



*“Mol an Óige agus Tíocfaidh sí”*  
*(Praise the youth and they will flourish)*



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# Feakle National School

## Prospectus



### FURTHER INFORMATION

The Board of Management of Feakle NS realises that the information given in this Prospectus is limited and parents are very welcome to make arrangements to visit the school with the Principal, Ms McMahon, or visit our website.



## National Initiatives

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY



The school is very active in engaging the children in the world that surrounds them. This includes participating in many events that occur throughout the school year.

*Listed below is a sample of what the school gets involved with every year:*

European Week of Sport – September

Mental Health Week – October

Maths Week – October

Code Week – October

Space Week – November

Safer Internet Day – February

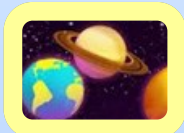
Engineers Week – February

World Book Day – March

Seachtain na nGaeilge – March

Europe Day – May

Bike Week – June



## Blue Star Programme



- The Blue Star Programme fosters better understanding and knowledge of the European Union and how it affects the lives of Irish citizens among primary pupils through classroom projects and activities.

- The school was awarded their five year participation award in May 2019 at a ceremony in Mansion House in Dublin.

- We celebrate Europe Day every year as part of the programme.

## Principal Welcome



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for considering Scoil Mhuire an Fhiacail for your child. I look forward to welcoming you and your child to the school.

Scoil Mhuire is an Inclusive School with a catholic ethos which aims to create an atmosphere where children feel safe and secure. Pupils are cared for and respected as individuals and given the best possible opportunity to reach their full potential in the classroom and beyond by a dedicated and committed staff.

Our motto is

*‘Mol an Óige agus Tiocfaidh siad’*

(Praise the youth and they will flourish).

We aim to allow our pupils to achieve personal excellence; academically and also personally, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually. We foster Creativity both in the classroom through the Curriculum and also outside the classroom through Sport and The Arts.

We want to instil Integrity in our pupils, teaching them respect for themselves and other people and ensuring that they know the difference between right and wrong.

School staff and parents are encouraged to work together to help our pupils reach their full potential. We feel that we are more likely to succeed in our aims if there is a close partnership with parents based on mutual trust. We look forward to working with you to ensure that your child will recall his or her schooldays with pleasure.

This Prospectus can only give a snapshot into school life in Scoil Mhuire. For further information log onto our website [www.feaklens.com](http://www.feaklens.com); telephone the school on 061-924116 or email [feaklens@gmail.com](mailto:feaklens@gmail.com) to arrange a visit.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school so any questions you may have can be answered.

**Marion McMahon,**  
Principal





## General Information

- Scoil Mhuire is a mixed, multi-grade rural school.
- The school building was opened in the 1960s with a large, modern extension completed in 2010.
- Our school is at the heart of the community – across the road from the playground and next door to the GAA pitch.
- We are only a short walk from St. Mary's parish church and the Main Street.
- Pupils participate in many community events in Feakle and further afield, throughout the year as well as making use of the rich learning resources that the local community has to offer.
- We have extensive class libraries in every classroom; a large staff room area with cooking facilities; excellent sporting facilities both indoor and outdoor; bright spacious classrooms; portable laptop trolley and most importantly a professional, dedicated staff.



## Astro Turf Yard



- ◆ We recently completed works on developing an astro-turf playing pitch.
- ◆ It was officially opened in January 2020.
- ◆ It was funded through a Sports Capital Development grant and with local fundraising through the 'Buy-Brick' campaign.
- ◆ It is a superb facility — It is completely enclosed with an overhead net and side fencing.



## Outdoor Garden



- We have an outdoor garden area at the side of the school where we have planted vegetables.
- We also have lovely flowers growing there during the summer months.

- We have a large sheltered area in the yard.
- This is very useful for the children to sit and chat or to take shelter on cooler days.
- We remain indoors when it is raining but try to get out most days. We have painted a mural on the walls of the shelter in the last number of years.
- It is a lovely bright addition to our school yard.

## Shelter





## Parent's Association



We have a very supportive parent body in the school.

The Parent's Association meet every term and support the school in whatever way they can.

They have supported numerous programs in the last number of years including Music Generation and Heritage in Schools.

They have also purchased a Buddy Bench and Wall Games for the yard.

They have organised the Christmas Family Fun Day in recent years to help them raise money to support all of these initiatives.

## GAA Pitch



The school is located right next to the GAA pitch and we utilise this fantastic pitch during the warmer weather.

