



SCOIL EOGHAIN, MOVILLE



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(Oct '22)

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Welcome to the October newsletter. We would firstly like to welcome the Junior Infant pupils, pupils who have come from other countries and the pupils who have joined from other schools in the area. Listed below is some information together with a number of events and dates that will be of importance in the forthcoming weeks.

Mid-Term Break

The school will close for the mid-term break at 2.55 pm on Friday 28th October 2022 and will re-open on Monday 7th November 2022.

Dressing up for Halloween

The children are invited to dress up in their Halloween costumes on Friday 28th October. Please note: the children participating in PE should wear suitable footwear and non-restrictive costumes.

Halloween Disco

The Parents' Association are holding a Halloween Disco this Friday the 28th October 2022 from 7.00 pm until 8.30 pm in Scoil Eoghain. It is imperative that all children under the age of 8 are accompanied by an adult during this time. Children must be picked up at 8.30 pm sharp.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

These will take place on the 29th November and 1st December. You will be able to book your meeting time through the Aladdin App after the Halloween holidays.

Swimming Lessons

The 3rd and 4th class pupils have commenced their 10 week swimming lessons in Foyle Arena, Derry. They are making fantastic progress. Well done!

Drama

The 6th class pupils have commenced Drama lessons. They are receiving instruction from the Balor Arts Centre. These lessons will take place over a 6 week period.

All other classes will commence Drama lessons after the Halloween break. They will also receive instruction from the Balor Arts Centre over a 6 week period.

Balor Image Consent forms were given to each child on Monday 24th October, if you have not already returned the completed consent form, please ensure you do so before Friday 28th October.

Boys Football

The boy's football has commenced. They are putting in a brilliant effort and have earned some well-deserved results. Well done to the boys in 5th & 6th class.

Cycle Right

The 6th class pupils will be participating in a 4 week Cycle Safety Training course which is being facilitated by Cycling Ireland. This will take place during school hours commencing on 8th November 2022.

Creative Writing

The 4th and 5th class pupils will be participating in 6 Creative Writing workshops. They will be receiving instruction from The Write Stuff. This will take place during school hours commencing on 9th November 2022.

New Beginnings

The 4th class pupils will be taking part in 4 Mindfulness and Wellbeing workshops. They will be receiving instruction from New Beginnings. These will take place in November during school hours.

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics)

The 6th class pupils are taking part in the STEAM project. This will take place over a 6 week period commencing 7th November 2022. They will be receiving instruction from Spraoi agus Sport.

Inishowen Regional Schools Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who participated in the Cross-Country Championships. Well done! A special mentioned to our medal winners and also to Nicole, Noah and Ellen who went through to the County Final with Ellen winning a medal there as well.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place in St. Pius X Church, Moville on Saturday 13th May at 12.00 noon.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in St. Pius X Church, Moville on Saturday 25th March at 12.00 noon.

Home School Community Liaison (HSCL)

The Junior Infants pupils together with their Parents/Guardians will be taking part in "Storey-Time online". More details to follow.

The Senior Infant pupils together with their families will be taking part in Jigsaw Fun-Time. More details to follow.

If you have not already taken part in the Survey for courses on Aladdin, please do so before Friday 28th October. Please ensure you check Aladdin as details of upcoming courses and courses in the community will be advertised.

Christmas Concert

It has been a while since our last performance. We will be putting together a concert this year involving the entire school. There will be two performances taking place and are on the following dates - Thursday 15th December at 12.30 pm and Friday 16th December at 10.00 am. We look forward to seeing you all.

Christmas Surprises

We hope to have a few festive fun days organised for all the classes. These will take place on the days leading up to the Christmas holidays. The 5th & 6th class pupils will be going on a trip on Monday 19th December "Oh yes they will". Details of all the events leading up to Christmas will follow closer to the time.

Attendance for September

Attendance for September is 94.9%. Attendance for October is 95.5%. Remember every day counts! Well done to all those with good attendance and punctuality.

Uniform/Timekeeping

Both of these have been to a very high standard since the year has begun and we commend all the boys and girls and of course the parents! Keep it up.

Arrival & Collection Times

Parents are requested not to drop off children prior to 9.00 am in the mornings. Children arriving before this time are not insured or supervised and are also exposed to the elements of inclement weather.

Please also ensure that children are collected from the school no later than 2.55 pm. We would like to remind parents to be mindful of the one-way system for dropping children off and for picking up. In the interest of health and safety, please refrain from parking on the path and area immediately in front of the school gates and also be vigilant of children crossing in front of and behind vehicles.

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Liam McDermott

SCOIL EOGHAIN CLASSROOM UPDATE

Here are a few updates from the classrooms for the first term.

Junior Infants

The Junior Infants have settled in really well to Scoil Eoghain. So far, we have had fun making play dough and jelly and learning all out Autumn. We are working hard on learning our phonics and getting ready to read!

Senior Infants

We have settled in really well and welcome Artem to our class. We are busy with our Halloween Art and learning about Autumn. We are also preparing an Irish and English poem for assembly on Friday.

