

Scoil Mhuire, Barntown

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A huge well done to our new pupils on their great start to this school year. We have 37 Junior Infants altogether, 5 children in our Early Intervention Class and 9 children who joined other classes. All the school staff join with me in wishing them the very best as they join our school community.

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/symptoms/symptoms-child/>

Remember if your child displays any symptoms, do not send them to school. Ring your GP to seek advice. Thank you.

Handwriting Awards - September

Congratulations to the following children who received Handwriting Awards for Most Improved and Best Handwriting for the month of September. Senior Infants: Pippa O'Loughlin & Róisín Brady, 1st: Henry Grant & Eva Long, 1st/2nd: Matthew Reynolds & Hannah Guilmartin, 2nd: Ruby Nugent & Dara Halpenny, 3rd: Ava Lily Murphy & Róisín Murphy, 4th: Ronan Conlon & Aoife Furlong, 4th/5th: Imogen Wickham & Aoibhe Donlon, 5th: Joey Connolly & Ian Mooney, 6th: Seán Donegan & Clodagh Roche. Comhghairdeas libh go léir!

September Artwork

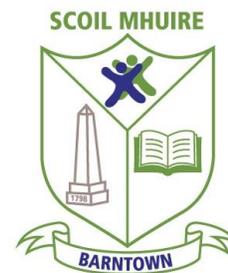
Please click on the link below to enjoy some of the beautiful artwork completed by our pupils in the month of September.

<https://www.barntownns.ie/principals-newsletter.html>

New Interactive Panels



With funding from the ICT grant paid by the Department of Education, along with your support of fundraising by the Parents' Association last year we were able to replace four of our interactive boards and old projectors this September with new interactive panels. These are a very welcome addition to the classrooms and support teaching and learning across all areas of the curriculum.



Office Hours

The office hours are from 9:00–12:00 and 12:30pm – 3:00pm.

If you wish to speak with your child's teacher, please ring the office on

053-9120376

or email;

info@barntownns.ie

Aladdin



Please ensure all your contact details are up to date on your child's Aladdin page.

Aladdin is used for attendance, epayments, permissions, homework and general school notices.

If you have any difficulties with your Aladdin account, please contact the school office.

European Schools Sports Day

On Friday the 24th of September classes completed different sporting activities to join with schools across Europe in celebrating Schools Sports Day. Some of the older classes had some 'Take on the teacher' challenges with fierce determination on display from both pupils and teachers. Last year we signed up for the Active Flag programme and more activities are being planned for the entire school year.

Zoom Assemblies

Unfortunately this year we cannot hold our Friday assemblies in the hall. However each Friday we hold assembly via Zoom. My thanks to the classes who have prepared fantastic video presentations for us to enjoy. Mr Cadogan's Rang a Sé presented a great video on light and colour, Mr Walsh's class shared sporting ideas for European Schools Sports Day and last Friday Ms Tierney's Rang a Cúig had a great video on European countries, languages, food and culture.

Bike Shelters and Racks



Two new bike shelters and racks were recently installed at the front of the school hall. We are delighted with this new addition to our facilities which will keep our cyclists bikes dry! The installation and shelters were fully funded by An Taisce who operate the Green Schools' Flag programme. Please be mindful of any pupils who cycle to school.

Safety in the Carpark

We remind all parents to drive with caution and park safely in the carpark. Do not simply stop and let your children out without parking properly. This is causing a delay to cars entering the church carpark. Our school has over 285 pupils and even with the staggered times the carpark is busy. Please encourage your child to walk on the footpaths in the carpark.

Voluntary Contribution

The voluntary contribution goes towards the purchasing of additional classroom resources and the Board of Management is extremely grateful to all parents who have supported the school through the voluntary contribution.

Parents' Association

Our school have been fortunate over the years to have a dynamic Parents' Association and they undertake tremendous work to enhance the pupils' enjoyment and learning in school. If anyone is interested in helping out with the PA please contact Nicola Wildes on 087-6422359

Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion

On Saturday the 18th of September we were delighted to welcome back our graduating Class of 2021 to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation which had been postponed.

Thank you to their teachers, Mr Cadogan and Mr Barron for their work in preparing the children for the ceremony and to Ms Stamp for the musical direction.



On Saturday the 16th of October we look forward to the children in 3rd class celebrating their First Holy Communion. My thanks to their teacher Mr Cleary, Ms Furlong, who taught the class last year and Ms Stamp for the preparations so far.



Wishing all their families a lovely day of celebration.