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Newsletter Date



SCOIL MHUIRE HOWTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Scoil Mhuire Howth Primary School Newsletter November 2018

Accommodation /

A Pathway through Primary

Following the posting of planning site notices (23rd October) the school extension project is now in its pre-construction phase. Health/Safety site regulations are being addressed with the Department of Education and Skills Building/Planning Unit and with Fingal County Council. Pre Qualification Contractors' demands are being submitted to the Department. Once this stage is complete, the tendering process will be underway.

I am calling on any parent with skills/ interests in the area of marketing/I.T./ product placement/ publicity to join our **A Pathway through Primary** team. The Pathway through Primary fundraising initiative was launched at our recent Golf Classic. We hope to hold a social night early in the New Year to lift off the project and invite any parent (past or present) to join our fundraising team. We need you. Your children are worth it.

Book Fair

This year's Book Fair proved to be a huge success, our most successful do far. We earned a sizeable commission which will enable us to purchase books for our class libraries to the value of €3,225. On behalf of

the staff I would like to say a huge thank you to all who purchased books and a special word of thanks to Marina Bleahan, her team of parents and sixth class who helped throughout the day.

Canon Ray Molony R.I.P.

Our school and parish communities were saddened and shocked by the news of Canon Ray's sudden death earlier this term. Fr. Molony had been working in Scoil Mhuire in the role of chaplain and will be greatly missed by pupils, teachers, staff and parents. We little thought last June, when he was a guest of honour at a reception held to celebrate his long contribution to the school, that within a few short months he would have passed away. A school/parish Months Mind will take place on Friday 30th November.

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*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

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An old friend visits Scoil Mhuire

Science Week November 12th—16th

We were delighted to welcome the Sam Maguire trophy to the school for its fourth consecutive annual visit. Thanks to James Burke for setting up this event which was enjoyed by all the children. Thanks also to GAA schools officer Paddy Gorey who coaches all classes in Scoil Mhuire and to Brian Howard (All Star Winner) who brought the famous trophy to the peninsula for the morning. Will Dublin win five in a row???

Following on from this excite-

ment our Senior Girls GAA team along with managers Ms. Adrienne Nugent and Ms. Mary O'Donnell plus principal John Chambers attended a special reception in the Mansion House on Monday 19th November. This celebratory occasion was hosted by Senator (and ex principal) Aodhan O'Riordan with Dublin Senior player Lyndsey Davey giving an inspiring speech to the girls, encouraging them to continue being involved in sport. A letter of thanks on behalf of all our school was sent to the Senator.

Thanks to Ms. Laura Anderson for coordinating an exciting whole school programme of scientific workshops and events to mark Science Week 2018. all classes took part in a wide range of activities aimed at stimulating an interest in and celebrating the wonderful world of science.



School Events: Recent/Current/Ongoing

November:

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| 5th | School Assemblies for Junior and for Senior classes (separate) took place in the hall |
| 9th | Book Fair 2018 |
| 12th—16th | Science Week 2018 |
| 15th | In School Management team meeting |
| 16th | Visit of Sam Maguire |
| 19th | Girls Senior GAA team visit Mansion House |
| 22nd | Parent / Teacher Meetings |
| 29th | Meeting of the Teaching Staff |
| 30th | Parish/School Month's Mind for the late Canon Ray Molony R.I.P. |
| 30th | Art Workshop with ReCreate Art |



Ongoing events include: After School Clubs, Chess Club, Maths Club, GAA coaching, Tag Rugby, Walk on Wednesdays, Violin and Orchestra classes, Club Gaeilge, Nativity Pageant rehearsals



After School Clubs

Calendar 2018/2019

December/January

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| HSE Vaccinations (Jun. Infs) | Thursday | 13/12/18 | |
| Meeting of the Teaching Staff | Thursday | 13/12/18 | School closes at 1.30 |
| Christmas Holidays | Monday | 24 th Dec – Fri 4 th Jan | School Closed |
| Meeting of the Teaching Staff | Thursday | 31/01/19 | 2.30 – 4.00p.m. |

February

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| Mid Term Break | Monday | 18 th – Fri. 22 nd Feb | School Closed |
| Whole School Staff Meeting | Thursday | 28/02/19 | 2.30 – 4.00p.m. |

March / April

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| Shrove Tuesday | Tuesday | 5/03/19 | School finishes at 12.15 |
| St. Patrick's Day (in lieu) | Monday | 18 th Public Holiday | School Closed |
| Sacrament of Reconciliation | Thursday | 21 st March (2 nd Class) | |
| Meeting of the Teaching Staff | Thursday | 28/03/19 | School closes at 1.30 |
| Easter Holidays | Monday | 15 th April - Fri 26 th | School Closed |

May

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| Public Holiday | Monday | 6 th May | School Closed |
| First Holy Communion | Saturday | 11 th May | |
| Standardised Testing Week | Monday | 13 th – 17 th May | |
| Sacrament of Confirmation | Friday | 24 th May | |
| Meeting of the Teaching Staff | Thursday | 30/05/19 | 2.30 – 4.00p.m. |

June

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| Public Holiday/School Holiday | Friday | 31 st May + Mon 3 rd June | School Closed |
| Meeting of the Teaching Staff | Thursday | 13/06/19 | School closes at 1.30 |
| School Sports Day | Friday | 14/06/19 | |
| Summer Holidays | Friday | 28/06/19 | |



