

Newsletter



October 2022

Dates for Diary

- ❖ Bake Sale Friday 28th October
- ❖ Sports tops, fitting and ordering - Wednesday 12th October
- ❖ School photographer - Wednesday 12th October.
- ❖ School closure Halloween half-term - Friday 28th October.
- ❖ Math's week - 17th - 21st October.
- ❖ Parent / Teacher meetings - Week of 7th - 11th November.

- The school community are deeply saddened by the tragic events that unfolded in Creeslough on Friday past. Our thoughts and prayers are with each and every family affected. We are devastated to learn of the loss of our past pupil Leona. Leona was a beautiful, sweet gentle girl who brought much light and smiles to our school each day. Our sincere condolences to Hugh, Donna, Anthony and Jamie at this extremely difficult time. Fr Carney will be having a Prayer Service at St Mary's Chapel this evening, Tuesday 11th at 7PM.
- A warm Scoil Mhuire welcome to all our new Junior Infants and all the families that have joined us this year. Every class has settled back with ease and seem to be enjoying the routine and structure of school life. We are delighted with our new entrance and the County Council will commence work with the Safe Route to School project at the end of the year.
- Bike safety for Ms. McKelvey's class commenced on Wednesday 5th October. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to enhance their cycling skills and their bike safety knowledge. Bicycles and helmets are provided but children may bring their own.
- Please discuss the hot meal options regularly with your child & change if necessary and if your child is not eating the meals please cancel on (www.carambola.ie) or contact the school (scoilmhuireno1@gmail.com) and we can cancel from here.
- Mr. McElwaine's class will host a 'Bake Sale' on Friday 28th October in the school hall. Please feel free to drop any goodies/bakes/treats into the school for selling on the day. Proceeds will go towards the 'Brendan Friel Recovery Fund'.
- The school photographer will be in the school tomorrow, Wednesday 12th October to take Junior Infants and 6th class groups, and individual photos.
- Math's week takes place from 17th - 21st October. Children will enjoy fun and engaging MATHS activities throughout this week.

- Please ensure your child's name is clearly marked on their jumper.
- Please be vigilant with head lice. Check your child's hair regularly as we do not want this to become an issue in any class.
- School Supervision starts at 9:10AM, we ask that you do not drop off your child before this. Smart Steps run a breakfast Club should you require an early drop off.
- Scoil Mhuire sports tops will be available to fit and order on Wednesday 12th October in the school library. Cost per top is €22 and can be paid when ordering or a link will be sent on order to pay later.
- The School's Athletic Squad did us very proud at the Milford Schools Cross Country District competition, with many individual medal winners and teams qualifying for the next stage; the Donegal's. This XC event will be held in Buncrana on Thursday 20th October, with races commencing at 11AM.
- 5th and 6th class Boys & Girls soccer team did us very proud recently by representing the school at a 7-a-side Autumn Cup soccer competition.
- 1st - 6th class pupils enjoyed a fantastic Gaelic Blitz this week & last. Many thanks to Milford GAA and Christopher Barrett for organising and allowing the children to demonstrate all their Gaelic football skills.
- Senior Infants and First class enjoyed an Autumn Nature trail and lesson recently facilitated by Aengus Kennedy in association with Heritage Ireland.
- Sixth Class have Swimming lessons this term and Fifth Class will commence their lessons on Monday 24th of October.

- This year for Parent/Teacher meetings will be held the week of 7th - 11th November. We are planning a hybrid model this year; face/face or phone calls, teachers will be in touch to arrange which option you'd prefer & a time that suits.
- Please continue to be vigilant in relation to children with COVID symptoms. If your child has any symptoms, please err on the side of caution and do not send them to school.
- School will close on Friday 28th October for Halloween half-term. Children may come in non-uniform dress up on that day. The Bake-Sale Fundraiser will also take place that day.
- Currently we do not have a Parents' Association (PA) as it wasn't re-established after last year. The PA provides an opportunity for the parent body and school management to work together effectively and positively for the benefit of all the children. We would encourage that if this is something you are interested in becoming involved in, please contact the school for further information.