



JUNE 2014

Scoil Mhuire National School

Parents' Association Newsletter

A word from the Principal

The summer holidays are upon us and the sun is still shining! It's been a busy yet very enjoyable term. School tours have dominated the calendar this past month with other fun events such as kayaking and sports day also taking place. We fitted in a successful Toy and Cake sale and even staged a very enjoyable Garden Fete in spite of the inclement weather that day. Thanks to all the teachers and children who helped organise these events and to you the parents who came along and supported them.

Congratulations are extended to all our students who took part in events representing our school; the Cork City Sports, Sciath na Scol football games (particularly our girls who narrowly lost out in the final) and also to everyone who took part or won a prize in our annual Fr. Hurley Awards.

With a heavy heart, we said farewell to our current sixth class at our Graduation Mass last Thursday evening. They've been brilliant role models for our younger classes and they'll be truly missed, but there'll always be a welcome for them at Scoil Mhuire anytime they visit! I'd like to use this opportunity once again to thank everyone who has lent a hand in various ways over the past two months. Since I've arrived I've been amazed at the generosity and goodwill of people in giving of their time or expertise to help out in different ways and it's greatly appreciated. That includes the Parents Association who have worked tirelessly as always, for the benefit of the children at Scoil Mhuire N.S.

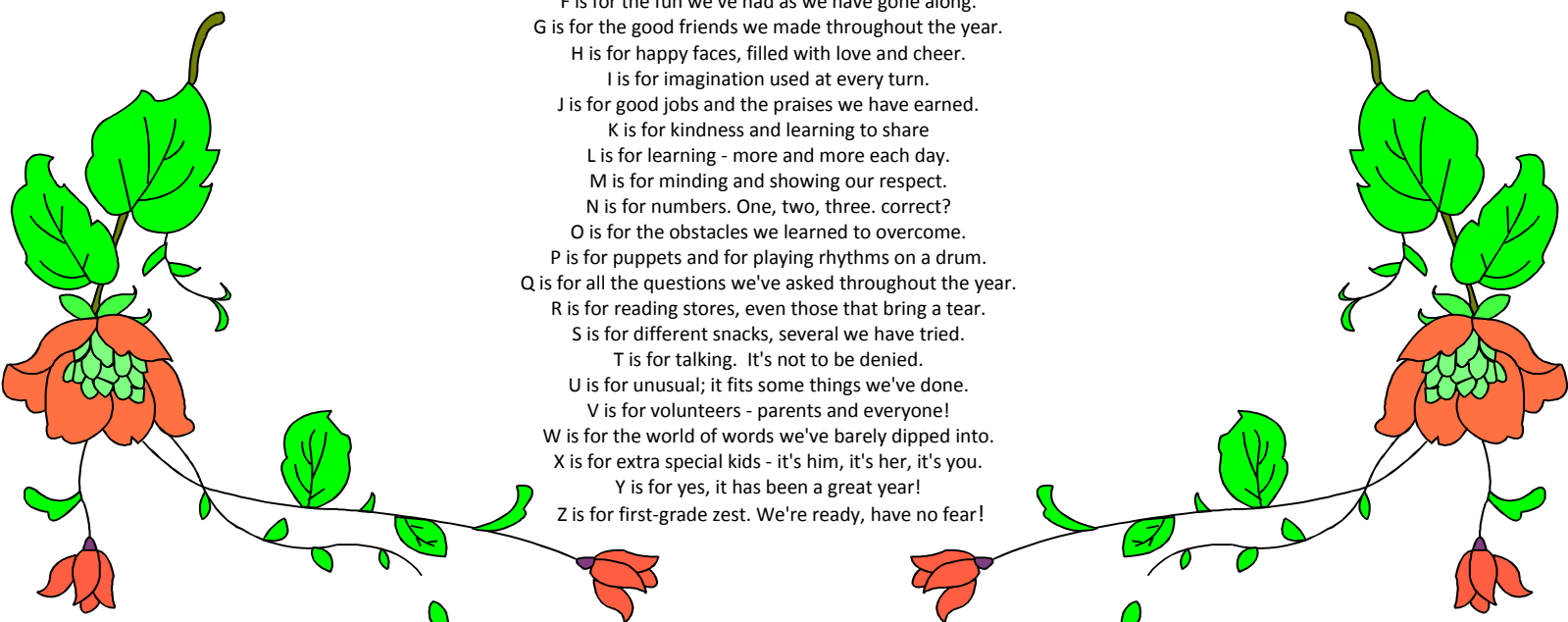
Enjoy the holidays and see you back on Wednesday 27th August!

