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SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2023

'Together We Can Do Great Things'

Well, what a wonderful year it has been here at Scoil Mhuire agus Eoin! Children have enjoyed many rich and varied learning experiences across the curriculum, both here in the school, out and about in the community and beyond. We have enjoyed many themed weeks, a great number of sporting activities and some wonderful musical occasions together. Students and staff alike, have worked together to make it a very productive, positive and enjoyable year. A very special word of congratulations to Mrs. Catherine O'Connor, who retired in March. Catherine was a fantastic colleague and an excellent teacher. We wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement. Farewell to our wonderful 6th class as they prepare to graduate from primary school. May all your dreams come true!

A big bualach bos to all of our wonderful students for their excellent work throughout the year, to our fantastic staff who go above and beyond everyday to support our students and to our marvellous parents, guardians and grandparents, whose cooperation, teamwork and support are so important to us. We are eager to see what the next school year brings, but for now, let's enjoy looking back on 2022/2023. Wishing our whole school community a summer filled with happiness and sunshine.

Artists in the Making

We have some budding artists in our midst in rooms 1, 2 and 3!



The children in room 2 were experimenting with colour and tie-dyed some vibrant t-shirts, just in time for summer! Meanwhile, the children in rooms 1 and 3 were also busy experimenting with colour to paint flowers and planets. Watch out Picasso!



The junior infants and their teddies had a fantastic time when they took a trip to The Everyman Theatre in Cork for a production of Teddy Bears' Picnic. The children enjoyed themselves but the teddies had even more fun!

Here at SMAE we are delighted with our newly resurfaced yard. We were also so lucky to have yard games painted by Cork Sports Partnership! The children love playing the different games together and it is great fun for all.

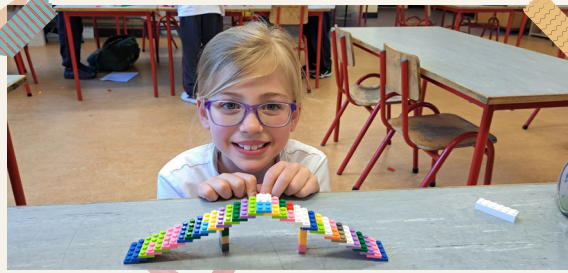


Well done and congratulations to the boys and girls who celebrated their Confirmation on the 2nd of March and who received their First Holy Communion on the 13th of May. Thanks to the Parents' Association for a wonderful Communion party.



Photographs courtesy of WilliamWhyte Photography

Science Fun at SMaE!



Putting Science to the Test

Here at SMaE the children love experimenting and exploring during science lessons. First class had great fun making and testing out their lego bridges. Meanwhile, Senior Infants were full of excitement during their skittles experiment and they even made and tasted their own butter. Wow!



First class have been busy bees learning to code using the Bee-Bots! They work together to programme the bots and there's a great sense of accomplishment for the boys and girls when the bots complete the challenges they have set!



3rd class had lots of fun putting static electricity to the test! Our Senior Infants were also busy learning all about Space and even made their own rockets which are out of this world!



Our 5th classes did our school very proud when they brought their robots to MTU, to compete in the VEX Robotics competition! They did very well on the day and their driving and coding skills were amazing. They even won a trophy for their STEM research project. Well done to both 5th classes!

VIP VISITORS

What a fantastic day the 3rd class had with their VIP visitors for Grandparents' Day. It was a very special afternoon in the halla when some VIPs came to visit us and do some lovely activities with the children from 3rd class! A very special thank you to the teachers' grandparents who also came to join in the fun.



Reading Buddies!



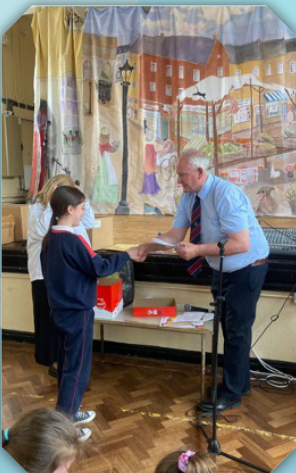
As part of Literacy Week, the older children loved visiting the younger classes to read their favourite stories to them. The classrooms were *buzzing* with energy and excitement, as the younger children even decided to read to the older children!



All classes had a great World Book Day. Early Start and 2nd class shared their favourite stories together! 2nd class decided to read outside while they soaked up the sun.



The children (and adults) were thrilled to see the Book Fair back in the hall again this year! There were lots of excited faces picking out some new books to read.



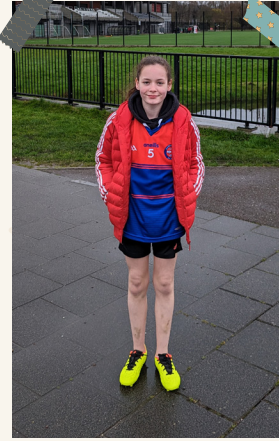
SCRÍOBH LEABHAR

Well done to the boys and girls who participated in the Scríobh Leabhar Event. It was fantastic to see them writing their stories as Gaeilge. We have some future authors here at SMaE.

Sports Mad at SmaE!



Our school was very well represented at the Cork City Sports again this year! The children had a great day. Well done to all the boys and girls, we are very proud of you all!



We are also extremely proud of our representative at the Sciath na Scol Skills event. She has an amazing talent and it was great to see her share her skills!



There was great excitement at both the basketball blitz in Neptune and the FAI soccer blitz in Carrigaline. The boys were delighted to make it to the quarter final of the soccer blitz



There was great success at the Chess tournament for our boys and girls who attended Glenville NS! The children had a great time learning how to play chess and they were able to test their skills against other schools.

Lots of fun and excitement for Early Start before their bunny hop race on Sports Day!



Dates to Remember

The school will close on Thursday 29th of June and & reopen on Thursday 31st of August.

Early Start
Preschool now
enrolling for
September
2023

A message from the Board of Management

Another great year comes to a close in Scoil Mhuire agus Eoin, and what a busy year it has been! Well done to children, staff and parents. Fantastic work has been done throughout the year with a special focus on attendance. We hope this will continue again next year. Together we can do great things! We were thrilled to see our resurfaced yard! What a lovely and colourful place the children have to play. Well done to Mrs McDonagh for getting this long awaited project over the line. Wishing everyone a happy, safe summer break.

A message from the Parents' Association

As we come to the end of another successful year, we were delighted to be able to get back to some normality. We started the year off with our Halloween party. The DJ was a great hit with everyone. Santa's Grotto made a welcome return and it was great to see the children's faces light up in awe at the newly located Grotto. Santa surprised each child with a book and present provided with money raised from non-uniform days. All Money raised by the Parents' Association goes back to fund activities run throughout the year. We also held our annual Communion celebration which saw our biggest numbers to date. Thank you to all the helpers on the day who gave up their time to serve teas and coffees and ensure all the boys and girls had a great day. We would also like to thank the parents who support our fund-raising events without which we couldn't organise these treats.

Thank you, Carolyn (Chairperson)