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# Scoil Mhuire Primary School Newsletter

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School closes Friday 20th December at 12.45pm and  
opens Tuesday 7th January, 2014.



On behalf of the Board of Management and staff I wish all our families many golden moments this Christmas. Our school is an international community, where our children who are proud of their different cultures and religions, live naturally together, in peace. We ask God to support us as we support our school community. We ask God to give us the courage to actively participate in our school, each of us playing our role in ensuring our community is 'as good as it can be' for all our children.

A sincere thank you to all families who have attended the *Do this in Memory of Me* masses. Thank you to Briegen Regan for making these masses so special and to Margaret King and the children who sing at these masses. Thank you to our senior pupils who sang in the carol service under the able direction of Kathryn Heneghan. Thank you to their teachers Ms. Shaughnessy, Ms. Crehan, Ms. Dolan and Ms. Connaughton.

*Una Feeley: Principal*



1st class pupils as Mary and Joseph



Some of our 3rd/4th class pupils who entertained us all with the Lion King and made their own costumes!

On behalf of our school community I want to thank the Scoil Mhuire staff for the trojan work they put into organising the Christmas concert and for the genuine care and love they show the children every day.

## News from 3rd/4th classes

First term has been very eventful for our classes We have had great fun this term. Michael and Steve have been teaching us Camogie and Rugby skills every week and we are sports stars now! The Polka Dot contemporary dancers put on a fantastic colourful show for us in the halla and then they taught us some 'cool moves' in a workshop. We rocked! We also had a visit from 'The big bad wolf' and he frightened the life out of us - only joking: the author Liam Farrell retold the story of the 'Three Pigs' for us. He was fantastic. Adrian Carberry gave us a very interesting presentation on 'Showing Racism the red card' in soccer. He played soccer with us. Recently we visited the Arts Centre to see the show 'Twas the Night before Christmas'. The actors played some cool Irish music and the show was great. We have been working really hard on our Christmas shows and we hope that everyone enjoyed them. **Nollaig Shona from rang a trí is a ceathar!** Happy Christmas from 3rd and 4th classes.



### News from 6th class

On November 13th we went to the Convent Secondary School to see a demonstration called “The Magic of Science”. We visited the science lab. Two science teachers showed us lots of different experiments; we also took part in a few. First they showed us how to make a volcano erupt using vinegar, baking soda, red food colouring and a make-shift volcano. Next we watched an experiment where the teacher made a hard boiled egg fit into a narrow opening in a bottle. After that we did the experiment about a fire proof balloon. To make the balloon fire proof, the teachers put a some water in one balloon and blew it up, then put it over a Bunsen burner but it didn’t pop.

**Scientists for a day! We turned our classrooms into science labs so that we could demonstrate the magic of science! We also dressed for the occasion, wearing lab coats and of course 3D glasses!**

### News from 5th class

On 9<sup>th</sup> December, Michael Bell visited our school to discuss Biodiversity. Biodiversity quite simply means the variety of life on earth. It includes everything alive such as plants, animals and us! We depend on biodiversity for everything from the food we eat to the clothes we wear. We learned about food chains, animals, habitats and the names of flowers and trees. Michael brought a stuffed pine marten into the classroom! We found that strange! We learned about animals such as the red squirrel, the grey squirrel, the badger, the fox and the Irish wolf.



**Share the joy this Christmas, SMILE with, LAUGH with, and LOVE our children. They are precious gifts from God and we thank God for each and every one of them. Thank you to all in our community who support our school financially and especially those who enhance what we do through giving of their precious time.**



**The recent news that new recruits will be taken into the Gárda Síochána this year was welcomed by many of our Senior Infants!**

### Message from the Parents Association:

The Scoil Mhuire Parents Association would like to wish all parents, guardians, children, staff and the whole school community a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 2014. 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 2013. We would also like to thank all parents for their support and help in 2013. Our first meeting of the new year is on **Wednesday 23rd January 2014 at 8.30p.m.** We will be placing a “Suggestion Box” in the school grounds, where you can put in any ideas or suggestions you may have, signed by you.

**Judy McNamara: Chairperson**