

Scoil Cholmcille
Mount Hanover
Newsletter



Welcome to the first edition of the 2022/2023 Newsletter! This newsletter will be issued monthly. Once again, a very warm welcome is extended to the new pupils and their families! I hope that you all will be very happy here in Mount Hanover NS.

School Building Updates: During the summer holidays, the outside of the school building was painted. Many thanks to Ivor Flanagan and his team for an excellent job.

Parent Helpers: We are looking for some parent helpers here at Mount Hanover NS. We are especially looking for people to help out with the school garden. We are very lucky to have a fantastic school garden which has achieved a Level 4 certification in the Pride of Place competition. However, our school garden team urgently need parent volunteers. If you have time to donate to the school garden or have any other talents that you can give to the school please contact Ms. O'Loughlin at mounthanoverns@gmail.com All parent helpers will be Garda Vetted to ensure child protection compliance.

Assembly: Our September assembly took place today. Well done to the following certificate winners:

Pupil of the Month: Sadie Mehegan, James Toner, Devyn Butler, Aoibha O'Brien, Paddy Curran, Lucy McArdle, Emma Moore, Dara Deasy, Aoife Cannon, Oscar Cudden, Leigh Doyle, Mia Cassely, Hannah Crosby, Evie Lynch, Pádraic McGinty & James Ryan.

Handwriting Awards: Isla Connor, Eadie Freyne, Evelyn Cassely, Daniel McGuinness, Johnny McGuinness, Holly Carroll, Isabella McArdle & Frieda Smyth.

Gaeilgeoir na Míosa: Hugo Harvey, Jack McGuinness, Conor McGuinness, Emily Keane, Cian Deasy, Amelia Maguire, Casper Cudden & Ava McEnteggart.

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.

School Drop Off/Collection: Many thanks for your continued co-operation with our drop off and collection procedures. The school day is from **8.50 am – 2.30 pm** (Infant home time is 1.30 pm). Please ensure that your child is on time for school. The school gates and doors will be closed at 9.05 am and anyone arriving after that time is missing valuable instruction time.

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

We will begin accepting applications for the 2023/2024 school year on **Monday October 10th**. The application period will remain open until **November 7th**. Applicants will be notified of the decision on their application by **December 5th**. Applicants then have until **December 19th** to accept the offer of admission. **Please note that this is for applications the 2023/2024 school year only.**

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

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

School Photographs: Anyone wishing to place an order should follow the instructions on the envelope enclosed and return it to school by **Wednesday October 12th**.

Uniform: Children should wear school tracksuit on **designated PE days only**. **Full school uniform should be worn on all other days.**

Design-a-Card: Our school is participating in a unique fundraiser with www.designacard.ie. Each child will get the opportunity to design their own Christmas card, a sample of which will be sent home giving you the option to purchase packs of cards or any of the optional extra Christmas gifts if you wish. The design is to be completed inside the square on the template. Any artwork outside that area will be lost. When the students are finished their designs please return them to the class teachers.

Templates are to be returned to the class teachers by Thursday October 6th.

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. 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.

School Calendar Update: Please note that we will close for a **half day on Friday October 28th** to facilitate staff training in the Primary Language Curriculum. Collection time for all children will be at **12 noon**.

Parent Teacher Meetings: Please note the following dates for these years' parent teacher meetings:

Tuesday October 11th & Tuesday October 18th.

Children from 1st-6th class will go home at **2.15 pm** on these days to facilitate the meetings. Infant home time remains unchanged. A timetable has been issued by each class teacher with your allocated slot.