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# Scoil Mhuire, Barntown

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## September 2019 - Part 2

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Congratulations to all our Junior Infants who are settling into school so well. The photograph below shows the infants reading with their buddies from Sixth class in our beautiful school library.



### Go with the Flow – new handwriting scheme

You will have noticed that your child is using a different handwriting book this year. Go with the Flow is a handwriting scheme that enables the introduction of cursive writing from the beginning. Research indicates that cursive writing improves speed of writing, enhances spelling ability and can help prevent reversal of letters for young children.

### Morning Supervision

Please note supervision in the yard begins at 9:10am. Please do not send your child to school before this time as they will be unattended in the yard.

### Aladdin Connect

Yesterday letters were sent home in relation to the Aladdin App Connect. We use Aladdin as our database, to collect monies through epayments and to send texts to our parents. The Aladdin Connect App allows for more effective communication as described in the letter you received yesterday. We hope to have Connect up and running in the next few weeks.



### Dates for your diary

#### **Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

We hope to welcome the Mark Fanning, Wexford goalkeeper and past pupil with the Bob O'Keefe Cup to our school – All pupils and staff invited to wear **Purple & Gold**

#### **Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> October @11:15am**

Enrolment Mass for children celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion

#### **Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> October @7:30pm**

Parents' Association AGM in school hall

#### **Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> October @11:15am**

Enrolment Mass for children celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation

## Sing out Loud

Best of luck to the boys and girls in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class who are rehearsing for the upcoming Sing Out Loud Concert which will be held in the National Opera House in November.



This will be the second time that our school has taken part in the great event. Mr. Cleary's fifth class gave us a sneak preview with a medley of Queen Songs at last Friday's assembly.

## Mini Sevens

Despite some great skills and bravery displayed on the pitch last Friday our girls' football team were defeated in the first round of the Mini Sevens football Competition.



The boys' team played yesterday; winning comfortably against the Mercy School, John's Road but unfortunately losing their second match to Piercestown NS.

In the Rackard League competition the girls' team travel to Hollymount for their first match- *Go n-éirí and t-ádh libh, a cháilíní!*

**Hurling365** started this week and boys and girls turned up in great numbers which was great to see. A word of thanks to all the teachers who volunteer to give up their time each morning to support our young hurlers.

## Parents' Association AGM

The Parents' Association will hold their AGM on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of October, we encourage all parents to attend.

## 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

The term for the current Board of Management is coming to an end and new Boards of Management will be formed for all primary schools by the 1st of December.

All Boards of Management consist of 8 members and are responsible for the running of the school in line with relevant legislation and circulars from the Department of Education and Skills.

The Board of Management acts on a local level on behalf of our Patron, the Bishop of Ferns.

On every Board of Management there are two parents' nominees; a father and a mother who are elected by the parents and guardians of the pupils in the school

This process will begin in a few weeks' time and further information will be sent closer to the time.

A word of thanks to the members of the current Board of Management for all the work they do behind the scenes for the benefit of all out pupils and their families.