



# MUIRE GAN SMÁL NEWS

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**Muire Gan Smál  
Primary School**



## JUNIOR INFANTS 2022/23

Enrolment for Junior Infants 2022/23 will open on 1st February and close on 1st March 2022.

This year, enrolment application forms should be submitted online through our website.

Children in Ireland start school between the ages of four and six years old.

Please spread the word to anyone that you know who has a child due to start school next September.



## MORNING DROP-OFF

We would ask those dropping children to school by car to be extra-vigilant at the crossing.

We remind all children to wait at the crossing before stepping on to the road however it is also important that all adults check their surroundings before driving off.

The safety of all of our pupils is paramount.



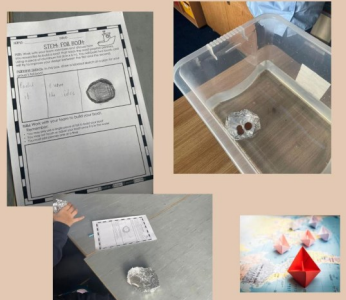
## PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Once again this year, Parent-Teacher meetings were held remotely by phone from Monday 8th November to Thursday 11th November after school hours. Thank you to all of the parents for your co-operation with our new online booking system through Aladdin and for taking the time to speak to the teachers about your child's progress. Good communication between home and school is very important.

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT MUIRE GAN SMÁL:

- Many children donated to the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal. 92 boxes were collected from the school. Thank you to all of those who participated. Your generosity is much appreciated.
- Children participated in a week of 'Food Dudes' prior to the mid-term break. They got to try a variety of fruit and vegetables for a week.
- All classes engaged in science experiments during Science Week which took place from 8th-13th November.
- 5th and 6th class were presented with certificates for their entries into the Claremorris Lions Colouring Competition. 6th Class student Emma Clarke won a prize for overall winner in our school.
- 5th class continue to work on their VEX robot in anticipation of the competition in January.
- Our Creative Schools Associate, Slavek Kwi, visited the school. We look forward to working with him over the next two years.

Foil Boats in 3rd Class



6th Class Volcanic Eruptions



**Arts Council Ireland**  
6 Oct · 🌐

Congratulations and a warm welcome to 188 Primary and Post Primary schools and Youthreach centres from across Ireland, joining the Creative Schools programme this autumn.

Supported by a designated Creative Associate, each school will participate in a guided journey over two years to develop and begin to implement a Creative Schools Plan unique to their own school.

**LET OUR CREATIVE JOURNEY BEGIN!**

**Muire gan Smál**  
CREATIVE SCHOOL  
CLAREMORRIS

## 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 a close contact with someone who tested positive
- Been in close contact or living with someone who has been referred for a test
- Been living with someone who may be unwell and may have COVID-19

### OTHER SYMPTOMS

If your child has

- Vomiting/Diarrhoea
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Runny or blocked nose

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

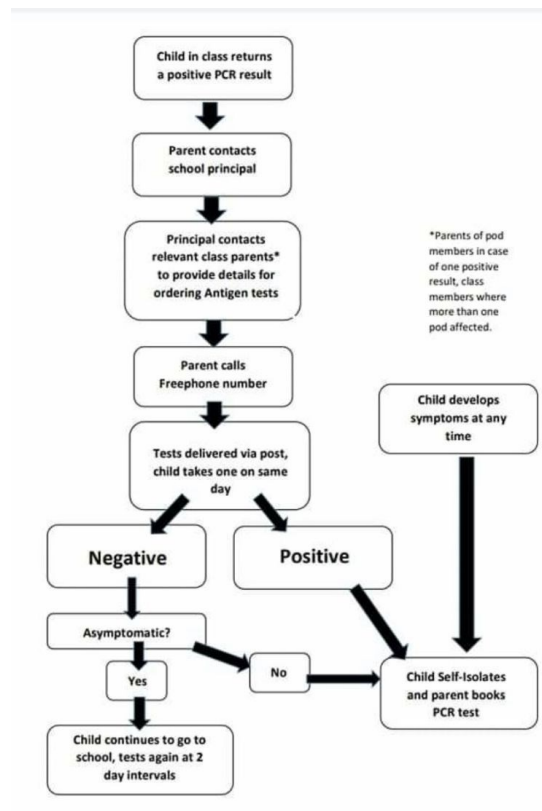
### CONTACT TRACING IN SCHOOLS

A new system of contact tracing started in schools on Monday 29th November. If your child tests positive, you are asked to contact the school to inform them. The school will inform the full class of the case and will also contact the parents/guardians of children in the same pod so that they can apply for free antigen tests.

A box of five antigen tests will be delivered to the address provided with instructions on how to do the tests. You should carry out a test on your child on the day that you receive the antigen tests, a second test two days later and a third test two days after that.

If your child has no symptoms, he or she may continue to attend school. If he or she has symptoms, they should stay at home and you should book a PCR test for him/her.

If your child is a household contact and is unvaccinated or hasn't recovered from COVID-19 on the previous 9 months, he or she must restrict their movements and get a PCR test on day 0 and day 10. If two negative results are received, he or she may return to school.



## CALENDAR 2021-2022

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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 LANGUAGES CURRICULUM TRAINING

The school is due to close for one half day in Term 2, one half day in Term 3 and one full day to facilitate training in the new Primary Languages Curriculum.

These dates are to be decided and will be shared with you as soon as we become aware of them. A list of key dates is available on your Aladdin app.

### TIDY TOWNS INITIATIVE

With your child’s help and your household’s help, the Claremorris Tidy Towns group would like to make a community mural (or two) next Spring for Claremorris town. They have visited our school and have asked the students to collect as many plastic caps/bottle tops (clean and dry) as they can until the **end of January** next – they need a lot. With all these plastic caps, they would like to make a mural for Claremorris town. This project is to raise awareness to encourage recycling and reusing our plastic. Please support this initiative and encourage your child (children) to bring in any clean bottle caps you have of any kind. The Committee thank you in advance for your support and looking forward to having a nice piece of artwork next year for Claremorris.

