

Scoil Cholmcille, Mount Hanover

January 2024

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 February 20th**. We will be closed on **Monday February 5th** for the Bank Holiday. The school will be closed to pupils on **Tuesday February 6th** to facilitate training in the Primary Maths Curriculum. Midterm break is on Thursday **February 15th** & Friday **February 16th**. Please note that Wednesday February 14th is a normal school day with home times unchanged.

Admission 2024 – 2025: Application forms for admission to Junior Infants & others classes for 2024 – 2025 are available on the homepage of the school website at www.mounthanoverns.ie

School Tour 2024: We have booked our school tour for **Tuesday June 4th**. The whole school will be travelling to Navan Adventure Centre. Please fill in the attached form to inform us of whether your child/children will be attending. Please have all responses submitted by **February 1st**.

<https://forms.gle/M8BKVJGKXndaGyN37>

Catholic Schools Week: Catholic Schools Week 2024 began on Sunday 21st 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: Communities of Service.***

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

Pupils of the Month: Nathan Power, Kaiya Cannon, Blayke Murray, Pola Wodzinska, Eadie Freyne, Nathan Maguire, Ellie Weldon, Fíadh Cannon, Peter Crosby, Rían O'Brien, Emmet Freyne, Cian Deasy, Amelia Maguire, Sadhbh Kirwan, Enya McGuire & Noah Devine.

Handwriting Awards: Nicholas O'Reilly, Holly McGuinness, Eddie Fitzpatrick, Katie McEnteggart, Caoimhe Butler, Seán Connell Cudden, Holly Carroll & Lily Durkan.

Gaeilgeoir Na Míosa: Anna McGuinness, Cillian Narcisse, Zach Mullen, Evelyn Cassely, Charlie Collins, Tom Kelly, Leigh Doyle & Madisyn Crosby.

Spanish Lessons: This term saw the start of Spanish lessons for the children in 3rd – 6th class. This is part of a European initiative called ‘Say Yes to Languages’. The school applied to be part of this initiative and we were delighted to be accepted. The lessons are on every Thursday afternoon for 8 weeks.

Sacrament Classes: Please note the following dates:

First Holy Communion Class:

First Confessions will take place on **Saturday March 9th at 2pm** in Duleek Church.

First Holy Communion: **Saturday May 18th 2024** at **12 noon** in Duleek Church with Cushinstown NS.

Confirmation:

The Confirmation Ceremony will take place on **Tuesday February 20th at 2pm** in Duleek Church.

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 Class Dojo or the school office). 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.

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.

Music Generation: Our Music Generation lessons for 3rd-6th class have resumed. These lessons are subsidised by Music Generation and they will continue until May. The children are learning the violin and they have made great progress so far.

Hot school Meals: As previously announced, our expression of interest in the hot school meal scheme was accepted. We are currently trailing providers for this service. It will be at no extra cost to you. The suppliers will have an app where you can log on and choose what meal you would like for your child. They cater for dietary requirements and provide a detailed breakdown of the nutritional context of the meals. Once a supplier has been chosen, I will provide you with all the details regarding the app and how to download it. It is hoped that the meal scheme will be up and running after the Easter_holidays (April 8th).

Standardised Tests: Standardised testing for the children in 1st – 6th Class will take place on the following dates. If at all possible, please avoid booking holidays for these dates.

Spelling: February 27th & 28th **Reading:** May 8th & 9th **Maths:** May 28th & 29th