aardvark (a burrowing animal) hole, usually in the months of January or February. The African Wild Dog also has sharp teeth that can rip apart an Impala (a species of deer) in about fifteen minutes. Their bat-like ears help them to hear very clearly! By: Paddy Carroll.

### Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day is an annual event where the pupils' grandparents can come in and visit our amazing school. They can go up to their grandchild's classroom and talk to their classmates, share stories and some even get to play games and listen to their grandchildren's class sing. This year we had a service for the grandparents of all the children, (attending or not) to show how much we appreciate them and love them. It was a really amazing day! By: Saibh Dunne.

### Country Projects and Magnets in Ms. Barrett's 3<sup>rd</sup> Class

In 3<sup>rd</sup> Class we did projects on various countries for geography. Some of the countries included Italy, France and Brazil. I did the Galapagos Islands. Ms. Barrett said she would accept it as a small country. I learned they eat cooked bananas there. We researched a lot about our selected countries. Then we got some images and wrote down some facts and stuck them on a huge sheet of paper. We were all delighted with the results and spoke to our class about our countries. We also did magnet science. Ms. Barrett got some iron filings on a piece of paper and put a magnet under the table. When we moved the magnet around, the iron filings on top of the table moved with it. By: Aaron Murphy.



### In Term Two, Ms. Cleary's Class were very busy!

Shane from Intel came into our class to talk about Engineer's Week. We did an experiment, called 'The Balloon Rocket Challenge'. It was very exciting. On Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of January, we welcomed our grandparents into our class. They taught us lots about their time in school and even showed us how to play a game of marbles and cards. We had great fun singing and dancing. We loved playing Gaelic with Coach Michael. We are also very lucky to have a new pupil, Aleksa, who recently joined our class. By: Tom Harrington.

### Upcoming Events

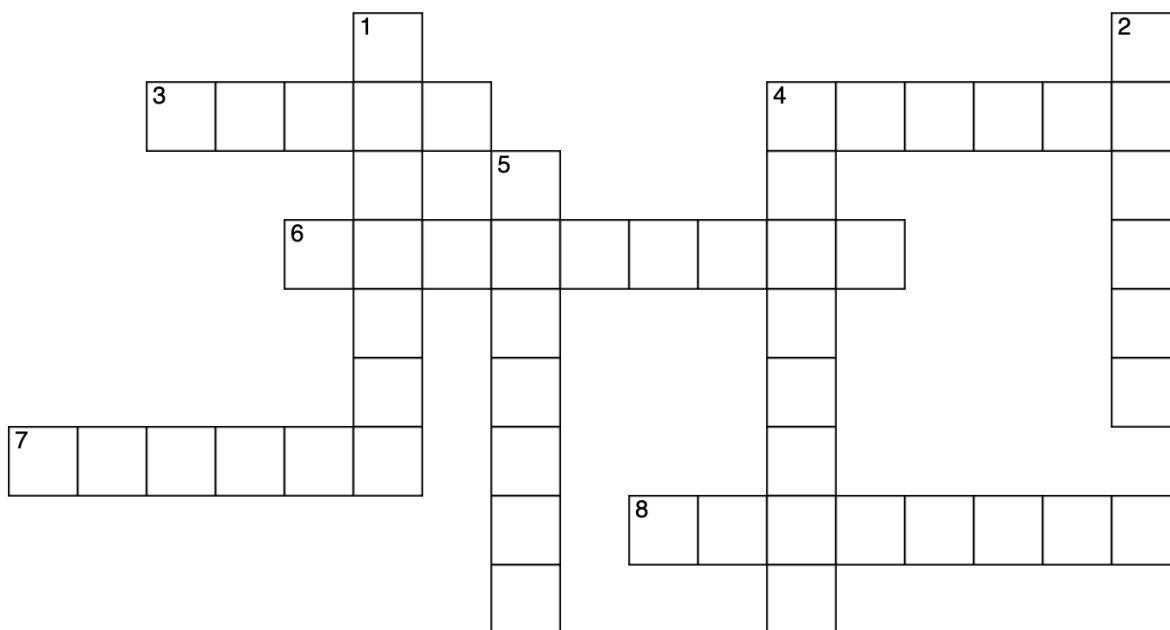
#### May:

- Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday (No school)
- Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class students will sing in the choir for 2<sup>nd</sup> Class' First Holy Communion at 12:30p.m.
- Election Day – May 24<sup>th</sup> – No school
- Sports Day – May 30<sup>th</sup>. (Back-up day – May 31<sup>st</sup>)

#### June:

- Monday & Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> June – Bank Holiday and school closure
- June 14<sup>th</sup> – Intercultural Day
- June 18<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation
- June 21<sup>st</sup> – Annual Cake Sale
- June 28<sup>th</sup> – Summer holidays at 12:30p.m.

## Scoil Mhuire



### ACROSS

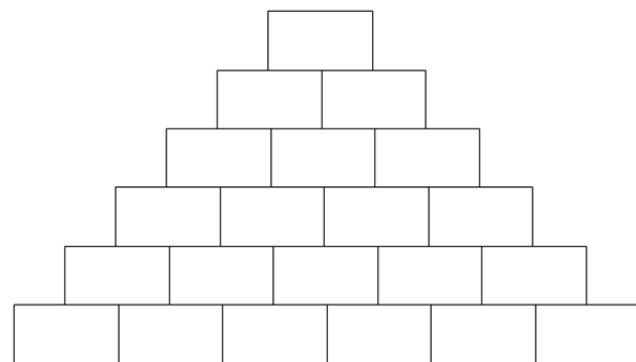
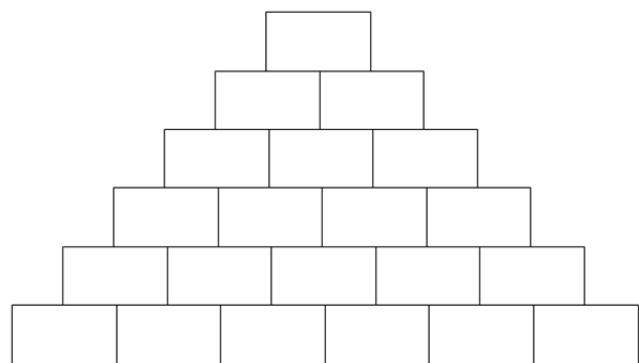
- 3 Ms. O'Mara started the Communion \_\_\_\_\_.  
 4 What sport do people play on the grass at lunch?  
 6 Ciarán is \_\_\_\_\_ of the Student Council.  
 7 There is no school on Saturday and \_\_\_\_\_.  
 8 Ms. O'Donnell is from \_\_\_\_\_.

### DOWN

- 1 The Computer Room is also known as the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 2 The Sheila O'Hora Competition theme this year was, 'My \_\_\_\_\_ for the future'.  
 4 My \_\_\_\_\_ Workbook.  
 5 What festival did 5th Class attend in January?

### Add Up Pyramids

Find the top number on the pyramid by adding the number pairs and filling in the answer on the square above the pair.



### Student Council 2018-2019

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 Alexia Cojocar, Isabelle Casey, Erin Behal, Aaron Murphy, Tom Harrington