**September Newsletter 2022**

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

I hope you and your family continue to keep safe and well at this time. Thank you for your co-operation and support since the re-opening of the school on August 31st ensuring the health and safety of all in Scoil Mhuire. Thank you also for your patience with our front door buzzer system over the last few weeks. You will be glad to know that a new buzzer intercom system has now been installed,

**Covid-19 :**

Scoil Mhuire continues to uphold all covid protocols and procedures as laid down by HSE and Department of Education and Skills. I would like to thank the teachers for their continued hard work ensuring the health and safety of all pupils in their class. I would ask all parents to reinforce the good hand hygiene procedures and cough sneeze etiquette with their children each eve. This reinforces all the good procedures teachers maintain each day with the class. We remind parents that pupils must not attend school if they are ill. Any parents whose daughter presents with Covid-19 symptoms such as cough, sore throat, fever, shortness of breath, loss of sense of taste/smell, vomiting, nausea, bad headache, fatigue should not attend school and consult their GP for advice. Please keep the school updated at all times. Pupils must be two days free of vomiting/ diarrohea/high temperature before they can return to school.

**Parking, drop off and collection:**

I would like to remind parents that **parking on the school roundabout area is forbidden** at all times. The roundabout area is to facilitate our drop off/collect and go system only. I would ask parents to depart as soon as they have dropped off/collected their child to avoid any congregation near the school. The safety of the school

community is always the top priority of Scoil Mhuire and I ask you for your continued support with this matter. Any pupil who arrives after 9:20am in the morning must be brought to the front school door by their parent/minder.

**National Children’s Choir:**

I am delighted to inform you that this year all of 5th class will be taking part in the national children's choir. This is a wonderful musical opportunity for the girls. The National Children’s Choir is a school-based choral experience for primary school children.  Affiliated pupils from a senior class class in Irish Primary Schools learn a common repertoire of songs that more than satisfies many objectives of the music programme at the senior end of the primary school.  The children learn the repertoire in their own schools, taught by their own teachers, and join with other local schools three

times a year to rehearse these songs with one of the national children's choir assistant musical directors.Every child will participate in a wonderful concert in the National Basketball arena, Tallaght in April (date to be confirmed yet) and a percentage of these children randomly selected will perform in the National Concert Hall at the end of May (date to be confirmed yet) under the baton of the national children's choir musical directors.The girls are looking forward to starting in on their repertoire over the next few weeks. We look forward to them performing for the school as well at various occasions during the school year. Ms. O’ Malley and the girls have already started practising and it is wonderful to hear the sound of unison singing in the school again.

**Maths Week:**

Scoil Mhuire will celebrate maths week 2022 from the 17th-22nd October where the pupils will engage in lots of fun maths activities with their teachers. Pupils will enjoy exploring different maths problems, entering the maths eyes competition, maths trails,

daily maths intercom quiz and engaging with maths activities on the maths week website. The whole school problem-solving maths fair in the hall will return this year where classes will be able to share and present maths problems with other classes. Each class will visit the hall on this morning. Parents are free to drop in too if they wish. We

hope you will have some fun with maths at home too. Visit the maths week website [www.mathsweek.ie](http://www.mathsweek.ie) for more details.

**Cumann na mBunscoil:**

The cumann na mbunscoil football team from 5th and class are now through to the quarter finals on the 12th October (fixture to be confirmed yet) after three wins in their group. The girls have displayed wonder sportsmanship and great teamwork. It is great to be back playing again. Ms. Lawlor will take the squad during lunch time on Mon, Wed and Fri next week as well as before school on Tues and Thurs morning to prepare for the next match.

**Digital Learning:**

Our digital learning is going from strength to strength in Scoil Mhuire. The school now has access to ipads, mini laptops, legowedo 2.0 and beebots. The classes are really enjoying using the various apps on the new ipads at present. We will continue to encourage coding also with scratch, legowedo 2.0 and beebots. National Code week is being celebrated in Ireland on October 10th-15th and the school hopes to join in this celebration through use of the beebots, legowedo 2.0, ipad apps and scratch on mini laptops. 3 new interactive promethean smartboards have been installed in 3 mainstream classes this year. We hope to install more of these next year.

**Science week:**

Scoil Mhuire will celebrate science week from the 14th-18th November with lots of fun experiments. Junior Einsteins science club will be putting on a science show for the whole school in the hall with lots of fun experiments on the 14th November . They will be running an after-school science club on Mondays starting on the 9th January for all classes. An email will go out about this later in November with their details to allow parents to sign up to the after school science club.

**P.E. Hall Floor:**

The Department of Education and Skills has granted the school an emergency works grant to remove and replace the floor in the P.E. hall. A new non slip floor will be replacing the old floor. We are delighted the announce that this will done during mid-term break at Hallowe’en.

**National Tree Day:**

National tree day is being celebrated on **October 6th** this year. We are very fortunate to have so many beautiful trees on our school grounds. In Scoil Mhuire last year we planted a wild Irish cherry tree at the front of the school to commemorate 130 years of the school and also to remember all those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. This tree is now growing well. This year we will plant a holly tree for national tree day.

**Goal Jersey Day:**

On **Friday, October 14th** pupils are allowed wear a sports jersey to school with their tracksuit. We would ask each pupil to bring in a donation of €2 for jersey day. All proceeds will go to the charity GOAL.

**Liffey swim:**

Congratulations to Aoife from 5th class who was the youngest child to compete in the Liffey swim last weekend. Super swimming Aoife. All in Scoil Mhuire Mount Sackville are very proud of you.

**Primary Language Curriculum half day school closure:**

Teachers will attend a half day in-service on the Primary Language Curriculum on **Friday, 14th October**. On this half day Junior and Senior Infants will go home at **12:20p.m.** and 1st-6th will go home at **12:30p.m.**

**Literacy Hour:**

Senior infants are really enjoying their literacy power hour at the moment. The pupils are learning a lot through fun literacy activities in small groups with a teacher. Well done to all the girls. Keep up the great work. We hope to have literacy hour in lots of our classes in Scoil Mhuire Mount Sackville this year where class teachers and SET teachers support pupils in small groups in the classroom for literacy activities for a number of weeks. This has proved very successful over the last few years.

**Dress Up Day and Cake Sale:**

All children are allowed to dress up for Hallowe’en on **Friday, 21st October** and enjoy some in school Hallowe’en celebrations. Children can come to school dressed up and bring a nut free treat with them to have at their lunch time on this day. The P.A. are organising a cake sale for this day also. All donations welcome. Parents are welcome to drop in for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat. Thank you to our wonderful P.A. for organising this. The P.A. A.G.M. will be held in the school hall on October 25th at 8p.m. All parents are welcome. The P.A. would especially love to see new members joining.

**Enrolment 2023:**

**Application for admission for Junior Infants September 2023 will take place from November 1st -30th. Parents wishing to enrol their child should send in the following documents when enrolling:**

* **Signed Application for Admission form**
* **Copy of Child’s birth certificate**
* **Child’s PPS Number**
* **Copies of Two Recent utility bills with current address**
* **Any Relevant Reports (Medical, Psychological, speech & language, etc.)**

**Enrolment details and application for admission form are available on the enrolment section of the school website** [**www.scoilmhuiremountsackville.ie**](http://www.scoilmhuiremountsackville.ie)

**For further information please contact the school office on (01) 8213105 or email us at** [**scoilmhuiremountsackville@gmail.com**](mailto:scoilmhuiremountsackville@gmail.com)

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