



# Scoil Mhuire Nuacht na Scoile



Samhain/November 2018

## Cairde Scoil Mhuire Nua 20K Drop

Scoil Mhuire's main fundraising event for the 2018/19 school year took place on Friday 9th November at 8pm in the Galmont Hotel. 20K Drop was a tremendously successful fundraising venture for our school, due to the overwhelming (but unsurprising) generosity of our exhibitors, advertisers, sponsors and supporters and also to the sheer hard work and dedication of the Cairde Scoil Mhuire Nua Fundraising Committee.

The event in the Galmont Hotel was very well attended and all present were treated to a great night's entertainment and fun.



Pallas Marketing put on a great show, whereby 8 contestants, chosen at random from the audience, attempted to win up to €2,500 in cash, a difficult and at times hilarious task. Items such as a Galway Hurling Jersey, signed by the players were auctioned and a raffle, consisting of a variety of excellent prizes, was held at the end of the night.

The 20K Drop surpassed our most optimistic expectations in terms of the money it generated for our school building fund, bringing in a very impressive total of over €35,000.

Our school would like to offer our most sincere thanks and appreciation to our Main Sponsors, AIB, Lynch Auctioneers, O'Toole Transport, Smyths Toys, Supervalu Moycullen, Sweeney Oil, Teaghlach Uilinn, The Forge Moycullen and Yourell's Hair Group.

We are also very grateful to our 135 advertisers for their generous support of our school.

Our school owes a huge debt of gratitude to our fundraising group, Cairde Scoil Mhuire Nua, which consisted of Cian McNamara (event coordinator) and Paddy Byrne of the Board of Management, Colm Griffin, Mary Boyle, Edwina O'Toole, Barry McCann, Maura Duignan, Teresa Lydon and Renee O'Connor, all of our amazing Parents' Association and Louise McKiernan, Amy Duggan and Aisling Sweeney of our School Staff. Finally, and very importantly, a sincere thank you to all our ticket-sellers, both from among our School Staff and our Parent Community, and to you, Parents and Friends of Scoil Mhuire Moycullen, for buying tickets to the event and supporting our fundraising efforts. Cairde Scoil Mhuire Nua was founded with a single purpose in mind: to generate the funds necessary to provide our children with the new school they so badly need and so richly deserve. Thanks to your help and support, we have taken a huge step along that path. Go raibh maith agaibh.

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**Scoil Mhuire Parent Teacher Meetings** will take place on Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th November. A meeting time of 10 minutes has been allotted to each child. We will be running to a tight schedule on both days, so please do your best to engage with your child's teacher for 10 minutes and proceed directly to the next teacher. Thank you.

**Scoil Mhuire CD** This is a compilation of songs from each class in the school, featuring some very talented children and parents! We will launch the CD on **Thursday 29th November at 7:00 p.m. in the GAA Clubhouse** in Baile Dóite. All are welcome to come along and join in the fun. This CD, which will be on sale on the night and from the school office, would be an ideal Christmas present for family and friends. We hope all families, friends and the community of Maigh Cuilinn will enjoy this amazing CD and support us in making the CD another successful school fundraiser. Thanks to everybody who was involved in the production and recording of the CD. Congratulations to Tierney Wei 5th class who designed the winning cover for the CD! The CD which is only €10 will be on sale on the night and from the office and shops in the village also. This is our pupils own fundraising event so please support and make it a big success!



**Scoil Mhuire Science Fair** Science week runs this week 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November this year. Thank you to everyone who helped out in any way :)



**Swimming 3rd & 4th Classes** Swimming will commence on Thurs 22nd Nov for Ms. Grealish's 4th Class, Ms. Morrison's 3rd Class & Ms. Maloney's 3rd Class. If you would like to volunteer to assist, i.e. to accompany children on the bus to Leisureland, please add your name to the rota outside the office or contact Renee. Thanks to those who have already paid for swimming. If you haven't already done so, please pay on line as soon as you can as our bill from Leisureland is due for payment. Thank you.

**Scoil Mhuire Annual Jumble Sale Friday 7th December:** This year's jumble sale will be bigger and better than ever! Please have a look to see if you have any unwanted toys, books, bric-a-brac etc! Just the excuse for a clearout before you re-fill your house with new junk at Christmas. Remember, one person's junk is another person's treasure! Items can be dropped to the school during the week 3rd to 7th December. Thank you.

**Sickness in Children at School:** The school will attempt to make contact with a parent/guardian should their child present sick at the office or suffer a head injury or any other injury serious enough to cause concern. In the event that a parent/guardian cannot be reached, it is important that we have an emergency contact to whom we can speak. Please ensure your emergency contact number is active. It is **not** possible to provide supervision indoors at breaktimes for children who come to school sick with coughs and colds. All children who are well enough to attend school are expected to go out to the school yard at break times. Exceptions will happily be made, at the written request of parents/guardians, for children recovering from hospital procedures, whereby going out to the school yard at breaktime would set back their recovery or leave them at risk of injury.

**Colourstrings Music Lessons for 4th to 6th Classes:** We are delighted to welcome the very talented Tessa Beije to our school. Tessa will deliver the Colourstrings Music Programme to children from 4th to 6th Classes for the coming year. Whereas Colourstrings music lessons have been running with teacher Ciara O'Connor for the last month in classes from Junior Infants to 3rd Class, we decided to wait to see if a teacher of comparable quality to Ciara would become available before re-introducing Colourstrings music lessons in the older classes, as we recognised the need for a similar quality of music teaching in the older classes as was being provided to the younger classes. Happily, Tessa Beije, who is a remarkably talented music teacher became available to teach in our school and we are thrilled to have her.

Children in Scoil Mhuire receive one hour's music teaching per week, as per the Primary School Curriculum Guidelines. Colourstrings accounts for one half of this music teaching. Scoil Mhuire is very fortunate to be able to avail of Colourstrings, which comes to us due to our special relationship with Maoin Cheoil na Gaillimhe and also thanks to Ms. Brown in securing it for our school. Most mainstream primary schools are unable to access Colourstrings and would jump at the chance to do so. At a cost of 84 cent per half hour lesson or €20 per year, Colourstrings represents tremendous value.

**Prevention of Head Lice** Please check your child's hair regularly for head lice. Thank you.



**Scoil Mhuire Parent Portal.** The Parent Portal will be the school's default method of communication with you from now on. Most notes and messages from the school will be sent to you via the Parent Portal. If you have any difficulty in logging on, please talk to Renee in the office and she will get you sorted.