

SCOIL EOGHAIN, MOVILLE

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(Nov. '13)

A chairde,

Welcome to the November newsletter. With less than five weeks to the Christmas holidays, here are a few updates and quick reminders to help this extremely busy period in the school year to run efficiently for everyone.

Christmas Carol Service

The boys and girls of Scoil Eoghain will perform a Carol Service in St. Pius X Church, Moville on the evening of **Wednesday 11th December 2013 commencing at 7.00 pm.**

After School Literacy & Numeracy Clubs

The above after school clubs has commenced for the 1st and 2nd class pupils. There are 4 weeks remaining in each club and are as follows:

26 th November 2013	3 rd December 2013	10 th December 2013	17 th December 2013
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French Club

The first of our after school French club has commenced. There are 4 weeks remaining in this club and is as follows:

28 th November 2013	5 th December 2013	12 th December 2013	19 th December 2013
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Science Day

Thursday 15th November saw science really come to life in Scoil Eoghain. Pupils, parents, teachers and local volunteers collaborated to display a wide variety of interesting and educational experiments at our third annual science day. Everyone had a great day and young and old were learning new things. A special thanks to Trish Lafferty and all who volunteered.

6 Aside Football

The three teams have put in some great performances to date and with one game left Scoil Eoghain looks set to finish high up in the table in a very respectable position.

School Choir

The school choir are currently rehearsing for the forthcoming Youth Voices Hallelujah Choir Festival which takes place in Dublin on **Sunday the 8th December 2013.** Further details will be forwarded to the children attending the choir festival closer to the time.

Swimming Lessons.

The 5th and 6th class pupils are currently participating in an 8 week course of swimming lessons. These lessons are proving to be a great success.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent/Teacher meetings have been taking place over the last number of days. This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and discuss any concerns. We hope these meetings have been constructive as they form part of our year round open communication policy.

Parents' Association

The Halloween disco organised by the Parents' Association was a huge success. The total amount of money raised at this event was €826.00. We wish to thank you all for your continued support.

Home School Community Liaison (HSCL)

An attendance and punctuality drive called “**BE IN THE LINE ON TIME**” is being launched on Monday the 25th November. The class with the best attendance and punctuality will receive a prize at the end of three weeks. Good luck to all the classes!!

Saint Vincent De Paul Food Collection.

The 6th class pupils are organising a food collection for the St. Vincent De Paul over the coming weeks. Please see Catriona Doherty's (HSCL) letter dated 21st November.

Attendance for September

Boys 96.4% Girls 96.9%. Remember every day counts! Well done to all those with good attendance and punctuality.

Dates for the forthcoming Sacraments

The Service of Commitment for the 6th class pupils will take place on Saturday 30th November 2013 in St. Pius X Church at 7.00 pm.

The Confirmation will take place on Friday 2nd May 2014 at 5.00 pm in St. Pius X Church.

The “Do This In Memory” masses for children who are making their First Holy Communion are as follows 8th December 2013 (this date may change as it clashes with the Hallelujah Choir Festival), 9th February 2014 and 9th March 2014 at 12.30 pm in St. Pius X Church.

First Confessions will take place on Thursday 3rd April in St. Pius X Church at 7.00 pm.

The First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 17th May 2014 at 11.00 am mass in St. Pius X Church.

Christmas Annual 2013

The Folen's Christmas Educational Annual is now available. The cost of the annuals is €5.00 each. If you wish to purchase an annual please complete the relevant form together with payment to the school office on or before **Friday 29th November 2013**.

Arrival & Collection Times

Parents are requested **not** to drop off children prior to 9.05 am in the mornings. Children arriving before this time will not be 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**. Only the children who are waiting on the school bus are permitted to stay on the premises after 2.55pm and no children are permitted to engage in any unsupervised play in the school yard out of school hours. We would like to remind parents to be mindful of the one way system for dropping children off and for picking up. Please do not restrict the access to the school gate and be vigilant of children crossing in front of and behind vehicles.

Irish Autism Action Mobile Phone Recycle Appeal

We are still running this appeal and if you wish to donate a mobile phone/s, please contact the school office and we will provide the appropriate envelope/s. This in turn will be entered into a yearly draw to have “**YOUR UTILITY BILLS PAID FOR ONE YEAR**”.

Lost Property

There are a number of items in our lost property (namely clothing). Please ensure that your child's belongings are labelled with their name. Failure to collect any items before **Friday 29th November** will result with the lost property being removed to the charity shop.

Christmas Holidays

Scoil Eoghain will close at 12.30 on the Friday the 20th of December 2013. The school will re-open on Monday the 6th January 2014.

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Liam McDermott (Principal)

