

Scoil Cholmcille Mount
Hanover
Newsletter-November 2023



Welcome to the November edition of our school newsletter. Many thanks for your continued support this school year. We are now heading into our final few weeks of term. We will be closing for the Christmas Holidays on **Friday December 22nd**. This will be a half day closure at 12 noon.

Cross Country: Well done to our Cross Country runners who attended the school event in Fairyhouse on Wednesday. Congratulations to all for taking part.

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

Pupil of the Month: Nicholas O'Reilly, Emelia Reilly, Adam Hall, Alex Browne, Louis Mullen, Aoibha O'Brien, Katie McEnteggart, Conor McGuinness, TJ McGuinness, Emily Keane, Aoife Cannon, Johnny McGuinness, Mollie Flood, Matthew Cudden, Hugo Lawler & Blaithín Byrne.

Handwriting Awards: Nathan Power, Pola Wodzinska, Joe Durkan, Seán Wong, Rian O'Brien, Kayleigh Stacey, Quinn Manley & Gabi Mora Sanz.

Gaeilgeoir na Míosa: Mollie Toner, Blayke Murray, Jack McGuinness, Adam McEnteggart, Emma Moore, Aoibhinn Curran, Kaitlyn Collins & Enya McGuire.

Sacrament Classes:

Please note the following dates:

First Holy Communion: **Saturday 18th May 2024.**

Confirmation Ceremony: **Tuesday 20th February 2024.**

Times and further details to be confirmed.

GAA: Congratulations to our girls and boys GAA teams for reaching the Cumann na mBunscol finals. It wasn't our year but nonetheless to reach the finals was a fantastic achievement. Many thanks to Ms O'Donnell, Mrs Kennedy, Joanne, Catherine & Colin for all their work with the tams. It is very much appreciated by us all. Thank you to the Parents Association who arranged for refreshments after the games for the teams in Supermacs. I'm sure this is an experience that the children will remember for years to come.

Christmas Show: The children in the Infant rooms are putting on a special Christmas Show this year for their parents/guardians. We politely ask that any images taken on the day are for private use only and under no circumstances should they be posted on social media sites. Please refrain from recording the children on the day. The show will take place on **Wednesday December 20th.**

Book Fair: The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from **Monday 27th November- Friday 1st December**. Parents are welcome to come and browse the books from **1.30 – 2.30 pm** each day. Each class teacher will have a €7 prize voucher on offer in their classroom. The school will receive a percentage of sales to use to buy books and resources for the classroom.

Healthy Eating: Please continue to pack a healthy lunch for your child. Fizzy drinks are not allowed in school. **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 also ask children **not** to share their lunches. **We have been informed that our expression of interest in the free hot school meals programme has been accepted.** This will see the roll out of free school meals for every child in the 2024/2025 school year. More details on the practicalities of this to follow.

Christmas Raffle: It’s that time of the year again. Each family will receive 4 books of tickets to sell. **The tickets are €1 each or 6 for €5.** Once again, there will be a top prize on offer-this will be confirmed in the coming week. The raffle tickets will be sent home next week. If you require additional books, please ask the class teacher. The Parents Association are also looking for prize donations (sweets/biscuits/gift sets etc). Any prize donations may be dropped into the school next week in a bag labelled Christmas Raffle donation. Many thanks for your support.

A reminder of the 2023/2024 School Calendar:

Christmas Break: Closing on **Friday December 22nd at 12 noon.** School re-opens on **Monday January 8th 2024.**

February Bank Holiday: Closed on Monday February 5th 2024.

February Mid –Term: Closed Thursday & Friday February 15th & 16th 2024.

St. Patrick’s Day: Closed Monday 18th March 2024.

Easter Break 2024: Closing Friday March 22nd 2024 at 12 noon. Re-opening on Monday April 8th 2024.

May Bank Holiday: Closed Monday 6th May 2024.

June Bank Holiday: Closed Monday 3rd June 2024.

Summer Holidays 2024: Closing on Friday June 21st 2024 at 12 noon.

A copy of the calendar may be downloaded here:

<https://mounthanoverns.ie/school-updates/school-calendar/>



Christmas Jumper Day-SVP: We will be having a fundraising day for SVP on **Friday December 8th**. On this day the children may wear their Christmas Jumpers to school. Suggested donation of €2 per child. An online fundraising page will be set up allowing people to donate online or if you prefer the children may bring their donations to school.

**Enjoy the disco
everyone!**