



# Scoil Mhuire, Clontibret

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## Christmas Newsletter



**21<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **Christmas Dress Up Day**

Many thanks for your generosity on Christmas Dress Up Day. The amazing sum of €975 was raised and has been sent to the Children's Health Foundation, Crumlin Hospital and to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

### **Christmas Holidays**

School closes tomorrow Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 12:30 and reopens on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### **Books & Resources**

As a precautionary measure, essential books and resources are being sent home with the pupils today. We are doing this just in case that the reopening of school is delayed and that we have to revert to Remote Learning even for a short period in the New Year.

This is something we all hope and pray does not become a reality but it is best to be prepared as much as possible in these ever changing times.

### **Celebrating Christmas**

In the run up to Christmas we have been busy in school preparing for the festive season and have had some fun by:

- Making Christmas Cards and sending them to the residents in the local Nursing and Care Homes
- Making Christmas Cards for our Class mates

- Painting the windows of our school
- Having whole school assemblies online
- All classes performing online for the rest of the school
- Christmas Poems & Songs
- Recording some Christmas activities
- Christmas Dress Up Day

And indeed Elves have taken up residence in some of the classrooms and have had a fun filled couple of weeks getting up to all sorts of mischief which has been reported to management on a daily basis!!!!

### **Christmas Recording in Scoil Mhuire**

Please find below a link to a video recording of some of the fun we had last Friday.

This video recording is on Vimeo and should play without installing the App.

The video is password protected.

Parents / guardians can share the link along with the password then it will play on any device with a browser (smartphone / tablet etc.)

**Link:** <https://vimeo.com/658728526>

**Password:** **nollaig2021**

Our sincere thanks to Lorna Morgan who volunteered to make this recording and to bring it all together to give you the parents a sense of some of the fun and activities in school. We look forward to the day when we can welcome you back into our school to share in the fun, laughter and memories.

Many thanks also to Shane Deery for the drone footage of the school which is also included in the video.

In conclusion, on behalf of the Staff, Board of Management and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all most sincerely for your ongoing support and cooperation during the year.

The last year has brought many challenges to school and home life which we could never have anticipated nor prepared for.

The pupils have been absolutely fantastic in how they have adapted and have continued to adhere to the new practices in school, including the wearing of masks by the pupils in Third to Sixth Class, in order to help keep everybody safe and well. They deserve much credit as do you, their parents.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and safe New Year.

May the Spirit of Christmas bring you and your family much joy, love and happiness and may we all look forward with a renewed hope and faith for the New Year ahead.

Nollaig Shona faoi shéan agus faoi mhaise daoibh go léir!!

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Moorehead  
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