



# Scoil Mhuire Newsletter - Summer 2018



The Summer Holidays are coming! As we look forward to the break, let's look back at all the things that have been happening this term in Scoil Mhuire. As Easter was so early this year, it has been a particularly long term so we have lots to include.

**Junior Infants** had a fantastic day on their school tour in Marley Park and Imaginosity on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. They did Aistear outside in the sunshine and are growing squash, pumpkins and sunflowers in their classroom. They will be having a Teddy Bear's Picnic soon! We welcomed the new Junior Infants who will be starting in Scoil Mhuire in September.




**Senior Infants** went on their school tour to Caragh Open Farm! They planted sunflowers and learned a Sunflower song!

**1<sup>st</sup> Class** went on their school tour on 26<sup>th</sup> June to The Chocolate Factory and The Natural History Museum. They want to say thanks to the parents who visited their classes this year for paired reading.

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes** enjoyed making their First Holy Communion on 19<sup>th</sup> May. It was a wonderful ceremony and we thank Fr. Karl, Fr. John and Ella Doran for all their help with the preparations. Thanks also to the PTA who organised the refreshments afterwards ... in the sun! 2<sup>nd</sup> class are going on their school tour on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June to The Bog of Allen!



 **3<sup>rd</sup> Class** went on their school tour on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June to Croke Park and bowling after. They have been growing strawberries and lettuce in the garden. They had a visit from a Fire Officer this term who discussed Fire Safety.

**4<sup>th</sup> Class** are looking forward to their school tour to Causey Farm on 28<sup>th</sup> June. They visited the library recently to watch Matilda, the film version of the novel they read this year.

**5<sup>th</sup> Class** went to Kilmainham Gaol and to the National Aquatics Centre on their school tour. They did the 'Friends for Life' programme this year with Ms. Roche which ended with a pizza party. After a great year, 6<sup>th</sup> class have finished doing jobs and have passed the baton on to 5<sup>th</sup> class. We look forward to having 5<sup>th</sup> class as our new leaders of the school in September.



**6<sup>th</sup> class** went litter picking this term with Leixlip Tidy Towns and were delighted to see the benches in the wildflower garden opposite the Garda Station, which were purchased with the money donated from the cake sale last year. They had a very interesting talk with the Goal representatives and enjoyed their visit to Leixlip Library and to Coláiste Chiaráin in preparation for next September. Ms O Mara's class presented a cheque to the Jack and Jill Foundation from their Confirmation money and Ms O Driscoll's class presented a cheque to the Irish Cancer Society. 6<sup>th</sup> class had their Graduation Mass on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>. It was a great night and we thank Fr. Karl for the special ceremony. On the night, children from both classes read poems about their memories from each year. Many thanks to the PTA, who provided refreshments on the night. We say goodbye to the children in both classes. You have been two wonderful, hardworking, responsible classes and we thank the parents for all their support over the last eight years.

## Rooms 3 and 4

The children in both rooms enjoyed Sports Day recently, doing relays, 3-legged races and using the parachute. They had a lovely prize giving party in the classroom afterwards where they received certificates and cups for their achievements. The children in Mrs Kelly's class went on a trip to Howth recently which was great fun. They took the train to Connolly Station and then the DART to Howth. They had a great time exploring the beach and building sandcastles. The children in Ms. Campbell's class are looking forward to their school tour to Dublin Zoo on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June!

After 16 years our bus escort Mrs. Mary McGeown is retiring. We'd like to thank her for all her work over the years and we wish her well in her retirement.



## Testing

All classes from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> completed standardised tests towards the end of this term. You should have received your child's end of year report in the post. Please let us know if you did not receive it.

## Write A Book

The annual Write a Book competition took place this term. Children from various classes wrote and illustrated books and also judged books from other schools. Mr. Lynch organised the prize giving last Friday in the hall. Below are a list of our winners: **2<sup>nd</sup> Class:** 'Molly's Magnificent Balloon' by Aaron Murphy, 'The Great Explorers and the Missing Jewel' by Lucy Kelly, 'Oscar's Awesome Go Kart' by Oscar Mongey and 'The Indian Princess' by Vita Jakelic'.



**2<sup>nd</sup> Class:** 'Boarding School Don't Rule' by Doireann White, 'The Magic Passageway' by Ava Byrne, 'The Soccer Match' by Fergal Glennon, 'The Day I Played for Man United' by Aaron McDonagh and 'The Missing House' by Dean Ryan

**3<sup>rd</sup> Class:** 'Super Dog' by Ailbhe Mooney, 'Maddie and Me' by Isabelle Casey and 'The Monkey That Went to the Moon' by Erin Behal.

**4<sup>th</sup> Class:** 'Evil Doctor Mr. Sausage' by Marie Therese Sidibe, 'The Shadows' by Alfie Lonergan, 'The Story of the Missing Treasure' by Conor Donnellan and 'Dangerous Day' by Patrick Carroll.

**5<sup>th</sup> Class:** 'Lost' by Sofia Gonzalez, 'Lost in the Outback' by Ciarán McCarthy, 'A Long Way From Home' by Chloe Hilliard and 'Candy Land' by Diana Kolesnikova.

**6<sup>th</sup> Class:** 'From North to South Korea' by Eoghan Harrington, 'Stalked' by Jack McGonigle and 'Gone' by Cian Behal.



