

Scoil Mhuire na Trócaire, Ardee, Co. Louth



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Upcoming Events

SPORTS DAY	-	WEDNESDAY 14 TH JUNE
SCHOOL REPORTS	-	ISSUED ON MONDAY 19 TH JUNE
6 TH CLASS END OF YEAR PLAY	-	TUESDAY 20 TH JUNE
5 TH CLASS END OF YEAR PLAY	-	FRIDAY 23 RD JUNE
6 TH CLASS GRADUATION MASS	-	TUESDAY 27 TH JUNE AT 7PM
SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR SUMMER	-	THURSDAY 29 TH JUNE AT 12.20PM
RE-OPENS FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR	-	WEDNESDAY 30 TH AUGUST



Sports Day



We will have our Sports Day **this Wednesday 14th June** from 11.05am onwards in the field beside the boys' school (weather permitting).

- The emphasis will be on fun and participation.
- Infant races will be held first at 11.05am (approx) followed by each class up to 4th class.
- 5th & 6th classes will have team sports and their events will run all day starting from 11.10am.

Please note:-

- ★ If the weather is unsuitable, sports day will be postponed ~ you will receive notification by text.
- ★ For the safety and security of all, no pupil is allowed to leave the field at any time with parents or family friends. When races conclude, we will return to school where prizes will be presented.
- ★ Infants will be dismissed as usual from **their classroom** at 2pm.
- ★ All other classes will be back in school for dismissal at 3pm.
- ★ Children may wear school tracksuit and runners **or** t-shirt and shorts.
- ★ We will be having our lunch in the field that day. Bring usual lunch.
- ★ Pupils are asked to stay away from the Drogheda Road area and the bank on the convent side of the field.
- ★ We are hoping the sun will shine so pupils should wear high factor sun protection cream.
- ★ You are very welcome to join us.



BOOKLISTS AND CLASSES FOR 2017/2018

Booklists were distributed to all classes last week. Please pay book list expenses by Friday 23rd June so that books and essential resources can be organised by teachers for September.

The Department of Education has made a limited fund available for families who may need assistance with booklist expenses. Please contact office for information.

Our classes for next year are as follows:

Junior Infants	-	Mrs. Rust	3 rd Class	- Ms. Colgan/Mrs. King
Senior Infants	-	Ms. Haughian	3 rd Class	-Ms. McClean/Ms. Williams
Senior Infants	-	Mrs. Farrell	4 th Class	- Ms. Mason
1 st Class	-	Ms. Farrell	5 th Class	- Ms. Mullen
2 nd Class	-	Mrs. O'Malley	6 th Class	- Ms. Greenan

Special Ed. Teachers: Ms. Lynch & Mrs. Kirby



LOONEY LAB SUMMER CAMP

Our school will host the "Looney Lab" Summer Camp from 10th - 14th July. The camp is for boys and girls aged 5-13 years and runs from 9.30am to 2pm daily. It is run by two teachers Louise Harmon and Sarah-Jane Burns. Participants will develop team-work skills, try new sports and enhance their knowledge of science and music. Activities include baking, science experiments, fashion show, meet and feed the donkey, art and craft and many more.

Cost €85.00. For bookings contact Louise on 086-1062916 or Sarah-Jane on 086-8665642. Brochures are available from our school office.

MUSIC GENERATION LOOTH - RECORDER LESSONS

Well done to all the pupils in 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes on their recent recorder recital led by their tutor Bernie Balfe. The girls have made wonderful progress and performed a variety of pieces including When the Saints go Marching in and Ode to Joy. The following players received certificates for Recorder Pupil of the Year:-

2 nd Class	-	Magdalena Laskowska and Grace Matthews
3 rd Class	-	Sofia Keogh
4 th Class	-	Kim Hudson



ALTAR SERVERS

Thank you to Chloe Durrigan and Suzanne Colreavy from 6th Class who are "retiring" from serving after many years of service and commitment. We welcome all our new members:- Molly Keenan, Eva Neacy, Abbie Collins, Joice Sebastian, Sandra Joby and Emma Boyle.

Thank you to all our existing servers and families for their dedication also:- Ellie McQuaid, Laoise Chanda, Ava McKeown, Skye McCabe, Hazel Durrigan, Maya Chanda, Alannah McGivern, Charlese Rodgers, Keisha Finlay, Emma Colreavy, Annriya Anand, Orleigh Duffy, Kimberley Maguire, Aoibhinn Cunninham, Emma Courtney, Taylor Waters, Aisling Kane and Rachel Woods.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulation to the 39 girls from our two Second Classes who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 20th May. It was a beautiful ceremony and the girls were very well prepared for their special day by home and school. Special thanks to our two teachers Mrs. O'Malley and Ms. Mullen for all their work and commitment preparing their pupils.

We also thank the parents' team who helped organise the Family Masses all year ~ Clare Gillespie, Gemma Boyle and Barry Coyle.

SPONSORED WALK

Our recent Sponsored Walk was very enjoyable thanks to the lovely weather and the generous support of all involved. We are grateful to the local gardai who helped with road safety and to all the family members who walked with us.

A total of €3,904.00 was raised for school funds and we are extremely grateful for your generosity.



REQUEST FROM TUSLA, CHILD AND FAMILY AGENCY

Tusla Louth/Meath are urgently recruiting foster carers for children. If you are interested in receiving further information please contact the Fostering Team on 042-9392201.



SUMMER STARS READING ADVENTURE

Ardee Library will run the "Summer Stars Reading Adventure" from 25th June to the end of August. This activity is free of charge and all participants will be given a reading card and a reward stamp will be added after each book is read. There will be an award event in August and certificates for all participants. See www.summerstars.ie.

We encourage all our pupils to join and to continue reading over the summer holidays as well as participating in the storytelling and other fun activities on offer with this programme.

Art Competition

Our pupils have enjoyed success in a number of recent art competitions. We commend all entrants for their interest and endeavors and well done to all teachers for facilitating all this activity at this busy time of year.

- ☞ Rás 2017 Poster Competition Winner - Suzanne Colreavy, 6th Class
- ☞ Bank of Ireland Expo Art Competition Winner - Danielle Kerr, 4th Class
- ☞ National Flower Festival Art Competition Winners -
 - Junior Classes - Abbie Marie Taaffe (Sen. Inf.)
 - Middle Classes - Ava Grimes (2nd Class)
 - Senior Classes - Suzanne Colreavy (6th Class)



CONGRATULATIONS TO CANON MURPHY – RUBY ANNIVERSARY

We congratulate Canon Peter Murphy who celebrates 40 years priesthood on June 12th. We wish him many more years of graces, health and happiness in his dedicated priestly ministry.

RAINBOWS

A new Rainbows support programme will begin in November 2017 in the Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Dundalk (known locally as The Magnet). This is a support programme to assist children and adolescents who are grieving a death, separation or other painful transition. For information contact 042-9336393.