



# Scoil Mhuire

## Nuacht na Scoile

### Eanáir/January 2019

# 2019

## Fáilte ar ais! Welcome Back for a New School Term

2018 was an eventful year for our school. During this month last year, inspectors from the Department of Education and Skills conducted a Whole School Evaluation in our school. They acknowledged and reaffirmed the good work and high standards in our school. It was at this time that our friend and colleague Aingeal, who passed away in January after a long and brave battle with illness. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

Staff, Parents' Association and Board of Management threw themselves into fundraising for our new school with Know your Sport, the Golf Classic, the 20K Drop, our CD and Jumble Sales. Thanks to a huge combined effort, we have started to put together an impressive warchest of funds that will enable us to purchase the site of our new school and equip the school with extra resources and infrastructure. Thanks to all who gave so generously of their time and for getting behind the many initiatives was happening in the school throughout the year.

We hope that 2019 will bring us a lot closer to making our dream of a new school a reality.

### MEETING REGARDING OUR NEW SCHOOL 31st Jan 8pm

Our school is included in the 2019 to 2021 Phase of the Department of Education and Skills School Building Plan. **A brand new school will be built for Scoil Mhuire during this phase.** The Board of Management will hold a Town-Hall Meeting in the **Halla Mór Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 8:00 p.m** which we hope will leave the school community and wider community of Maigh Cuilinn **fully informed** about our progress to date. All members of the school community wider community are welcome to attend.

### Enrolment September 2019

If you have a child for enrolment this September 2019, please download an Application For Enrolment Form from our website, or collect one from the Oifig or Noticeboard. Complete the form and send it to us before **15th of February 2019**. Please spread the word!

[www.moycullencentralschool.ie/downloads/enrolment-form-pdf/](http://www.moycullencentralschool.ie/downloads/enrolment-form-pdf/)



## KnowYourSport 2019

The Parents Association are launching another round of the Know Your Sport fundraising competition for 2019. Last year's event was very successful, raising €5,400 for the new school build as well as providing great entertainment for all entrants. Specifically, the student competition turned out to be a great ancillary benefit. The monthly updates to the students included details on stats, information in chart format as well tabular and graphic views of the competition. It was great to have kids engaged in numeracy while having fun.

The student prizes include €100 in vouchers for Smyth's Toys, and all students entries are free with a €10 adult entry.

Details of the main competition - \$10 to enter for adults, pick a multiple choice option for 25 sports questions through the year. €1,000 in prize money for the Top 3. No sports knowledge required at all, the questions are weighted to promote people to take a chance.

(Winner last year got 11 out of 25 questions correct)

We'll send out monthly updates with some commentary to keep it interesting. If any student wants to enter the main competition, you can pay €10 for the student entry and that will be entered in both the student and the main competition Entries can be left into school office, given to a parents association member or emailed to [moyscoilmhuirepa@gmail.com](mailto:moyscoilmhuirepa@gmail.com). **Closing date for entry is Feb 1st 2019.**

### Scoil Mhuire Healthy Eating Week 3rd - 7th Dec 2018



Our Scoil Mhuire 'Healthy Eating Week' was a great success!! The children took part in colouring, slogan and poster competitions as well as sugar stack surveys, PowerPoint and creative lunch presentations. We had a visit from a dentist, dietician and a parent who talked to the children and shared their nutritional advice. Our local SuperValu chef, Emanuele Ferri gave a healthy lunch demo to parents, with lots of great ideas for school lunches. The children also got to try out the tasty samples as well as various fruits and vegetables kindly donated by SuperValu. The purpose of this week was to highlight our

Revised Healthy Eating Policy and on sending positive messages to children, parents and the school community. We want to encourage healthy food choices that become lifelong habits. We wish you a very happy & healthy 2019 and hope you continue to make healthy food choices! Thanks to all for your participation and effort!

**Scoil Mhuire CD** We hope all of Maigh Cuilinn have enjoyed the beautiful music and songs on the Scoil Mhuire CD. The traditional music is superb! If you can think of anyone who would enjoy this amazing CD they are still on sale in various businesses and from the Oifig. This is our pupils own fundraising event, so please support and make it a big success! Please email the school if you would like to buy a CD. We will send you an Aladdin payment request and you can pay for the CD online. Go raibh maith agaibh.



Wednesday 23rd January was the anniversary of the passing of our friend and colleague Aingeal. We marked the occasion by holding a lovely remembrance/prayer service in the Halla Mór.

**Aladdin Connect.** Please install the Aladdin Connect app and **validate** your phone number with it. When we send out text communication with you it you will then get an Aladdin notification. We have no way of knowing if you do **NOT** get your notification. **This could be a problem if we are trying to get in contact with you.** If you have any difficulty with this, please talk to Renee in the office and she will get you sorted. The connect app allows you to see/update your child's absences, to see your child's school reports, etc. There is also a google calendar for Connect with upcoming events and holidays.

**Emails from Scoil Mhuire:** Please enable email notifications on your mobile phone so that you will know when we have sent you a message :)

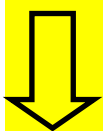
**School Traffic Management** Thank you all for observing best practice regarding parking and drop-offs and for respecting disabled parking bays and no-parking signage. Occasionally however, someone parks and leaves their car in the drop off zone, which causes enormous disruption during the busiest time of day. Please bring this to the attention of Grannies, Grandads and childminders who may not be aware of our Traffic Management System, which is in the best interests of our pupils and their parents/guardians in terms of health and safety. We have very limited space on our present school site, so your co-operation is very much appreciated.



**Prevention of Head Lice** We have had **18** incidences of head lice this school year, multiple times in certain classes. Please check your child's hair regularly for head lice. Should you find head lice please inform the school, anonymously if you wish, but quoting the class in question. Thank you.

**Scoil Mhuire Parents' Association (PA)** Every parent of a child in Scoil Mhuire is a member of the PA. Your help and input is greatly valued. If you would like to help out for future events please get in touch with us! [moyscoilmhuirepa@gmail.com](mailto:moyscoilmhuirepa@gmail.com)

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