

**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 7<sup>th</sup> at 8.50 am.**

*Happy Halloween Everyone!*

**School Sports:** Well done to our boys and girls GAA teams who competed in the Cuman na mBunscol competitions this term. We are very proud of both teams and how they represented the school. A special word of congratulations to the girls' team who reached the quarter-final stages! A fantastic achievement!! Thank you to Ms O'Donnell for all her hard work in preparing the team, organizing matches and everything that goes into coaching. Thank you also to Mrs. Kennedy for her support and to our parent helpers, especially Gavin and Colin, for all their help and input.

**Design-a-Card:** The Design-a-Card Christmas Card templates have been distributed. Orders may be placed online using the following link: <https://login.designacard.ie/ordernow>. To avoid missing postal dates please have your order completed by **Monday the 14th of November. Please note that all orders must be placed online. 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:** Aoife Mullen, Adam Hall, Joe Durkan, Eddie Fitzpatrick, Ellie Weldon, Gracie Curley, Siobhán Briscoe, Peter Crosby, Harry Flood, Amber Devine, Matthew Cudden, Kaitlyn Collins, Hugo Lawler, Isabella McArdle, Annie Power & Holly Doyle.

**Handwriting Awards:** Blayke Murray, Alice Grogan, Katie McEnteggart, Petra Smyth, Kayleigh Stacey, Quinn Manley, Lily Durkan & May Darcy.

**Gaeilgeoir na Míosa:** Kevin Mokl, Nathan Maguire, Adam McEnteggart, Charlie Collins, Seán Connell Cudden, Lennon King, Blaithín Byrne & James Collins.

**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. Absences over 20 days must be reported to TUSLA. 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. 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.

**Halloween Raffle:** Many thanks to the Parents Association for the fantastic Halloween Hampers and to Kiera Cunningham for the hats. The winners are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Hamper</u>	<u>Hat</u>
Infants	Aoife	Hugo
1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	Adam	Evelyn
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Class	Shane	Tom
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Class	Holly	James C

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

We began accepting applications for the 2023/2024 school year on **Monday October 10<sup>th</sup>**. The application period will remain open until **November 7<sup>th</sup>**. Applicants will be notified of the decision on their application by **December 5<sup>th</sup>**. Applicants then have until **December 19<sup>th</sup>** 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>

**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](http://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.