



Scoil Mhuire na nGael June 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Summer has arrived and now staff & pupils are looking forward to a well-deserved holiday. It has been another wonderful year here at Muire na nGael.

Throughout the year the staff led the children through a range of activities, some listed on our newsletters, photographs of other events posted on our website, but there have been numerous other day to day events that were not reported, just enjoyed! Thank you to the staff for their ongoing dedication and commitment to providing the best opportunities for your children.

Thank you

We will say goodbye to three valued staff members, Mr. McCourt, Mrs O'Hanlon & Ms. Beecher on Friday. I thank them for their tireless professional dedication which has enriched the educational experience of hundreds of pupils in our classrooms and in our learning support setting. We will miss their expertise, enthusiasm and their friendship & support as cherished colleagues on our staff. I wish Mr. McCourt & Mrs O' Hanlon a long happy & healthy retirement and I wish Ms. Beecher every happiness as she returns to her native county Cork!

Changing Classes

You have already received details of your child's class teacher for next year. The children will move into their new classroom with their new teacher tomorrow morning.

School Calendar

The children will commence their summer holidays tomorrow, Friday 28th June at 12 noon. Please make the necessary arrangements to collect your child at this time.

School Office

The school office will be open from 9am – 1pm from Monday 1st July – Friday 5th July. **Should you need financial assistance with school books or school charges for next year please make an appointment to meet with me during the above week and we can discuss the matter in confidence.**

Book Lists

Your child's book list will issue tomorrow by e-mail and a copy of same will be posted on the school website (www.bayestatens.com). Please use our e-Payment facility to pay school charges.

Leaving Our School

If your child is not returning to Muire na nGael for the next school year (6th class excluded!) please confirm this in writing to principalsmg@gmail.com

We have a long list of pupils wishing to transfer into our school and we need to confirm our enrolment numbers for next year.

School will reopen on Thursday 29th August and a copy of our school calendar has been emailed to all parents and is also posted on our school website.

Text Book Donations

If you have any unwanted textbooks please hand them in to our school office (no workbooks please, if they have been written on already). Other families may be glad to receive them.

Sportathon

Our Sportathon took place in glorious sunshine and was thoroughly enjoyed by all our pupils. An amazing €7,835.08 was raised which will be used to buy new resources for our school. Thank you so much.

After School Classes

Details of our After School Activities for the academic year 2019-2020 will issue by e-mail in late August.

Achievements

We have enjoyed many successes over the course of the year and our winning ways continued in recent weeks.

- a) Primary Science & Maths Award - For the 4th year in succession we have been awarded a Primary Science and Maths plaque recognising the great work undertaken by staff and pupils in these curricular areas. Thank you to Mr. Lyons who co-ordinated our entry for this event.
- b) Congratulations to Saoirse D'Arcy winner of the Cumann na mBunscol camogie skills' competition. In July, Saoirse goes forward to represent Co. Louth in the Mini-Sevens event at the All Ireland camogie semi-final in Croke Park. Best of luck Saoirse!!
- c) Art Success – Congratulations to Veronika Bogdanova who was selected as a finalist in the Heritage Ireland 2030 emoji competition. Veronika attended the awards ceremony in The National Museum in Dublin on Tuesday. She received a family heritage pass and a t-shirt with her printed emoji. Veronika's artwork will feature on The Heritage Ireland publications next year. Great work Veronika, we are very proud of you.

Celebrate A Book Day

Thank you to Mrs Gray and our SEN team who co-ordinated the activities for "Celebrate A Book Day". It was a great occasion and it was evident that parents and pupils had gone to great lengths to make fabulous creative costumes. Well done everyone! Please continue to encourage your child to read over the summer months and you might even pop into the Louth County Library who are organising a range of activities to promote reading over the summer months.

Attendance

Well done to our 53 pupils who had full attendance at school all year. This incredible attendance record was rewarded by the Parents' Association who sponsored vouchers for these wonderful attendees. Certificates of Excellence were also presented to pupils who have only missed one or two days at school this year. Our school attendance levels for May was 95.1% while our attendance for June is 89.6%!

Charitable Donations

Our sacramental classes showed great generosity of spirit by donating significant monies to charity recently. Our First Communicants generously donated €666.20 to North Louth Hospice and our Confirmandi presented Roy Taylor with a cheque for €1,000 for Research Motor Neurone at their Graduation Ceremony last night. Well done everyone!

Graduation Ceremony

Our 6th class pupils and their parents attended their Graduation Ceremony last night. The children have been a credit to the school. I thank them for the enormous contribution they have made to our school and I wish them every success in secondary school.

I extend best wishes also to those children who are transferring to new schools next year. I hope they will have fond memories of their time here with us and I wish them happiness and success in their new schools.

Intergenerational Project

Ms. Sloane's 5th class visited St. Oliver's Community Hospital on Monday last. There was sadness as they said goodbye to their elderly friends but the lessons they have learned through their involvement in this project will stay with them throughout future years. They learned to respect & appreciate others, particularly the elderly in our community. The children were a credit to the school and to their families. Thank you to the parent volunteers who accompanied us on our visits - without their support this project would not have been possible.

Thank you to Our Parents

Finally, a very special thank you to you, our parents for your loyal support for all we do here at Muire na nGael – for your encouragement & support of your child's learning & homework, your financial support for our fundraising activities, your practical support in the preparation of costumes for class shows and for Celebrate A Book Day, your assistance on school tours, your encouragement & support at the many events our pupils have been involved in. We very much appreciate your support for all we do.

Goodbye

We say a fond farewell to Eddie Conway, our lollipop man on the Avenue Road. We thank Eddie for his service to our children and their families over the last number of years and wish him a very healthy & happy retirement.

Wishing our staff, all our pupils and their families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday.

Kind Regards,
Martina Rafferty.

