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CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2019

'Together We Can Do Great Things'

As we approach Christmas we would like to sincerely thank everybody who supports our work at Scoil Mhuire agus Eoin. A special word of thanks to our wonderfully cooperative parents and grandparents who invest so much in their children. We are proud of continuing developments in our school, in particular the opening of a second class for children on the autistic spectrum. Our Digital Project is going from strength to strength and pupils across the school are learning to code and are making use of the most up-to-date technology. A sincere thank you also to our fantastic staff. Their commitment and energy is a joy to behold.



Autumn brought with it some beautiful sunshine; ideal weather for school walks, teddy bear picnics and nature table scavenger hunts!



Road Safety week is an important event every year in the school calendar. The 1st and 2nd classes took part in the "Seatbelt Sheriff" and "Hi-Glo Silver" RSA programmes, 3rd class performed the Safe Cross Code song on the stage, while the Infant Classes were taught how to cross the road safely by our lollipop lady, Amanda.

The outdoor play area has been a huge hit with the children and is an invaluable addition to our school yard.



Fridays are met with great excitement by our future soccer stars in Senior Infants and in the 1st and 2nd classes who are put through their paces by Craig from Mayfield United.



Tremendous fun was had when the school was visited by West Midlands Children's Theatre Company who staged a wonderful performance of "The Bluebird of Happiness". Audience participation was encouraged and the children were more than happy to oblige!



The Senior Infants and 1st classes were a "hive" of activity with the arrival of the Bee Bots! They were manoeuvred through mazes, number lines and much more!

There was a lot of detective work happening during Science Week with the arrival of a Forensics Workshop. The children explored footprints, fibres and fingerprints before sealing off their own "crime scenes" and gathering evidence to solve the mysteries within!



With a world of fun educational apps installed on the school iPads, they are always met with much delight and provide an excellent means of putting learnt skills into practice.



We have many aspiring engineers and architects in our midst and it's never too early to begin! Hospitals and homes were designed and constructed in Early Start and in the Infant Classes!



Junior Infants were "ec-static" to learn about electricity, while 5th class got "hands-on" learning about light and sound during their visit to Lifetime Lab!

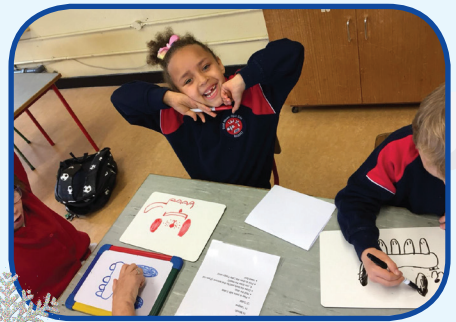


Maths Week



Here in Scoil Mhuire agus Eoin, we pride ourselves on our determination to make maths as fun and relevant as possible for our pupils. As always, Maths Week was an extremely busy week in our school. Classes presented puzzles, rhymes and maths facts each morning. Many classes did maths trails in the school yard, and older children shared their knowledge with the younger classes. Parents got involved with maths puzzles and games, much to the delight of the children.

Well done everyone!



A message from The Parents' Association

The Parents' Association would like to take this opportunity to thank all students, teachers, parents and sponsors for their support throughout the term. We are always looking for new members and would be delighted to hear from anyone interested in joining. We look forward to the year ahead, particularly to preparations for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.





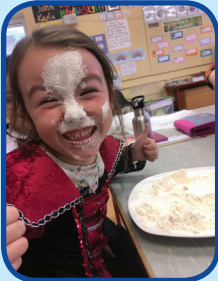
Busy Times in Scoil Mhuire agus Eoin



Representatives from 4th Class enjoyed a day out at the Triskel Art Centre in Cork City as part of the Creative Schools Programme. The pupils showed off their VEX Robotics project, wowing the other schools.



HALLOWEEN



Fa"boo"lous fun was had during our Halloween celebrations this year, with fang-tastic costumes, traditional games in the classrooms and our annual Halloween disco, which was ably organised by our wonderful Parents' Association.



The Sound of Music



The sound of music has been drifting through the corridors this term. Children were given the opportunity to try out some interesting instruments when the Mayfield Brass Band came to visit — it's much harder than it looks! 5th class had a wonderful morning when they travelled to Cork City Hall for a concert presented by the Cork Pops Orchestra. The senior classes are visited by Clodagh from Music Mash-Up on a weekly basis, where they are immersed in music and song. Meanwhile, both 2nd classes and their parents are learning how to play the ukulele and 3rd class are making beautiful music on the recorder.



Well done to both 4th and 5th class who took part in an educational workshop hosted by the anti-racism charity, Show Racism the Red Card.



The hot meals at lunch time are hugely popular with the children and the scheme has been a great success. Pictured are some of our 6th class pupils enjoying their first hot school lunch!

Dates for your diary:

Christmas Holidays
School closing Friday, Dec 20th 2019
Reopening Monday, January 6th 2020