First class A

We have been working hard this term and having lots of fun. We have done wonderful Halloween art, made 3D houses for Maths Week, and learnt lots of new songs.

We have been working hard on our handwriting and our teacher has seen big improvements. A lovely, new friend has joined the class from Ukraine, Dominik and everyone has been very welcoming and helpful. Staying until 3 o'clock has been new to First Class but they have done brilliantly, and our teacher is very proud. The two First Classes have done some PE lessons together and went on a nature walk. We are looking forward to the new term and all the fun activities and busyness that will entail. We are looking forward to team building activities and drama lessons with Balor after Halloween. Well done everyone and keep up the great work!

First Class B

We have welcomed three new friends from Ukraine: Yana, Mykyta and Ostap. We are having lots of fun getting to know our new friends and helping them learn English. Last week was maths week. We went on a maths trail in the school playground finding 2D shapes and counting various things. We played lots of new maths games. During the first term we went on a lovely nature walk with our friends from First Class A. We collected leaves and spotted all the sign of Autumn around us. This week during Art class we have been making Halloween masks, drawing pumpkins and bats. We are very excited for Halloween, especially the Halloween Disco!

Second class

We have settled in great to the new school year and we are enjoying having our classroom upstairs this year. In Maths, we have been learning about data handling. We enjoyed carrying out surveys in other classrooms and making graphs to show the information we've gathered. We have also been learning how to use the Chromebooks this month and we loved using them to find out information on Orcas to help us with our report writing. In Geography, we are learning about castles and we made our own castles out of Lego. Our Halloween art is brightening up the hallway upstairs and adding to our decorations this year. After Halloween, we are looking forward to taking part in this year's Readathon.

3rd Class

We are off to a great start this year. We are working very hard and having great fun. We would like to welcome Ellie and Sofia to the class. We are especially excited as we started multiplication in maths in week. We are also working on some spooky narratives. We enjoyed discovering all about the Stone Age, producing brilliant reports and fantastic cave paintings in art. It has been amazing to see the progress the children are making on a weekly basis during swimming lessons. We are really looking forward to the remainder of the term.

4th Class

We have had a very busy term so far! Everyone has settled back into the school routines. We would like to welcome Lina, Solomia and Clodagh to our class. The boys and girls in Fourth Class have shown excellent leadership in class, taking turns weekly to be the team captains at their group, as well as being members on the Student Council. We are learning lots of Gaeilge and using 'Gaeilge neamhfhoirmiuil' (informal Irish) throughout the school day. Our aquatics programme is going swimmingly in The Foyle Arena each Tuesday. The students have made fantastic progress with their confidence in the water and their swimming skills. We have several fantastic athletes in our class who have achieved sporting successes already this year. A fantastic achievement for Scoil Eoghain! The students are working on their digital literacy skills when using Chromebooks and recently wrote their own reports about native Irish mammals. We look forward to more fantastic learning experiences during the remainder of the term!

5th Class

We would like to welcome Vlad and Mary to our class. We have been learning the counties of Ireland by province each week. We had great fun creating mnemonics in class to help us remember the counties. To celebrate finishing this topic we dressed up in county colours, we even had colours from Meath, Limerick, Dublin, Derry, Kerry and Laois. In History we learned about Leonardo Da Vinci and we tried to recreate the Mona Lisa from our own perspective.

We have also been learning how to 'Code' using a website called 'Scratch' on the Google Chromebooks. We took part in an international 'World Space Week Codealong' session on Google Meet with classes from Ireland, the UK and there was even a class from the USA taking part too!

Mrs O'Sullivan is hoping to start a lunchtime or afterschool 'Code Club' next term. Spaces will be offered to 3rd + 4th classes initially. Some pupils from 5th class will be leading the learning and supporting the younger pupils during the club. More information will be sent home at the beginning of next term.

6th Class A

We are off to a great start this year. Everyone has settled back in very well. We gave a very big Scoil Eoghain welcome to two new pupils this year; Dymyrii and Nikita. The boys have been a wonderful addition to our class. We are enjoying working with and getting to know them.

I am really enjoying my year with Sixth Class. The boys and girls have shown wonderful leadership and great example so far this year. We have been working hard and having lots of fun too. We've been working on recount and narrative writing in English as well as lots of oral Irish. As the seanfhocal says 'Beatha teanga í a labhairt'. We have created some spooky chromatography in art as well as learning all about the respiratory and skeletal systems in science. I look forward to seeing the continued progress made by the boys and girls of Sixth Class during their final year in Scoil Eoghain.

6th Class B

I am very proud of how everyone has settled back into their final year after the Summer holidays. We have been working really hard since the beginning of the year and have earned big class rewards. We have been working really hard in all subject areas. We are really enjoying our Drama sessions with Balor. In Arts and Music we have created some amazing "Spooktacular" designs while listening to Halloween inspired music. We have started to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation and are looking forward to a great year ahead.



