

Scoil Mhuire Caisleán Nua

Newsletter November
2023



Child Protection:

D.L.P: Ms. Moloney

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Christmas Shows-18th Dec.
- ◆ Christmas Mass-21st Dec.
- ◆ Christmas Holidays-22nd Dec.

School Website:

www.scoilmhuirenewcastle.ie

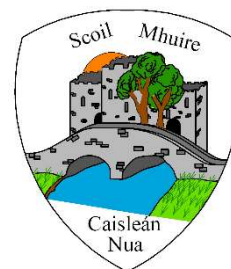
Principal's News

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Welcome to the December edition of our school monthly newsletter. As we embrace the festive season, we are thrilled to share the latest happenings, achievements and upcoming events in our school. This newsletter aims to keep you informed about the incredible accomplishments of our students, highlight all the great work that is done in each class, and provide important updates regarding various initiatives and opportunities. We hope that through this newsletter, you will feel connected to our vibrant school community and celebrate the remarkable achievements of our students together.

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Ms. Moloney



Board of Management

Thank you to everyone for your support in electing our parent nominees on the Board of Management 2023-2027. The full Board will be formed over the coming weeks and will be communicated to you.

Parents' Association A.G.M.

This took place on Tuesday 28th November. The following were proposed and nominated to carry out these officer roles:

Chairperson: Karen O' Dwyer

Secretary: Séana Kelly

Treasurer: Noreen O' Loughlin

School News

Shoeboxes

Thank you to everyone who sent in a Christmas shoebox. We were delighted with the response and we are sure that the boxes will be warmly received and greatly appreciated.



SVP Food Collection

We are delighted to be participating in this collection again this year. Please send in non-perishable to the school on or before 6th December. This will make a massive difference to those families that really need it.

AgriKids Workshop

On 27th November, we welcomed Alma Jordan- founder of AgriKids to the school. Alma presented a very engaging workshop to all classes on the importance of staying safe on a farm.



Junior Achievement



Mr. Shortt and Mr. McGrath's classes are fortunate to be working with Catriona Kennedy and Paul Clarke. Mr. Shortt's class are engaging with the 'It's my Business' programme led by Caitriona as they explore the initial steps necessary to start a business. Paul is working with Mr.

McGrath's class on the 'Our World' programme where they are exploring the importance of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths). We are really fortunate to have Catriona and Paul working with the classes, the pupils are really enjoying it.

GAA Coaching

GAA coaching has resumed for all classes. We are delighted to Nigel Carrigan with us every Wednesday and Barry Burke with us every Thursday. We thank them for all the work that they do. The pupils love to meet them every week.

Active Breaks

These have recommenced for sos beag and the pupils are really engaging in the activities. Well done to Mr. Hyland and the Active Committee for all their hard work.

Blitz

1st and 2nd Classes participated in their first ever blitz in Ballyporeen recently. They had a really great day and enjoyed themselves immensely.



Trampolining and Music

Ms. Joyce and Mr. Hyland's classes are having great fun participating in music sessions with Diarmuid Boyle every Monday and are very active engaging in trampolining in Jump World every Friday.

Accelerated Reader

This programme is up and running from 1st-6th Classes. Accelerated Reader is a powerful tool for monitoring and managing independent reading practice, motivating your students to read for pleasure. A big thank you to Mr. McGrath for the huge amount of work he did in setting up this programme in the school.



IZAK 9 Maths

Pupils are having great fun exploring the IZAK 9 Maths.

IZAK 9 is an amazing interactive resource that allows children to work in small groups and develop their problem solving, teamwork, communicating and reasoning skills. IZAK 9 was purchased from the money made from **Split the Pot** last year. Without the money raised from Split the Pot we would not be in position to buy this resource. Thanks to everyone who contributes to **Split the Pot** every week.





Debating

Our debating team led by Ms. Stafford had a very busy month. They participated in the Concern Primary Debates and got through to the second round and finished runners up to Scoil an Baile Nua. Well done to the debating team and to Ms. Stafford for all her work in preparing the team so well.

Student Council

Our Student Council meetings recommenced recently. The pupils work closely with Ms. Moloney and Ms. Stafford and work hard in all activities that they organise and engage in. We are very proud of our pupils who demonstrate great leadership skills

Hot Schools Meal Programme

We are delighted that this programme will be up and running in the school from April 2024. Each pupil in the school will receive a free hot meal every day and parents/ guardians will be able to order meals via an app.



History Inspection

Our History inspection took place on 25th and 26th September. This was a very positive experience and the inspectors were happy with the work that is happening in the school. We received the draft report this month and the final report will be shared with you when we receive it.

School Self Evaluation:

We have analyzed the pupil, parents and staff wellbeing questionnaires and have chosen healthy eating as our area of focus for this school year. We are currently drafting our school improvement plan in this area which will be shared with you shortly.