
Scoil Mhuire, Barntown

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It is hard to believe that we have already reached the Halloween Break. Well done to all the pupils on their hard work so far this term. Keep it up! On behalf of all the staff, we wish you all a lovely midterm break. Oíche Shamhna Shona daoibh go léir!

Rackard League

In the girls' competition we played against St Martin's in their pitch on Monday the 14th of Oct. It was a close game but unfortunately it did not go our way with the Martin's winning by a narrow score. Our next game is against Horeswood after the midterm.

The boys' team played against Oulart last week, having faced Castlebridge the week before that. Despite a strong second half we lost by two points. Thanks to all our supporters and all the trainers; Ms Ryan, Ms Barrett, Ms Kehoe and Ms Eustace and Mr Cadogan, Mr Walsh and Willie.

Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Leaflets were sent home in the schoolbags last Monday. The Students' Council spoke to all the pupils at last Friday's assembly in relation to the shoebox appeal and we will be accepting shoeboxes until *Wednesday the 13th of November*. Thanks in advance for your support.



Concern Primary Debating Competition

This year our school is taking part in the Primary School Debating Competition. Our first debate will take place on Friday the 8th of November against the Mercy school. The motion is '*Primary School children should be banned from owning a mobile phone.*' Do you agree? The sixth class have started preparing for the debate and we wish them the very best of luck in the competition.

Senior Infants



Senior Infants made their own báirín breac for Halloween. Each child added a Halloween wish into the breac and we think this gave the breac an extra special taste as it was delicious!

Maith sibh!



Dates for your diary

Thursday, 24th October

All children are invited to come to school dressed up for Halloween.

However, we ask that children leave the swords, spears, guns etc. at home!

Thank you

Friday, 25th October

School Closure for staff in-service in Primary Language Curriculum

Monday, 4th November

School Re-opens

Wed, 13th November

Sing Out Loud Concert
(5th & 6th Classes)

Aladdin Connect

This week we started using Aladdin Connect. Please note that when you download the app please keep notifications switched on to ensure that you receive all messages from the school. If you have any difficulties please contact us.

Green Schools' Committee

The following children have been elected onto the Green Schools Committee for this school year; 2nd: Harry Curtis, Aoife Furlong & Eoin Deegan, 3rd: Erin McDonald, Millie McGuire & Charlie Doran, 4th: Joshua Harpur & Sarah Louise Doyle, 4th: Tess O'Toole & Emily O'Keefe and in 6th: Stephen Connaughton & Sophie Kelly. We are in the first year of a 2 year cycle which will focus on Global Citizenship. We wish them the best of luck with their endeavours.

Parents' Association

Thanks to the parents who attended the AGM on Monday the 14th of October. The PA had organised a speaker on the night, Sharon from the National Parents' Council, who spoke on the topic of Bullying. It was very informative with lots of ideas for us all. The Cash for Clobber raised €520 so thank you to all who donated bags. A second one will be run in springtime.

Reminder re Carpark and Set-Down Area

The set-down areas are currently used for children in Suaimhneas classes 1 and 2 only. We ask all other parents to use the carpark and appreciate your co-operation with this for all our pupils' safety.

Board of Management Elections

Letters went home to each household last week in relation to the election of Parents' Nominees onto the Board of Management. This is the first of three letters that will be sent home. This letter asks for parents to consent to their name being circulated for the purpose of nomination. Please return the consent form by tomorrow.

Third Class Trip to Rosslare, 22nd October 2019



Thanks to the parents of Amelia and Aoibhe in 3rd class who kindly organised the trip to Rosslare yesterday, a great day was had with some of the children saying it was the best school trip ever!

Blessing of Bulbs

Parishioners at Barntown are invited to attend at the 'Blessing of Bulbs' during Masses on **Saturday 2nd** and **Sunday 3rd November 2019**.

It is hoped to sow the bulbs (daffodils) in the church grounds later that week. During school time some of the classes will be involved in planting the bulbs.

Each family is asked to pick a bulb at the church porch in memory of a deceased friend or relative.

During mass the children present will be invited to bring the bulbs to the altar.

Other parishioners are then asked to place the bulb in a basket at the altar as Mass concludes.

As November is the month traditionally associated with the dead, this initiative affirms our belief in everlasting life for ourselves and our loved ones and it draws attention to 'our common home' - the earth - which we are asked to love and tend carefully.

Remembering the dead, caring for our environment & cherishing local beauty.