Diarmuid Duggan

Junior Infants

End of Year Poem

A is for the alphabet when we know how to say.
B is for busy bodies - at work and at play.
C is for colors - red, yellow, blue, and green.
D is for drawing pictures, the best you've ever seen.
E is for exercise to keep our bodies strong.
F is for the fun we've had as we have gone along.
G is for the good friends we made throughout the year.
H is for happy faces, filled with love and cheer.
I is for imagination used at every turn.
J is for good jobs and the praises we have earned.
K is for kindness and learning to share
L is for learning - more and more each day.
M is for minding and showing our respect.
N is for numbers. One, two, three. correct?
O is for the obstacles we learned to overcome.
P is for puppets and for playing rhythms on a drum.
Q is for all the questions we've asked throughout the year.
R is for reading stores, even those that bring a tear.
S is for different snacks, several we have tried.
T is for talking. It's not to be denied.
U is for unusual; it fits some things we've done.
V is for volunteers - parents and everyone!
W is for the world of words we've barely dipped into.
X is for extra special kids - it's him, it's her, it's you.
Y is for yes, it has been a great year!
Z is for first-grade zest. We're ready, have no fear!



Junior Infants

Congratulations to all of Junior Infants on completing your first year of school. After all your hard work and most recent school trips such as to the beach and our school tour to 'The Treehouse', you deserve a break. Enjoy your summer and see you all in the new school year.

€355.70 was raised for Down Syndrome Ireland. Thank you to everyone who bought ice-cream. Well Done!

Fifth Class

Fifth Class went on their school tour to Kartworld, in Watergrasshill on Tuesday June 3rd. We left the school bright and early at 7.30am. We had a fabulous day go-karting, sumo-wrestling, playing laser-tag, archery, multi-ski walking and playing on the puzzle-zone. It was a very enjoyable day and everyone had great fun.

Senior Infants

Juniors and Seniors can be seen having lots of fun on their school tour on Scoil Mhuire N.S's YouTube channel 'Junior & Seniors School Tour'. How lucky we were to be able to visit the Tree House where we were treated to so many fun activities and play. We all made cookies of every shape and size and we would like to say a Big Thank You to Holly and Nina for a wonderful school tour day.

Senior Infants have been having lots of fun doing Zumba Dance these days. What a fun break to have in class!

Seniors are counting down the days to the Big Hatch. We are looking forward to having our little chicks hatched very soon.

Our little herb garden is flourishing these days as are all the other raised beds; Sensory, Wildlife, Fruit & Vegetable and Flower. It is nice to see all the flowers, fruit and vegetables coming into full bloom these days. We have really enjoyed having our two hens as part of the school garden, feeding them and collecting the eggs each day is just so much fun! It definitely was an egg-cellent idea! The development of our school garden can be viewed on the Scoil Mhuire N.S. YouTube channel.

Sixth Class

Sixth Class went on their school to Kartworld in Watergrasshill on Friday, 30th May. We all had great fun go-karting and paintballing and spent the whole day outside. A Big Thank you to Chloe Anne's mum Caroline and Paul's mum Ber for joining us on the day. Caroline also took photographs of us doing our activities, so it will be remembered forever! It was amazing fun and all slept very well that night, to say the least.

On the 6th June, we had our Garden Fete. We hosted many stalls including Spin the Wheel, face painting, nail painting, a cake stall and many more. We also had a tasty barbecue. Many people showed up and a lovely day was had by all.

On the morning of the Garden Fete, all of the classes got to have an HB ice-cream. Thanks to Miriam Pyburn and Mrs. O' Neill for organising the event which was in aid of Down Syndrome Ireland. Each child gave a donation in return for an ice-cream. Some girls from our class also helped out in the day. We all enjoyed our ice-cream. It was a great cause and made an excellent start for the Garden Fete.

First Class

First and Second Class had a fabulous day in the Ewe Gardens and Glengarriff Woods this week when we went there on their school tour.

Second Class

Second Class had an exciting final term in school. We have been kayaking, on nature walks, playing a lot of sport and went on our school tour on Wednesday with First Class. It has been an enjoyable but busy term.

Third and Fourth Class

Third and Fourth Classes visited Glenilen Farm and Skibbereen Sports Centre on their school tour. At Glenilen we got to see how the yoghurts are made. Afterwards they tasted some of the yummy Glenilen products and each of us made our own pot of yoghurt. Then it was on to the Sports Centre for an hour of energetic fun and games.

Third and Fourth Classes have also been busy gardening, kayaking, visiting the library, going on nature walks and trying to spot the Shull Dolphin! We've had a wonderful final

Sixth Class also had a trip down to the Inshore Rescue Centre. Each of us had the opportunity to take a trip around the harbor on the rescue rib which has been used to rescue many over the years. We were also shown around the centre and informed about how all the equipment is used and what it is used for. It was a fantastic day and we say a big thank you to all the crew and volunteers who provided us with such a memorable morning.

