

Scoil Mhuire—Howth Primary School

May 2018 Newsletter

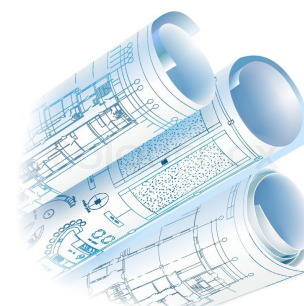
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Final additional costings for the school extension have been submitted to the Department of Education and Skills and are being considered. In conjunction with this negotiations between Fingal Co. Council solicitors and St.Lawrence Trust (owners of the land on which school is built) are nearing conclusion thanks to the sterling work by Fr. Gerry Tanham P.P. It is hoped that construction will commence in Au-

tumn 2018. A fundraising campaign—**Pathway through Primary**—has been set up to raise money to cover hidden costs relating to school construction projects. We hope to launch this campaign with a very special Golf Classic scheduled for 21st September 2018. Parents/past pupils/friends of Scoil Mhuire will be invited to Buy a Brick so that our four classroom extension can be fully re-



sourced. I would like to thank our Pathway through Primary working party - Marina Fagan, Jenny Hutton, Ashley Sheridan, Sandra O'Rourke and Aisling Wright.

Child Protection

Scoil Mhuire has fully adopted recent legislative developments with regard to Child Protection. Our recent Child Protection Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assesment are both accessible on our school website -

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

GDPR came into force on 25th May 2018. GDPR emphasizes transparency, security and accountability with regard to the processing of personal data. In all schools Boards of Management undertake the role of Data Controllers. Our school has a Data Protection Policy in place, and is working to carry out the requirements of GDPR.

Data Protection Regulation is high profile and quite complex. There is very user-friendly information about it on the website of the (Irish) Data Protection Commission. This information is kept securely on our server and is also provided to two outside bodies; the Department of Education and Science and the third party to which we outsource our attendance

and related administration.

As per the GDPR guidelines, we are reviewing our policy on school photography and a school website privacy statement.

The data we acquire and keep is centered around your children, who are the business of the school. We keep personal, academic and peripheral data relating to children and their parents / guardians and carers. This data relates both to current and past pupils. We also keep data relating to staff, current and those who have left.

We retain personal data for only as long as is necessary for contractual, legal or business purposes. When personal data is no longer required we securely destroy it.



New Parents Meeting / Induction Day

Our annual meeting for new parents took place earlier this month. It was a pleasure to meet with all the new mothers / fathers of the pupils who will be joining our school community in Junior Infants and in

other classes next year. I would like to thank teachers Ms. Laura Anderson and Ms. Muireann Ridge for taking Q/A session at this meeting.

We welcomed our new Junior Infants to their

new school the following week on Tuesday 22nd for their Induction Day.



Howth Parish, Howth Pipe Band and Scoil Mhuire

Howth parish, Howth Pipe Band and Scoil Mhuire have engaged in negotiations to offer the band alternative accommodation in the light of future plans to sell the building which

the band currently uses as a practice base. Scoil Mhuire has offered the school hall as a practice venue for the band. In return the Parish has committed to refurbish the school

hall/WC's out of funds generated from the sale of the Band Hall—a win, win situation for all parties. Developments are expected soon.

Sports News

What an amazing few weeks it's been for our school in sport with our Boys Senior Team reaching the finals of the Fingal League and our Senior Girls going one step further after a thrilling and well deserved victory earlier this month. At time of writing our two Junior teams (girls and boys) have reached the finals of their respective leagues. I would like to thank teachers (Mr. J. Burke, Ms. A. Nugent, Ms. M. O'Donnell) who devoted lunch-time and after work hours to training these teams, to the fantastic parents who provided transport to and from the games, to Sandra

O'Rourke and all on the Sports committee and to the Parents Association for all their support with hosting after match receptions.

I would also like to thank Mr. E. Cassidy & Mr. O. Devlin who brought our hurling team to quarter final stage, to Mr. D. Flynn coach of our school soccer team and to our athletics coaches Ms. L. Anderson, Ms. R. Slattery and Mr. D. Flynn who steered our young athletes to recent glory in Santry and in Newbridge.

