September/October Newsletter 2026

Scoil Mhuire Áth an Mhuilinn

Welcome New Infants!

A big welcome to all of our new Junior infants! We are thrilled to see how well you have settled in and are delighted to have you as part of our school community.



Enrolment

Our current **enrolment is 89 students.**



New Parish Priest



We welcome Fr. Tom McDermott to the parish and to his new role as Chairperson of the Board of Management. We wish him well in his new position.

Friendship Week

We celebrated Friendship week at the end of September as a new initiative to support our approach to Anti-Bullying. Thank you to Ms. Sheehan for organising.



Posts of Responsibility

Ms. Healy will be taking her role as Deputy Principal for the coming year and Ms. Keen will be AP2 post holder.



Curriculum



- School closed on Monday 23rd November for training for the New Curriculum. We will also be closed on 10th May and 14th June to facilitate planning.
- Our focus area for this year is the SEE curriculum area which covers History and Geography.

Green Flag



We will be engaging with the Green Flag initiative this year.

Junior Entrepreneur



We will be taking part in the Junior Entrepreneur initiative this year.

Gael Bhratách



As part of the Gael Bhratach initiative we have purchased ukeleles and Irish language activity balls. We will be pausing our Gael Bhratach participation this year to review our progress.

French Lessons



Starting in January for 6 weeks, funded by the Parents Association. Thank you for your support!



Gymnastics



Gymnastics classes will be starting for 4 weeks in the middle of November.

Swimming



We have completed 6 weeks of swimming in West Limerick Sports Complex for all children in 1st-6th class.

SSE (School Self Evaluation)



We will be releasing a Parents and Pupils Survey after mid term to allow us to gather evidence about areas we can focus on as part of our next cycle of SSE. These questions will be focused on the areas of History and Geography.

Sacraments



First Holy Communion:
Saturday 1st May 2027.
Confirmation:
15th April 2027
in Freemount.

GAA



The Boys and Girls football teams took part in blitzes on 7/10/26. Thank you to all the staff who helped out on the day and well done to all the students who represented their school so well. Congratulations to the girls team ~~1st~~ that qualified for the C2 final this week. They played a fantastic game against Glenahulla school and unfortunately lost but we are very proud of their performance.



The GAA club has started sending a coach to us again this year. We will have 2 sessions in October and 3 again in December. Thank you to Aileen Healy for co-ordinating this and to Eoin Dillon for giving his time so generously.

GAA Coaching



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Teaching Practice



Roisin O'Riordan has started her final year teaching placement. She is teaching 3rd and 4th class for a 3 week period and Juniors and Seniors for a 3 week period.

Parents Association



The Parents Association held their clothes collection on Friday 16th October. Thank you for your support!
There will also be a **Halloween Disco** on **Friday 23rd October** in the Community Hall.

Fr. Wickham



The school attended a farewell mass for Fr. Anthony Wickham in the Church on 10/09/26. We would like to wish him well in his retirement and thank him for his kindness and help during his time in the parish.

School Gate



After Midterm Break, all children are to be dropped off at the school gate and a member of Staff or 6th class student will walk them into their classroom where needed.

Appointments



If any parent/guardian wishes to speak to the principal/member of staff please contact the office to make an appointment or else contact through Aladdin.

Food Dudes



We will be engaging with the Food Dudes programme from the beginning of November. Thank you to Ms. Tighe for her work in organising this.

Couch to 5km



The Parents Association are hoping to run a Couch to 5km for 6 weeks after midterm. If you are interested in this please contact 0873841660 via Whatsapp message.

Happy Midterm Break!

I hope everyone has a nice Mid term Break and thank you for your support and co-operation.

Mr. O'Flynn