

Newsletter for April 2018

This term is going to be a very busy with sports days, visits to the school garden, standardised tests, reports, First Communion, Confirmation and 1st and 6th Class Graduation.

Our **Challenge to Change** project was on 18th April and pupils from the Green School Committee travelled to Kilkenny to represent Scoil Mhuire and to present their project. This year's project was "Lucky to be me" which is a project that celebrates the uniqueness of every child in Scoil Mhuire. The photographs and books made by the pupils are on display in the foyer of the school.

Our Céilí on 23rd March was a great success and a very enjoyable learning experience for all. It was wonderful to see all 394 pupils in the school participating in the dancing. A total of €1,800 was collected from sponsorship cards which is a fantastic amount. We had a raffle the day the Easter Holidays with two prizes in each class. Well done to all for their participation. The money raised will be used for teaching resources and to fund dramaand music lessons.

Tablets and chrome books have been purchased for use in the classrooms and are a real hit with the pupils. We aim to purchase more in the coming weeks so that this is part of classroom practice for September.

COMMUNION First Communion is on Saturday 12th May at 11am. We ask families to be in the church by 10.45am. Photographs will be taken on Monday 14th May in the school hall.

Confirmation will take place on Wednesday 30th May at 11am. Bishop Raymond Field will be confirming the girls. The Retreat for sixth class as part of the preparation will take place on Wednesday 9th May. Photographs for the pupils will be on Thursday 31st May in the school hall.

Ms Burke-Heneghan plans to travel to South Africa again this summer to work as a volunteer teacher in Cape Town for July 2018. This will involve teaching some of the poorest children and many who are orphans as well as supporting in training the teachers. To raise some of the funding needed for this project we will have a Jersey Day on Friday 4th May 4 and pupils can wear their favourite jersey on the day and can contribute a euro or two for this project. We thank you for your support.

This year 6th Class are participating in Bí Gnothach which is an enterprise education award for primary schools. It is an educational programme that introduces pupils to working as a team and to many aspects of setting up and running an enterprise while also learning about the world of work. This year they are making bookmarks and we wish them the very best with their sales which will take place on 10th and 11th May. Pupils will visit all classes to market their products.

Sports days are scheduled for 14th June for Junior Infants to 2nd Class and on 15th June for 3rd to 6th Class. Both of these days are weather dependant but we will update you by text nearer the day.

Active Schools Week is scheduled for the week of 21st May and during this week all pupils will participate in lots of sports activities.

Our end of year **Talent Show** will be on 29th June and it is a very enjoyable event to end the school year.

Le gach dea ghui

Ms Burke-Heneghan and the Staff of Scoil Mhuire