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Scoil Mhuire Primary School Newsletter

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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.

Mrs. Feeley wishes you all a happy Christmas

Our wish here at Scoil Mhuire is that you will all experience joy, happiness and peace this Christmas and into the New Year. Guím Rath Dé oraibh go léir.

Úna Feeley and Staff

Let us give thanks for the past year: for the things we have learnt, for the fun we have had, for the skills we have gained, for the help we have had, and for the friends we have made. Lord hear us.

Scoil Mhuire school website

Our school website is used by many in our community to access information on our school. Information is updated weekly. This newsletter gives you a brief account of the main activities that have taken place in Scoil Mhuire from September to December 2009. For more information I suggest you visit

www.conventprimaryroscommon.ie If you do not have access to the internet please let me know and we will print for you any information you require about our school. The school calendar, information on Swine Flu, policies etc. are available on the website. The school information booklet is in English, Polish and Portuguese.



Christmas Concert

The recent two nights of Christmas Concerts were a tremendous success with over three hundred children taking part. There was a wide variety of entertainment with the Christmas story told in many different ways from 'The Upsy Daisy angel' to 'The Sleepy Shepherd' to 'The Bossy King' There were other plays too including a very original 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and the heart wrenching story of 'The Little Princess' The stage in the school hall was also take over by a seanchai a group of horrible looking witches, none other than St. Patrick himself and many others. The school band, ballad group, Irish dancers and the Hallelujah choir also filled the hall with wonderful sounds of music and tapping feet. The first classes and Speech and Language class also presented a beautiful range of songs and carols. At one stage 'Alass in Blunderland' appeared giving everyone a totally new slant on our well known fairy tales. Parents were most generous in their sponsorship of spot prizes for raffles on both nights and also taking the children in the school band to Cloverhill nursing Home and the Sacred Heart Hospital where the children entertained and were entertained by the residents. The children also took part in the annual Sacred Heart Church Carol Service and parents organised a very successful fundraising carol singing marathon on Friday. Sincerethanks to all involved and especially our supporters. A very Happy Christmas and New Year from our whole school community.



Ms. Murray's class performed "Alass in Blunderland" at our Christmas Concert

Carol Singing: Thanks to the Parents Association committee and all our parents who took part in the Carol singing in Roscommon on Friday 18th December.

Swine Flu Vaccinations have been rescheduled for January 2010 and will not be taking place in the school on Friday 18th Dec. Scoil Mhuire has followed advice from the HSE and Department of Education. Please teach your children to cover their mouths and noses with a paper tissue when coughing or sneezing, to use a tissue only once and dispose of it in a bin and to wash their hands frequently with soap and water. Please put a pack of tissues in your child's bag every day. **CHILDREN WHO ARE SICK SHOULD ALWAYS STAY AT HOME FROM SCHOOL.**

Vincent de Paul: Thank you to all our families who gave food donations for Christmas hampers. Any families who need help from Vincent de Paul or other organisation this Winter please let the principal Úna Feeley know. All such matters are dealt with discreetly.

Science Week ran from the 9th - 13th November: What is a *Water Butt*, a *Hippo Bag* and a *Water Footprint*? If you haven't taken part in previous challenges PLEASE START NOW by downloading the booklet from our school website on the 'New Events' page. It is important that our children learn to conserve water to ensure a continuing water supply into the future.

Scór na bPáistí: Our children took part in *Scór* in Taughmaconnell on the 6th and 7th November. Although our children were very young, compared to many of the other participants we were very proud of them all. On Saturday 14th October our children took part in *Scór na bPáistí*. Our set dancing teams got 1st and 3rd places, our two Grúpa Ceoil groups got 2nd and 3rd and our Ballad group 2nd place. Hazel in 2nd class got 3rd place in individual singing. Congratulations to all our children involved and a big go raibh míle maith agaibh to their teachers.

Maths Week: Maths week ran from the 12th - 19th October. Congratulations to the O'Leary family, John, Tina and Ava who were the first to solve our Maths problem. They won a family ticket to the cinema in Athlone. Their 3D solution is on view in the school.

Congratulations to our ATHLETICS team: On October 1st our 5th/6th team took silver in the county schools athletics competition. Creagh N.S., Ballinasloe took gold. Congratulations to Róisín Timothy who came 3rd and Lauren England who came 10th. 120 runners approximately took part in the race. Our 3rd/4th team got 3rd place. **Swimming:** Congratulations to Jenni Kilduff who represented our school at All-Ireland level and Tara Dolan who represented our school at regional level.

MERCY DAY: We celebrated Mercy Day, on Thursday 24th September, in our school hall, at 2.15p.m. We were delighted that some parents were able to attend the mass. A big thank you to our 6th class pupils and teachers who prepared the liturgy and music.

THANK YOU TO ALL MEMBERS OF STAFF WHO GIVE 'THEIR VERY BEST' TO EACH AND EVERY CHILD ENSURING ALL TASTE SUCCESS REGULARLY.



Hallelujah Concert
Our 5th and 6th class pupils enjoyed participating in the Hallelujah Concert in the RDS, Dublin, with hundreds of their peers from all around the country. Can you spot Chloe and Amy?