Also we say a big thank you to Anke Bueb for joining our class for an afternoon to do jewellery designing with us. All of us, both boys and girls, went home with great pieces of jewellery ranging from bracelets, necklaces, earrings and a flower hair piece.

Sixth Class had great fun doing their Fashion Show. As the theme chosen this year was music, there were many different ideas thought up. We all walked/danced down the catwalk in groups/individually as famous music artists. We have great fun transforming into singers for the day. We hope the teachers and classed enjoyed the show.

We had an amazing Sixth Class.

Sport at Scoil Mhuire

Mini 7s

Following Scoil Mhuire N.S.'s Girls superb achievement in winning the County Mini 7's title, earlier in the year, Eva O' Sullivan (6th Class) was selected to represent the school in Croke Park. Eva has been fortunate enough to be selected to play during the interval of the Men's All Ireland Final in September. Bain taitneamh as Eva!

Primary Game

Killian O'Brien (6th Class) has been selected to play on the Cork Primary Game team in Páirc Uí Chaoimh on Sunday 21st June. Killian will be showing his skills during the interval at the Cork v Tipperary Senior Championship Semi-Final. Maith thú Killian.

School Leagues

The Scoil Mhuire N.S. school league finals were played recently amid great excitement. The Girls Football was won by Eva O' Sullivan's team who defeated Anna O' Regan's team. Jordi O' Brien's team emerged victorious over Luke Franklin's team in the Boys Football. While Shane O'Reilly's hurling team beat Jeremiah Hegarty's in the Hurling. Well Done to all who participated and contributed to the success of this year's leagues.

Teams

Girls Football Winners

Eva O' Sullivan (Captain)
Roisín Hegarty
Ellie O' Callaghan
Sarah O' Driscoll
Tara Whelton

Boys Hurling Winners

Shane O' Reilly (Captain)
Stephen Mc Sweeney
Lewis O' Regan
Paddy O' Driscoll
Luka Bowen
Paddy O' Regan

Boys Football Winners

Jordi O' Brien (Captain)
Seán Lannin
Darragh O' Shea
Jack Ryan Purcell
Paddy O' Driscoll
Finian Hogan



Girls Football Runners Up

Anna O' Regan (Captain)
Laura Kennedy
Caitlin Hurley
Ciara O' Sullivan
Kayla O' Driscoll

Boys Hurling Runners Up

Jeremiah Hegarty (Captain)
Keith O' Driscoll
Jacob Coughlan
Michéal O' Donovan
Ryan Mc Sweeney

Boys Football Runners Up

Luke Franklin (Captain)
Mark Brosnan
Luka Bowen
Milan Vearncombe
Michael O' Mahony
Adam Morgan-Baker
Ryan Mc Sweeney

Garden Fete

Well Done to all who helped in any way to make our garden fete such a success again this year. Well Done to the 5th and 6th class pupils for coming up with so many fabulous ideas for all the different stalls. There was Spin the Wheel, cake staff, face painting, guess the weight of the cake, shoot and aim, and nail painting, just to name a few. First class hosted a Mad Hatter's Tea Part in the 6th class classroom and much fun was had by all here too. Though the sun did not shine for us on the day, the expertise and creative talent of Derek Mc Knight and Jim Kennedy a BBQ was enjoyed by all! A Big thank you to all who supported this special day. €812 was raised!

Go raibh mile maith agaibh go léir!

Schull Regatta

Schull Regatta Committee would like to thank all the students who participated in drawing pictures which are being displayed in Ellen's Restaurant. We are holding the 130th Regatta on the 9th and 10th of August. We will have crab fishing competitions, parent and child dinghy races, face painting, bouncy castles, sumo-wrestling suits and lots more. Keep an eye open around the town for more information closer to the time.

Sr. Gabriel Golden Jubilee

July 12, 2014

On Friday 20th June, the staff and pupils presented Sr. Gabriel with a very special book which was made especially for her. All the pupils of Scoil Mhuire N.S. wrote poems/good wishes and decorated them beautifully. These were bound into a beautiful hardback book. A fitting treasure for a truly treasured person! She really enjoyed our own version of The Golden Jubilee dedicated to her!

Dance

A Big Thanks to Jenny and the Ultra Flex team who brought such fun and wonderful dance routines to our school this term. All classes enjoyed a variety of routines to music/movie themes, relevant to the different age groups.

Happy in Schull

Do Check out Happy in Schull, on Scoil Mhuire N.S's YouTube channel, where you will see a little taste of all the fun we have here in Scoil Mhuire N.S.

Sixth Class Graduation:

Congratulation to all the boys and girls in Sixth Class who have graduated from Scoil Mhuire N.S. They have been a great class and we wish them well in secondary school.

