

Scoil Mhuire –Howth Primary School

June 2018 Newsletter

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Accommodation

Our revised plans for a four classroom extension is now due for final approval by the Department of Education and Skills Building & Planning Unit. We can expect construction to begin four months later (to allow for tendering/health & safety schedules to take place). Officials from the Department have assured me that our file is at the upper end of a queue of school building projects and that we will be immediately informed when it has been signed off.

Our school architect has

advised us that all school building projects incur hidden costs which are not covered by the basic building grant. We have set up a team to spearhead a two year fundraising campaign—**Pathway through Primary**—which will be launched at our first major event—a Golf Classic—on September 21st 2018. our central drive will be to offer parents/grandparents/guardians and past pupils a choice a buy a sponsored brick to fund these hidden costs and to develop sport, IT



and special education resources in our school. I would like to thank our hardworking and inspirational Pathway through Primary team, Jenny Hutton, Marina Fagan, Aisling Wright, Sandra O'Rourke, Ashley Sheridan, for all their input over the past few months.



Retired
Young at heart.
Slightly older
in other places.

After many years working in Scoil Mhuire as Special Needs Assistant we bid farewell to Carol Page who is set to retire at

Farewell

the end of this month. On behalf of all our school community—pupils, teachers, SNA colleagues, parents and Board of Management—

I would like to thank Carol for her long service to the school and to wish her health & happiness in her well deserved retirement.

Staffing



Welcome back to Ms. Audrey Clarke who rejoins our teaching team. I would like to thank Ms. Ciara Fagan Barrett who took over Audrey's class from the

start of the school year. Congratulations to Ms. Niamh Keogh who has been appointed to a permanent teaching post in Scoil Mhuire. Niamh has been a great asset to our Special Education Team and we wish her continued success in her time with us. Thanks to Ms. Aoife Treanor who worked here earlier this

month on a shared basis with St. Brigid's G.N.S. Killester.

Interviews for a number of fixed term teaching / Special Needs Assistant posts take place on 26th/28th June respectively. These appointments will be processed during July.

School Sports Day

Pupils, teachers, staff, parents and relatives enjoyed a wonderful school sports day on Friday 15th June with fun activities, racing and ice creams for all!

The event was brilliantly organized and is a credit to Mr. James Burke and all the teachers & staff who organized the various activities.

End of Year 2017/18

On behalf of our school community I would like to thank the many people who gave their time and energy to various school projects throughout the past year, whether on an individual basis or through involvement in groups such as Board of Management, Parents' Association, School Violin Project etc.

Your support, enthusiasm and com-

mitment is very much appreciated.

Enjoy the summer break. I look forward to welcoming all pupils (current and new), parents, teachers and staff to 2018/19 school year which starts Thursday 30th August.



Summer Camp

Mr. Burke's Summer Camp will take place from Monday 16th July running until Friday 20th. Just like his Easter Camp it too will keep children (up to twelve years of age) engaged and happy. Each day camp

starts at ten o'clock and continues until two o'clock.

Something for everyone—enjoy!

bricks 4kidz are running a summer camp in the school

from 9th—13th July.

Cúl Camps take place in Beann Éadair C.L.G. in July & August. And there are plenty more Summer Camps happening in the area.

Strawberry Fair



An occasion like our recent Strawberry Fair is not an ordinary event. Months of planning and preparation, countless hours of work by teams of volunteers are essential to making this annual fundraiser a success. Walking around the school grounds that Sunday I was so impressed by the energy and enthusiasm of the various stall holders and by those organizing the huge number of events that made the day so special. On behalf of all our school community but especially on behalf of our pupils I would like to thank the organizing PA team which coordinated this year's amazing Fair and to all who supported or sponsored in any way. The money raised - over €9,000 exceeded expectations and will be used to improve your child's learning environment at Howth Primary School.

Award Ceremony



This year we held an award ceremony during the final week of term, on Monday 25th June. Awards include Sport, Music, Irish language and Art. See Award Winners on our website!!!

