

# Scoil Mhuire Community School, Clane Summer Newsletter 2023

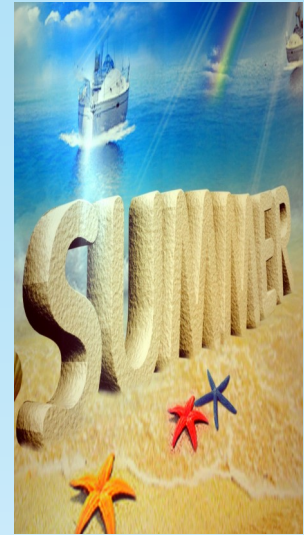


Another school year is coming to an end and what a busy year it has been. It was fantastic that covid restrictions were removed and the school was back to normal. This meant full steam ahead for everything including extra-curricular activities. Students represented the school in many arenas with great honour and commitment. I would like to thank the teachers who gave up their time to train and prepare all the school teams and who facilitated student participation in so many different events, tours, concerts and competitions during the year. There were many school trips, a brilliant school play, displays of wonderful student talent and lots of fun throughout the year. A special word of thanks to Mr Scully who facilitated the smooth running of the extra-curricular activities. The school is a very busy place and sometimes I wonder how teaching and learning fits in. But, it does fit in and I would like to wish the 3rd and 6th years the very best in the examinations.

May you all have a peaceful and restful summer. **Padraig Nolan, Principal**

## 5th Year Drama Production of The Mousetrap

The talented 5th yr drama group gave us two nights of superb entertainment with their production of The Mousetrap. Many months of hard graft resulted in a fantastic production by every one of the cast. Thank you also to the teachers and backstage crews without whom the play could not have come to the stage at such a high level of perfection.



We wish all our exam students every success and a safe and relaxing Summer break to the entire school community.

We look forward to welcoming our new First Years to Scoil Mhuire in late August.

### Remembrance Mass

We gathered a few weeks ago for our Remembrance Mass. It is a treasured event in our school year for all our bereaved families. Thank you to Mr. Kavanagh for organising the mass, the school musicians and choir for the music and to Fr. Paul for officiating.



### Parents Association

Thank you to the Parents Association for their continued support during the year.

## The Success of The Learning Hub

The new initiative the Learning Hub has gone from strength to strength this year. Peer learning and mentoring is at the heart of The Learning Hub where students share their knowledge and skills with other students. This initiative is aimed at maximising student potential and achievement.

Apart from the Leaders sharing their expertise in the areas of Maths, Irish and Study Skills, some of the highlights of the initiative to date include : Taylor Mooney and Fintan Agnew delivering an interesting and informative presentation on how to balance their sporting commitments with their studies, Lavinia Waldron and Hannah Donohue exhibiting their musical talents, the Marshmallow challenge, Bingo through Irish, team quizzes and finally let's not forget Mr. Scully showcasing his impressive dance moves during the Cha Cha slide through Irish for Seachtain na Gaeilge.

Following the final teach/meet session of this academic year, a comprehensive survey was distributed to all the stakeholders of the initiative including parents, learners and leaders. The results of the survey will ensure that The Learning Hub will be even more successful for next year.

**The Homework Club** was successfully launched in January 2023. Both first and second year students were invited to attend. A team of dedicated fifth year students were present to offer support and guidance in completing homework.

In addition, **The Digital Hub** was launched in February 2023. This hub provides an opportunity to first and second year students to upskill and develop their I.T. skills under the leadership and direction of fifth year students.



## SCIFEST 2023



Three transition year students took part in the Scifest @College competition at TU Tallaght on May 4th. Lily McCarthy Flood, Katie Rose Gill and Darragh Whelan took part in the competition with their project 'Period Predicament' in which they researched the perceived knowledge versus the actual knowledge that young people have about the topic of periods and assessed the impact this has on the stigma surrounding discussing the topic. They surveyed a large sample of the school population and analysed the data that they collected. They exhibited their project with around 1500 other schools in the Scifest@College competition held around the country. Lily, Darragh and Katie Rose worked hard on their project for Scifest as well as being on the reserve list to exhibit in the BT Young Scientist Competition this year. Well done to all three students.

## Breakfast Club



We are delighted that the Breakfast club has continued to operate this year after the hugely successful fundraiser in December - the Christmas concert. This has allowed the Breakfast Club to provide nutritious breakfasts to those who need it. A big thank you to all the student volunteers who have assisted the teachers in running the club this year.