**6<sup>th</sup> Class:** 'The Artist Girl' by Sinead Andos, 'The Dramatic Days of My Life' by Jessica Howard and a special merit award to 'All About Me' by Caoimhe Hobson.

**Room 4:** The following books received special merit awards: 'Disney Princesses' by Ceilidh Brilly, 'My Favourite Animals' by Gracie Ntumba, 'My Favourite Cartoons' by Lauren White, 'Numbers' by Damien Gambieta and 'My Favourite Disney Movies' by Runor Gboboh.

## Book About Me

In this term, all classes have added to their 'Book About Me' which will now be put away until next year. 6<sup>th</sup> Class were given their books on the Graduation night to take with them.



## Olympic Torch

There was great excitement when the Olympic Torch for the Special Olympics came to Leixlip and we heard that Alex Casey, one of our past pupils would be carrying the torch. The whole school lined the road as Alex ran past. We were very proud of Alex.

## Green Lane Cross Country Fundraising Event

The three schools on Green Lane held a running event on May 4<sup>th</sup> to raise money for members of 'Celbridge Condors', a local Special Olympics Club. Four past pupils from the campus are members of the club and attended the Special Olympics. The day was attended by many schools and was a huge success and raised almost a thousand euro. Congratulations to Ella Malone and Oisín Lynch from Scoil Mhuire who won individual medals at the event.

## Intercultural Day

Intercultural Day took place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April and on the day, children from the different nationalities celebrated in their national colours. We had a parade in the hall, followed by classes singing songs from various countries. Thanks to all the parents who visited the school on the day. Many thanks to Ms. Lenfestey who organised the event.

**Active Schools Week** took place from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> April. Each class ran the equivalent of a marathon, we had Wake Up Shake Up every morning, 10 at 10 and lots of activities throughout the week including exercises, Zumba, Staff/Student Races and Staff/Student Rounders. Thanks to Ms. O Grady and Ms. Doyle for organising the week's events.

The sun shone on 31<sup>st</sup> May for our **Sports Day** which was a great success. Thanks to all the parents who attended on the day and to the staff for all the preparation before the day. The best part of the day was that the children were so excellently behaved! We'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to **Coach Michael from the GAA** for the training he provided every Friday in Scoil Mhuire. Many thanks to Declan McCarthy, Chairman of the GAA for providing this facility to the schools.

### School Garden

Lots of classes have been busy growing plants in the garden this term. Many thanks to Mr. Lynch and Mrs. Daly for all their work with the students. Each class was involved in a sunflower growing competition, the results will be announced this Thursday.



On May 16<sup>th</sup> Ms. Lenfestey organised a **Walking Bus** to celebrate 10 years of **Walk on Wednesdays**. We had great excitement on the day and 300 walkers!

**The Student Council** have had a great year and have organised many events including a Table Quiz, fundraising events and lunchtime games for the Junior and Senior yard. They held a fantastic Cake Sale in aid of 'Friends of St. Brigid's Hospice' and presented Dr. Ena Hanlon with a cheque of €1614.04 which she said would be put to excellent use. Their final event was the **Readathon** which took place in June. See below the lists of children who received a prize for reading the most books in their classes:



Lucy Gaynor, Emily Donnellan, J.T. Nunan, Patrick Whelan, Gabriel Catana, Jacob Carey, Alfie Lonergan, Diarmuid O Connor, Alexander Kearney and Amy Heraty.

### Green Lane Sports Awards



The annual sports prize giving took place on Monday June 18<sup>th</sup> in the hall. Children from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes from the three schools were present. We are delighted that Scoil Mhuire won lots of the sporting leagues this year. Our basketball team won the Basketball League, beating Scoil Bhríde in the final. Many thanks to Ms. O Mara and Ms. Doyle for a great year. The Under 11 Boys Lunchtime League was won by the Scoil Mhuire team as was the U13 Boys Lunchtime League. Many thanks to Mr. Lynch, Mr. Byrne, Ms. Mc Cormack and Ms. O Grady for all their work this year with football and hurling. We also say a huge thank you to Dan O Sullivan, one of our Dads who offers great help to our teachers in the area of football. Individual prizes were awarded to the following children on the day:



The Lunchtime League Special Award (boy) went to Cian Behal



The Lunchtime League Special Award (girl) went to Clara Boyce

The Overall Scoil Mhuire Sports Star Awards went to Jack McGonigle and Eoghan Harrington.

Thanks to 6<sup>th</sup> class for organising the Lunchtime Soccer League in June. The P.S.G team were crowned winners of the League. Don't miss our final sporting event of the year – our **Student-Staff Basketball Match** which will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 2.10pm.



### Child Safeguarding Statement

Our Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment Document is on display inside the main door and on our website.



We now have a **defibrillator** which is located in the main corridor.

The school will close at 12.30pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June for our summer holidays. School will reopen on Thursday August 30<sup>th</sup> at 9.20am.

Finally we'd like to take this opportunity to compliment the children on all their hard work and interest in school life this year. Thanks to our wonderful parents for your continued support of the school. Thanks to our teachers, SNAs, ancillary staff, Board of Management, PTA and all the volunteers. We've had a busy year again in Scoil Mhuire and it's a pleasure to see everyone working together as a team for the good our students. Enjoy the Summer! Kind Regards, Mrs. Mescal and Mrs. McAuliffe.

