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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.

Úna Feeley and staff wish all in our school community lots of *Peace* and *Golden Moments* this Christmas

Remember:

Children may forget some of the facts we have tried to put into their minds. The things we put into their hearts, they will carry with them forever.

A community is only as strong as the respect it shows its weakest member.

A smile costs nothing, but gives everything.

The past is history. The future is a mystery, but now, now is a gift. That's why we call it **the present**.

Mother Teresa.

Scoil Mhuire school website

Information is updated regularly on our school website www.conventprimaryroscommon.ie



Santa Claus visited our school on Wednesday. It was a big surprise. He spoke both Irish and English.

Closing date for applications for new entrants into Junior Infants and other classes is February 28th, 2012. The application form for admission is available on the school website. Open day is Wednesday, February 1st, 2012.



Ms. Acton's Senior Infants: Mary, Joseph, the Baby Jesus and angels.

Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert was a huge success with all children from senior infants to 6th classes taking part. Thank you to the Parents' Association for organising the raffle. Thank you to all parents and relatives who helped with the design of the wonderful costumes and for their generosity.

After-school activities: After-school activities have been a huge success again this term. Activities from 2.00p.m.-3.00p.m. were introduced for infant classes. All after-school activities will start on **Monday 9th January** 2.00p.m.—5.00p.m. Monday-Friday. Thank you to Caroline Acton for coordinating events. Martha Gleeson from *Little Rascals* manages the 2-3p.m. club. Thank you Martha. Thank you also to parents involved in teaching children chess and preparing children for quizzes.

Mother/Toddler Club : was introduced this term and it takes place on Thursdays from 10.00a.m.—12.00p.m. All Mums, Dads and their babies/toddlers are welcome.

Parenting Course: A very successful parenting course took place on Wednesday mornings in the school this term and all parents found it very worthwhile. Thank you to Deirdre Hannon and Ciara Maye for leading this project.



Well done to all our pupils who walk on Wednesdays (WOW). Here we see them togged out in Halloween Costumes.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

A new Board of Management has been appointed. The members are as follows:

Patron representatives: Canon Eugene Mc Loughlin and Margaret Mannion.

Parent representatives: Tom O' Brien and Jackie Hand

Community representatives: Jimmy Hoban and Tom Mannion

Teacher representatives: Úna Feeley and Patricia Morris

Thank you to our parents who attended the meeting where parent representatives were elected. We look forward to working with the new Board of Management and thank all members of the previous board for the support they gave the school.

HALLELUIAH CONCERT

Our senior classes travelled to Dublin to sing in the Halleluiah concert in *The Point* which was a really enjoyable experience for all. Thank you to the parents who attended the event and in particular teachers Kate Crehan, Caroline Gannon, Aidín Ní Dhonncha who travelled with the girls and with the help of Nicola Shaughnessy prepared the girls for this wonderful occasion.

ATHLETICS: Congratulations to Shannon Quigley who came 2nd in the county cross-country competition and Saoirse Ward who came 4th. Well done to our 3rd and 4th class team who came third overall and qualified for the Connacht final. Our 5th and 6th class teams also did very well. Well done to Lauren England, Aoife Ward, Mairéad Tully, Ciara Towey, Louise Featherstone, Helen Corcoran and Hazel Murray. Thank you to Mary Burgoyne (national coach) and Patricia Morris for training our athletes.

SWIMMING: Congratulations to Jenni Kilduff who represented Scoil Mhuire in Leisureland, Galway in the Connacht Primary Schools Swimming Gala where she got through to the All Ireland finals. Congratulations to Alexia Grecio and Jade Gallagher who also swam very well.

SCIENCE and MATHS WEEK

Science and Maths week was a great success in November with students in our senior classes visiting the neighbouring secondary schools. Parents talked to the children about how they use Science and Maths in their work. Thank you to Angie Duignan John Lennon, John O' Leary, Rachel Hardiman and Mattie Ward. A special thank you to Caitríona Duignan, teacher, who co-ordinated events.

SCÓR na bPÁISTÍ

Once again this year our students were very successful in Scór na bPáistí. The children sang, danced, played instruments, tested their knowledge in the quiz and most important enjoyed themselves.

Our instrumental groups were awarded 1st and 3rd places, our Ballad group 1st place, our solo singer Hazel Murray 3rd place and our dancers 3rd place. Ar fheabhas gach duine. Thank you to their teachers: Ms. Morris, Ms. Greene and Ms. Shaughnessy