

Scoil Cholmcille, Mount Hanover

February 2022

Newsletter

Mid Term Break: The school will be closed on Thursday February 24th and Friday February 25th for the Mid-Term break.

School will reopen on Monday February 28th at 8.50 am.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable break.

Covid- 19 Updates:

As you may be aware, there are some changes to the Covid-19 mitigation measures in primary schools coming.

We will meet as a staff to discuss these changes and how best to implement them. Any changes to the morning drop off, lunch times and home-time collection routines will then be communicated to you.

With regards to the management of Covid within our school, please continue to 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

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

Pupil of the Month: Eddie Fitzpatrick, Hannah Pawlik Stepien, Lucy McArdle, Katie McEnteggart, Petra Smyth, Daniel McGuinness, Kayleigh Stacey, Emmet Freyne, Lennon King, Mollie Flood, Dylan Ryan, Hannah Crosby, Holly Doyle, Ben Deasy, Kyle Scully & Cárra Dalton

Handwriting Awards: Emilee Rose Crosby, Adam McEnteggart, Nina Hall, Johnny McGuinness, Cora Dowd, Enya McGuire, Frieda Smyth & Eve Taylor.

Gaeilgeoir Na Míosa: Jack McGuinness, Paddy Curran, Emily Keane, Cian Deasy, Quinn Manley, Evie Lynch, Alex Kelly & Emma Cudden

St. Patrick's Closure:

Please note that the school will be closed on **Thursday March 17th** and **Friday March 18th** for the St. Patrick's Day Bank holidays.

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.

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

Confirmation:

Congratulations to the 6th class children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last week. Many thanks to Fr. Mark for all his work with the children.

Sports in School: We have been informed that school sport competitions may restart. As usual, the school will enter a team in the Cuman na mBunscol (GAA) boys division and the girls division. This is for children in the Senior Classes in the school. Ms O'Donnell will once again take charge of the two teams.

Standardised Testing: Please note the following dates for this year's standardised tests (1st – 6th class children):

Drumcondra Reading Tests: April 26th, 27th & 28th 2022.

Drumcondra Maths Tests: May 24th, 25th & 26th 2022.

A standardised test is used to measure a child's achievement in English reading and maths compared to other children throughout the country at the same class level or age level. The English reading tests give information about how well your child can understand what he/she has read. The tests do not gather information on your child's written or spoken English. The maths test finds out how well your child can use numbers for different purposes and solve maths problems. The results of the tests will be communicated to you in the End of School Year report.

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