



Scoil Muire Bannrion



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Welcome to Our Newsletter!

We have had a very busy and productive start to the school year with lots of exciting events already taking place and plenty more to look forward to. Our Junior Infants and new Second Class students have settled in extremely well to our school. We hope you enjoy reading all about our first two months in school. We wish you all a very safe and happy Halloween break and look forward to seeing you all again on the 5th of November!

Enrolment Week

Our Junior Infant Enrolment Week for girls and boys starting school in September 2019 is taking place from November 12th-16th. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our school please contact us or call to our school office any day between 9.30am and 3.30pm to complete an enrolment form. The school will be open for parents and children to visit us between 2pm and 4pm every day during Enrolment Week to see our infant classrooms. If you have any further questions about our school please ring us on 046-9731478 or call into the school office. Please spread the word!



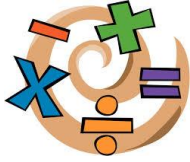
Literacy

As part of our ongoing literacy improvement strategy, all our classes focused on the Writing to Socialise genre of writing for the month of September. Our classes produced some fantastic writing samples which are currently on display on our school writing notice board.

Our pupils are currently studying 'Report Writing' and will be for the month of November also. As we continue to strive to improve literacy levels and our students' interest in reading and writing, we ask that you also encourage your children throughout this process. We would ask that you make a visit to Edenderry library over the Mid Term Break. You could also encourage your child to write a story over the break. For some tips on encouraging your child to write creative stories visit our school website where there is a 'Tips for Parents' page.

Maths Week

From 14th- 21st October all our pupils participated in a range of activities organised especially for Maths Week. All students made a special effort to earn as many points as they could on the online maths programme Mathletics. Well done to all our students who received a certificate during the week.



Throughout the week our classes took part in maths trails around the school grounds. It is very important for students to see how we use maths throughout the course of the day and that was the main theme from this year's Maths Week. Every day we had a maths puzzle at our Maths Week table and we would like to say a big well done to our prizewinners during the week. As well as this many of our classes took part in group work puzzles in class.



The biggest excitement of the week was reserved for the 'Guess How Many Sweets Are in the Tub' with students and teachers alike trying their best to win the competition. Well done to our 6 winners: Cian, Daniel, Charlie, Gustas, Nithin and Scott.

Mathletics

Once again this year all pupils are using the on-line maths programme Mathletics. This program covers all areas of the maths curriculum. It helps children enjoy maths while reinforcing topics covered in class as well as being great practice for their tables. All children will be using this program in school with their teacher. This program can also be used at home on computers, laptops or a free app on tablets and we ask you to encourage your children to use it. Each child is set a target to reach 100points every week and if they succeed they receive a certificate.



In fantastic news Mrs Fox's class featured in 9th place on the European leaderboard. Our school is also in the top 5 schools in the country for using Mathletics. Well done to all of our students and keep up the great work!

School Building Works

We are delighted to announce that we have just been approved an extension to our school which will include 2 new rooms, new offices and an upgrade to all toilet facilities and a new toilet block. We would like to thank the Department of Education and Skills for providing us with the funding for this project. We hope work will start early in the new year.

School Improvements

Over the summer a large amount of work was carried out on the maintenance of our school. We are thrilled to say it is now in fantastic condition. The new Junior Infant room was transformed and the outside of the school was painted. The garden areas have all been cared for and maintained.



Today FM

Sharron Lynskey from The Ian Dempsey Breakfast Show on Today FM paid our school a visit on Monday 15th Oct. She spoke to Mr Ryan's class about a variety of issues including what would happen if we had no internet and the most effective ways to combat snoring. This was then broadcast on Thursday 18th October. To listen to our students click this link <https://www.todayfm.com/podcasts/92233/Back-To-School---Scoil-Muire-Banrion,-Edenderry>. Well done to all who participated.



Sports News

Cumann na mBunscol Gaelic Football Competition

Our football panel participated in the Cumann na mBunscol Offaly football competition again this autumn. We had a panel of 17 footballers this year. It was fantastic to see so many of our students taking part. After some very impressive performances throughout the year our panel succeeded in reaching the Shield Final. The final was played on Wednesday 15th October in Bord na Móna O Connor Park in Tullamore against Scoil Eoin Phóil. In a very tight and close final our team lost out after extra time. Our panel put in a tremendous effort at training throughout the year and would like to say a big thank you to Mr Ryan and Mr Murphy who trained them for the season.



Coaching in the School

Gráinne, our tag rugby coach is currently working with our 6th class students. These coaching sessions are organised through Leinster rugby and all classes will have the opportunity to participate in them throughout the year.

Halloween Fancy Dress

On Thursday 25th October, our students will be dressing up in their Halloween costumes. We hope to see some fantastic costumes on display on the day and we will have prizes for the most inventive and original ideas! We are asking students to bring in €1 each as a donation for the 'Relay for Life' fundraising campaign. Keep an eye on our School Twitter account to see photos from the day.



