



SCOIL MHUIRE HOWTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER



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Child Protection

As you know our school Child Protection Safeguarding Statement and information notices with regard to the Child Protection Designated Liaison Person (John Chambers) and the Child Protection Deputy Liaison Person (Aisling Heerey) are displayed on the the school reception area (adjacent to the office of the School Secretary) and have been posted on the school's website—www.howthprimaryschool.ie Copies of the school's CP Safeguarding Statement are also available on request. We are grateful for the input from parents during our recent review of the Safeguarding Statement and continue to welcome suggestions on

how our Child Protection procedures in Scoil Mhuire might be improved.

DLP and DDLP have undertaken Child Protection training as have school personnel/Parents' Association. New staff and/or others who may not yet have completed CP training are encouraged to do so at regular intervals. Teachers include Stay Safe/Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE) and Relationship and Sexuality (RSE) modules in their planning and are made aware on a regular basis of the responsibilities as Mandated Persons. Teachers also communicate with the children in class to discuss Child Protection areas such as

safety/attendance/bullying etc. A survey/questionnaire on pupils views with regard to child protection/safety issues was given to girls & boys from 3rd–6th classes prior to Easter. I am delighted the overwhelming majority of children feel that their school is a safe environment and that they are familiar with the core elements of the Stay Safe Programme. On Friday 21st June our four senior classes—Ms. Breen, Mr. Flynn, Mr. Devlin & Mr. Burke were given day-long workshops on Relationship/Sexuality Education by trained facilitators from ACCORD (Dublin Archdiocese Primary Schools Programme).

Beaver Chief Scout Award & Pupil Achievements

This Award takes a minimum of 6 months to complete. The children have to earn badges in all of these areas: Skill, Physical, Community, Environment, Scout Skill, Expedition. They must go to an overnight camp for 2 days and 1 night and they must complete a 10km

hike over a 6 hour day. If they do not complete all of these tasks they do not pass. The following Scoil Mhuire children all successfully completed this award between January and June 2019: Oliver Whelan, 3rd Class Ms. Nugent, Aidan Molloy, 2nd Class Ms. McKeon,

Sophie Shannon, 2nd Class Ms. Duane, Airt Doonan, 2nd Class Ms. McKeon.

Congratulations to Shauna Coleman (Ms. Maher's First Class) who was highly commended in the 65th Texaco Children's Art Competition—a major achieve-

ment as this year over 25,000 entries were received. Well done also to Eilidh McArdle Moore (Ms. Nugent's Third Class) who won an Irish Judo Award.





Accommodation

We expect that construction of our four classroom school extension will commence in the next few weeks with an estimated build time of c6 months.

Our fundraising project - Pathway through Primary has gathered momentum over the past month with a highly successful and enjoyable Ladies Lunch taking place in Findlaters

on Friday June 4th. Thanks to Catherine Flanagan and all the Pathway through Primary team for coordinating this event which generated €4,000.

Parents, alumni and friends of Scoil Mhuire are invited to invest in the future development of our school by purchasing engraved bricks which will be prominently displayed

on the south-facing external wall of the school hall. Future fundraising events will include a Road Race (separate adults and child events) in the Autumn and a Gala Ball on Valentine's Night 2020 in the Marine Hotel Sutton. For details contact the Pathway through Primary team at: pathwaythroughprimary@gmail.com

Ar aghaidh le chéile

*All ahead with
Pathway through
Primary
Fundraising
Project*

Teacher and Room Allocation for 2019/20

Class Level	Teacher	Room
Jun. Infants	A. Heerey	6
Jun. Infants	M. O'Donnell	7
Sen. Infants	M. Ridge	8
Sen Infants	L. Anderson	9
1 st Class	E. Maher	5
1 st Class	J. McKeon/C. Cosgrove	1
2 nd Class	D. Duane	3
2 nd Class	N. O'Hanlon	4
3 rd Class	S. Breen	10
3 rd Class	C. Reilly	2
4 th Class	E. Cassidy	Temp A
4 th Class	O. Devlin	M.P. Room
5 th Class	J. Burke	Temp C
5 th Class	D. Flynn	Temp B
6 th Class	A. Nugent	14
6 th Class	I. Sunderland	13



**Check your
classroom and
teacher here!**



Farewell and Welcome

On behalf of all our school community—pupils, parents, staff, teachers and management I would like to wish Roisin Slattery health and happiness during her Career Break which commences this summer. Roisin will be missed by all the girls and boys fortunate enough to have been in her capable hands, by their appreciative parents, by school

staff and by her teaching colleagues who will miss her bubbly personality and unfailing good humour. We wish you well, Roisin and look forward to you returning to Scoil Mhuire soon.

