



MUIRE GAN SMÁL NEWS

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Primary School

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CLOTHING DRIVE

Our 'Cash for Clobber' Clothing Drive was a huge success. We filled one van load and the remainder is due to be collected next week. We will know how much money was raised when the final load is collected and weighed. The money raised will go towards books for 'Guided Reading', an initiative which we started this year to help improve reading levels.

Thank you to all of the parents and families and wider school community for helping us to raise this money.

MAY BREAK

The school is continuing to operate off of the school calendar which was voted on by staff last year.

School will close for all students at the usual times on Friday 30th April: 140pm for infants and 2.4pm for all other classes.

We will reopen on **Monday 10th May.**

School will close for Summer holidays on Tuesday 29th June.

The calendar for the 2021/22 school year has been decided and can be found below. A printed copy will be sent out.

STANDARDISED TESTS

The Department of Education have stated that Standardised Testing will take place this year. These did not take place last year due to the school closure.

Standard scores from these tests will be shared with parents in the End of Year Report Card.

This year students from 1st-6th class will undertake three tests: Reading, Spelling and Maths.

Data from these tests will be used to help us further support the children where needed.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING

We are currently in the process of reviewing our Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment which can be found here [Policies | Claremorris NS](#)

If you have any feedback on these or on Child Protection Procedures in general, you can email the school at info@claremorrisns.ie

The mandatory Child Abuse Prevention Programme, Stay Safe, has commenced in classes this month.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT MUIRE GAN SMÁL:

- Classes have been enjoying getting out in the fresh air and the sunny days by paying a visit to the field for their PE lessons and even at lunchtime!
- Homework has recommenced for classes
- Some students have been learning a number of yard games including 'Sevens' and the 'Rock-Paper-Scissors Hoop Game'
- We received a delivery of packets of tissues from Claremorris Red Cross.
- Stay Safe lessons have commenced in all classes this month.

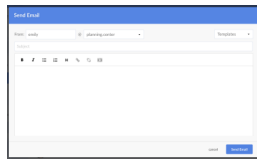


COVID-19

COMMUNICATION WITH THE SCHOOL

If you wish to contact the school you must do so by phone or email. You can contact us on **094 9371496** or **info@claremorrisns.ie**. No unnecessary visitors are permitted into the school under Government guidance.

At drop off and collection times you should adhere to Public Health advice and avoid congregating around the school grounds.



EARLY COLLECTION

If your child must leave school early, please send a note to the class teacher and we will have the child ready and waiting at reception at the relevant time.

Parents must wait outside the school for their child to exit.

If it is late notice and a note cannot be sent, please ring the school office and Tara can inform the teacher that the child needs to leave early.

Thank you!

RETURN TO EDUCATION FORM

A Return to Education form **must** be filled in prior to your child returning to school after **every absence or if your child goes home early due to illness.** The same link that you used for your child returning to school at the start of this month will apply.

You will also need to fill in one of these forms before your child returns to school after the May break. An email will be sent to you to remind you of this.

The links are also available on our website www.claremorrisns.ie.

You should also send a note explaining any absence to the class teacher.



Help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Stay home if:

1

You or anyone you live with is experiencing any of the following symptoms:

Cough
Fever
High temperature
Difficulty breathing
Loss/change in sense of smell or taste

2

You are identified by the HSE as a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19.

3

You have travelled outside of Ireland.

Keep safe.

Kindly contact the school if you have any concerns.

CALENDAR 2020/21

May Break 2021: Closed Monday 3rd – Friday 7th May inclusive.

Closed Monday 7th June-Public Holiday.

Summer Holidays: Closing Tuesday 29th June 2021 at **12.10pm**.

Communion and Confirmation dates to be confirmed.

CALENDAR 2021/22

School Reopens: Tuesday 31st August.

Mid-Term Break: Monday 25th-Friday 29th October inclusive 2021.

Christmas Holidays: Closing on Wednesday 22nd December 2021 and reopening on Thursday 6th January 2022.

Mid-Term Break: Closed Thursday 24th and Friday 25th February 2022.

Closed Thursday 17th and Friday 18th March.

Easter Holidays: Closed Monday 11th-Friday 22nd April inclusive 2022.

Closed Monday 2nd May 2022.

Closed Friday 3rd, Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th June 2022.

Summer Holidays: Closing Tuesday 28th June 2022.

A printed copy of the 2021/22 Calendar will be distributed to pupils.

COMMUNION AND CONFORMATION CEREMONIES

Our Confirmation Ceremony which was due to take place in February was cancelled due to the lockdown. Unfortunately, we do not have a new date.

The Communion Ceremonies were scheduled for 15th May however as the numbers permitted to attend church ceremonies are limited, this is not looking likely. An alternative date, Saturday 12th June, has been pencilled in but unfortunately this is not guaranteed.

As soon as Fr. Peter comes to us with information on the rescheduling, we will contact you.

We can appreciate that this may be frustrating to families however, it is out of our control. We will continue to communicate with you via email and the monthly newsletter.

