



MUIRE GAN SMÁL NEWS

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**Muire Gan Smál
Primary School**



TRACKSUIT DAYS

As per school policy, the school tracksuit should be worn only on PE Days. Please see relevant days below.

Ms. Ms Greal: Mon/Wed/Fri

Ms. Mc Govern: Tues/Thurs/Fri

Mrs. Walsh/Mrs. Prendergast: Mon/Wed/Fri

Ms. Tuohy: Mon & Thurs

Mrs. Cosgrove: Wed & Fri

Mrs. Sheridan: Tues & Thurs

Ms. Curran: Tues & Wed

Ms. Mellett: Wed & Fri

Mrs. Murphy/Mrs. Galvin: Wed/Thurs/Fri

RETURN TO SCHOOL

Muire gan Smál reopened on Tuesday 31st August after the summer break. It was wonderful to see the smiling faces of all of our pupils return through the gates. A special welcome goes to our new Junior Infant boys and girls.

We reminded them of all of the COVID-19 procedures on their return to school.

There was no homework for the first two weeks of September to allow the children to ease back into school life.

Homework has now commenced for classes.

This may take place in their copies or books or through Seesaw.

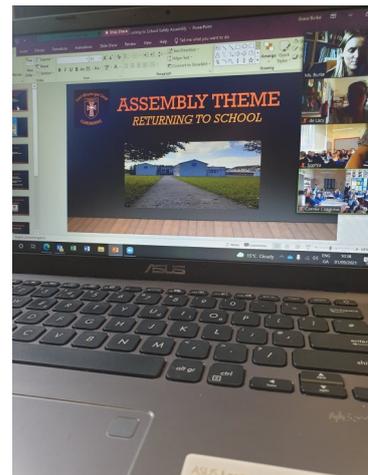
DROP OFF AND COLLECTION

Thanks to everyone for their cooperation with morning drop off and collection. School starts at 9am. Doors to the school will open at 8.50am. Children should not arrive at the school too early as there will be no supervision in place.

At infant collection time, parents/guardians should wait until they see their child's class in the yard before entering the school grounds. Masks should be worn.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT MUIRE GAN SMÁL:

- Classes from Senior Infants to 6th class took part in a whole school 'Zoom' Assembly with Ms. Burke
- On Friday 10th September we had a 'Green and Red' day in advance of the All-Ireland football final between Mayo and Tyrone.
- We welcomed two classes of Junior Infants to the school this year. The boys and girls have settled in really well.
- Teacher, Ms. Mellett, attended training in VEX Robotics as her 5th class will be involved in the project this year.
- Girls from 6th class attended the Cross County Competition in Ballinrobe.
- Some of our 3rd and 4th class girls received the sacrament of Communion on Sunday 26th September.
- County Photos came to the school on Tuesday 28th September to take school photos.
- Tennis lessons with Janis have recommenced for some classes.



HSE MEDICAL ADVICE FOR CHILDREN

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME AND PHONE YOUR GP

Do not send your child to school if any of the following is true

Your child has:

- A temperature of 38 degrees celsius or more
- A new cough, loss/change of sense of taste/smell, or shortness of breath
- Been living with someone who has been referred for a test
- Been living with someone who may be unwell and may have COVID-19
- Been living with a person who tested positive for COVID-19

OTHER SYMPTOMS

If your child has

- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea

Keep them at home for at least 48 hours.

After 48 hours it is ok to send your child back to school as long as:

Their symptoms do not get worse

They do not develop new symptoms

They do not need paracetamol/ibuprofen during these 48 hours

WHEN IT IS OKAY TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL

It is usually okay to send your child to school if they

- Do not have COVID-19 symptoms
- Do not live with anyone who is unwell and may have COVID-19
- Have been told by a GP that their illness is not COVID-19
- Have got a 'not detected' test result and have not had symptoms for 48 hours
- Have not had vomiting/diarrhoea for 48 hours

CONFIRMED CASE PROCEDURES

The HSE will no longer be contacting schools to inform them of positive cases and will not be conducting contact tracing. Two documents outlining this in detail have been shared on Aladdin for your perusal.

We ask that all parents remain vigilant. If your child is unwell, he or she should not come to school.

Schools have been instructed to send children who are presenting with symptoms to a designated isolation area and to phone home for them to be collected. This practice is still in place.

If someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19, people living in the house cannot come to school.



If your child is unwell, he or she should not come to school.

CALENDAR 2021-2022



Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál

2021 - 2022 School Calendar

| August '21 | | | | | | | September '21 | | | | | | | October '21 | | | | | | |
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| February '22 | | | | | | | March '22 | | | | | | | April '22 | | | | | | |
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| May '22 | | | | | | | June '22 | | | | | | | July '22 | | | | | | |
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- School Closed/ Holidays
- Teacher in-Service Day (no school for students)
Date(s) to be decided
- Half Day
- First and Last Day of School

PRIMARY LANGUAGE CURRICULUM

There will be one half-day closure each term to facilitate training for teachers in the new Language Curriculum.

We will close on **Friday 22nd October at 12.10pm.**

CHILD PROTECTION

All teachers are mandated to report any disclosures from pupils. The Designated Liaison Person is the Principal Grace Burke. The Deputy Designated Liaison person is the Deputy Principal Anne Varley.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

While it is accepted that there is a direct link between school attendance and pupil progress, there will be exceptions made this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We thank you all for your vigilance by keeping children who are unwell at home, seeking GP advice and observing the HSE guidelines around restricting movements, isolation etc.

This will have an effect on attendance figures, however, our primary concern is to keep the school community safe. The school is obliged by law to inform TUSLA when a pupil is absent for 20 days in one school year. As teachers fill in the category of absence, **parents should inform the school of the nature of the absence.** This can be done through [Aladdin Connect](#). Please add a note explaining the absence. If absences are COVID-19 related, this will be indicated to TUSLA.