Parents help with training teams for both hurling and football Cumann na mBunscol matches on the pitch.

## Mission Statement



Feakle National School is a co-educational, Catholic, primary school which strives to provide a well-ordered, caring, happy and secure atmosphere where the Intellectual, spiritual, physical, moral and cultural needs of the pupils are identified and addressed.

While Feakle National School is a school with a Catholic ethos, we respect the diversity of values, beliefs, traditions, languages and ways of life in society.



Feakle National School will strive to promote, both individually and collectively, the professional and personal development of teachers through staff development programmes.

Feakle National School will encourage the involvement of parents through home/school contacts and through their involvement in the Parents Association.

Feakle National School will endeavour to enhance the self-esteem of everyone in the school community, to imbue in the pupils respect for people and property and to encourage in them the idea of being responsible.

Feakle National School will promote gender equity amongst the teachers and pupils.



Déanfaimid iarracht Gaeilge a labhairt.





## Scoil Mhuire Offers ..

- A community that values every child. It provides a fantastic learning environment and helps pupils in their formative years to experience school life as happy, interesting and challenging: a place where there is care and concern for everyone.
- A friendly, co-operative atmosphere
- A dedicated, enthusiastic staff
- A school that listens and responds to the needs of pupils, parents and the community.
- A Catholic ethos, where we respect the diversity of values, beliefs, traditions, languages and ways of life in society.
- A school that embraces modern technology
- Opportunities to augment the curriculum with supplementary activities.
- The ability to bond and relate with the local community
- The security of knowing that every effort is made to ensure the happiness and development of your child.



## Accelerated Reader



- The school adopted the Accelerated Reading program in 2010 as part of the literacy curriculum.
- Accelerated Reader promotes wide reading, which is the most effective method for building vocabulary. Pupils read their normal fiction/non-fiction books from the library and when finished they take a short quiz on the book to test their understanding.
- There are thousands of books on AR – with new books being added every month. It really motivates reluctant readers whilst also engaging eager readers.



The school was named the “BEST PERFORMING PRIMARY SCHOOL” in the Republic of Ireland for Accelerated Reader in 2017.

## Green Schools

- Green-Schools is Ireland’s leading environmental management and education programme for schools. It promotes long-term, whole-school action for the environment through a student-led programme with involvement from the wider community. Since the program was introduced in Scoil Mhuire we have been awarded flags for:

- Litter & Waste
- Energy
- Water
- Travel
- Biodiversity

- The school is currently working on the Global Citizenship Litter and Waste flag.





## School Outings

We aim to bring the pupils out on school trips throughout the year. These trips reinforce the learning that takes place in the classroom whilst providing new learning opportunities; they provide cultural experiences while at the same time giving children enjoyable memories.

These trips include:

- ◆ School Tours
- ◆ Local History Field Trips
- ◆ Nature Walks
- ◆ Science Exhibitions
- ◆ Local Concerts and Shows
- ◆ Christmas Carol Singing
- ◆ Visits to the Local Libraries
- ◆ Art Exhibitions



## Music



Feakle is well known for its traditional music and we aim to develop a love of music in all our pupils.

We have participated in the Music Generation Program for the last number of years and have had Michael Grogan as a music tutor visit every classroom on a weekly basis for lessons in either whistle or fiddle.

## School Day



### Junior & Senior Infants

09:00 – 13:40

1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class

09:00 – 14:40

### Morning Break

10:50 – 11:00

### Lunch:

12:30 – 13:00

*All children eat their lunch in their classroom from*

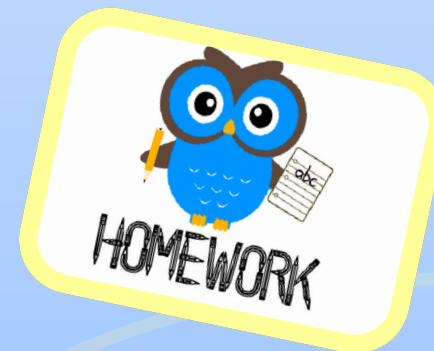
*12:30 – 12:40*

## Homework

Scoil Mhuire sees value in children engaging in homework as a means of revising work done, In discovering information unavailable in school, in involving parents in their children's studies and In the development of good work habits.

Against this must be balanced each child's need for recreation and the development of other interests and hobbies. Parents are encouraged to sign their child's homework each evening.

