

Scoil Cholmcille, Mount Hanover

January 2022

Newsletter

Welcome Back:

Welcome back to all our students as we begin Term 2. We have a busy term ahead. The 6th class children will celebrate their **Confirmation on February 17th**. We hope that as Term 2 continues, we will see a return to a more normal school environment dependent on Department directives.

Covid- 19 Updates:

Following the announcement on Friday January 21st about the easing of restrictions, I am sure you are wondering what implication this has for schools. Unfortunately there have been **no changes** to the guidance for schools. We are still operating within a pod and bubble system. Class bubbles must be kept separate. Masks are to be worn from 3rd class on, regular hand hygiene is recommended.

However, we have been told that further guidance will issue to schools towards the end of February. As soon as this guidance is received, we will get in touch.

With regards to the management of Covid within our school, please contact us if your child tests positive for the virus. The child's pod contacts will then be informed and offered antigen testing under the schools programme. If there are 2 or more cases in the classroom within 7 days, the whole class will be offered free antigen testing.

As always, many thanks for keeping us informed on all matters relating to the management of Covid-19 in our school. It is important that we continue to work together in the weeks and months to come.

Assembly: Congratulations to our certificate winners for this month. The winners were as follows:

Pupil of the Month: Zach Mullen, Cody O'Brien, Adam McEntegart, Ellie Weldon, Rian O'Brien, Charlie Collins, Aoibhinn Curran, Shane Woods, Sadhbh Kirwan, JJ, Blaithín Byrne, Madisyn Crosby, Frieda Smyth, Bobby Cameron, Eve Taylor & Luke Geidans McGuinness

Handwriting Awards: Eadie Freyne, Katie McEntegart, Siobhán Briscoe, Aoife Cannon, Zara Lewis, Casper Cudden, Ben Deasy & Aimee Collins.

Gaeilgeoir Na Míosa: Eddie Fitzpatrick, Conor McGuinness, Emma Moore, Saoirse Curran, Cora Dowd, Enya McGuire, May Darcy & Annalise Harris.

Mid Term Break: The school will be closed on Thursday February 24th and Friday February 25th for the Mid-Term break. Please note that Wednesday February 23rd is a normal school day with home times unchanged.

Sacrament Classes: Please note the following dates:

First Holy Communion Class:

First Holy Communion: **Saturday May 21st 2022** at 12 noon in Duleek Church with Cushinstown NS.

Confirmation:

The Confirmation Ceremony will take place on **Thursday February 17th 2022** in Duleek Church at **12 noon.**

Best wishes to the children, their families and their teachers as they prepare for these sacraments over the coming weeks.

St Vincent de Paul: Thank you to all who contributed generously to the St. Vincent de Paul food collection before the Christmas break. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Catholic Schools Week: Catholic Schools Week 2022 began on Sunday 23rd of January. The purpose of the week is to highlight and celebrate the contribution that Catholic Schools make to our local communities. This year's theme is ***Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full.***

School Absence Reminder: If your child/ children are absent from school, please inform the school as soon as possible (via the school office or Class Dojo). The school must inform the NEWB (National Education Welfare Board) if a child is absent for more than 20 days in a school year. Where there is no absent note, absences are returned as "unexplained" which can be investigated by Tusla.

Admission 2022 – 2023: Application forms for admission to Junior Infants & others classes for 2022 – 2023 are available on the homepage of the school website at www.mounthanoverns.ie