

# Scoil Mhuire Convent Primary School Roscommon

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**A special WELCOME** to all our Junior Infants and new entrants in other classes. We will do all we can to ensure your time in Scoil Mhuire will be happy and rewarding. If parents have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Thank you for all your prayers for our little fighter in Junior Infants – Olivia McLoughlin. Olivia is now making a good recovery in Crumlin Hospital. Please keep praying for her.**

## **Thank you Parents/Guardians**

On behalf of the staff I want to thank you all for having the children so well prepared for school. The staff appreciates the effort you have put into buying books, getting uniforms ready, labelling items, shopping to ensure the children have healthy lunches, tying back hair, getting the children up in time in the morning, helping with homework etc. etc. It has not been easy and congratulations on doing such a good job. For safety reasons boots are not allowed so please do not go to the expense of buying boots for the winter period. The school will be well heated during the winter and while children are outside they need to be able to run around freely.

## **Pre-budget Protest in the Salthill Hotel, Galway Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 8pm.**

This meeting has been organised to inform TD's that enough is enough re: education cuts and to try to prevent a (further) increase in class size. It is important that ALL SCHOOLS are represented and that there is a huge attendance from parents/teachers. If you wish to attend please contact Ms. Morris on Monday re: car pooling 0906626872.

**Information evening for parents of pupils in all classes:** Information evenings are being organised for parents on Thursdays during the month of October. You will be informed as to when the meeting is on for your child/children. Meetings will be scheduled for 8.00p.m. and will be run in your child/s classroom. As you will understand, it is best that child-minding arrangements be made for children at this time.

**Mercy Day 24<sup>th</sup> September:** Mercy Day is Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. To celebrate Mercy Day we have mass in the school at 1.30p.m. for 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> classes. Parents able to attend will be very welcome. The cross on this notepaper is the Mercy Cross reminding us of Catherine Mc Auley, a Mercy Sister who founded our school in 1902.

**Insurance:** If you have not done so already please ensure you fill in the Insurance form. We recommend that all parents avail of this insurance. At €8 for 24 hour cover, it is very good value for money. Forms are available from the office.



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## Parents Association

I want to thank sincerely all parents who have supported the school during the year. As you have been informed, the Parents Association will hold its AGM on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October. I look forward to meeting many new faces there. Support from parents is essential in helping us to meet the needs of our children. Thank you for all you do.

**Junior Infants/ Senior Infants** :The theme for September is *I am Special*. We discussed growing up and the children brought in two photos, one of themselves as a baby and a current photo. The photographs were presented as a ‘Guess Who?’ display. We have introduced the letters s, a, t and i and the colours red, blue, yellow and green. The colours have been taught in both English and Irish. Autumn has been introduced to the children. We made clay hedgehogs. The children were introduced to *Aistear* where the theme for this month was ‘The Optician’. Senior infants are being encouraged to immerse themselves in the imaginary world of going to the Optician. SI are revising all letter sounds, pencil grip and letter formation. We are also revising number formation and counting from one to twenty. Keep reading!

**1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> classes** are settling very well into their new classrooms after our summer holidays. We are very busy learning about *Mé Féin* in Gaeilge and we are doing lots of number work in Maths. We are talking and learning all about: myself, my family and my friends in SESE. We are trying our best to remember our school’s golden rules. We have completed beautiful self-portraits in Art. We are all putting great effort into our homework especially our reading and hand-writing.

**3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> classes** are enjoying their ‘learning stations’ which include handwriting, oral language, comprehension strategies, spelling and interactive white-board activities. In Gaeilge we are learning all about *Mé Féin*. In fourth class we are looking at the value of digits and the importance of place value in Maths while also working on addition and subtraction. In SESE in 4<sup>th</sup> class we are researching our family tree and will be looking at Roscommon as a wonderful place to live. We are delighted to be part of choir this year. You will hear our beautiful singing at Mercy Day Mass – our debut!!

**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes** are working very hard. They are responsible for *Lá na Gaeilge* which takes place on Wednesdays. In English we are using station teaching as a methodology for our English Curriculum objectives and we are really enjoying this. In Maths we have been looking at Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and Multiplication and we have been using *Jump Maths* in all our classes. In History we are studying ‘Ireland since the 1950s’ while in Geography we are learning all about Boyle, Co. Roscommon. In Science we are examining the habitat of grass and we are learning about food chains and Photosynthesis. We have been discussing Healthy Eating and our Healthy Lunch Policy



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