I would like to pay tribute to Darragh Sewell who has worked in the school over the past few months covering Maternity Leave for Claire Mannix. Dar-

ragh has been exemplary in his dedicated and enthusiastic work—we will miss the virtuoso guitar playing but hope that we may be able to welcome him back to Howth at some future time.

Best wishes and many thanks to Ms. Pat Guinan who is retiring from her duties as Nativity Pageant / Stations of the Cross Coordinator and as

director of the Annual Confirmation Mime—a very special part of the Confirmation Ceremony.

Scoil Mhuire welcomes Ms. Caitriona Cosgrove, currently teaching in Scoil Aine Raheny who will be working next year with Ms. Jackie McKeon, First Class on a Job Share basis. I hope that she finds her time in Howth a fruitful and happy experience.



Outline Calendar for 2019/2020

<u>Friday</u>	<u>30th August</u>	<u>School Reopens</u>	<u>Normal Day</u>
<u>Friday</u>	<u>6th September</u>	<u>Planning Meeting for Staff</u>	
<u>School closes for Snr. Infs – 6th class 12.15 p.m.</u>			
<u>Monday</u>	<u>28th Oct – Friday 1st Nov</u>	<u>Mid term Break</u>	<u>School Closed</u>
<u>Monday</u>	<u>23rd Dec – Fri 3rd Jan</u>	<u>Christmas Holidays</u>	<u>School Closed</u>
<u>Monday</u>	<u>17th Feb – Fri 21st Feb</u>	<u>Mid term Break</u>	<u>School Closed</u>
<u>Monday</u>	<u>16th + Tues 17th March</u>	<u>St. Patrick's Day</u>	<u>School Closed</u>
<u>Monday</u>	<u>6th Apr – Fri 17th April</u>	<u>Easter Holidays</u>	<u>School Closed</u>
<u>Monday</u>	<u>4th May</u>	<u>Public Holiday</u>	<u>School Closed</u>
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>9th May</u>	<u>First Holy Communion</u>	<u>11.00 a.m.</u>
<u>Friday</u>	<u>22nd May</u>	<u>Confirmation</u>	<u>11.00 a.m.</u>
<u>Friday</u>	<u>29th May + Mon 1st June</u>	<u>School/Public Holiday</u>	<u>School Closed</u>
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>30th June</u>	<u>School will close for Summer Holidays</u>	

Highlights of a hectic school year!!!

- Tea/Tissues reception for our new parents as our new Junior Infants eased into life at Scoil Mhuire. How they have come on since that first day!
- Music Makes Magic violin classes for all pupils continued throughout the year. We celebrated the sixth anniversary of this wonderful project at a special Mid Summer Concert on June 21st
- Walk on Wednesday
- Hell and Back
- Annual photography sessions with our Junior Infant classes (Ms. Ridge/Ms. Anderson)
- Annual School Assemblies (Junior & Senior Assemblies)
- Parents Association AGM
- GAA Coaching with coach Paddy Gorey
- Our Athletes compete at Santry Stadium and Newbridge
- Halloween Fashion Show
- School Christmas Cards
- Book Fair
- Nativity Pageant
- Parent/Teacher Meetings
- First Aid training for school staff
- Visit of Sam Maguire to Scoil Mhuire (yet again!!!)
- Music Makes Magic Open Days
- After School clubs
- A Taste of Christmas Variety Show
- Writing Workshops (Fighting Words)
- Santa visits
- Catholic Schools Week
- Teaching Practice placements
- Anti Bullying workshops
- World Book Day
- Stations of the Cross
- HSE Vaccinations/Hearing/Vision testing
- Wellness Week
- Active School Week
- Safer Internet Day
- Cumann na mBunscoil—Boys/Girls GAAS Finals in Croke Park



- Fire Drills
- Transition Year Work Experience placements
- Standardized Testing Week
- I am Unique Week
- Sacramental Preparation /Service of Light/Ceremony of Reconciliation/First Holy Communion/Confirmation
- Girls team win Fingal Soccer Tournament
- Seachtain na Gaeilge
- Annual Soccer Tournament
- School Tours/outings
- Music Makes Magic Song Writing Workshop
- Fingal League GAA finals
- Meeting of New Parents and Induction Day for Junior Infants 2019/2020
- School Sports Day
- STEM Sailing 5th Class at Howth Yacht Club
- Strawberry Fair
- Music Makes Magic Mid Summer Concert
- Annual Awards Ceremony
- 6th Class Graduation