Rediscovery Centre Workshops

Through Offaly County Council Miss Lowry's and Mr Murphy's 3rd and 4th classes participated in a 'Waste and Creative Waste Reuse' workshop with the Rediscovery Centre. Both classes found the workshops to be of great benefit in highlighting ways we can reduce our waste in school and at home. We also learned how we can repurpose some of our waste, for example to create new pieces of art.



School ICT

Using our School ICT Grant we were able to purchase 30 I-Pads for use in all classes throughout the school. Classes are using these on a weekly basis across a range of curriculum areas and our students are really benefiting from using them. We would like to say a massive thanks to our Parents Association who helped raise funds for this also.



Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Our school is once again participating in the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. This is a very worthwhile charity that we have supported for a number of years and we have always had a fantastic response from parents. If any family would like to donate a Christmas shoebox please send it into the office after the Halloween break. The Christmas Shoeboxes are sent mainly to children in Africa and Eastern Europe.

Confirmation

Confirmation will take place for our 6th class students on Saturday 11th May at 11am in St Mary's Church in Edenderry. There will be a meeting for parents on Wednesday 7th November at 7pm in our school hall.



Bebras Challenge

A number of our classes will be participating in the Bebras Challenge from Nov 5th-16th. It is a computational thinking and computer science challenge that encourages problem solving skills in children.

MS Readathon

Some of our classes are currently taking part in the MS Readathon which is running from 12th October-12th November.



It is a fantastic way to encourage children to read books while also raising funds for MS Ireland.

First Communion

These are the dates for the First Communion 'Do This in Memory' masses:

20th/21st October

24th/25th November

15th/16th December

19th/20th January

16th/17th February

13th/14th April

Corpus Christi Mass 16th June at 11.30am.



First Confession will take place on 3rd April at 7pm.

The First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 25th May at 12pm.

National Road Safety Week

As part of National Road Safety Week our pupils participated in a number of lessons on road safety. Our Junior Infants and Second Class pupils received high visibility jackets and learned the Safe Cross Code. A map of safe walking routes to and from our school can be viewed on our website (see the travel area in our Green Schools section of our website).

Offaly Sports Partnership

A number of our classes are participating in an Offaly Sports Partnership research project. Children in the classes have had their heights and weights measured and they have also completed a fitness test. As part of the research children will be participating in 20 minutes exercise each day in school. At the end of the programme children will be assessed again to track improvements in fitness.

Welcome to our new Students!

Our fantastic Junior Infants have settled into school life with great ease. In September we welcomed 26 wonderful girls and boys into Junior Infants. They have settled so well into school and have been a wonderful addition to our school. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome both them and their parents to our school community. We look forward to working with you throughout their eight years in our school.

Miss Cooney's Class



Miss Kelly's Class



We would also like to welcome all of Mrs Fox's Second Class boys to our school. They joined us in September from St. Mary's Primary School. They have made a brilliant start to the school year and are working really hard! We hope that they have a very happy and successful 5 years with us!

Mrs Fox's Class



School Notices!

Scoil Muire Bannrion will reopen after the Halloween Mid Term Break on Monday 5th of November.

Upcoming Events

- Please note that our school is closed on Friday 26th October due to the Presidential Election
- Enrolment Week for our school takes place from November 12th-16th. Any parent wishing to enrol a child in our school can do so from 9.30am to 3.30pm any day this week. The school will also be open to parents to visit the Infant classroom between 2-4pm each day this week.
- Ian Jackson, author and illustrator, will visit our school on the 14th of November to give our 6th class the opportunity to create and illustrate their own stories.
- Science Week will take place from 11th-18th November. A special emphasis will be placed on science this week with each class preparing a science project and experiment. Parents will be invited to come into school on Friday, November 16th to see the children's science projects, displays and experiments.
- Parent/Teacher meetings will take place on 21st and 22nd of November and exact appointment times will be given to parents closer to the date.

School Opening Times

Please note that our school gates open at 9am. Children should not arrive at school before this time nor should they be left unattended outside the school premises before this time.

School Uniform and Coats

Already this year there have been a large number of jumpers and jackets going missing in the school. **Please make sure that all of your child's uniform and coats are clearly labeled with their name to help to prevent this.** We encourage all of our students to look after their own belongings but if your child is missing any items please call to the school office where our 'Lost and Found' is located.

Overdue Book Rental and Art and Photocopying

A number of school fees are still outstanding. Parents are asked to send any overdue fees into their child's class teacher or the school office as soon as possible.

Collection During School Day

As part of our new Child Protection Procedures it is school policy that parents collecting their children from class during the school day will have to sign them out at the office. Please call to the office before collecting your child from their class.

School Twitter

You can follow us on Twitter for all the latest news at www.twitter.com/EdenderryBNS.

All the staff of Scoil Muire Bannr on are very proud of all our students for their fantastic success and achievements this term. We would like to wish all our students a safe and Happy Halloween.





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Enrolment Week
Nov 12th - Nov 16th
9.30am - 3.30pm

Enrolling Junior Infant
Girls & Boys
for September 2019

We invite you to visit
our school any day
during enrolment week
from 2pm - 4pm

We look forward to meeting you all!



Some snapshots of our first two months in school!

