

MUIRE GAN SMÁL NEWS

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Muire Gan Smál Primary School



Our thoughts and prayers and with the people of Ukraine and all of those who are suffering at this difficult time.

ATTENDANCE

The school sends attendance reports to TUSLA twice a year. Absences over 20 days are reported. Absence reports are generated through the Aladdin system.

An automated text message will send to parents when their child has missed 15 days so that they are aware that their child has been marked absent that number of days.

It is very important that you notify us by phone or through Aladdin with absence reasons. We are aware that due to the pandemic pupils may miss over 20 days because of the need to isolate or restrict movements. Once absence reasons are submitted there should not be any cause for concern.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

School will close for all students at 12.10pm on Friday April 8th.

Children may wear their own clothes on this day.

School will reopen on Monday 25th April.



ANTI-BULLYING POLICY REVIEW

We are currently reviewing our Anti-Bullying Policy which is available to read on our website. If you have any feedback, please contact us by email at info@claremorrisns.ie or by phone 094-9371496.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT MUIRE GAN SMÁL:

- March began in Muire gan Smál with the tantalising smell of pancakes wafting its way through the corridors. There were lots of reports of deliciousness!
- Our Creative Schools Associate, Slavek Kwi, continues to work with pupils.
- We marked 'Seachtain na Gaeilge' with an outdoor performance by the school band, learning the 'An Dreoilín' dance and singing songs and rhymes and reading Irish poems.
- The Confirmation Ceremony was held in St. Colman's Church on Saturday 26th March. Congratulations to those who received the Sacrament.
- 6th Class concluded their four week course in Cycling Safety with Gerry from the Road Safety Office in Mayo CC and Cycling Ireland. During the four weeks the girls developed their cycling skills through skill-based games and activities. They learned the Rules of the Road for cyclists and became more competent and confident cyclists. They got to put their new skills and competence into practice by cycling around the town of Claremorris under the supervision of Gerry. The girls found the course both very enjoyable and hugely beneficial. We have applied for a bike rack so that children may be able to cycle to school but are still waiting to hear if we were successful.











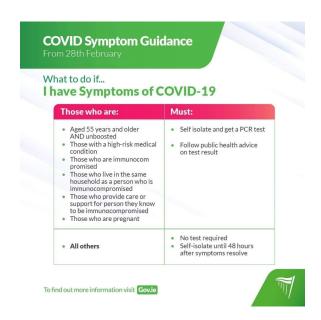


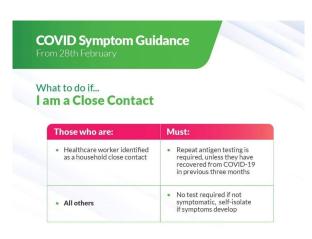
COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS IN SCHOOL

There have been a number of changes to COVID-19 restrictions since the 28th February. We are taking a cautious approach to the lifting of restrictions in order to ensure the continued safety of our staff and students.

- Good hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene and ventilation will continue
- Mask wearing is now optional
- Staggered break times will continue as it allows more space for pupils and there are less accidents/incidents on yard as a result
- Return to School declarations are no longer necessary
- Appointments to meet with staff members should still be made
- Morning drop off routine to continue
- If children are presenting with symptoms, they should not come to school. If children present to school with symptoms, we will ring home and ask that they are collected
- If your child tests positive, please contact the school so that we can offer free antigen testing to the pupils in his/her class









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PLEASE NOTE: Half Days on Friday, 22nd October, Wednesday 23rd February & Friday 29th April are for Teacher Training in the New Primary Languages Curriculum

SCHOOL TOURS

Teachers will be organising school tours this year, in line with our recently updated School Tours and Outings Policy which can be viewed on our website. Teachers will be in touch in due course regarding venues, dates and prices.



STAFFING

There will be some changes to staffing after the Easter holidays.

Half Day

Ms Mc Manus will be teaching 3rd class for Term 3 as Mrs Sheridan will be going on leave.

Mrs Varley will be Acting Principal for Term 3 and into the new school year as Ms. Burke will be going on leave. Mrs Cosgrove will be Acting Deputy Principal for the duration of this leave.

Mr Mc Donnell will take over from Mrs Varley whilst she assumes the Acting Principal role.

Mrs Varley will be the Designated Liaison Person for Child Protection Matters and Mrs Cosgrove will be Deputy Designated Liaison Person.