



Scoil Mhuire, Portroe

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Parent Newsletter

Feb/March 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

February was a very busy month here in Scoil Mhuire, with a wide range of learning experiences and activities taking place across the school. March is proving to be a very busy month too and we are only three days in!! Please read this newsletter to hear more about what has been happening.

School Closures:

- Early Closure: Monday 9th March-All children finish school at 12:30
- School Closed-16th & 17th March (St. Patrick's Day)
- Easter Holidays- School closes at 12:00 on 27th March and reopens at 9am on

Sport

Soccer

Sport continues to play an important role in school life. The children have enjoyed **soccer training** with Klaaskidz coaching in recent weeks. A sincere thank you to Niamh Egan who has been training our school soccer team. The boys are lining out in the FAI 5s competition this week and the girls will take part next week. We wish both teams every success and thank Niamh for her time and commitment in preparing them.

GAA Coaching

Hurling coaching also recommenced this week. We are very grateful to the local GAA club for providing coaches and the use of their facilities. All classes have taken part and thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.

Cycling

Pupils in 4th, 5th and 6th Class will begin the **Cycle Right** programme this Friday for a four week block. This is an important cycling safety programme which helps children develop the skills to cycle safely and confidently. Each child will need a bicycle and helmet. If your child does not have access to either, please let us know by Thursday and we will arrange for a bike and helmet to be borrowed.

Curriculum & Wellbeing

All classes have been engaging with the **RSE curriculum** during February and March. These lessons are delivered in an age appropriate manner and support children in developing a healthy understanding of relationships and wellbeing.

We marked **Safer Internet Day** with age appropriate lessons across all classes focusing on online safety, respectful communication and responsible use of technology. Younger classes explored the importance of being kind online and identifying trusted adults, while senior classes discussed digital footprints, privacy settings and the safe use of messaging and gaming platforms. We asked all children who signed the Gen Free Charter at home with their parents to sign a school poster which hangs in the main hall. We have over 100 signatures. The Gen Free Charter means that children and parents have agreed to no phones, no social media and only engaging in age appropriate video games while in primary schools.

French lessons continue for pupils in 3rd to 6th Class as part of the Say Yes to Languages programme. The children are greatly enjoying their weekly sessions with their tutor Regine, and this will continue until the end of May.

We look forward to celebrating **World Book Day** this Thursday. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite character or author from a book. We kindly ask that families do not incur any expense and instead use items already available at home or borrowed where possible. The focus is on celebrating reading and enjoying books together.

Special Education

School Support Plan reviews have recently been completed. We thank parents, teachers and pupils for their positive engagement throughout this process. Working together ensures that appropriate supports remain in place and that each child's needs are carefully monitored.

We recently held a whole school assembly where we celebrated the many achievements of our pupils, including sporting participation, positive behaviour, kindness and effort in learning. It is always uplifting to gather together as a school community and acknowledge the many ways in which our children contribute to school life.

School Self Evaluation

As part of our School Self Evaluation process, we are currently focusing on problem solving in Mathematics. We are very pleased to have reached our target of strengthening parent involvement and we will continue to build on pupil voice as an important element of school improvement. Analysis of standardised test results in problem solving, together with feedback from pupil, parent and teacher surveys, has guided this new focus. Through the use of concrete materials and the explicit teaching of problem solving strategies, we aim to strengthen children's confidence and competence in this area. We will keep you informed of our progress.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation/First Penance ceremony takes place on Wednesday, 25th March at 7.30pm here in St. Mary's Church, Portroe.

Confirmation

The Confirmation will take place at 1pm on Friday, 24th April.

Choir

Children who are attending as choir members will be taken to the ceremony by their teacher and will be back at school for collection time.

School Calendar 2026/2027

Please find the school calendar for 2026/2027 [HERE](#).

Board of Management Agreed Report (24th February 2026)

The Board welcomed the range of sporting activities currently taking place, including hurling in partnership with the local club, swimming for 3rd to 6th class and soccer coaching in preparation for the FAI Primary 5s

The Board acknowledged and thanked the Parents' Association for their ongoing work in enhancing the school grounds and supporting school initiatives.

The SPHE, RSE and Droichead Induction policies were reviewed and approved, and the school calendar for 2026/2027 was also approved



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Parents Association Message

The Parents' Association would like to thank all those who attended our Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing talk from the National Parents Council which was held in the school hall on the 26th of January. We would also like to remind everyone that we are still collecting and emptying the Re-turns bin at the front of the school. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and cooperation. We look forward to another positive and productive few month ahead.

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Maria Geaney