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November Newsletter

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Scoil Mhuire Christmas Carol Service

Keep free **Wednesday 13th December**, as we are planning to have a whole school Christmas Carol Service in St. Mary's Church @ 7pm. Children to be seated for 6.45pm.

Every child will require a Santa Hat on the evening.

Further details to follow.

Cake Sale

Please support the Toy Show Bake Sale being organized by the Parent's Association on Friday 24th November, in the Community Centre.

The Community Centre Kitchen will be open from 8.45am to drop off all goodies.

Make sure to pop in when collecting your child to stock up for the toy show.

Parent Teacher Meetings

As you are aware, Parent Teacher meetings are taking place this week and the school will close for pupils at the earlier time of **2.30pm today Wednesday 22nd November**.

For the parents who chose their meeting by phone, these phone calls will take place at a designated time.

Board of Management 2023 - 2027

The third and final letter in regards to electing a new Board of Management was sent home with your child on Monday.

Please ensure that all replies are returned on or before **5pm on Monday 27th November** in the envelope provided.

The term for the newly elected Board of Management begins on Friday 1st December.

Child Safeguarding Statement & Policy

We wish to inform you that the annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement was completed on the 8th November 2023 and the policy has been updated in line with Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools (revised August 2023). The Child Safeguarding Statement is available on our school website, www.scoilmhuireclontibret.ie.

Peace Proms

Peace Proms rehearsals are continuing every Tuesday 3pm to 4pm for the pupils in Rang V & Rang VI.

The pupils participating in Peace Proms will travel to the National Indoor Arena, Blanchardstown on Wednesday 6th December to participate in a whole choir rehearsal. Further details to follow.

Shoe Box Appeal

Team Hope wish to thank you all for your generosity in donating 121 Christmas Shoe Boxes to their charity this Christmas. Well done Pupils and Parents of Scoil Mhuire!!

Heritage in Schools Scheme

The children in fourth, fifth and sixth class took part in a workshop with Aidan Dockery, who is a Heritage in Schools specialist, covering the topics of Irish history, heritage and culture. Aidan brought a variety of historical resources to show and discuss with each class and the children also got the opportunity to bring in artefacts from home. The children got the opportunity to learn about various historical events including World War 1 and the 1916 Rising. A fantastic experience for all involved.

Cumann na mBunscol

Well done to our boys' football team who competed in the Cumann na mBunscol finals day on Saturday, 11th November. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be on the day, and we were defeated by a formidable Corduff team. The boys have shown great determination and teamwork throughout the league and we are so very proud of all that they have achieved in getting to the final. Well done boys!

STEPS Young Engineers Project

The 3rd Class pupils have been taking part in the STEPS Young Engineers Project. This is a competition in which children are invited to work in teams to plan, design and create an engineering project to improve their local community. To do this, the children follow the same steps as a real engineer!

As part of the project, the children are looking forward to a visit from engineer Roisin Moore on Thursday 23rd November. During this visit, Roisin will describe her work as an engineer, and will be available to answer any questions that the children have. Then, the children will be given the opportunity to present their projects to Roisin.

This project is a fantastic opportunity for the children to gain an insight and experience in the area of engineering at a young age. The pupils are thoroughly enjoying taking part in the project and we are really looking forward to seeing their finished projects!

Lotto

There has been a great response to the Lotto this year. My sincere thanks to those who have volunteered to collect various routes and to all those who have subscribed on the routes and through the school. We are so fortunate to have full access to a community centre and to an astro turf on our doorstep and we also get such a welcomed donation to the school each year.

The first draw will take place this Tuesday evening, 5th December @ 8.30pm in the Community Centre. Results are published in the Clontibret Notes in the Northern Standard every week.

Well done and many thanks!

I thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,
Elizabeth Moorehead
Principal