*CAO - Reminder to parents to please assist your 6th year students with a final check of course choice lists - in order of preference - before Change of Mind closes on July 1st*

*Students can also still apply directly on-line for PLC courses*



## 1st yr Boys Soccer

The first year boys soccer team have had a great season. They reached the semi final of the Leinster Boys Cup where they were very unlucky to lose to St Benilda's College. Over 100 schools entered this competition and the boys were victorious in 5 rounds en route to the semi final. They defeated De Le Salle College, Kingwood Community College, Marist College Athlone, St Mel's College and Ratoath Community School.

They also reached the semi final of the Midlands League where they lost narrowly to Patrician Secondary School Newbridge. They defeated Portlaoise CBS and drew with Maynooth PP and Naas CBS. Great credit has to go to Ollie Reilly and Oisín Hand from transition year who coached and guided the boys through each game.

Panel: Joe Crotty, George Reilly, Ashton Kelly, Sean Carr, Finn McCarthy, Dylan Brereton, Emmanuel Adesina, Sean Onwere, David Tataru, Kachi Okereke, Aidan Tobin, Calvin Featherstone, Daithí Fitzpatrick, Ollie Behan, Cillian Delaney, Logan Tennyson, Devin Gallen, Conor Bagnall, Ryan Mangan, Tony Andrews, Jack Ryan, Noah Mulligan, Aidan Whelan, Fergus Dunne, Ryan Lenehan, Freddy Heffernan.

Our other teams are also going well to date. The Under 15 team defeated Maynooth 5-0 to advance to the knockout stages of the midlands league. Both the Under 17 and Under 19 teams are still in contention in their competitions which will continue in January.





## SPORTS

### U17 Cap for Taylor

**Congratulations to 5th yr student Taylor Mooney who has been capped for Ireland and is currently in Hungary playing on the U17 Irish soccer squad.**



*Congratulations to all our students who have participated in different sporting events this year on behalf of the school, we have had many successes and of course some disappointments too.*

### **Under 20 All Ireland Success**

We welcomed back All Ireland U20 team members and past students Darragh Swords, Ryan Burke, Oisín O'Sullivan and Adam Fanning to the school last Friday. A large group of students and staff gathered on the main pitch to greet and congratulate the lads on their success.

### **Athletics**

Special mention goes to Sarah Millea 6th yr who will leave Scoil Mhuire this year. Sarah has had a hugely successful athletics career to date running at 100m & 200m & she has been a great example of how to manage her sport and her studies. We wish Sarah well and look forward to hearing of great achievements in the future.



**Good wishes for the All Ireland Competitions**

**Best of Luck to Alex Heaney, Conor Walsh and Sarah Millea who will compete in the All Irelands this Saturday for Scoil Mhuire.**



## South Leinster Athletics Meet - 31 Participants and 11 medals won

Sarah Millea 6<sup>th</sup> Year - Gold in the U19 100m and 200m

Jordan Erhabor 5<sup>th</sup> Year - Bronze in the U17 200m and Silver in the 100m

Conor Walsh - 5<sup>th</sup> Year - Gold in the U19 Javelin

Garce O'Brien 5<sup>th</sup> Year - Silver in the 80m Hurdles

Billy Kelly TY - Bronze in U17 1500m

Dylan Heffernan TY- Silver in 400m U17 Hurdles

Alex Heaney 3<sup>rd</sup> Year - Silver in the U17 High Jump

Hana-Louisa Erhabor 2<sup>nd</sup> Year - Bronze in U15 100m

Hannah McBride 1<sup>st</sup> Year - Gold in Shotput - Congratulations to all the athletes.



## Academic Success for our Past Student

Congratulations to past student Dearbhla O' Regan who was announced as Trinity Scholar this year.

## Donal Walsh Anniversary Mass

Mr. Kavanagh took a group of students to Knock for the Donal Walsh anniversary mass and had a great day.



## Board Games Club

The Board Games club has been a huge hit at lunchtimes this year and hopefully it will continue to grow next term.



*Transition Year students visited Maynooth University and*

*Dunboyne College of Further Education in February as part of their Careers modules*

## Jellyfish in Jeopardy

Ceris Wynne, Katie Heffernan and Jessica Keogh's entry to Junk Kouture made it to the All Ireland final this year. Plastic bottles, lids, plastic bags, old curtain fabric and old fairy lights were used to make the dress which was one of 80 out of 1200 entries to make it to the final. Well done to all entrants.



## Wishing Swimmer Matthew every success in the future

We say goodbye to another of our sixth year students - Matthew Walsh Hussey who is a member of the National Swimming Squad and who has qualified for the Europeans U23. Matthew swims the 100meters free-style. Throughout his time in school, Matthew has managed his training alongside his studies and is a wonderful role model to younger students. We wish Matthew well in what will no doubt be a very successful future.