A Homework Policy is available on request.







## Curriculum

Language		
Gaeilge	English	
Mathematics		
Social, Environmental and Scientific Education (SESE)		
History	Geography	Science
Arts education		
Visual arts	Music	Drama
Physical education		
Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE)		
Religious education		

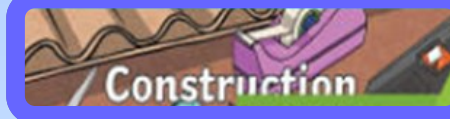
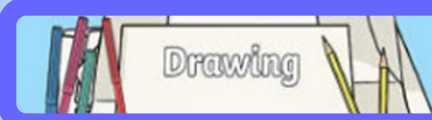
## Time Spent on Each Subject

1st to 6th Class — (Circular 005/021)

Subject	Hours	Minutes
Language 1 (English)	5	0
Language 2 (Irish)	3	30
Mathematics	4	10
SESE	3	0
SPHE	0	30
PE	1	00
Arts Education	3	00
Discretionary	2	00
Curriculum Time	2	30
Religious Education (Typically)	1	40
Assembly Time	0	50
Roll Call	0	50
Breaks	0	50
Recreation (Typically)	2	30



## The Arts Curriculum



## Catholic Ethos

Scoil Mhuire has a catholic ethos and is proud to celebrate many Christian Feasts & Festivals throughout the year:

- ◇ School Masses
- ◇ All Saints Day & All Souls Day
- ◇ Advent
- ◇ Christmas
- ◇ Catholic Schools Week & Grandparents Day
- ◇ St. Blaise (Blessing of the throats)
- ◇ St. Brigid's Day
- ◇ St Patrick's Day
- ◇ Ash Wednesday, Lent & Easter







## Physical Education



AQUATICS



ATHLETICS



DANCE



GAMES



GYMNASTICS



OUTDOOR & ADVENTURE

The PE curriculum is broad and incorporates seven strands

- Aquatics
- Athletics
- Dance
- Games
- Gymnastics
- Outdoor & Adventure

Children will experience a wide variety of activities which develop skills through increasingly challenging situations.

Fun, enjoyment and achievement will pervade all activities

The fundamental skills listed below are central to every aspect of the PE curriculum.  
Pupils develop these in every part of the PE curriculum

Locomotor Skills Transporting the body in any direction from one point to another	Stability Skills Balancing the body in stillness and in motion	Manipulative Skills Control of objects using various body parts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Walking</li><li>• Running</li><li>• Hopping</li><li>• Skipping</li><li>• Jumping for height</li><li>• Jumping for distance</li><li>• Dodging</li><li>• Side stepping</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Balancing</li><li>• Landing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Catching</li><li>• Throwing</li><li>• Kicking</li><li>• Striking with the hand</li><li>• Striking with an implement</li></ul>

## Special Needs Education



The Special Educational Needs Teacher (SET) and class teachers work closely together to ensure early identification of special needs and appropriately designed programmes of work.

As it is the intention of the school to maximise the potential of each of the pupils, we endeavour, within our resources, to meet these needs.

As well as in class differentiation of work, pupils with Special Educational Needs may receive support in Literacy and Numeracy through one to one support from the SET or within small groups with the SET.

Our SET also provides in-class support to pupils. We aim to minimise the withdrawal of pupils from their mainstream class.



## Computers

- ♦ The school was given a Digital School of Distinction Award in 2010??
- ♦ Each classroom is equipped with teacher laptops and interactive whiteboards.
- ♦ The school has a mobile laptop trolley with 20 laptops for pupil use.
- ♦ Pupils use the laptops for typing; coding; completing literacy reading quizzes as well as completing projects using Microsoft Word, Powerpoint and Adobe Spark.



## Feakle National School



FAI Futsal Competition



Astro Turf Yard



Bike To School Week



Confirmation Day



Grandparents Day



Halloween Fun



Munster Rugby Coaching Session



Art Projects



## Feakle National School



6th Class Graduation Day



Christmas Jumper Day



Lee's Road Running



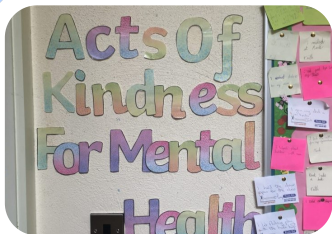
School Garden



Green Schools Projects



Blue Star Programme



Mental Health Awareness Week



School Shelter