

# Newsletter

## May 2024

### Scoil Cholmcille, Mount Hanover



**Summer Reports:** It's almost that time of year again! The annual school reports will be posted home the week of **June 10th**. If your address has changed since this time last year, please let us know as soon as possible. It is vital that we have your current address on file to ensure that the report is delivered correctly. Please inform the school of any changes: [mounthanoverns@gmail.com](mailto:mounthanoverns@gmail.com) or 041-9839405 or via Class Dojo.

#### **End of Year Events:**

**Sports Day 2024:** Sports Day will take place on **Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup>**. The weather is looking good for Wednesday!!

**School Tour:** Whole School Tour to Navan Adventure Centre on **Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup>**. The total cost of the tour is €32.

Please make any outstanding payments via the following link:

<https://www.aladdin.ie/p/6180051006521344>

The 6<sup>th</sup> class tour will take place on **Monday June 17<sup>th</sup>**. Any outstanding payments can be made by following the link posted above.

**6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation:** The 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation will take place on **Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>** at **11.30 am** in the GP Room. Parents and guardians of the 6<sup>th</sup> Class children are invited to attend.

**Sacraments:** Congratulations to the children in 2<sup>nd</sup> class who celebrated their First Holy Communion this month. It was a lovely ceremony and I hope that everyone enjoyed their day. Many thanks to the Parents' Association for the lovely reception afterwards in the GP Room.

**School Garden:** The school is taking part in the "Pride of Place" initiative. This is a school garden initiative ran by Meath County Council. In June, we will have a judge visit our garden and speak to the children about the garden activities. This visit will take place on **Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup>**. Many thanks to the parent helpers who have done Trojan work in the garden over the past weeks and months.

**School Meal:** Please ensure that you turn off lunch orders on The Lunch Bag app if your child is on a planned absence from school (e.g. holidays). This will ensure that food wastage is kept to a minimum.

**A reminder of the 2023/2024 School Calendar:**

**June Bank Holiday:** Closed Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.

**Summer Holidays 2024:** Half day closing at 12 noon on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024.

**School Books 2024:** In recognition of the cost of preparing children for the return to primary school each September, Minister for Education Norma Foley T.D. has announced funding to provide free schoolbooks, including workbooks and copybooks, again this school year. This scheme will eliminate the cost to parents of providing these resources.

Funding is being provided directly to primary schools by the Department to implement the scheme and schools will now have responsibility for providing schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks to all children at the start of the school year.

All schoolbooks will remain the property of the school so that books can be re-used in future years. Schoolbooks will be provided on loan to children for the duration of the 2024/25 school year and must be returned to school at the end of the school year.

This scheme does not include art/craft or photocopying fees so these will apply for the 2023 school year (€40). An optional payment for personal pupil insurance will also be available (€9). The payment page can be accessed here: <https://www.aladdin.ie/p/6180051006521344>

**Assembly Winners:** Well done to our prize winners for May. They are as follows:

**Pupil of the Month:** Munasar Abdi, Conal Cannon, Blayke Murray, Isla Connor, Louis Mullen, Zach Mullen, Neala San Pen, Lucy McArdle, Daniel McGuinness, Nina Hall, Amber Devine, Oscar Cudden, Lennon King, Quinn Manley, Evie Lynch & Dylan Ryan.

**Gaelgeoir na Míosa:** Bobby Condron, Alex Browne, Zack Flaherty Wogan, Seán Wang, Caleb Collins, Harry Flood, Matthew Cudden & Lily Durkan.

**Handwriting Awards:** Oliver Crawley Fay, Aoife Mullen, Alice Grogan, Evelyn Cassely, Charlie Collins, Amber Devine, Mollie Flood & Casper Cudden.

**Well done everyone!**

**Church Gate Collection:** Many thanks to everyone who helped out at the Church Gate Collection this past weekend. Your support is very much appreciated. A total of €660 was raised.

**School Visits:** On Wednesday we had a visit from Minister Charlie McConalogue and Cllr Stephen McKee. They spoke with some children and they then had a tour of the school and the grounds. It was a very enjoyable visit. Thank you to Gavin Flood for arranging the visit.