## Multicultural Week 2023

We had a super celebration of the 31 nationalities and cultures represented among the student body in Scoil Mhuire last month.

During the week, the halls were decked with flags of the countries and there were daily events including dance, calligraphy and music classes culminating on Friday with a huge 'Display of Cultures' event in the assembly. Students brought in food, books and information and the student population filtered through asking and learning. The final event was a Colour Run on the pitch which was a fun end to a great week. Congratulations to everyone involved for all the hard work in organising the week.



## Training Day for in-coming Prefects

Ms. Farrell, Ms. Deschenes and Mr. Breslin spent a morning training with the in-coming prefects for 2023-2024 which was followed by a lunch to welcome the students to their new roles. We wish them every success next year. The prefects are Fergal McKennedy, Roisin McCormack, Cliona Lawlor, Beibhinn Hughes, Emma Lynch, Jack Kelly, Donal Fitzpatrick, Matthew Kennedy, Sarah Crowe, Caitlin Brennan, Rachel Murray, Robin Whitston, Eoghan McCrystal, Martha Perris, Meabh Maguire, Taylor Mooney, Adirano Cichos, Niamh Bartley and Divine Jacob.



Thank you to the outgoing prefects for taking their roles seriously and working so hard on behalf of the school this year.

## Intel and Pfizer career talks.

It was great to welcome back past students Anthony Killally and Donal Martin Intel employees who came in to give a presentation on career opportunities in Intel in January and in March four Pfizer employees gave a talk on apprenticeship opportunities in Pfizer. Both talks were very well attended.





## Graduation 2023

On Wed 24th Graduation took place for the Class of 2023 with a prayer service led by Fr. Paul and wonderful music & song by the 6th yr musicians and singers. Speeches from Mr. O Donohue – parent, Mr. Dunne, Year Head, Enda Keane, Head Prefect and Mr. Nolan as well as the Memories Video clips! all added to the sense of celebration and nostalgia on a lovely evening.

We wish our 6th yrs every success first in their exams and of course as they move out into the world.

Best of luck to you all and do stay in touch.



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Ar an ochtú lá de Bhealtaine, chuaigh daltaí na hIdirbhliana go Coláiste Acla i gContae Mhuigheo. Tar éis turas fada ar an mbus shroiche-amar Dumha Éige. Bhí anraith agus ceapairí againn don lón. Tar éis an lóin, chuamar ag léim aillte isteach san fharrage. Bhí sé an-fhuar ach bhí a lán spraoi againn. Sa tráthnóna chuamar go dtí na tithe. Bhí na mná tí go hálainn agus bhí an bia an bhlásta. Tar éis an dinnéir, chuamar ar ais go dtí an Coláiste don cheili. Bhí sé an-chraic agus bhí tuirseach ar ghach duine.

Maidin Dé Máirt chuamar ar shiúlóid cois na haillte. Bhí an aimsir go hálainn agus bhí an radharc tíre go deas. San iaróin chuamar ag snorcallú sa phortach. Bhí sé an-láibeach agus bhí boladh uafásach as. Bhí sé an-spraoi mar sin féin!

Maidin dé Céadaoin d'éiríomar go luath chun pacáil agus nuair a bhíomar críochnaithe chuamar ag surfáil. Bhí an uisce an fhuar agus bhí an surfáil dúshlánach ach siamsúil. Ar an iomlán, bhí an turas thar a bheith spraoi! Bhí am iontach againn agus ba bhreá linn dul ar ais lá éigin.

Lily McCarthy-Flood (TY E)





## AWARDS CEREMONIES 2023

Junior and Senior Award ceremonies were held last week. All Ireland Camogie player and media star Anna Geary was our guest speaker for the Senior ceremony. Anna gave a very inspiring talk and her main message for the students was to focus on the connections we make with people along life's road and to give just 1% - 15mins of each day to something important to us.

We also welcomed and awarded a place in our Scoil Mhuire Hall of Fame to past student Dr. Sheelagh Brady who encouraged the students to grasp every opportunity life offers as we do not know where those opportunities may take us. Sheelagh also said we do not need always to take the direct route to a career goal but sometimes the side routes can be more interesting and more fruitful for us.

Winners included:

Principal's Award winner: Keeley O'Donovan 6th yr

Deputy Principal's Award winner: Enda Keane 6th yr

Peter McCreery Award for Best 6th yr student winner: Hannah O Donoghue 6th yr

Bryan Sammon Senior Merit Award Winner: Zack Hodgkiss 6th yr.

Cathy Walsh Award for Best Junior Students Winner: Neil Vizzard 3rd yr.

