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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here is some of the latest news/information from Scoil Mhuire:

Uniform/Tracksuit Survey

Thank you to all the parents who completed our survey on school tracksuit/uniform. In total 108 replies were received and 93% would like to change to tracksuit only. While a small majority of people were happy with the current tracksuit we will explore some other options taking into account the extensive feedback received from parents.

Marine Week/Blue Day

Scoil Mhuire is working towards a Green Flag in Global Citizenship - Marine Environment. Next week (15th -19th April) is Marine Environment week. The children will be partaking in interactive talks, art activities and watching educational videos on this topic.

Friday 19th April will be BLUE day.

The children can wear any shade of **blue** on that day and are asked to bring in **€2** to donate to charity. The monies collected will go to the UNICEF Ireland Gaza Hunger Crisis Appeal and €30 will go towards adopting a dolphin for a year (Irish Whale and Dolphin Wildlife Trust).

The children will also on BLUE day use **reusable** plastics only.

Communion Teas

We will be having the Communion Teas as normal following the Communion ceremony on May 18th. I will be sending out a Google Form to parents from 1st and 3rd Classes (as has been the tradition) to help organise the event. I would welcome any and all support on the day.

Sciath na Scol Teams at Páirc uí Chaoimh

Well done to our Sciath na Scol teams who got to represent Scoil Mhuire at half time during the recent Cork v Armagh match in Páirc uí Chaoimh over the Easter break. We hope they enjoyed the experience and that it'll be the first of many visits to the pitch itself! Thanks especially to Mr. Ronayne for organising and being there on the night.

Conor Holland Selected for the Cork Primary Game Team

Huge congratulations to Conor Holland (6th Class) who has been selected to play for the Cork Primary Game hurling team against Limerick in Páirc uí Chaoimh on May 11th. This is a huge honour for Conor, his family, his club and especially his school – well done Conor!

Active Yard/Indoor Soccer

Our Active Yard scheme will continue this Friday – thanks to the Active Committee for their work in organising along with the Student Council. Meanwhile, boys and girls from 4th- 6th Classes have been taking part in an indoor soccer league at lunchtime over the last number of weeks – this reaches the semi-final and final stages next week. We hope to run an indoor hurling lunchtime league shortly thereafter.

Cork Primary Schools Sports – Run Offs

The Cork Primary School Sports will take place on Thursday 30th May in MTU Cork. The run-off trials will take place either tomorrow (Thursday 11th April) or Friday (12th April) – weather depending. Please ensure children have tracksuits/runners and a spare pair of socks.

Hot School Meals Update

Our new ovens were recently delivered and should be installed in the coming week or two. The Lunch Bag are currently finalising the hiring of an operative to work with us in Scoil Mhuire. Once these issues have been sorted we should have a launch date planned – I will be in touch as soon as I know more.

Enrollments

I am appealing to parents again to please encourage anyone who has a child of school going age next September to contact the office. A child can start primary school once he/she is 4 years old by September 30th. As I have mentioned previously, given the nature of falling enrollments following a population bubble through the school (in line with the national average) we will be losing a mainstream teaching post this September. Unfortunately, unless we gain a few more enrollments, we are likely to lose another post in September 2025.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 19th April – Blue Day

Saturday 18th May – First Holy Communion

Congratulations!

Finally, we send our warmest congratulations to one of our Supply Panel teachers, Sarah Keane, who got married over the Easter break - we wish you both every happiness for the future.

Many thanks for your continued support of life in Scoil Mhuire,



Rory Gibbons

Principal