Class of 2014

Mark Brosnan
Poppy Cairns
Paul Collins
Shane Dineen
Martin Fleming
Luke Franklin
Eden Griffin
Jeremiah Hegarty
Roisín Hegarty
Seán Lannin
Shen Lester
Stephen Mc Sweeney-Dowing
Bridget Murphy
Claire Newman

Jordi O' Brien
Killian O' Brien
Amy O' Brien Hayes
Chloe Anne O' Driscoll
Ciara O' Driscoll
Hannah O' Driscoll
Keith O' Driscoll
Anna O' Regan
Eimear O' Regan
James O' Regan
Shane O' Reilly
Eva O' Sullivan
Liadh Pyburn
Deirbhle Smith

Sixth Class Memories of Primary School:

- My best memory is getting to run in Cork City Sports in 5th class – Mark
- My favourite memory is when I did the ice-cream day with Liadh, Eimear and Chloe in 6th class – Poppy
- My favourite memory was in 5th class when we all went down to the pier and went kayaking – Paul
- I remember in 5th class when we had a garden fete and we all had stalls and got to spend the day outside – Shane D
- My favourite memory is going paintballing on our 6th class school tour – Martin
- My favourite memory is when we went to Kartworld and went go-karting and paintballing in 6th class – Luke
- My favourite memory was filming 'Happy in Schull' – Eden
- My favourite memory is when we went go-karting and paintballing on our 6th class school tour – Jeremiah
- My favourite memory is when we made our First Holy Communion in 2nd class. We all had a great day – Roisín
- My favourite memory is when Mr Mulcahy let us watch New Zealand play Fiji in rugby in 4th class – Seán
- My best memory of primary school is winning the Fr. Hurley Award for art in 5th class – Shen
- My favourite memory of Scoil Mhuire was go-karting and paintballing in Kartworld on our 6th class school tour – Stephen
- My favourite memory is when Sr. Gabriel took us on trip to Spar in Junior Infants – Bridget
- My best memory is playing SciathnaScol and Mini 7's in 5th and 6th class – Claire
- My favourite memory is when Mr Mulcahy let us watch the first Rugby World Cup game in 4th class – Jordi
- My best memory is when we drew pictures of the garden in 3rd class – Killian
- My favourite memory is going kayaking and swimming afterwards – Amy
- My favourite memory is when the power went out and we all got a half day – Chloe Anne
- My favourite memory is when we performed our Christmas play in 5th class – Ciara
- My best memory is when I started school in Junior Infants – Hannah
- My favourite memory in school is when the power went out and we all got to go home early – Keith
- My best memory is when we went kayaking and got to go swimming off the slip afterwards – Anna
- My favourite memory is when we played Mini 7's in 5th and 6th class – Eimear
- My favourite memory is when we picked weeds in the school garden with the rest of the class – James
- My favourite memory is when we watched the World Cup in 4th class – Shane O' R
- My favourite memory is this year when we got to the finals of mini 7's and SciathnaScol – Eva
- My best memory is the Halloween cake and toy sale in 6th class and we all got to dress up and have fun – Liadh
- My favourite memory is meeting all my friends in Junior Infants - Deirbhle



Parents' Association News

We would like to thank all the teachers and parents for all their help and support during the year. It is much appreciated.

We are looking forward to September and another exciting school year.

Thank You

Fr. Hurley Awards

Congratulations to all our winners of the Fr. Hurley awards for the school year 2013-2014. They are as follows:

Art Awards

Junior Infants: Cliona Hurley

Senior Infants: Charlie Lannin

1st Class: Eoin O' Brien

2nd Class: Annie O' Callaghan

3rd Class: Finian Hogan

4th Class: Ailibhse Griffin

5th Class: Maiwenn Delalande

6th Class: Shen Lester

Overall Junior Art Winner: Paul Legrix (1st Class)

Overall Senior Art Winner: Liadh Pyburn (6th Class)

Poetry Awards

1st Class: Shauna O' Driscoll

2nd Class: Vienne O' Brien

3rd Class: Amy Lou Pyburn

4th Class: Emma Roycroft

5th Class: Donnchadh O' Regan

6th Class: Hannah O' Driscoll

Overall Junior Poetry Winner: Ted Goggin (2nd Class)

Overall Senior Poetry Winner: Hannah O Donovan Lannin (4th Class)

Junior Sport Award: James Mc Knight (2nd Class)

Senior Sport Award: Killian O' Brien (6th Class)

Overall Student of the Year: Liadh Pyburn (6th Class)

Comhghairdeas!

School Calendar:

- Mon June 23 School Closes for Summer Holidays @ noon
- Wed Aug 27 School reopens after the holidays

Newsletter Committee:

Luke Franklin, Roisín Hegarty, Shen Lester, Bridget Murphy,
Eimear O'Regan, Liadh Pyburn, Deirbhle Smith, Mr. O'Callaghan

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