



Scoil Mhuire, Clontibret

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May 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Dates for the Diary

Thurs 18 th May	School Nurse – Hearing & Vision Screening – Jun. Infants
Sat 27 th May	First Holy Communion in St. Mary's Church @ 11am
Thurs 1 st June	School Closure for pupils – Staff training in New Curriculum
Fri 2 nd June	School Holiday
Mon 5 th June	Bank Holiday
Tues 6 th June	School Tour – 2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th Class
Fri 9 th June	School Tour – Jun Inf, Sen Inf & 1 st Class
Wed 21 st June	Sixth Class Mass & Graduation Ceremony
Thurs 22 nd June	School Tour – 5 th & 6 th Class
Fri 23 rd June	School closing @ 12:00 for Summer Holidays
Mon 26 th June	Summer Provision begins for pupils in Cairde Classes
Fri 7 th July	Summer Provision begins for pupils in Cairde Classes concludes

Additional Mainstream Teacher

I am delighted to inform you that the Department of Education has sanctioned an eighth mainstream class teacher for September 2023 due to our increased enrolment. This means that with our current number of pupils we will have single mainstream classes and an end to split classes. This is great news for our pupils and our school community.

Child Safeguarding

In accordance with the requirements of the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017, the Addendum to Children First (2019), the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017 and Tusla Guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements, the Board of Management of Scoil Mhuire has adopted the Child Safeguarding Statement which is available on our school website, www.scoilmhuireclontibret.ie.

- The Board of Management has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the Department's Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017 as part of this overall Child Safeguarding Statement.
- The child Safeguarding Statement is reviewed annually and the Patron, and Parents' Association are notified of this review.
- The **Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Elizabeth Moorehead.**

- The **Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is Caroline Reid.**

School Tour : Junior Infants to First Class

Junior Infants, Senior Infants & First Class will be going to **Todd's Leap** in Ballygawley on **Friday 9th June**. They will be going on Granda Bens Ethical Zoo trail where they will :

- Learn all about their favourite Animals
- Trek through Forest Trails
- Play in Lanavoye Play Park
- Step across our breath taking 'Carrick-a-Todd' Rope Bridge
- Make their way up to the DINO PARK!
- Dig for Fossils
- Discover the Snake pit

Further details to follow regarding times and cost.

School Tour : Second Class to Sixth Class

Second, Third and Fourth Class will be going to **Castleblayney Outdoor Adventure Centre** on **Tuesday 06th June**.

Fifth and Sixth Class will be going to **Castleblayney Outdoor Adventure Centre** on **Thursday 22nd June**.

This promises to be an action packed fun day with lots of activities including:

- **Paddle boarding/canoeing**
- **Archery**
- **Team-building games**
- **Climbing**
- **Orienteering**

Further details to follow regarding times and cost.

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our sixth class pupil, Conor McGuigan, who was runner-up in the Eason's Spelling Bee competition last month. Conor was up against competition from 12 other schools and competed in a tough head-to-head battle in the final rounds of the contest. Such an incredible achievement, well done Conor!

FAI Primary 5's Soccer

Well done to all the pupils in our school who competed in the FAI Primary 5's soccer competition. The children had a great day taking part in a number of small-sided soccer matches against schools from across the county. Well done to all involved.

Cumann na mBunscol

The girls Cumann na mBunscol league is underway, and they have got off to a great start with a draw and a win under their belts. The girls will have 2 more competitive games in their groups over the next few weeks. Best of luck girls, keep up the great work!

History Writing Competition

The pupils in sixth class recently took part in the Decade of Centenaries History Writing Competition facilitated by Monaghan County Library. The children had to write a poem or story about what they thought life would have been like living through the War in County Monaghan during the period 1919-1923.

Congratulations to our sixth class pupil, Tara McCabe, who has been given a Highly Recommended Award for her entry.

ePayments

As you are aware from our communication last week, we are rolling out the Aladdin ePayment system to parents/guardians of children in our school.

The purpose of the ePayment system is to facilitate the easier payment of school money collections for parent/guardians and to reduce the amount of cash and cheques being sent into our school in line with recent central bank directives.

We hope that you will find the Aladdin ePayments facility useful. Deborah or I will welcome any feedback or questions you may have.

End of Year Reports

This year, the annual end of year reports will be communicated to parents/ guardians via the Aladdin App. Further details will follow closer to the time.

School Books Scheme

From September 2023, schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks for pupils will be provided free to every child. There is no charge to parents / guardians for this, as schools will receive funding to cover these costs.

There will be the requirement for parents/ guardians to continue to cover the cost of other school requisites such as pencils, pens, etc., art & craft materials, photocopying and school insurance. Further details regarding this will follow in June.

Lots of Socks Day – Tuesday 21st March

Many thanks for all your support and generosity on Monday 21st March, World Down Syndrome Day.

An amazing €1000 was raised on the day. The presentation of this money will be made to the local branch of Down Syndrome in the coming weeks.

Thank you sincerely for your kind generosity.

Playground Opening

I am delighted to inform you that our extended playground will be open for business in the coming weeks.

This will mean that the pupils will have a much larger area to play in, direct access to the astro – turf and the end to split breaks.

The Student Council are currently very busy gathering suggestions and planning various areas of the playground to cater for all classes and all interests.

The next step in our project is to develop a playing field behind the playground.

We are very fortunate to have all this space available for our use.

Exciting times ahead!

Parents' Association

The Parents' Association will be holding a raffle on the last day of school for a chance to win a voucher for Centre Parcs. Tickets will be sent out in the next few weeks. What a lovely prize for some lucky person!

Message from the Student Council

Hello Everyone,

My name is Sean O'Connor and I am writing today as secretary of the Student Council. I wish to tell you all about what we have achieved as a student council this year so far.

First of all, the Student Council organised a successful Easter Art Competition. We invited all school members including staff members to take part in the competition. The members of the Student Council judged the entries class by class on which one was best. All the entries were fantastic. Congratulations to the winners who won an Easter Egg and to the rest of the class who got a little treat.

2022 – 2023 has been a very busy year for the Student Council. We have been having regular meetings to try to make our school a better place. Amy will continue writing about the future of our school.

Hi there, my name is Amy and I am the chairperson of the Student Council.

We are currently gathering information from the classrooms regarding the new yards. We are asking the pupils in each room how they would like the new areas planned and laid out because we want the pupils' point of view. I hope that we will have many more meetings to come until then thank you.

Kind regards,

Sean & Amy

On behalf of the Student Council

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any assistance to you or if you wish any further clarification regarding the information above at office@scoilmhuireclontibret.ie.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you all for your continuing support of our school.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Moorehead

Principal.