

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.

Scoil Mhuire Convent Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Happy Christmas from Mrs. Feeley.

On behalf of the staff I wish you all lots of laughter this Christmas. I want to thank sincerely the Board of Management, Fr. Eugene, Margaret Mannion, staff and parents for all their hard work and support this year. The Parents Committee have done tremendous work. Thank you. Our Christmas concert was a huge success. Thank you for your generosity.

Le gach dea ghúí i gcóir na Nollag agus na hAth bhliana,



Senior infants on a reindeer at Glendeer pet farm.

Gaelic Blitz: Our fifth and sixth class went to a gaelic blitz on the 4th of December in the pitch beside our school. We played with and then against Boyle school. It was a brilliant day—until the rain started!! — Katie Carr.



The magician with his bird Billy.

Senior Infants and the Language class go to Glendeer.

The pupils from Ms. Greene's, Ms. Ward's, Ms. Healy's and Ms. Connaughton's classes went on an excursion to Glendeer pet farm on the 9th of December. They saw all the animals there including real reindeer. There was also a life size crib. They were all very happy to meet Santa and receive a present from him. Everyone had a brilliant time

North Pole News:

Santa visited Scoil Mhuire on Monday the 22nd of December. We were very lucky to get a visit so close to Christmas and everyone was delighted to meet him.

Magician: We also had a visit from a magician. He was organised by the Roscommon County Council and was promoting recycling. He incorporated the reduce, and recycle campaign throughout his act. He entertained the crowd with an array of tricks. He also had a talking bird with him called Billy It was a very exciting day for the school.

Ms. Kearney's Trip to Ethiopia!

Going to Ethiopia as a volunteer was a wonderful and eye opening experience. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone who contributed to the Ethiopian fund in June and to all who helped to make the fundraising so successful. All monies raised went directly to the orphanage that I worked in and also towards the building of a new school. I worked in the orphanage during the day (the term orphanage is a blanket term for the destitute, mentally and/or physically disabled, AIDS victims, orphans etc.) I am humbled by the whole experience and my eyes were opened to a new world that needs our help.



Our School Crib

Science Week 6th Class

On the 14th of November we went down to the library for science week. We did some forensic science. We had to try to figure out a crime just like the programme CSI! The crime was that someone had stolen a famous necklace. We looked at blood samples, footprints and a torn letter. We had to put the letter back together. We also had to figure out what blood was at the scene. Two pens were found at the crime scene and it was our job to decide which pen was used in the letter. We enjoyed this activity so much. We would love to go back again! - Zara Feeley and Phoebe O'Gara 6th Class.

Launch of Primary school's education pack, as part of the County Roscommon heritage plan:

Ms. Gaughan's third/fourth class were invited to Gleasons as a thank you for the school's involvement in the launching of an educational pack on Loughaneane Park, Roscommon town. The children enjoyed a wonderful presentation given by Dave Threadwell.

The Big Sing: on the 27th of November 2008 our school took part in "The Big Sing". The aim of "The Big Sing" was to break the world record for the most children singing simultaneously. At 2:45pm we all tuned into the radio to take our part in getting into the Guinness book of records. We sang "You Gotta Be" by Desree.

Thank you to Ms. Noreen Gaughan

Sadly Ms. Gaughan, our 3rd/4th class teacher will be leaving us on the 23rd December as she has found a post nearer her home in Co. Mayo. Noreen did wonderful work in leading our Gaelic team to success at county level last year. She was ably assisted by Ms. Kilcullen who is thankfully not returning to Co. Mayo. Ms. Gaughan will be sadly missed. Our loss is another school's gain. Go neirí an tádh leat Ms. Gaughan.

Creative Writing with Conor Kostick.

We had the great privilege of meeting an author like Conor Kostick. He taught us all about writing books and gave us useful tips. It was great fun. We also got to be with all our friends from sixth class. We were upset when it was over but Conor gave us notebooks and pens to create our own books.. Some of our books even got into the newspaper. We all had a great time! - Chloe Kennedy and Rebecca Doherty 5th Class.



Our Senior Infants at Glendeer Pet Farm

Children's Research Centre. The pupils in our school recently participated in a focus group undertaken by the Children's Research Centre on behalf of the Ombudsman for Children's Office on what children, young people and parents like about the areas they live in and what could be done to make their areas better. The report on all the findings is currently being written up and will be used to make our community a better place for children and young people.

Bodaberg: 5th class went to Bodaberg in Lough Key Forest in Boyle on the 10th of November 2008. We did lots of fun activities there—Ciara Garvey & Ciara Brawne 5th Class.



Ms. Kilcullen's class with our school crib.



The Winning Team

Cumann na mBunscoil

Caoimhe McStay, Tania Ferguson, Megan McStay and Sarah Kennan were chosen to represent Scoil Mhuire in the Cumann na mBunscoil table quiz in November. Ms. Kearney helped with sports questions. Scoil Mhuire took first place in the girl's category. Each team member received a trophy. Megan and Caoimhe McStay, 5th/6th Class.



First Class on an Adventure in Loughnaneane Park

The School Band: On the 30th of November our school band provided music for the turning on of the Christmas lights in the square. They led Santa himself down the town, singing carols all the way! Afterwards they went to Gleeson's for a lovely evening in the ballroom. Many thanks to Mrs. Morris and Miss. Shaughnessy for organising the event. Job well done!

Sophia Cullen 6th Class.

Welcome back Ms. Crehan

We welcome Mrs. Kate Crehan back from maternity leave. Mrs. Crehan will be teaching Ms. Gaughan's 3rd/4th after Christmas. We know you will miss your little baby Orla but we promise to be good.

PLEASE BRING IN SOME FOOD FOR THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS. THANK YOU. SINCERE APOLOGIES FOR LATE NOTICE.

Parents Association News



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The car park is a big issue for the association and we would like to thank all the parents who signed the petition at the Christmas concerts. We would also like to thank parents for signing the petition against the education cutbacks. We are hopeful this will help make a difference to our school.

Well done to all children of our school who have achieved great success in many areas this year and a big thank you to Mrs. Feeley and all her staff for making this possible.

All parents of our school are members of the parents' association and we would like to welcome all the new parents who have joined our school in 2008.

The parents' association thanks everyone who helped in any way with activities during the year. Any help is very much appreciated and anyone who wishes to get involved is very welcome.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas. Season's Greetings