



Scoil Mhuire na Trócaire, Ardee, Co. Louth



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### Mid-Term Break

School Closed: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
School re-opens on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November.



TRICK OR TREAT FOR TEMPLE STREET  
Dress Up Friday - €1.00 per pupil



### PARENT – TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent-Teacher meetings will be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November from 3-6.30pm. School will close at 2.45pm on that day. Teachers are in the process of allocating appointment times. If you have any concerns about your child's progress or well being at any stage during the school year you are very welcome to make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

### BOOK FAIR

Last week's Book Fair was one of the most successful to date with sales of €3,350. We are most grateful for your support as commission from the Book Fair allows us to provide additional classroom resources and books. Special thanks to our Parents' Association who provided invaluable assistance with book sales over the course of the week.





## SACRAMENTS

The next family mass will be celebrated at 12 o'clock on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November. All families and pupils for Confirmation and First Holy Communion are invited to attend.

First Holy Communion:	20 <sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am
First Confession:	21 <sup>st</sup> March at 6.30pm
Ceremony of Commitment for Confirmation:	31 <sup>st</sup> January at 7pm.
Confirmation:	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April @ 2pm

## *60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scoil Mhuire na Trócaire 13<sup>th</sup> December 1956- 2016*

Our school will celebrate its Diamond Jubilee in December with a very special mass at 7pm on 14<sup>th</sup> December. We are honoured that Archbishop Eamon Martin will be the Chief Celebrant.

## VISITORS TO SCHOOL

For the safety and security of all, visitors and parents must report to the school office. Parents should not call to classroom doors during the school day. Teachers are unable to give parents due attention at the classroom door and interruptions cause unnecessary distractions for pupils. If you need to contact the teacher please send a message by note or by phone call to the office. We are, of course, very happy to arrange an appointment for you to meet with your child's teacher if necessary.

## CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

- Our Board of Management has conducted the annual review of our Child Protection Policy.
- Our school has a panel of parent volunteers who have been garda vetted. We would like to invite additional parents to volunteer for garda vetting in order to be in a position to help with school outings and events. Please contact the school office for more information.

## CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

Our Parents' Association will hold their annual Church Gate Collection at masses this week-end. Your support would be much appreciated.

Next Parents' Association meeting - 14<sup>th</sup> November.

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION ART COMPETITION

We had a great response to the Parents' Association competition to design new headed paper for the P.A.

The overall winner is Kate Murphy, Junior Infants ~ well done Kate! We look forward to seeing the new headed paper. Kate won a family cinema ticket, Crayolas and a certificate sponsored by our P.A.

### Class winners as follows:

Junior Infants (Mrs Rust):	Amy McCormack & Holly Halpenny
Junior Infants (Ms. Mason):	Sarah Keenan & Kate Murphy
Senior Infants:	Abbiemarie Taaffe & Emily Lynch
1 <sup>st</sup> Class:	Lucy Donegan & Danielle Byrne
2 <sup>nd</sup> (Mrs. O'Malley):	Emily Callan & Taylor Coyle
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class (Ms. Mullen):	Eva Neacy & Sophie Cunningham
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class:	Emily Kenny Hilliard & Mia Halpenny
4 <sup>th</sup> Class:	Emma Colreavy & Roisin Kerr
5 <sup>th</sup> Class:	Annriya Anand & Aoibhinn Cunningham
6 <sup>th</sup> Class:	Suzanne Colreavy & Rachel Carolan



### KATE'S WINNING ENTRY



## Adam's Gift Initiative

4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes and our staff received CPR training from Ardee Order of Malta last week. This key life skill was taught in memory of 13 year old Adam McAndrew who died from sudden cardiac death. The initiative aims to help people recognise the signs of cardiac arrest and to have the knowledge, skills and confidence to help.

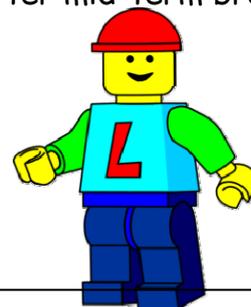
### Street Smart Kids

Senior Infants, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> classes took part in Road Safety Workshops run by the RSA in the Bohemian Centre. These very interactive workshops involved a streetscape mat replicating a real street where students took on the role of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. Local gardai & RSA personnel were on hand to reinforce the Safe Cross Code. All pupils got their own personalised safety licence on completion of the course. No penalty points please girls!

## LEGO BRICKX CLUB

The Lego Brickx Club will visit our school on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November to provide lego workshops for all classes. Cost €3.00 per pupil payable after mid-term break.

- Lego enhances communication & critical thinking.
- Lego improves creativity
- Lego develops problem-solving, organisation and planning skills
- Lego teaches pupils to think in three dimensions.
- But most importantly, Lego is fun!



## OUR CHRISTMAS FOOD & CRAFT FAIR IS BACK!

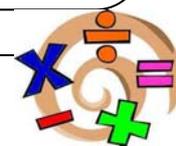
Our Christmas Food & Craft will be held in the Parish Centre on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November from 6pm. Building on the success of last year's event we will once again have a wonderful variety of traders exhibiting crafts and artisan foods. Celebratory Chef Adrian is back to host "Ready, Stead, Cook" with two local chefs and two of our teachers~ but who are the lucky teachers? Time will tell, but get your red peppers, green peppers ready for the voting!

Tickets on sale now at €10.00

## Homework Club

There was phenomenal interest in our new homework club commencing after mid-term break. Demand greatly exceeded available places and 25 pupils have been allocated a place.

## MATHS WEEK



It was great to see so much enjoyment around maths last week and to see pupils using their maths skills in such a positive way. All classes took part in maths trails and the senior classes came together for a maths quiz on Friday. The winning teams were:

**1<sup>st</sup>** : Laia Rose Keogh, Nadine Clements, Sophie O'Brien, Dominika Korona, Jessica Commins & Laura Hennessy.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** : Maya Chanda, Suzanne Colreavy, Kaitlyn Murphy, Leah Sullivan, Jessica Carroll & Eimear Callaghan.

We were overwhelmed by the number and calibre of the fabulous photographs for the "Maths Eyes" competition;

**The overall winner is: Aoife Kayode 2<sup>nd</sup> Class**