



# Scoil Muire Bannrion



## School News Bulletin - November 2018

**Welcome to our November news bulletin which includes some exciting news and details of upcoming events!**

### School Extension

We have just received exciting news that the Department of Education have approved funding for plans submitted by our Board of Management for a new build which will consist of toilet facilities, offices and teaching rooms. In addition to the new build we have also received funding for the total refurbishment of all current toilet facilities in our school. It is very welcome and exciting news! The planned extension will be built at the front of the school and will not impact on any classrooms, the school playgrounds or on the PE hall. We will keep you updated as works progress!



We are very grateful to the Department of Education for this very sizeable investment in our school and also for the funding provided to carry out major refurbishments over the last 3 years which included replacement of all windows and doors, a complete new roof, painting of all the interior and exterior of the school, refurbishment of the two new infant classrooms as well as significant funding for furniture, resources and IT equipment!

### Enrolment Week

Just a reminder that next week is Enrolment Week and our Open Week! If you have a son or daughter due to start Junior Infants in September 2019 please call to the school office any time between 9.30am and 4pm to fill out an enrolment form. If you would like your son or daughter to visit the Junior Infant Classrooms you are more than welcome to call into our school with your child between 2pm and 4pm any day during Enrolment Week! We look forward to seeing you then!



## Our School Name

The subject of our school name has been raised by our staff and Board of Management. Our official school name is "Scoil Muire Bannrion" which loosely translates as Mary Queen of Heaven School. This is not a name that the community identifies us by, we are still known by many as "The Boys School". However, as we are now a co-educational school catering for girls and boys, the Board of Management and staff feel that it is now time to review and rename our school to reflect the changes in our configuration. We need to choose a name for our school which reflects our Catholic Ethos, one that is meaningful and significant to our school and the area we live in. We are therefore asking you, the parents, for your input on this important decision and we would welcome any suggestions you have. You can contact the school office or call into the school in relation to this matter. We are also consulting the pupils on their views for our school name. Once the new name has been considered and chosen we will be running a school crest competition. This is an exciting and significant change in the history of our school and we thank you for your continued support.

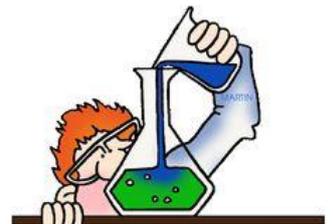
## Parent Teacher Meetings



Parent/Teacher Meetings will take place on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November. Your time will be advised by your child's classroom teacher in due course. To facilitate these meetings school will finish at 2.45pm on Wednesday and on Thursday. Buses will run at the usual time on these days. Any child travelling by bus can wait in the school until the bus arrives on both days.

## Science Week

As you know next week is National Science Week. Parents are invited to come into the school on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> November from 1.30pm to 2.45pm to see your child's class project, as well as the other projects, displays and experiments. As part of Science Week all of the classes will be taking part in activities in the school and some will be attending workshops in Edenderry Library.



## Christmas Shoeboxes



Our annual Team Hope Christmas Shoebox appeal is going very well and we are very thankful for the support shown to this cause. These small gifts will make a massive difference in the lives of the children that are less fortunate than ourselves. The date of collection for the shoeboxes has been extended to Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of November, if any family would like to donate a Christmas shoebox, we ask that you fill a shoebox with a range of simple gifts and drop them into school!