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December Newsletter

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Scoil Mhuire Christmas Carol Service

Please note the following in regards to our Christmas Carol Service which is being held on Wednesday 13th Dec in St. Mary's Church @7pm.

- All pupils should be seated in the church no later than **6.45pm.**

- All pupils need a Santa Hat.

- All pupils are to wear their school uniform / tracksuit.

- The seats in both side aisles and the two front seats of the church are reserved for the pupils.

- **Junior Infants** will be seated in the front two seats on the **left** facing the altar.

- **Senior Infants** will be seated in the front two seats on the **right** facing the altar.

- Please ensure that your child has gone to the toilet before leaving home.

- Donations in aid of Crocus & St. Vincent de Paul will be most welcomed on the night.

Santa
Yes! He is on his way!
Santa is returning to Scoil Mhuire!!
Santa will arrive in Scoil Mhuire on Thursday 21st Dec @ 10.00am approx.

Christmas Dress Up Day

All pupils and staff are invited to wear something "*Christmassy*" on **Thursday 21st December**, whether that be a Christmas hat, Christmas t-shirt, Christmas jumper, Christmas hairband or even some tinsel in your hair.

Pupils and staff may even enjoy making or creating something fun and festive to wear to add to the fun and cheer.

So let's get creating….. and have some fun!

School Christmas Closure
School will close **on Friday 22nd December at 12 noon** will re-open on **Monday 8th January.**

Board of Management - Appreciation & Acknowledgement

Wednesday 29th November was a very special occasion for us in Scoil Mhuire as it marked the end of Cathal McGlone's time on the Board of Management.

Cathal had served as the treasurer for two terms of office, 2007 – 2015. This was followed by two terms as chairperson, 2015 – 2023.

On Wednesday 29th November, we gathered to say thank you and to pay tribute to Cathal in the presence of his family, for all he has done for our school.
Representatives from each class spoke about what our school means to them and what they are grateful for. The pupils in Rang a Cúig and Rang a Sé entertained us all with some lovely singing.

We are so thankful for Cathal, his drive, ambition and generosity of time, which has served Scoil Mhuire so well during these sixteen years of volunteering on the Board of Management.

Our sports hall is a fine example of one of his many achievements and is a testament to his sheer determination to leave no stone unturned in striving to provide the necessary resources for Scoil Mhuire.

In recognition and appreciation of Cathal's inspiring vision, his outstanding commitment, his exemplary service and his generosity of time, the Board of Management and the Staff decided that our sports hall would be dedicated to him and would be called "Halla Mac Giolla Eoin" as a tribute to him.

It was a privilege to have the opportunity to acknowledge someone who has played such a pivotal and defining role in shaping Scoil Mhuire.
Thank you Cathal!

Board of Management 2023 – 2027

I am delighted to inform you that process of forming our new Board of Management has been completed.

I welcome Matt McKenna, Mullans, as our new chairperson. Matt has been a member of the Board since 2015 and I wish him every success and happiness in his new role as chairperson.

As you are aware, Fiona Dolan and Stephen Meehan have been elected as the parent nominees.
Linda Markey, Cathy Rooney, Mark Kellett, Patricia Clerkin and I make up the remainder of the Board.

We assure you that we will continue to work in the best interest of the children of our school, building on and embedding the successes of the past Board of Management.

I thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,
Elizabeth Moorehead
Principal