



# Scoil Mhuire, Clontibret

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## October Newsletter

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please note the following important information.

### **Official Opening**

As you are aware Minister Heather Humphreys, will officially open our school development, buildings and grounds on the rescheduled date of **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October @ 2pm.**

As the ceremony is beginning at the later time of 2p.m. and is expected to last in excess of one hour, we kindly ask that you collect your child/ children, including those in Junior and Senior Infants, from school at the later time of @ **3.15 pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.**

Please note that the school buses are available to take the children home at this later time of 3.15pm.

### **Open Evening**

To mark this occasion, we are having an **Open Evening that evening, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October from 4.30pm to 7pm.**

We extend a warm welcome to you the parents, guardians, grandparents, past pupils and people of the local community to come in to our school, have a look around and see our wonderful new and enhanced facilities.

### **Celebration of Sacraments**

#### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

Confirmation for the pupils in the Parish of Clontibret will be celebrated on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April @ 11am** in **St. Michael's Church, Annyalla.**

#### **Sacrament of First Penance**

The Sacrament of First Penance will take place in the school setting during the season of Lent.

#### **Sacrament of First Holy Communion**

First Holy Communion for the pupils in Scoil Mhuire will be celebrated on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May @ 11am** in **St. Mary's Church, Clontibret.**

### **Dressing Up Day**

As Mid Term and Hallowe'en approaches at the end of the month, we are inviting the pupils to dress up as any character they wish or as they would for Hallowe'en on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October.**

We ask parents to be creative and to use what you have already at home.

This is NOT to be an extra expense on anybody!

Just a bit of fun to lift the "Spirits".

### **Boys Football League – Cumann na mBunscol**

Our fifth and sixth class boys have been taking part in the Cumann na mBunscol football league over the past number of weeks. The boys have recorded five wins from their five games and so have progressed to yet another final. A fantastic achievement and team effort by all involved. Keep up the great work boys.

The final will be played on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October, time and venue to be confirmed early next week. Please do your best to come out to encourage and support the boys on this great achievement.

### **Teaching & Learning**

As a school, we have identified the following as areas for greater emphasis, focus and attention.

#### **Literacy:**

- Motivation, Engagement & Choice
- Reading & Comprehension
- Vocabulary Development

#### **Mathematics:**

- An introduction to the New Primary Maths Curriculum

#### **Gaeilge**

- Gaeilge Neamhfoirimiúil / Teanga ó Bhéal – Conversational Irish

#### **SPHE – Social Personal & Health Education**

- Wellbeing & Resilience

#### **Digital Technology**

- Embedding the use of digital technology as a methodology across the curriculum.

We need your support in recognising that the Learning and Reading Homework is as important as the written homework.

Tables, Spellings, Maths Facts and Reading are the foundation blocks for all other learning and need to be practised regularly.

### **Accelerated Reader**

As you may be aware we introduced the Accelerated Reader Programme for pupils in Second Class to Sixth Class last year. We plan to continue using this programme again this year.

Accelerated Reader is a motivational tool to encourage and develop independent reading. The children will do an online reading assessment, which gives us a detailed overview of their comprehension ability. Based on this assessment each child will be provided with a book range from which they can select independent reading books from.

With over 40,000 books available for Accelerated Reader, every pupil can select books of an appropriate difficulty that also interest them. The children will take fun motivational quizzes to test their comprehension of the books they have read. The children will be set an individual points target to act as a form of motivation and they may receive a small prize for reaching their target each term.

In school, we will provide the children with time to read independently and take their quiz on their book. We will be asking that children also read at home as part of their homework.

The books they read can come from a variety of sources including the school and class library, local library, books they have at home, bookshops etc. You can search for suitable Accelerated Reader books via this free online tool: [www.arbookfind.co.uk](http://www.arbookfind.co.uk)

You can also learn more about Accelerated Reader by visiting:

<http://www.renlearn.co.uk/accelerated-reader/>

As with any new programme it will take time to develop it within the school, so we thank you in anticipation of your continued support and understanding.

### **Children's Book Festival – Monaghan County Libraries**

We are delighted to announce that a number of classes will be participating in the livestreams with authors, Judi Curtin, Katie Cottle and Anna James, to mention a few, as well as participating in the Big Book Quiz on 27<sup>th</sup> October. A fun filled month of books and reading!!

### **Lotto**

Many thanks to all who have participated in the Clontibret Development Association Lotto during the last school year. A particular word of thanks to those of you who volunteered to collect on behalf of the school. This fundraising activity raised €7,500 for the school.

This money is used to fund the day to day costs of running our school.

We are planning to have the next cycle of the Lotto up and running in the next couple of weeks.

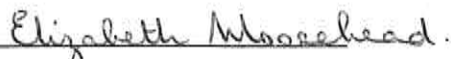
We hope you will consider participating again this year and perhaps help out with the collecting.

Further details will be sent out next week.

In conclusion, please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any assistance to you.

I thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



Principal