Newsletter January 2025

Scoil Mhuire an Fhiacail

Christmas Concert



Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas concert and raffle. A sum of just over €1.000 was raised for the school. We hope to spend this money on different STEM resources for the school.

The Lunch Bag – Sponsorship



The Lunch Bag have kindly sponsored two sets of basketballs and two floor basketball nets. The children have been enjoying using these at lunchtimes recently.



The senior room are continuing their work getting ready for Peace Proms in UL arena on Sat. 1st March. We are looking forward to a great evening of entertainment.



Swimming lessons will begin in March for both the middle and senior rooms. They will have 5 weeks of lessons. The PA have again subsidised the cost of the lessons - €10 per child - which means the lessons will cost €57 per child. The senior room will attend lessons every Wednesday, starting March 5th. The middle classroom will attend every Thursday, starting March 6th. Letter with details & a permission slip for completion are within the Aladdin message issued with the newsletter



Jade is currently doing gymnastics lessons with all classrooms up to the end of February - block of 7 weeks. We hope to do a showcase for each other at the end of the month to show what we have learned

Credit Union Quiz



The annual Credit Union Quiz takes place this Friday night in Scariff Community Hall. We have one U11 and one U13 team entered. We hope they have a great evening.

Grandparents Day



We will hold our postponed Grandparents Day on Friday February 14th. We hope that grandparents will be able to join us on the day for Mass in the church at 11am and for some refreshments at the school afterwards.

Bí Cinéalta Procedures



All schools are **currently** working on developing a Bí Cinéalta policy (replacing Anti-Bullying Policy). As part of the process we would like to chat to parents as part of the review. We will hold a parents focus group one afternoon just before/after the end of the school day. If any parents would be willing to participate please contact Marion before the end of the week and let her know if there is any day or time that would suit.

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HSE's School Health Programme

The HSE has asked schools to update parents in relation to the above - please see details within the Aladdin message issued.

Safer Internet Day



Tuesday 11 February marks Safer Internet Day when we will encourage and raise awareness of online safety and well-being with some fun activities for the pupils.

Cyril Squirrel Stamps

An Post has ceased selling Cyril savings stamps to school-going children. We will arrange for savings cards to be sent home with those children that have participated. You can redeem the value on each card through your local post office.

Indoor Hurling



Round 1 of Indoor Hurling will take place on Thursday 13 February at Flagmount Hall. Girls from 3rd-5th and boys from 2nd-4th will participate in the blitz with local schools. If any parents are available to drive please let us know.

Clothes Collection



There will be a school cash for clobber collection in February 2025. Please drop bags to the school by <u>Wednesday 19</u> February.

Please leave bags in the school shelter. Items <u>NOT</u> accepted are duvets, pillows and cushions. The money received provides the school with valuable funds throughout the year. Thank you in advance for your support.

Dates for your diary

Mon 3 Feb.	Bank Holiday - School closed
Thurs 13 Feb.	Round 1 Indoor Hurling,
	Flagmount Hall
Fri 14 Feb.	Mass 11 am - Grandparents
	Day
Wed. 19 Feb.	Clothes collection deadline
Thurs 20/Fri	Mid-term - School closed
21 Feb.	
Tues 25 Feb.	First Penance, Kilclaren
	Church at 7 p.m.
Thurs 6 Mar.	World Book Day