



Welcome to
Feakle National School
School Prospectus
“Mol an Óige agus
Tiocfaidh sí”

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Welcome

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the children and staff, I would like to warmly welcome you to Scoil Mhuire in Feakle.

Here, we work together as a school community, where the Board of Management, parents, staff and students endeavour to create an environment which allows each student to develop intellectually, physically, morally, socially and spiritually. Our school has a pleasing friendly atmosphere, where we encourage students to become responsible citizens.

As Principal, I am very proud of the staff in our school. Their dedication to the students, both inside and outside the classroom, is outstanding. Therefore I have no doubt that students who join Scoil Mhuire will be proud to belong to a school community that puts their welfare as a first priority.

At the heart of our policies is a concern for the welfare, happiness and dignity of each student, challenging those who are gifted and encouraging those who need extra support to reach their full potential.

In this prospectus we give you an overview of school life. If you require any further information please visit our website or contact the school directly. We will be delighted to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Marion McMahon
Principal

St. Mary's National School

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.

Our Team

Principal: Marion McMahan
Deputy Principal: Maria Conlon
Teachers: Caroline O'Dwyer
Michelle O'Loughlin

Secretary: Elaine Mullins
Special Needs Assistant : Mary McDonnell

Board of Management:

Harry McMahan	Phil Canny
Annmarie Clune	Michael Daly
Martina Meaney	Chris Kidney
Marion McMahan	Maria Conlon

The staff brings a wealth of gifts and talents, which are shared to ensure the happiness and success of our children – which goes far beyond the school day.

Parental Involvement:

We enjoy excellent home-school links. Staff and parents operate very effectively as a team. We create a supportive and friendly environment where children can flourish. Our school welcomes the involvement of parents in all aspects of school life. Feakle National School has a very active Parents' Association.

New Pupils: To aid the transition to Scoil Mhuire, new pupils are welcome to our school in June to see their new classroom and meet their teacher and principal.

Curriculum:

Language		
Gaeilge	English	
Mathematics		
Social, environmental and scientific education		
History	Geography	Science
Arts education		
Visual arts	Music	Drama
Physical education		
Social, personal and health education		
Religious education		

The school implements the extensive Curriculum which is set out by the Department of Education and Skills. This is a child centred, integrated curriculum. The intellectual and creative talents of the pupils are developed in various ways through the curriculum and educational tours as well as artistic, cultural and recreational activities which are organised in all classes. Extensive use is made of the modern audio-visual equipment and other teaching aides in the classroom.

Familiarisation Evening

In early September we hold a meeting for parents of Junior Infants. This gives parents a chance to meet each other and become familiar with school routines.

Special Education:

Feakle National School prides itself on its inclusiveness, and we endeavour to cater for the needs of every child under our care. Our special education department provide comprehensive programmes to children of diverse abilities.

School Activities

Cross Curricular Projects

Teachers plan projects that incorporate several aspects of the curriculum on themes, such as space, festivals, nature and local history, etc.



Music Generation Programme:

Feakle National School has always been renowned for its love of music and singing. Music plays an integral part of our concerts, Masses and liturgical celebrations.

School Garden:

We have a school garden where we sow flowers, potatoes and vegetables. Each class is responsible for their own part of the garden and take part in the sowing and reaping.

All children are encouraged to explore their potential with excellent results.

Computers:

Feakle National School is a multimedia learning environment. Each classroom is equipped with teacher laptops and interactive whiteboards. The school has a mobile laptop station with 20 laptops for pupil use, which can be moved around to each classroom as required. This allows the pupils to engage with learning in all curricular areas using a "hands on" approach.

Our school website may be accessed at www.feaklens.com



Arts and Crafts:

Creative areas explored include painting, drawing, printing, pottery and marbling. The children love to use our fully equipped kitchen to cook and bake.

Physical Education:

We have a comprehensive physical education programme. We are involved in hurling, camogie, football, rugby, swimming and athletics. We have a well-equipped school hall, as well as a marked playground and use of the G.A.A. pitch beside the school. Throughout the year we benefit from specialised coaching in hurling and also travel to a leisure centre for swimming classes.



Our AstroTurf facility allows for year round outdoor activities for our pupils and the local GAA Club.

School Outings include:

- School Tours
 - Local History Field Trips
 - Science Exhibitions
 - Local Concerts and Shows
 - Christmas Carol Singing
 - Visits to the Local Libraries
 - Art Exhibitions
- to name but a few.

Community Involvement

Our local community

Our school is at the centre of our community. Many local businesses and people give us their support and are always very generous when we fundraise for our school. People in the community come to visit us and tell us about what they do. We also visit people outside and take part in community activities such as concerts, charity work or enjoying festivals at our local church.

Taking part in Local and National Competitions and Projects

Green Schools Project

Environmental awareness project that extends into our community.



Operation Christmas Child

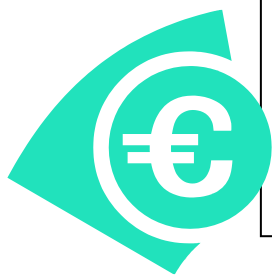
Feakle N.S. collects over 100 boxes each year for less fortunate children.

After School Activities

Some extracurricular activities take place after the school bell rings. It may include weekly yoga classes for kids or coaching sessions.

Book Rental Scheme:

We operate a Book Rental Scheme whereby the children can rent readers, text books and a selection of workbooks for a quarter of the retail price. This enables us to keep the overall price of the book list as low as possible. It also equips the school with a selection of old text books which are available to the pupils to use when studying specific topics.

**Savings Scheme:**

We have a post office savings scheme in operation in our school and the pupils are encouraged to save on a weekly basis for a variety of school activities including school tours.

Timetable

School opens	8.50 a.m.
Class begins	9.00 a.m.
Small break	10.50 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Lunchtime	12.30 p.m. – 1 p.m.
School finishes	2.40 p.m.

HELPING YOUR CHILD PREPARE **FOR SCHOOL**

If your child can master the following skills, it will help him/her adjust to school:-

1. Say own name (First name and Surname)
2. Know home address
3. Put on, take off and hang up own coat.
4. Use toilet without help.
5. Open and close buttons/fasteners/straps.
6. Put shoes on correct feet.
7. Understand and carry out simple orders/requests.
8. Handle a book and listen to a story.
9. Name things/colours that are used regularly.
10. Meet and play with older pupils currently in Scoil Mhuire.

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.

