



We are delighted to report that the excellent progress made in Year 1 has not only been maintained but has also been further strengthened throughout Year 2. Our ongoing commitment to fostering a welcoming and engaging environment for all students has enabled us to build on the strong foundations established in the first year. Through consistent efforts, such as expanded initiatives in literacy, numeracy, and wellbeing, as well as enhanced collaboration with parents and local partners, we have continued to drive meaningful improvements. The successful implementation of key programs, such as station teaching, student recognition awards, and strengthened leadership roles, has ensured that we remain on track to meet our targets, while also adapting to the evolving needs of our school community.

### Year 2 (2023-2024) - Progress Overview

#### 1. Literacy

- **Primary Language Curriculum** continues to be implemented, with ongoing training for staff. Staff engaged with sustained support from OIDE for PLC and PMC. (Primary language and Primary maths curriculum.)
- Focused on **comprehension improvement** using the **Bridges of Understanding** programme in all classes.
- Expanded **station teaching** programs to all class levels with increased resources, including iPads and **Chromebooks**.
- Pupils Participate in peer reading once a term.

#### 2. Numeracy

- Continued the **Maths Talk** approach to consolidate math language throughout the school.
- Fun activities like the **MATHS EYES competition** were held, making numeracy more engaging for the students.

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- Staff engaged with support from OIDE and attended training days in the new PMC.
- Maths resources were kept up to date and stored centrally for easy access.

### 3. Attendance

- Continued focus on reducing the number of students missing more than 20 days, using the **Aladdin system** to monitor and communicate with parents.
- Parents contacted by phone if pupil absent more than 3 days consecutively without explanation.
- Full attendance encouraged at every opportunity.

### 4. Parental Involvement

- Increased the number of **Garda-vetted** parents to enable more participation in school events and activities.
- Creation of a Parent support group to assist with school activities and policy review where necessary.
- Continued successful initiatives like **parent volunteers** for sports, music activities, and classroom projects.

### 5. Wellbeing

- Established a **Student Council**, allowing students to have a say in school activities.
- Continued **zones of regulation** and introduced **mindfulness classes** to promote emotional well-being.
- Expanded outdoor activities, including **trips** and **hikes** to foster physical health and a connection with nature.
- Wellbeing team with teacher lead to organize wellbeing week, kindness café, dress up days etc.

### 6. Partnerships

- Strengthened ties with local businesses, seeking sponsorship for school events and involving companies in literacy and STEAM programs.
- Applied for various grants to enhance the environment of the school.
- Continued active participation in sports and community events, fostering strong relationships with local sports clubs and secondary schools.

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### 7. Leadership:

- Our leadership team will continue to strive, as always, to provide a holistic experience for our pupils, ensuring that their academic, emotional, and social development is supported.
- By focusing on creating a well-rounded environment, we aim to nurture each child's unique potential, fostering not only educational excellence but also wellbeing, creativity, and personal growth.
- We remain committed to working collaboratively with staff, parents, and the wider community to ensure that every student thrives at Scoil Mhuire

### 8.Retention:

- We will continue with the great efforts introduced in Year 1 to encourage all pupils to develop a positive attitude towards school life and foster a love for learning.
- By maintaining our focus on engaging teaching methods, recognition of achievements, and a supportive school environment, we aim to inspire our students to embrace education wholeheartedly and become lifelong learners.
- Our goal is to ensure that every child sees school as a place of opportunity, growth, and excitement for the future

### Looking Ahead

It's through our combined efforts that we've been able to make such great progress in creating a positive, inclusive, and thriving environment for our students. Your commitment to the school and your children's education has truly made our goals achievable.

Thank you once again for being such an important part of our school community. We look forward to continuing this journey together, building on our successes and creating even more opportunities for our students to grow and succeed. As we move forward into the next academic year, we will continue to build on the successes of our DEIS plan and ensure that our students receive the support they need to succeed both academically and personally. We look forward to your continued support as we work together for the benefit of all our pupils.

Thank you for your involvement and partnership with us over the past two years.

Staff of Scoil Mhuire