

Scoil Cholmcille, Mount Hanover

January 2023

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 March 1st**. We will be closed on **Monday February 6th** for the Bank Holiday and on **Thursday February 16th & Friday February 17th** for the Mid-Term Break. Please note that Wednesday February 15th is a normal school day with home times unchanged.

Training Day: The school will be closed to pupils on **Friday April 21st** to facilitate training in the Primary Language Curriculum.

Admission 2023 – 2024: Application forms for admission to Junior Infants & others classes for 2023 – 2024 are available on the homepage of the school website at www.mounthanoverns.ie

St Vincent de Paul: Thank you to all who contributed generously to the St. Vincent de Paul collection before the Christmas break. Your generosity is very much appreciated. A total of €300 was donated.

Catholic Schools Week: Catholic Schools Week 2023 began on Sunday 22nd 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: Walking Together in Faith and Love.***

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

Pupils of the Month: Cillian Narcisse, Alex Browne, Louis Mullen, Eadie Freyne, Adam McEnteggart, Paddy Curran, Nina Hall, Emily Keane, Tom Kelly, Emmet Freyne, Zara Lewis, Sadhbh Kirwan, Noah Devine, Enya McGuire, Frieda Smyth & Maisie Flood.

Handwriting Awards: Adam Hall, Hannah Pawlik Stepien, Gracie Curley, Dara Deasy, Seán Connell Cudden, Amelia Maguire, Hanna Crosby & Holly Doyle.

Gaeilgeoir Na Míosa: Aoife Mullen, Eddie Fitzpatrick, Isla Freyne, Siobhán Briscoe, Aoibhinn Curran, Cora Dowd, Madisyn Crosby & Alex Kelly.

Credit Union Quiz: Best of luck to our quiz teams who are taking part in the credit Union quiz this Sunday. We have two teams in the competition. They are as follows:

U-11: Oscar, Matthew, Amelia & Mollie

U- 13: Annie, Isabella, James R & Frieda

Sacrament Classes: Please note the following dates:

First Holy Communion Class:

First Confessions will take place on **Saturday March 11th** in Duleek Church.

First Holy Communion: **Saturday May 20th 2023** at **10 a.m.** in Duleek Church with Cushinstown NS.

Confirmation:

The Confirmation Ceremony will take place on **Wednesday March 1st 2023** in Duleek Church at **2 p.m.**

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

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 TUSLA/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 may be investigated by TUSLA.

As part of our Attendance Strategy, school absence reminder texts have been sent to the parents of children who have been absent for 15 or more days so far this school year. The purpose of the text is so that you can be aware of your child's absences to date.

If your child is sick or is absent for other good reasons, no action will be taken by TUSLA- Child and Family Agency. However, if there is concern about your child’s attendance at school or about the reasons given, you may be visited by an Educational Welfare Officer who will discuss your child’s education with you.

Junior Entrepreneur Programme: The 5th & 6th class children are busy working on their JEP business. Their business is called “Cara Buidéal”. This business involves decorating glass bottles and jars. If you have any bottles/jars at home that you are looking to recycle, the 5th & 6th class will gladly take them off your hands. Thank you!!