

# Scoil Mhuire Howth Primary School

## March 2019 Newsletter

### Special points of interest:

- Calendar April—June 2019
- Easter Camp 2019
- Stations of the Cross
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### Child Protection

John Chambers is the school's Designated Liaison Person for Child Protection and Aisling Heerey is the Deputy Designated Liaison Person.

Our Child Protection Safeguarding Statement was reviewed last month. A copy of the Child Protection Safeguarding Statement plus Risk Assessment document is on display in the school reception area (adjacent to the office of the School Secretary). Copies have been posted on the school website— [www.howthprimaryschool.ie](http://www.howthprimaryschool.ie) —and are available on request. Copies of the CP Safeguarding Statement have been sent to the Parents' Association and to the school's Patron.

Many school personnel/PA/Board of Management members have undertaken Child Protection training. New staff and other school personnel who may not yet have completed CP training are encouraged to do so.

Teachers in the school include Stay Safe / Social, Personal & Health Education (SPHE) and Sexuality modules (RSE) in their planning. A training night for parents presented by the Child Abuse Prevention Programme (CAPP) took place before Christmas.

DLP conducted Child Protection / Stay Safe programme survey with eight classes throughout the school as part of the recent CP Safeguarding Statement review.

### Daffodil Day 2019

Daffodil Day fundraising coffee morning for the Irish Cancer Society was held in the school on Friday 22nd—the 15th year in succession that this event has taken place in Scoil Mhuire under the able direction of Teresa and Clare Carruthers. Thanks to all the parents & grandparents who supported the day and all who baked cakes / buns / tarts etc. This year €2,800 was raised for the Irish Cancer Society.

Well done all!!!!

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### Enrolment for Junior Infants 2019

We have received sufficient enrolment applications for two Junior Infant classes 2019/2020. Information Meeting for new parents will take place in May. Thanks to our school secretary, Ms. Joan Lyons, for her work in processing the enrolment applications.



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## Calendar from April—June 2019

### APRIL

<b>Easter Holidays</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>12/04/18</b>	<b>School finishes at 12 noon</b>
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> April - Fri 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Closed</b>
<b>School Reopens</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>29/04/19</b>	

### MAY

<b>Public Holiday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>06/05/19</b>	<b>School Closed</b>
First Holy Communion 2nd Class	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11/05/19</b>	11.00 a.m.
Standardised Testing Week	<b>Monday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup></b>	
Confirmation 6th Class	<b>Friday</b>	<b>24/05/19</b>	11.00 a.m.
<b>Local Elections/voting Centre</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>24/05/19</b>	<b>School Closed</b>
Meeting of the Teaching Staff	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>30/05/19</b>	2.30 – 4.00p.m.

### JUNE

<b>Public Holiday/School Holiday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> May + Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>School Closed</b>
<b>Meeting of the Teaching Staf</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>13/06/19</b>	<b>School closes at 1.30</b>
<b>School Sports Day</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>07/06/19</b>	
<b>Summer Holidays</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>28/06/18</b>	<b>School finishes at 12 noon</b>



### Sports News

The sporting season is well and truly on us in Scoil Mhuire with girls and boys teams in GAA, hurling, soccer and athletics already in action over the past few weeks. Thanks to all the teachers who give their time

and energy (and many lunch breaks) to training/ managing those teams, to all our young participants and to the pool of parents who provide transport for away matches. As you realize, not every squad member

can make the team for any given match but managers will do their best to include as many as possible by substitution and rotation where this is possible.

Ar aghaidh le chéile!

### Seachtain na Gaeilge

Bhí a lán imeachtaí ar siúil again le linn Seachtain na Gaeilge I Scoil Mhuire chun úsáid na teanga a spreagadh sa scoil. Seachtain na Gaeilge this year was marked by several special events / activities in Howth Primary School culminating

in our annual Céilí Mór in the school hall. On that day, our school was transformed with pupils, teachers and staff all wearing something green. From Junior Infants to Sixth Class every child took part in our annual Céilí Mór. Buíochas mór chuig

Mr. Burke who coordinated this event and to Ms. Reilly and Ms. Heerey who co-ordinated Irish dancing practices for each class prior to the big day.

Ni neart le cur le chéile



## Standardized Testing

Annual Standardised testing for 1st—6th will take place during the month of May. Please endeavour to have your child present at school and if for any reason your child will be absent please inform the class teacher in advance. The teachers of pupils in sacrament classes will be working around their busy schedule so may have to do them at a later date. . Information is available for parents on the ncca website: [http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum\\_and\\_Assessment/Early\\_Childhood\\_and\\_PrimaryEducation/Primary-Education/Assessment/Leaflets\\_for\\_parents/Leaflets\\_-\\_Standardised\\_testing.html](http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Early_Childhood_and_PrimaryEducation/Primary-Education/Assessment/Leaflets_for_parents/Leaflets_-_Standardised_testing.html).

