



# Scoil Mhuire, Clontibret

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## October Newsletter

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please note the following important information.

### **School Closure - Primary Mathematics Curriculum Day**

Just a reminder that the school will be closed on **Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024**.

This school closure is to facilitate staff training in the new Primary Mathematics Curriculum. The training is being provided by *Oide*, the Professional Support Team of the Department of Education and will be held in the school.

### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

Confirmation for the pupils in the Parish of Clontibret will be celebrated on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025** in **St. Mary's Church, Clontibret**. The time has yet to be confirmed.

### **Sacrament of First Penance & Sacrament of First Holy Communion**

The dates for the Sacrament of First Penance and the Sacrament of First Holy Communion have not been given to us yet. **We will inform you as soon as the priests of the parish give us the details.**

### **Parent Teacher Meetings**

Regarding this year's Parent-Teacher Meetings, we are offering parents/guardians the option of choosing between a face-to-face meeting with your child's teacher or receiving a phone call at a designated time.

A message will be sent to you next week via the Aladdin App, where you can select your preferred option. Further details regarding the Parent-Teacher Meetings, which will be held in November, will be included.

### **School Policies Reviewed**

- The Child Safeguarding Statement has been reviewed and updated in line with the Children First Guidelines by the Board of Management.
- The school's Anti-Bullying Policy has also been reviewed by the Board of Management.
- The Child Safeguarding Statement and the Anti-bullying Policy are available on the school website, [www.scoilmhuireclontibret.ie](http://www.scoilmhuireclontibret.ie).

## **Teaching & Learning**

As a school, we have identified the following as areas for greater emphasis, focus and attention during this school year.

### **Mathematics:**

- Engaging in the new Primary Maths Curriculum

### **Gaeilge**

- Continuing the work on Gaeilge Neamhfhoirimiúil / Teanga ó Bhéal – Conversational Irish

### **SPHE – Social Personal & Health Education**

- Well Being & Resilience

### **Digital Technology**

- Embedding the use of digital technology as a methodology across the curriculum.

We kindly ask for your support in emphasizing the importance of Learning and Reading Homework, which is just as crucial as any written work or assignments. Regular practice of tables, spellings, maths facts, and reading forms the foundation for all other learning. By dedicating time to these areas, you help strengthen your child's overall academic progress.

### **Cumann na mBunscol Boys League**

The boys in 5th and 6th class have been competing in the Cumann na mBunscol football league over the past number of weeks. The boys have played in some very tightly contested games against Threemilehouse, Killeevan and Edenmore, and have now secured a place in this year's semi-finals. The boys will play the winners from group B, with a date for the match still to be confirmed.

Well done to all the boys on their achievements to date and we wish them every success in the remainder of the competition.

### **Say Yes to Languages**

I am pleased to announce that our application to the *Say Yes to Languages* Programme has been successful. As a result, our Sixth Class pupils are now participating in a ten-week module, with two half-hour French lessons each week. These lessons are being taught by Margaret Finn, an experienced French teacher who has been involved in this programme for several years. We hope the pupils will enjoy and benefit from this exciting opportunity to learn a new language.

### **Physical Education Programme**

Currently, pupils in Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Class are receiving hurling coaching from Eamonn Blayney, Ulster Hurling.

After Hallowe'en, all classes will participate in a six-week block of soccer training, facilitated by soccer coach Euan Treanor.

### **Whole School Production**

We are excited to announce that the school is planning a whole-school production just before the February Midterm Break!

All students will be involved, and we're looking forward to plenty of singing, dancing, and fun.

The event will be held at the Community Centre, and we'll share more details in the coming weeks.

Get ready for a show full of talent, laughter, and memories – it's going to be a performance you won't want to miss!

Stay tuned for updates!

### **Dressing up Day**

As Midterm and Hallowe'en approach, we're excited to invite all pupils to dress up as their favourite character—or in their spookiest Hallowe'en costumes—on **Friday, 25th October!**

Get creative and make use of what you already have at home; this is all about fun, not extra expense! Let's make it a day full of imagination and laughter!"

### **Lotto**

Many thanks to all who participated in the Clontibret Development Association Lotto during the last school year. A special thank you to those who volunteered to collect on behalf of the school. This fundraising activity raised €7,500 for the school, which helps cover the day-to-day costs of running the school.

We are planning to launch the next Lotto cycle in the coming weeks and hope you will consider participating again this year and perhaps help with collecting. Further details will be sent out soon.

In conclusion, please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any assistance to you.

I thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



Elizabeth Moorehead  
Principal