

*Scoil Mhuire,
Abbey Road,
Navan,
Co. Meath.*

*Scoil Mhuire,
Bothar na Mainistreach,
An Uaimh,
Co. na Mi.*

March 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the Easter Holidays there are a few items of news I want to share with you.

1. Attendance:

In Scoil Mhuire we promote attendance with weekly certificates, prizes and whole class awards. We ask that you only leave your child out of school for a valid reason. There are 3 ways to let us know when your child is absent from school:

- Send a note to the class teacher explaining the absence
- Ring the office and leave a message with the secretary
- Record the reason on the Aladdin Connect app

2. Swimming:

The children in 2nd, 3rd and 4th class as well as room 7 and 8 will begin swimming in Aura Swimming Pool from **Tuesday 23rd April**. The cost will be **€50** per child once off payment or 5 instalments of **€10** paid in advance of swimming day. Please note this includes **3 free sessions** which will be covered by the school. This money is due by Friday 19th April.

3. Cycle Safety:

5th class will begin a cycle safety course on **Friday 12th April**. This will consist of 7 weekly sessions. All equipment is provided and the cost of this is covered by the school.

4. School Tours:

School Tour dates are as follows:

Junior Infants: Thursday 23rd May- **Best of Mates Playcentre- Kells**

Senior Infants and Room 7,8: Thursday 30th May- **Leisuredome- Ashbourne**

1st and 2nd Class: Tuesday 4th June- **Mellowes Adventure Centre- Athboy**

3rd and 4th Class: Friday 24th May- **Navan Adventure Centre**

5th and 6th Class: Thursday 6th June- **Go Quest and Jump Zone- Carrickmines and Sandyford**

5. 6th Class Transitions:

Our 6th class are working on the 'Mind the Gap' programme in conjunction with the School Completion Programme. This programme helps them make the smooth transition to Secondary School.

6. Aladdin Connect:

Please download the Aladdin Connect App if you have not already done so. If you have any trouble downloading the app please contact the school.

7. School Events:

- The children in Ms. Boyle's 6th class had a school trip to Newgrange on 26th February. A great day was had by all.

- World Book Day took place in Scoil Mhuire on Thursday 7th March. Thanks to all parents who came into Scoil Mhuire to take part. A great day was had by all the children.
- Seachtain na Gaeilge took place from 11th to 15th March and was a huge success. We had a green day, a ceolchoirm, a table quiz, art and writing competitions and many more activities.
- Soccer Blitz: Some of our 6th Class girls and boys took part in the soccer blitz in the MDL in March. They did Scoil Mhuire proud!!! Thanks to Ms. Jackson for training the team.
- Rugby Blitz: Some of our 6th Class children took part in a Rugby Blitz in Navan Rugby Club on Thursday 29th February.
- Basketball: Our basketball team have played matches this term against St. Anne's National School and Rathbeggan National School. They will be playing more matches in the weeks to come. Thanks to Ms. Boyle and Ms. Gallagher for all their work with the team.

8. Drop off and collection:

Children should be in school by **9.10am** in the morning. Children arriving late should enter the school by the reception. Children should not be collected early without a valid reason. If you do have to collect your child early for an appointment, please notify the school in advance and bring the letter to **reception** when collecting. We cannot facilitate collections between 12:40 and 1:00pm as the office is closed.

9. Easter Holidays:

The school will close for Easter at **12 noon on Friday, 22nd March**. We will return to school on **Monday 8th April**.

10. School Car Park:

Please pull into a car parking space before you let your children exit the car. We ask that you reverse in to your car parking space as it is safer to see children in front of the car as you begin to drive out. Please be patient when driving out of the school. Please remember that **smoking is prohibited** by law inside school grounds.

11. Confirmation

The confirmation will take place on Saturday 13th April at 3pm in St. Mary's Church Navan. Please note that children must wear their **uniform** and arrive 15 minutes before the ceremony starts.

Have a lovely Easter!!

Fiona Hayden,
School Principal.

