

Scoil Cholmcille, Mount Hanover

February 2023

Newsletter

School Calendar:

- The 6th class children will celebrate their **Confirmation on March 1st at 2pm.**
- **First Confessions** will take place on **Saturday March 11th** in Duleek Church at **2pm.**
- **St. Patrick's Day Closure:** Friday March 17th.
- **Easter Holidays:** School closing at 12 noon on Friday March 31st. Re-opening on Monday 17th April at 8.50 am.
- **Training Day:** The school will be closed to pupils on **Friday April 21st** to facilitate training in the Primary Language Curriculum.
- **First Holy Communion** will be celebrated on **Saturday May 20th at 10 am.**
- **School Tour:** Let's Go-Gormanston. Friday June 2nd 2023.
- **6th Class Graduation:** Friday June 16th.
- **6th class Tour:** Monday June 19th.
- **Summer Holidays:** School closing at 12 noon on Thursday June 22nd.

Sports in School: The boys and girls GAA and soccer teams are back in action. The 5-a-side FAI Soccer competition takes place in the MDL on **Monday February 27th** for the boys and **Monday March 6th** for the girls.

The GAA teams are competing in an East Meath School league and they have monthly games in this competition.

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

Pupil of the Month: Isla Connor, Blayke Murray, Hannah Pawlik Stepien, Cody O'Brien, Evelyn Cassely, Lucy McArdle, Daniel McGuinness, Charlie Collins, Seán Connell Cudden, Alex McEnteggart, Quinn Manley, Eddy Xue, Madisyn Crosby, Lily Durkan, Ava McEnteggart & James Collins.

Handwriting Awards: Cillian Narcisse, Louis Mullen, Conor McGuinness, Caoimhe Butler, Saoirse Curran, Mia Cassely, Blaithín Byrne & Kayla Scully.

Gaeilgeoir Na Míosa: Holly McGuinness, Aoibha O'Brien, Katie McEnteggart, Peter Crosby, Oscar Cudden, Leigh Doyle, Isabella McArdle & Annie Power.

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

Drumcondra Reading Tests: May 9th/10th/11th.

Drumcondra Maths Tests: May 30th/31st

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.

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.

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

Junior Entrepreneur Programme:

Thank you for all the glass bottle and jar donations!! We have lots to paint and decorate now.

Thank you also for completing our Google Survey.

We will post some pictures of our products on Class Dojo over the coming weeks.

We will be having a "Showcase Day" where you can come and learn all about our business and purchase our products.

From, the Cara Buidéal Team.

School Tour: Please find below the payment link for this year's school tour to Let's Go, Gormanston.
<https://www.aladdin.ie/p/6180051006521344>

Payments can be made in full or in installments - minimum payment of €6 per child.

Please pay in full by May 2nd.