



## Scoil Mhuire

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### Newsletter for November 2016



Parent /Teacher Meetings will take place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November from 2.30-4.30pm. This meeting provides you with an opportunity to continue the partnership process in your child's education.



This week we begin our **Stepping Week** where students are recording their own personal energy usage with the number of steps walked. At the end of the week the class with the highest scores will get **The Golden Boot**, the class with the second highest score will get **The Silver Wellie** and the class with the third score will get **The Fluorescent Flipflop**. The pupils will record when they walk to swimming, when they go on nature walks and any activities in the environs of the school. We will continue this for the rest of term and maybe some parents could do it with their children at weekends. Just use the app on your phone and help your child to step up to a healthier life.



Nano Nagle, founder of the Presentation Sisters, was declared venerable in Rome on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013 by His Holiness Pope Francis I. The announcement brings a declaration of Sainthood of Nano Nagle a step closer as her life of 'heroic virtue' is officially acknowledged. On 21<sup>st</sup> November we celebrate Presentation Day and will have a prayer service in the church for all classes from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>. We wish the Presentation Sisters a very special feast day.



We are delighted to have the Magic of Music back in the school again this year. The Magic of Music is a refreshingly innovative and energetic approach to music in the primary school classroom. The programme is based on the New Revised Primary Music Curriculum and caters for children of all age groups. It's packed with exciting, fun, practical exercises which allow children to really enjoy and value all types of music and to encourage their creativity and performance skills.



**Stay Safe lessons are being taught in all classes this term.** This programme is designed for use with classes from junior infants to 6<sup>th</sup> class. The programme seeks to enhance children's self-protective skills by participation in the lessons.

This programme is now mandatory in all Primary Schools with the publication of Children First: National Guidelines on the Protection and Welfare of Children. The worksheets that the pupils complete will be sent home for parent's signature.



The Fashion Show from Recycled Materials on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October was a fantastic day and well done to the pupils for the wonderful creativity they displayed in their outfits. We have budding designers in our midst.



Can I remind parents that all pupils should line up with their class at the line in the morning and come into the school with their class teacher. The pupils have learnt the mantra **BE ON THE LINE AT TEN TO NINE** so please encourage this.



Christmas cards have gone home for you to see the proofs before ordering. **The last day for ordering is 25<sup>th</sup> November. Please put money in envelope and return to class teacher.** The cards look fantastic and it is a great way of sharing your child's artistic talent.

**The last day for ordering the class calendars is also 25<sup>th</sup> November.** Please put money in envelope and return to class teacher.

**Le gach dea ghuí**

**Ms. Burke-Heneghan and the Staff of Scoil Mhuire**