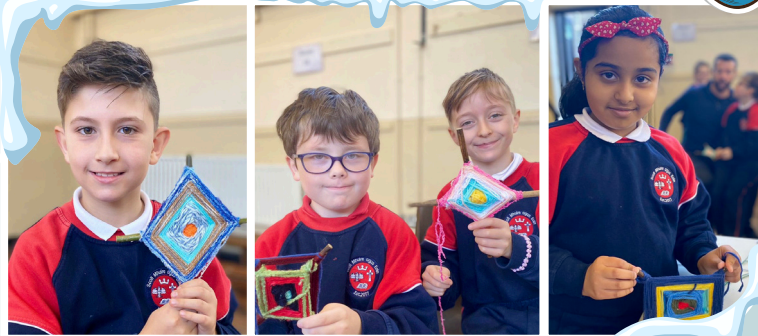


Creative Kids!



2nd and 3rd classes were lucky enough to have workshops with 'Heritage in Schools' recently. They learned how to make dreamcatchers and had a great time getting creative together. It was also lovely to see some parents and grandparents at these workshops.



We would like to say a huge well done to the children who participated in the Sciath na Scol football tournament this year. They showed hard work and dedication to the sport and we are very proud of them.



Road Safety



Road Safety is very important to us at SMaE. The children always enjoy learning the Safe Cross Code. It is great to have our traffic warden Amanda to help us to cross the road and to remind us how to do so safely.

The First Classes have become super footballers after their training sessions with Tony. Their skill, ability and focus were excellent. We have some future Mayfield Footballers at SMaE!

DATES TO REMEMBER

The school will close on **Friday 22nd of December** and re-open on **Monday 8th of January 2024**.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

As this year comes to a close, so does the term of our current Board of Management.

We wish to thank all Board members for their hard work and dedication to the smooth running of Scoil Mhuire agus Eoin. We also wish the new Board of Management, new members and old, best of luck for their term.

Happy Christmas to all our school community; children, staff and parents and every best wish and happiness to you all for 2024.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

As another year draws to an end, I would like to thank all the parents and teachers who supported us throughout the year. All money raised is 100% put back into activities for your children. The monies raised recently through non-uniform days and raffles were used to fund this year's Halloween disco and Christmas treats. In the New Year we will be getting ready for Easter and then for our Communion celebrations which we run with your help. We look forward to working with you all again next year and to your continued support. If you would like to get involved with the Parents' Association please contact the school office or see our Facebook page.

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CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2023

TOGETHER WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS

The corridors are filled with music here at Scoil Mhuire agus Eoin. We are busily rehearsing for our Whole School Carol Recital and our beautiful new choir are preparing for upcoming performances. There are twinkling fairy lights and little Christmas surprises around each corner.

What a wonderful first term we have shared together. Our fabulous boys and girls have put in a huge effort and our excellent staff have shown unwavering commitment in supporting each child to reach their potential. As always, we would like to extend a sincere thank you to all parents, guardians and grandparents for supporting our work here in the school. We will continue to prioritise attendance in the new year. The single best thing we can do to support a child's education is to have them at school each and every day. Merry Christmas everybody and may your 2024 be filled with happiness and peace.



We are absolutely delighted here at SMaE to have elected our first ever Student Council! Lots of children from 5th and 6th class put themselves forward and came up with some amazing manifestos and speeches. The election posters around the school were incredible. Well done to all involved!



The 23/24 SMaE Student Council



Our Student Council Candidates



- It is amazing to see our SMaE Choir back in action after an unexpected and extended break. We haven't had a school choir in the past couple of years because of Covid but hearing them throughout the school again, is music to our ears!



Halloween celebrations were a great success, once again this year. The children looked fantastic in their outfits and the disco was spook-tacular! There was pumpkin carving, painting and trick-or-treating all through the school... what fun!

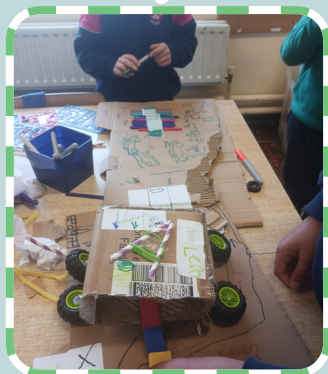
Thank you to our fantastic Parents' Association for making it so special.

Future Scientists and Mathematicians at SmaE!



There is always great excitement around the school when we hold a themed week. This was certainly the case for both Maths Week and Science Week!

It was fantastic to see the children step into the role of the scientist with lots of experimenting going on throughout the school. It was also lovely to have the younger children join the older children for some STEM challenges. There were lots of discussions held and a lot of trialling and testing was done to ensure success!



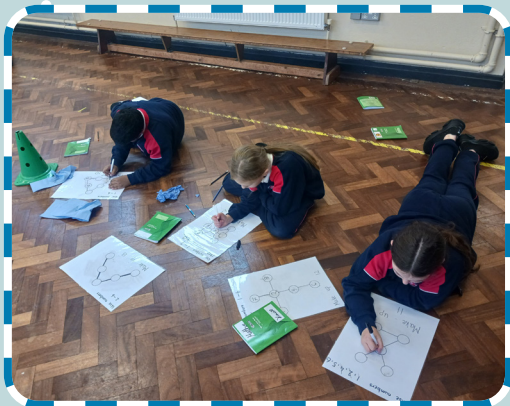
4th class and 1st class had a lot of fun working together to design and make race tracks and magnetic cars! The teamwork was amazing.



The 5th class have begun preparing for the upcoming Vex Robotics Competition. There are 2 projects about water conservation underway. The programmers are learning to code on their laptops and the children are also building two robots very carefully. We cannot wait to see what they can do!



Maths Week



The 4th Class were busy mathematicians in the halla during their Maths Week stations. The children had a new challenge at each station and worked hard to solve them both individually and together.



Meanwhile, Junior Infants were testing their number skills using playdough. There was also lots of hard work being done to match 2D shapes.



"Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are"



We are over the moon with our brand new SMaE library! It is great to see the children from Early Start to 6th class enjoying this space so much and to see their love of reading grow! It is a fantastic addition to our school.



There was a great buzz in 5th class when they carried out a 'Book Tasting'. The children were able to borrow books from the library and share them with each other. They then wrote their thoughts about each of the books they 'tasted'.



A trip to our school library recently sparked a love for Comic books in Room 1. They have been very busy creating their own. I think we may have a few graphic designers on our hands!



Aistear

Aistear is a very important part of the day in the infant classes. It allows the children an opportunity to learn through play. Themes covered so far this year include 'Houses and Homes' and 'Doctors and Medics'. The children love stepping into these roles and learning together through play.

