

Scoil Mhuire, Barntown



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We are all looking forward to welcoming our pupils back to school tomorrow. We hope that you all enjoyed the week off and had a chance to rest and recharge the batteries for the next term.

Covid19

Please ensure that you keep yourself up to date with the latest information in relation to Covid19 and know the symptoms. All information can be found by clicking the link below:
<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/preventing-the-spread/keep-your-child-home/>

Remember if your child displays any symptoms, do not send them to school and ring your GP to seek advice. If your child develops symptoms while in school, you will be contacted and asked to collect them as soon as is possible.

Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal



Leaflets were sent home in the schoolbags before midterm and the final day for sending back filled shoeboxes is this coming Friday, the 5th of November. Thanks in advance for your support and generosity.

Trips to Ballycross

Apple Farm

Our infant classes travelled to Ballycross Apple Farm on Thursday the 7th of October while 1st and 2nd classes travelled there on the 21st of October. Well done to everyone on having a great day out! A word of thanks also to all the children who came to school dressed up on the final day of term.



Attendance

Please ensure that you keep your child's attendance record up to date through Aladdin.

You can enter details of a planned absence for your child into Aladdin.

You can also alert the class teacher if your child will be late to school or if your child is going to be collected during the school day.

Please click on the link below for further information and instructions.

<https://aladdin.ie/files/pdf/AttendanceNotes.pdf>

Ventilation

Keeping our school and classrooms ventilated is a key strategy in protecting us all from the spread of Covid19.

Even with the heating on your children could feel cold, so an extra layer, fleece or bodywarmer may be necessary this term.

Please remember to label all your child's belongings.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the boys and girls in third class who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday the 16th of October. Thanks to Fr Carroll for the lovely ceremony and to Ms. Sarah Furlong, Mr. Tony Cleary and Ms. Ann Stamp for all their work in creating a memorable day for the pupils and their families. A word of appreciation to Barntown Heritage Group and Paul Brazzill for streaming the ceremony, allowing families and friends at home to join in.



Science Week 2021

National Science Week takes place from the 7th – 14th of November. Details of Wexford Science Festival can be found by clicking here:

<https://wexfordsciencefestival.ie/about/>

Last year our school was awarded the Discover Primary Science Award for our achievements in this curricular area, and we look forward to promoting this important subject again this year.

Parents' Association

It has been extremely challenging for the Parents' Association to plan activities over the past 18 months and I would like to thank the committee members for their support. The Parents' Association is hoping to hold their AGM in the coming weeks. Further information will be sent out sooner to the date in relation to Covid19 procedures.

Reminder Safety in the Carpark



We appeal to all parents to drive with caution and park safely in the carpark. Our school has over 285 pupils and even with the staggered times the carpark is quite busy. Please encourage your child to walk on the footpaths in the carpark and to take their time. Several children cycle to school, please ensure their safety by driving slowly while passing them. Thank you for your cooperation.

October Handwriting Award Winners



Congratulations to the following children who received certificates and trophies for the great standard of handwriting that they achieved in October.

Senior Infants

Hugo Guilmartin & James Barron

First Class

Killian Whelan & Ellen O'Flynn

First/Second Class

Lucy Furlong & Leo Brady

Second Class

Paddy Stafford & Ava McCormack

Third Class

Katie O'Byrne & Anna Isdell

Fourth Class

Sam Breslin & Ruairí Boyce

Fourth/Fifth Class

Niamh Lynch & Eoin Deegan

Fifth Class

Millie McGuire & Aisling Enright

Sixth Class

Kate Bracken & Joshua Harpur

