

St. Molua's N.S. **Easter Newsletter**



Parents Association:

The Parents Association organised the very successful 'Silver Circle Draw' in the school in recent weeks. Two thousand euro was raised during the fundraiser. We would like to thank everyone who supported the draw in anyway over the last few weeks. We would especially like to thank the members of the Parents Association who helped organise the draw. Congratulations to all our winners in the draw.

Tin Whistle:

The pupils have enjoyed a very successful second term with David Healy, our music teacher. The children have made great progress in all classes. Our tin whistle lessons will take a break now for the summer term but will be back again in September 2018. Thanks to David for his hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Mr. Z

Scott Ziglinski from elementary-engineering.com attended the school recently. Scott took the Forces Strand from the Science curriculum and worked with the children on developing 'gravity cars'. All the pupils really enjoyed the day and they worked hard on their Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) skills.

Discover Primary Science:

As mentioned all the children are working hard on their S.T.E.M. skills at present as we prepare to submit our application for a third Discover Primary Science Award in a row. The pupils have been partaking in many wonderful Science experiments as well as working on their Technology, Engineering and Maths skills. We hope to submit our final application in late April. We would like to thank Mrs. O' Callaghan for spearheading this initiative.

T.L.C. Valentine's Day Competition:

The school received great news recently when 3rd & 4th class were announced as winners in the recent Team Limerick Clean Up Valentine's Day art competition. The children used recyclable materials to decorate a heart and they had to do this using a Limerick theme. It was a fantastic achievement by Mrs. Ruddle and her class. Well done to all the classes who took part in the competition. The winning entry is currently on our school website.

F.A.I. Soccer Blitz:

The boys and girls in 5th and 6th class had a great day out in Sean Choill all weather facility recently taking part in the F.A.I. 5 a-side soccer blitz. We entered four teams in total and all our teams acquitted themselves very well. Well done to all who took part.

Grandparents Day:

First and second class held the annual Grandparents Day on the 21st of February. The class welcomed a large number of grandparents on the day. The children recited some poetry, sang and played tunes on the tin whistle for the audience. There was a very entertaining questions and answers session where the pupils quizzed their grandparents about their own childhood and how life has changed since then. Finally the children from first and second presented their grandparents with art work they had prepared for them prior to their visit. The day finished with refreshments and photographs for the Observer.

Book Fair:

A very successful Book Fair was held in the school over the past week. Thanks to all who supported this event. The Book Fair allows the school to purchase many new books for our class libraries which will benefit all the children in the school.

Twitter/School website:

Don't forget you can follow all the updates from our school on Twitter @st_ns or on our school website www.stmoluasns.ie. A number of updated policies have been added to the site in recent weeks.

Healthy Eating:

The school is currently developing its healthy eating policy. We have completed surveys in the school with the help of 5th and 6th class. This information has been distributed to the panels. We are having a 'Fruit & Veg' break on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd of March where children will be given 5 minutes to eat a piece of fruit or veg at 10.15 a.m. We ask parents to support this initiative.

The school has also registered for the 'Food Dudes' programme which will be rolled out in the third term.

School Policies:

The school have recently received and updated its First Aid Supervision and Child Protection Policy. The Child Protection Policy is now called a Child Safeguarding Statement and it can be found along with our other school policies in the 'About' section on the school website. The school has also updated its Special Educational Needs policy in line with recent directions from the Department and this is also available on the website. Parents can contact the principal in relation to these policies or any policy through the school office.

Rugby with Ken:

The children of 3rd/4th/5th/6th class have been enjoying some fantastic rugby sessions with the Munster rugby in recent weeks. The sessions have focused on fundamental movement skills and have been a great success.

Infant Morning:

The school welcomed the new infants who will be starting in September to the school in February. Their parents also attended on the day. They enjoyed a tour of the grounds before the 6th class presented a slideshow on school life in St. Molua's N.S. We would like to thank Martina and the local Montessori school for facilitating this event.

Enrolment:

There is still time to enrol children for junior infants 2018/2019. Please contact the office for an enrolment form. If you wish to visit the school, please make an appointment through the school office.

Upcoming Dates:

First communion will take place on Saturday 5th of May at 11 a.m. in St. Molua's Church Ardagh.

All school tours will take place on Monday the 19th of June.

Easter Holidays:

School closes Friday 23rd of March @ 12.00 p.m.

School re-opens Monday 9th of April @ 9.20 a.m.

The school wishes everyone a very Happy Easter and we look forward to seeing everybody back on the 9th of April for the third term.

