

# Scoil Mhuire



## Newsletter September

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Hello to all Parents and Guardians of Scoil Mhuire.

I would like to officially welcome our new families, both in Junior Infants and in the rest of the school. It was wonderful to see all our pupils return in September. We also warmly welcome our new pupils to our ASD class.

We would also like to welcome back Ms. Martin and Ms. Hoban who were off on leave and a huge welcome to our new teachers Ms. Sheridan, Ms. Martin and Mr. Sanchez and our new SNA's Debbie, Laura and Angela.

Children have adapted very well to their new classrooms, teachers and routines. There has been a hive of activity from all of our classes from Junior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> Class.

Please note that all children line up in the yard in the morning. We urge parents to bring their children to the line for 8.50am. Supervision is provided from 8.40am, it is important that children are not left alone before this time as no teachers are present.



### Collection of Pupils

**Junior and Senior Infants school hours: 08.50am - 1.30pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Class school hours: 08.50am - 2.30pm**

We encourage pupils to stay in school for the above hours.

If a pupil has an appointment the school needs to be informed in advance. Parents can do this on Aladdin or by phoning the office.

Parents/Guardians are asked not to collect pupils during break 10.45 - 11.00am and lunch time 12.35 - 1.00pm respectively.

Reminder: When collecting your child during school hours you need to go to the office and sign him/her out and if returning to school you need to sign them back in stating time returned.



### **School Lunch:**

As part of the school policy in promoting Health Education, we encourage nutritional lunches. Pupils are NOT ALLOWED CRISPS, FIZZY DRINKS, CAKES, CHOCOLATE, CHOCOLATE BARS, OR POPCORN. On no account can CHEWING GUM BE TOLERATED at any time in the school.

### **Suggested lunches:**

- 1st Break: (10.45am): 1 sandwich & piece of fruit;
- 2nd Break: (12.35pm): Sandwich, yoghurt and drink.

**PLEASE NOTE: SCOIL MUIRE IS STRICTLY A NUT FREE ZONE**

### **Swimming:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Class and 5<sup>th</sup> Class (R16) are enjoying their block of swimming lessons in Clondalkin Leisure Centre. 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class will also avail of these lessons throughout the year.



### **Speech and Drama:**

Ms. Anna Walker has returned to the school to resume Speech and Drama classes.



### **GAA:**

David O'Callaghan GPO from Round Towers will be providing coaching skills for some of the classes this year.

### **Green Schools:**

A friendly reminder that Scoil Mhuire participates in the Green Schools Programme. For our litter and waste reduction we are aiming for Zero Waste in your child's lunchbox. Your child should have a reusable bottle and lunchbox. Please use kitchen roll instead of tinfoil or plastic as it is more compostable and more sustainable. We will be monitoring waste in the classrooms as part of our ongoing work for Green Schools.



### **Costume Swap:**

On Friday October 11<sup>th</sup> the Green School Committee are holding a Halloween Costume Swap. We are asking children to bring in a costume on Wednesday/Thursday October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure costumes are in good condition and are clean. Any child who brings a costume can swap it for another one. Thank you for helping us to promote the circular fashion economy.



### **School Books:**

The Department of Education funded ALL books and requisites for all children this year. We have requested €60 from each pupil to cover Pupil Insurance, Arts and Crafts, Drama, I.T. and Photocopying. It is important that this is paid to ensure we can deliver a full curriculum for all pupils.

**Attendance:**

We will be monitoring attendance very closely again this year as the overall attendance last year was very low. Please ensure your child is in school every day unless they are unwell. If they are absent, you are obliged to contact the school either through Aladdin Connect or by phone.

We will be doing "Best Class Attendance" each week

We would appreciate your support with this. Research results have proven that a child's performance in school is enhanced by attendance.



**Mobile Phones:**

Reminder: Mobile phones must be switched off and kept in school bags during the school day.

# Parents Association

**Parents Teacher Association:**

Our Parents association have organised our annual school walk for Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. This is our main fundraising event and we intend to use some of the funds to replace some percussion instruments and P.E. equipment.

Our PTA are looking for new recruits. Ideally we would like to have a representative from each class. They offer great support to the school and endeavour to keep the parents informed of events happening concerning your child. If you are interested in joining them please contact the school office on 01-4592986.

Best Wishes

**Ms. McKiernan and the Staff of Scoil Mhuire**