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**October 2024**

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

It has been a busy term so far in Scoil Mhuire. As we move towards the mid- break here is some news from the school and a few reminders.

**1. Morning Drop.**

The school gate between the Senior and Junior schools is opened daily at **9.00am.** Children should walk to their line in the yard and wait there for their teacher.

**2. Attendance**

Please remember if your child is absent for any reason there are 3 ways to let us know:

* A note in the homework journal
* A call to the secretary in the office
* A note on the Aladdin Connect App

In October the children have been working towards gaining raffle tickets for good attendance, punctuality and wearing uniforms to school. The raffle will take place on Friday. In November we have a trip to the cinema planned for every class. The children will be told about the trip in the morning when they come to school.

**3. Parent- Teacher Meetings**

Parent-Teacher Meetings will take place in the school on Thursday 28th November. Appointments will be issued after mid-term break.

**4. Collecting Pupils Early.**

Children should only be collected early from school for a **valid reason**. Advance notice is required. Please call to the office to sign your child out. It may take a few minutes to arrange collection from the classroom/ yard. When returning a child to a Junior or Senior Class please sign them in through reception. The office is closed for Lunch between 12:40 and 1:00 daily and collections cannot be arranged at this time.

**5. School Car Park.**

Please use the **parking spaces** provided and reverse into the space as it is safer to see children in front of the car as you begin to drive out. We kindly ask you not to drop your child off at the entrance as this blocks the way for other cars to leave the car park.

**6. Halloween**

Our school will close for the mid-term break on Friday 25th October at normal time. Children are invited to come to school in fancy dress. They can wear their own clothes if they wish. We are asking for €2 per family as a fundraiser. Scoil Mhuire will reopen on Monday 4th November at 9:10am.

**7. HSCL**

Ms. Geraghty is our Home School Community Liaison teacher. She is available from 9.10-3.00 every day. The number is 086 8057826 and she can also be contacted on hsclscoilmhuirenavan@gmail.com.

**8. School Events**

* The children from 1st to 6th class have been working with a coach from O’Mahony’s GAA for the past few weeks and have been developing their hurling and football skills.
* Maths Week: Took place in Scoil Mhuire from 14th to 18th October. The children engaged in a maths quiz, maths trails and thanks to all the parents who came into our school to work with their children during Maths for Fun.
* Anti- Gravity: The children from 6th class have completed several sessions of anti-gravity exercise this term. 5th class will get a chance to do this after mid-term break.

**9. Wellbeing**

Scoil Mhuire is working hard on promoting wellbeing. We strive to be a warm and welcoming place for all of our school community. We will shortly be sending out a survey to parents/ guardians on this and your feedback would be greatly appreciated.

**10. Glasnevin Cemetery Trip**

5th and 6th Class will visit Glasnevin Cemetery and museum on Friday 8th November. We will be collecting €5 per child as a contribution to this trip.

**11. Junior Infants 2025/26**

If you have a child at home who is starting Junior Infants in September 2025 please contact the office for an enrolment form. You can also download a form from the school website. Children should attend **pre-school** in the years before starting school. The ECCE scheme is free and parents can avail of it from the time their child is 2 years and 8 months. Please contact Ms. Geraghty or Ms. Hayden if you need more information on pre-schools in the area.

Thank you for your continued support,

Fiona Hayden

*School Principal*