Perhaps the jewel in the crown

was the performance of our U11 School Squash team—Oscar Rey/Cillian Twomey/Conal Jackson—who were crowned All Ireland Champions—what an achievement. Ar aghaidh le chéile!!!



Sacramental Preparation

It has been a hectic time for the girls and boys of 2nd and 6th classes with First Holy Communion and Confirmation taking place this month. Thanks to class teachers Ms. Emma Maher, Ms. Ciara Fagan Barrett and Mr. Burke, to choir directors Ms. K. Fox & Ms. S. Breen, school sec-

retary Ms. J. Lyons, the parish teams assisting First Holy Communion & Confirmation, Fr. Gerry Tanham & Canon Ray Molony, Ms. Pat Guinan, organists Ms. F. Howard and Mr. M. Crowley, school photographer Simon Archer, our school orchestra under the baton of Nao-

ise Dach & Shane Cavanagh and to our wonderful parents who organized receptions after these ceremonies in Columbanus Hall and to all others involved in these special days.

Strawberry Fair

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Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

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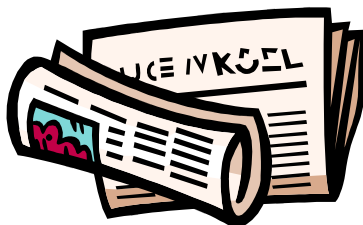


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School Events: Reent / Current / Ongoing

- April 27th School Orchestra perform alongside Dublin Youth Orchestra in St. Mary's. Our thanks to Rector Kevin Brew, to Naoise Dach, Shane Cavanagh and all the Music Makes Magic team. Well done to all our young musicians
- April 30th –May 4th Active School Week was marked by daily events on a whole school basis. Thanks to Ms. Ciara Fagan Barrett and Mr. James Burke for coordinating the week
- May 10th The principal attended Child Protection seminar on developments in Child Protection following on from recent legislation
- May 12th First Holy Communion (see page 30)
- May 14th-18th Standardised Test Week for 1st –6th classes. Thanks to Ms. Claire Mannix
- May 15th Julie Clarke Fingal Co. Council Arts Officer visited the school to assess our Music Makes Magic project
- May 15th New Parents Meeting
- May 22nd Induction Day for our New Junior Infants—it was a pleasure to welcome the girls & boys who will join us next year and to meet all their mums & dads. Ar aghaidh le chéile!
- May 16th National Walk to School Day
- May 17th Fingal League Finals (see page 2)
- May 16th/18th Junior & Senior Assemblies. Thanks to Ms. Niamh Keogh & Mr. Osmund Devlin for coordinating these two events
- May 18th Meeting of the In-School Management team
- May 21st/24th Santry Athletics. Thanks to Ms. Laura Anderson, Ms. Roisin Slattery & Mr. Osmund Devlin
- May 21st Board of Management meeting
- May 22nd Promotional video—Pathway through Primary. Thanks to Jenny Ryan/Conor Ryan and all the film crew, to Jenny Hutton and to all the teachers/pupils who participated
- May 24th Meeting of the Teaching Staff (outside school hours)
- May 25th Confirmation—congratulations to all the girls & boys in Mr. Burke's sixth class
- May 31st School athletics team compete in the annual Sutton Park championship
Girls & Boys Junior GAA finals—Best of Luck!



Keeping up with the news!!

Calendar for June 2018

<u>Thursday</u>	<u>31st May</u>	<u>Junior Girls and Boys GAA Finals in Abbotstown</u>
<u>Friday</u>	<u>1st & Monday 4th</u>	<u>School Holiday/Public Holiday</u> <u>School Closed</u>
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>Confirmation Photos (Simon Archer Photographer)</u>
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>Music Makes Magic Open Day—Senior Classes</u>
<u>Friday</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>Music Makes Magic Open Day—Junior Classes</u>
<u>Friday</u>	<u>15th</u>	<u>Sports Day</u>
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>17th</u>	<u>Strawberry Fair</u> <u>12–4.00 p.m.</u>
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>20th</u>	<u>End of Year Music Makes Magic Concert in Howth Church</u>
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>27th</u>	<u>Graduation (6th Class)</u>

Outline Calendar 2018/2019

August/September

School Reopens on Thursday 30/08/17

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