Standardised tests being administered in the school are aimed at assessing the children's ability in Literacy including Reading/Vocabulary and Maths.

[http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum\\_and\\_Assessment/Early\\_Childhood\\_and\\_Primary\\_Education/Primary-Education/Assessment/Leaflets\\_for\\_parents/RRD01251A-NCCA-ENGLISH-Tip-Sheet-STEN.pdf](http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Early_Childhood_and_Primary_Education/Primary-Education/Assessment/Leaflets_for_parents/RRD01251A-NCCA-ENGLISH-Tip-Sheet-STEN.pdf)



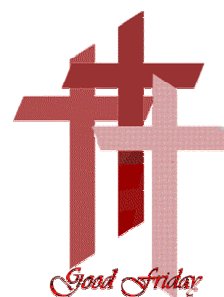
## Voluntary Contribution

We would like to thank those parents who have sent in their voluntary contribution . As a Voluntary Non fee-paying Primary School we are highly dependent financially on the monies raised through the Voluntary Contribution. We are

most grateful for the generous response from parents to date, however the sums so far received are inadequate to meet the shortfall in day to day operating expenses and Capital Expenditure outgoings. We have a wonderful and vibrant school

community. Howth Primary School has superb facilities. Your financial support is essential in order that this learning environment can be maintained .

*Thank You*



## Stations of the Cross

*Our boys and girls are practicing hard under the guiding hand of Pat Guinan and her team for the Stations of the Cross which will take place on Good Friday 19th April.*

## Easter Camp

Mr. Burke's Easter Camp takes place again this year starting on Monday 15th April and through until Friday 19th. Hopefully the weather will stay fine and everyone can enjoy all the activities on offer.



## Sacramental Preparation

This is a hectic time for our pupils in Ms. Duane's, Ms. McKeon's, Ms. Breen's and Mr. Flynns's classes with regards to preparation for the sacraments of Holy Communion (11th May) and Confirmation (24th May).



Our school choir, under the baton of Ms. Fox and Ms.

Breen have also been very busy getting ready for these important occasions. Sacrament of Reconciliation for 2nd class took place on Wednesday 20th March and the Service of Light for 6th class on Thursday 28th March.



## School Events – Recent/Current/Ongoing:

### March:

- 1<sup>st</sup> P.A. Quiz Night yielded €320. Teachers team will try again!
- 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Our Music Makes Magic Orchestra (under the baton of Shane Cavanagh) and our singers (directed by Lorna Pennchester) receive 1<sup>st</sup> place and high commendation respectively at Wesley Feis 2019. Well done all!
- 4<sup>th</sup> Junior and Senior Assemblies. Thanks to Mr. Burke.
- 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Thanks to Noelle Shannon and John Carroll for their skilful and unobtrusive camera work at this year's Music Makes Magic photoshoot
- 7<sup>th</sup> World Book Day was marked by a schedule of events/activities including – Read your favourite book, Teacher Swap, DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) time plus book cover/book marker art competition. Thanks to our Literacy Coordinator Ms. Heerey for coordinating these events
-  11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Seachtain ne Gaeilge 2019 was celebrated with an array of enjoyable events including Trath na gCeist and our annual An Céili Mór (thanks to Clare). Well done to Mr. Burke for all his work on these activities
- 12<sup>th</sup> Pathway through Primary information meeting. Thanks to all who attended and to those who have indicated that they will help out in this important fundraising campaign
- 13<sup>th</sup> Scoil Mhure is taking part in this year's Eason's Spelling Bee. Our first School Spelling Bee took place with 31 contestants entering. Congratulations to Oscar Rey (5<sup>th</sup> Class) who edged out Fionn Copeland (5<sup>th</sup> Class) in the final knock-out round. Oscar now goes on to represent our school in the County Final on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Good luck Oscar!!!
-  14<sup>th</sup> The Athletic season has taken off and our school athletic team participated in the Fingal Athletics Championship to great success
- 15<sup>th</sup> Non-Uniform Day – wear something green – Céili Mór sa halla i rith an laé
- 20<sup>th</sup> Sacrament of Reconciliation. Well done to all the girls and boys in Ms. McKeon's and Ms. Duane's second classes
- 21<sup>st</sup> In School Management Team Meeting
- 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Teaching Staff
- 28<sup>th</sup> Service of Light. Congratulations to Ms. Breen's and Mr. Flynn's pupils
- 29<sup>th</sup> Primary Language In-Service Day



### Ongoing activities include-

Chess, After School Club, Club Gaeilge, STEM, School Orchestra, Violin lessons ( inside school hours)  
Maths Club, GAA Coaching (inside school hours), Walk on Wednesday, Irish Dancing, Hip Hop Dance  
Fencing, Guitar, GAA Fitness training, Singing