



Scoil Mhuire News

Each person through positive learning experiences will be stimulated to achieve his/her full potential, face life confidently, find fulfilment and be respectful in an ever-changing world.

27th June 2006



Taking part in the Féile Drámaíochta and Easter Parade

Maura Hannon Retires after 27 years in Scoil Mhuire

Mrs. Maura Hannon began teaching in the school on 1st September 1979, 27 years ago. During her long service she always taught in the senior section. Through the many projects she was involved in her influence was felt

throughout the whole school.

It is difficult to find words to aptly describe Mrs. Hannon: she is a talented teacher in many areas who always shared her gifts and brought out the best in all the pupils in

her care. To the people she worked with she was always a loyal colleague. Mrs. Hannon will be greatly missed by all at Scoil Mhuire. We wish her a long and happy retirement with her husband Martin and family.



Performing in the *Cor Féile*



Grúpa Ceoil representing Co. Roscommon in the Connacht *Comhaltas* in July.



Our very own Art Exhibition!



Scoil Mhuire receives 2006 *Excellence in Science Award* for the second year



Enjoying Sports Day with student *Gárdaí*

Míle Buíochas to Parents

A sincere thank you to all parents who helped us with so many events this year: Sports Day, Art Exhibition, Communion Party, Table Quiz, Bag Packs, Attendance Policy, *Arts Days* etc. Sixth class participated in Sports Day this year thanks to the assistance of parents. The Parents' Association has raised nearly

€ 15,000 for interactive boards. Thank you for your generosity. For the Arts exhibition parents generously donated their own paintings. Two weeks in the one month were spent bag packing - no easy task! *Arts Days* were a huge success with parents, local artists and teachers sharing their talents with our children.

To each and every one of you, (too many to name) a big thank you for helping us with all the activities, some of which are pictured above. A special thank you to the Parents' Association, although small in number have done trojan work especially Ríona Mc Guinness: chairperson and Teresa Duke: secretary.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK

Tuesday 27th: Children told class teachers for next year. Note sent to parents.
2.00p.m. Basketball match between 6th class pupils and teachers!

Wednesday 28th, 10.15a.m. :
Presentation to Mrs Hannon

Wednesday 28th, 1.45p.m. :
End of year Mass and Graduation for 6th class. 6th class parents welcome.
BOOK RENTAL NOTES IN PLEASE.

Thursday 29th 2.30p.m. : Choir recital under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Madden. All parents welcome.

Friday 30th 12.30p.m. : Children go home for start of Summer Holidays



As snug as bugs in a rug!

SPLIT CLASSES

Split classes were introduced in the school last year so that all classes would have less than 29 pupils with split classes having two groups with an average of 10 in each group.

1. Research has shown that children do better in smaller classes. In the newspapers we see articles every day on 'reducing class sizes'. We don't see articles on ensuring all of 2nd class are together, or all of 4th class are together etc.
2. The Curriculum is written for Infants, 1st/2nd, 3rd/4th etc. not 1st class on its own, 2nd class on its own etc.
3. Group work, collaborative learning is very much promoted in the new curriculum. Less writing, more oral work takes place.
4. What is important in primary school is not retention of facts but developing in children the skills for learning and a love of learning ensuring high standards in numeracy and literacy.

**TRUST US TO DO THE JOB.
WHAT IS BEST FOR EACH CHILD
TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER**

NEW UNIFORM

A new school uniform, as itemised below, is being introduced in September 2006 for all new entrants. Children in the school before September 2006 may continue to wear full wine uniform. However, if children up to 5th class have outgrown a uniform parents may decide to buy the new blue uniform. 6th class will all wear the wine uniform for the 2006—2007 school year.

Boys and girls must wear flat, sensible, dark coloured shoes—no boots. Runners are allowed only on PE days. **Girls may wear tailored navy trousers available at Donnellans, Main St.**

UNIFORM

Navy blue v-neck jumper with compulsory school crest (Donnellans and Wards). Navy plaid skirt, worn below the knee or pinafore. Compulsory navy striped tie for boys and girls. (Donnellans)

Pale blue shirt, navy Blue trousers, navy blue socks/tights. (Widely available).

TRACKSUIT for PE days.

Navy blue/pale blue panelled tracksuit top with compulsory school crest. (Nova Sport)

Plain navy, shell material tracksuit bottoms (e.g. O' Neills) with zips. Pale blue collared T-shirt. Runners. (Widely available).

WARM, WATERPROOF, HARDWEARING JACKETS WITH CREST, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR €30 IN SCHOOL FROM SEPTEMBER if enough parents interested. (Sample on display in school main entrance area. If you are interested ring 6626872.)

Extra curricular activities

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CAMOGIE TEAM WHO WON THE ROSCOMMON COUNTY FINAL.

Well done all girls involved especially their coaches, Ann Connell and Mary Mc Neill who led them to victory. Volleyball was added to our games list this year thanks to Lorraine Connaughton. Thanks to the following staff for promoting sport, music and drama in the school outside school hours: Caroline

Gannon (Basketball), Caroline Harrison and Maria Kearney (Gaelic), Patricia Morris and Emer Cunniffe (Band and Traditional music), and Deirdre Hannon (Speech and Drama). Lorraine Pascual from Spain has been with us since January and will be leaving the end of this school year. Thank you Lorraine for all your support and help. We wish you well in your future teaching career.