

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Hallowe'en

Thank you to the parents who helped to decorate the school for the Hallowe'en dress-up day before the mid-term holidays. It really helped to create a suitably spooky atmosphere in school!

School Garden

Thank you to the 'Garden Angels' who worked with Ms. Moynihan on Sat the 7th of November painting and tidying the sensory garden and preparing the vegetable garden for planting in the spring. It is a wonderful amenity and helps the children spend as much time as possible outdoors and so it is very important that it is kept to a high standard.

Calendar

The Parents' Association Committee is once again compiling the Scoil Mhuire na nGrást Calendar for 2021. We are very grateful for the help of the teachers and SNAs in helping to organise each class 'Pod' for the photos and to Pat O'Brien who generously gave his time to take the photographs in October. This year we were lucky with the weather and the children look great with some very autumnal backdrops! We hope you will all enjoy the results. The calendar contains useful school information, such as dates of midterm breaks, holidays, etc. Each date has an area for you to record your important appointments and reminders. Thanks to the local businesses who have supported us over the years, each month also features useful local contact details. Don't forget these would make great personal presents for the grannies, grandads, aunts and uncles. The price remains €10 each, and your support for your school is always greatly appreciated. **Calendars will be available to order via an Aladdin link that will be active from Mon 16th November until Mon 30th November (incl.). We ask for them to be pre-ordered and pre-paid so we can print just as many as are required.**

Green Schools Flag for Travel

One role of the Parents' Association is linking with local organisations to promote positive communication and parental voice. We, the Parents' Association wish to support the work of Scoil Mhuire na nGrást in achieving the Green School Flag for Travel as part of promoting an active and healthy lifestyle. Improvements to access for all to and from local amenities in the environs of the school will be looked at to promote the wellbeing of students and a healthy lifestyle.

Santa

We are hoping that the children will enjoy a visit from Santa in school again this year. We have to be a bit more creative this year in organising his visit in a safe manner and hope to decorate an outdoor area for him to greet the children.

Volunteers

We would like to thank our newest members for coming on board this year and we look forward to working to support the students, staff and the school in the upcoming year.

Thank you to everyone who has contacted us and has volunteered to help out in various ways during the year – without the valuable support of the 'Friends of the Parents' Association' and indeed all parents in the school, these events and activities would not happen. We welcome any new members or friends to email the school at belgoolyns@gmail.com or contact anyone on the PA Committee.

Yours faithfully,

Scoil Mhuire na nGrást Parents' Association