

Scoil Cholmcille Mount
Hanover
Newsletter



Welcome to the October edition of our school newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing Mid-Term Break. School reopens on **Monday November 1st from 8.50 am.**

Happy Halloween Everyone!

Parent Teacher Meetings: Our Parent Teacher Meetings which would have normally have taken place by now have been postponed until further notice. Last school year, we held the meetings via phone calls. We are awaiting further guidance from the Department of Education in regards to the format that they will take this year (i.e. in person or remotely). We hope to receive this guidance when we return from the mid-term break. As always, if you would like to speak to your child's teacher, please contact them via Class Dojo to arrange a suitable time for a phone call.

Design-a-Card: The Design-a-Card Christmas Card templates were distributed today. Please use the QR code on the card to place your order. All orders must be made before **Monday November 15th 2021.** Any orders placed after this cutoff date will be classed as late orders and we will not be able to guarantee delivery in time for the Christmas period. **Please note that all orders must be placed online through the QR code. We will not be accepting any cash orders in school.**

Assembly: Our October assembly took place today. Well done to the following certificate winners:
Pupil of the Month: Alice Grogan, Eddie Fitzpatrick, Lucy McArdle, Paddy Curran, Jake Lynch, Emily Keane, Cian Deasy, Oscar Cudden, Cora Dowd, Leigh Doyle, Noah Devine, Evie Lynch, Annie Power, Maisie Flood, Annalise Harris & Rocky Gogan.
Handwriting Awards: Eadie Freyne, Evelyn Cassely, Rian O'Brien, Shane Woods, Madisyn Crosby, Mia Cassely, Megan Hoey & Ruby-Leigh King.
Gaeilgeoir na Míosa: Jack McGuinness, Adam McEnteggart, Siobhán Briscoe, Aoife Cannon, Lennon King, Hannah Crosby, Kayla Scully & Charlie Stacey.

School Attendance: Your child's attendance at school is very important for their progress. Please remember to message the teacher if your child is absent for whatever reason. We kindly ask that parents do not send their child to school if they are at all unwell or off form. Thank you in advance for your continued co-operation.

School Drop Off/Collection: Many thanks for your continued co-operation with our drop off and collection procedures. These are in place to ensure the safety of all our children. Teaching time begins at 9.10 am so please ensure that your child is on time for school. We ask for your continued support with our collection times as it will mean that the numbers congregating at any one time will be minimised. Please note that there is no play-time at collection times. Please ensure that you “collect & go.”

Halloween Raffle: Many thanks to the Parents Association for the fantastic Halloween Hampers. The winners are as follows:

Infants: Aoibha O’Brien

1st/2nd: Dara Deasy

3rd/4th: JJ

5th/6th: Megan Hoey

School Admissions: Please note the following dates for school admissions:

We will begin accepting applications for the 2022/2023 school year on **Monday October 4th**. The application period will remain open until **November 1st**. Applicants will be notified of the decision on their application by **November 29th**. Applicants then have until **December 13th** to accept the offer of admission. **Please note that this is for applications the 2022/2023 school year only.**

Please see our school website for further information and for application forms:

<https://mounthanoverns.ie/school-enrolment/?swcfpc=1>

Healthy Eating: Please continue to pack a healthy lunch for your child. Fizzy drinks are not allowed in school. A copy of our “Healthy Eating Policy” can be found under the policies tab on the school website.

Nut Free Zone: Scoil Cholmcille is a “Nut Free Zone” as we have a student with a nut allergy. **We cannot allow children to bring any nut based products into school or in their packed lunches.** We ask that parents avoid giving children peanuts, peanut butter sandwiches, other spreads containing nuts such as Nutella and snacks/bars containing nuts or labelled “may contain nut traces” in school lunches. We also ask children **not** to share their lunches.

Birthday Invitations/Treats: The school encourages parents to be mindful of other children and their feelings if you are inviting a select few to a birthday party. If this is the case we ask that you distribute birthday invitations in private and outside of school. This is to avoid unnecessary upset to children. We also ask that you do not send treats/cakes into school to mark your child’s birthday as we cannot distribute them.

Anti-Bullying: We are constantly maintaining vigilance in this regard but it is important to highlight it on a regular basis. Our anti-bullying policy is available to read on www.mounthanoverns.ie. We would like to remind parents to be aware of your child’s internet usage. In particular, the use of social-network websites can be a particular cause for concern. It is advisable for computer usage to take place in a room in the house where you can monitor activity.