Class Allocation 2018/19

Class Level 2018/19	Teacher	Room/Area
Jun. Infants	L. Anderson	7
Jun. Infants	M. Ridge	6
Sen. Infants	A. Heerey	8
Sen. Infants	R. Slattery	9
1 st Class	E. Maher	5
1 st Class	N. O'Harlon	4
2 nd Class	D. Duane	10
2 nd Class	J. McKeon	1
3 rd Class	A. Nugent	3
3 rd Class	C. Reilly	2
4 th Class	M. O'Donnell	14
4 th Class	E. Cassidy	13
5 th Class	J. Burke	Temporary Classroom
5 th Class	O. Devlin	MultiPurpose Room
6 th Class	S. Breen	Temporary Classroom
6 th Class	D. Flynn	Temporary Classroom

Some Highlights of a hectic school year

School exterior makeover **Fun Day**

Tea & Tissues reception for our new parents as our new Junior Infants ease into life at Scoil Mhuire

Music Makes Magic violin classes for all pupils continue throughout the year. We celebrated the fifth anniversary of this wonderful project at a special celebratory concert in June

Walk on Wednesday

Hell and Back

Tin Whistle lessons (4th/5th classes)

Rugby Blitz

Visit of Minister of Education & Skills, Mr. Richard Bruton to discuss Post of Responsibilities allocation in the school

Annual photography session with our Junior Infants classes (Ms. Heerey/Ms. Slattery)

All Ireland Inter School Sailing event featured our school sailing team

Annual Parents Association AGM

GAA coaching with coach Paddy Gorey

Junior/Senior Assemblies (monthly)

School Conker Competition to celebrate National Tree Day

School Cross Country team compete at Santry Stadium

Halloween Fashion Show (pupils)

Bulb planting

Maths Week

Grandparents Day (marked by events/exhibitions)

Annual Book Fair

Nativity Pageant

School Christmas cards

Parent-Teacher meetings

First Aid training for school staff

Visit of Sam Maguire to Scoil Mhuire

School Events cont'd:-

Music Makes Magic Open Days

Christmas Concert featuring Army No. 1 Band, Baldonnell Singers, school choir and soloists Sharon Lyons & Paul Linehan

After School clubs

A Taste of Christmas Variety Show

Athletics events in St. Anne's Park/Newbridge/Santry throughout the school year

Axis Theatre production of Granuaile

Writing Workshop (Fighting Worsd)

Visit of Santa

Teaching Practice placements

Anti-Bullying workshops for pupils/teachers/staff and parents

HSE vaccinations/Hearing/Vision testing

Catholic Schools -Meditation lessons, Yoga, Random Acts of Kindness exercises, Mindfulness exercises, Whole School dance, Art Competition)

Teacher training for Rainbows Ireland

Focus Ireland workshop on homelessness with our 4th class pupils

Safer Internet Day

Fire Drills (each term)

Transition Year work experience placements

Standardized Testing Week

Sacramental Preparation (Service of Light, Ceremony of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation)

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Annual Soccer Tournament

Sport trí Gaeilge goes from strength to strength

Audience with author John Boyne

Howth Pipe Band workshops

Outline Calendar 2018/19

August/September

School Reopens on Thursday 30/08/17 Sen. Infants –6th class will finish at 12.15

Planning Afternoon for Teaching Staff

TIMETABLE FOR JUNIOR INFANTS:

Thursday	30 th August	and	Friday 31 st August	9 00 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.
Monday	3 rd Sep.	to	Friday 7 th September:	8.50 a.m. – 12 noon
Monday	10 th onwards	-	Normal Timetable	8.50 a.m.— 1.30 p.m

October/November

Mid Term Break Mon 29th Oct – Fri 2nd Nov School Closed

December/January

Christmas Holidays Mon 24th Dec – Fri 4th Jan School Closed

February

Mid Term Break Mon 18th – Fri. 22nd School Closed

March / April

Easter Holidays Mon 15th April - Fri 26th School Closed

May

Public Holiday Monday 6th School Closed

June

Public Holiday/School Holiday Fri 31st May + Mon 3rd June School Closed

Summer Holidays Friday 28th June

School Events Cont'd:-

Active School Week

Meeting for New Parents

Induction Day for Junior Infants 2018/19

Girls Junior/Senior GAA team Fingal League winners

Boys GAA team finalists

STEM/Sailing workshop (5th class pupils) at Howth Yacht Club

School Sports Day

Strawberry Fair

School Tours/Outings

Annual Awards Ceremony