

Summer Newsletter

June 2024

Mount Hanover NS



Summer Wishes: As the school year draw to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support that you have shown this school year. Your support and co-operation is very much appreciated.

I would also like to acknowledge the staff here at Mount Hanover NS for their hard work and dedication this year. I have had the privilege of leading a fantastic staff and I am very proud of them. They have, as always, gone above and beyond in their various roles to create and offer the very best to all the children. Best wishes to Ms Leddy who will be Acting Principal whilst I am off on my maternity leave. Ms O'Donnell will be Acting Deputy Principal and Ms. McGinty will be Acting Assistant Principal.

Many thanks to our cleaners, Izabela and her team at Dustbusters, and our caretaker, John. Thank you for all the extra care and attention that you have given to the school this year.

A special word of thanks to our wonderful secretary, Jennifer. I'd like to thank for her hard work and dedication.

Have a lovely summer beak everyone. **School closes at 12 noon tomorrow for everyone.**

Good Luck: Goodbye and Good Luck to our 6th class students. I would like to wish you the very best as you begin the next stage of your educational journey. It has been a pleasure to watch you grow and learn over the past 8 years. Thank you for all that you have brought to the school and for sharing your talents and interests with us.

Thank you also to the families who are leaving the Mount Hanover NS community this year. You have all made a huge contribution to the school and have left a lasting legacy. This year we are saying goodbye to the following families: Ryan Family, Breach Family, Lawler/McNamara Family, Byrne Family and the McGuire Family.

You have been actively involved for many years in the life of Mount Hanover NS. You have left a lasting impression on the school and for that I sincerely thank you. Many of you have served on the Board of Management or the Parents Association. You have lent you talents to the school by creating and maintaining the school garden or lending your expertise to school building projects to name but a few. Thank you for your dedication and hard work. You will be greatly missed by us all.

Parent Helpers: Thank you to all the Parent Helpers who came onboard this year. A special mention to our gardening crew who have worked so diligently this year. Thank you for your time, knowledge and expertise. It is very much appreciated by us all.

School Calendar:

The school calendar for 2024/2025 has been posted home with the school reports. It is also available to view/download on the school website:

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

School Tracksuits:

Our School Tracksuit (with crest) is available to purchase in The School Uniform Shop, Drogheda, The Children's Shop and Best Wear, Drogheda.

Art/Craft Fees: Art and Craft material, photocopying and stationery: €40 & Personal Pupil Insurance (24hr cover) ****Optional**** €9.

Payment can be made online through the following portal: <https://www.aladdin.ie/p/6180051006521344>

Please ensure payment is made on or before **Friday September 20th 2024.**

Class Teachers 2024/2025: The staffing schedule for the 2024/2025 school year is as follows:

Junior Infants: Ms. Kate Leddy (Acting Principal)

Senior Infants: Ms. Brigid O'Donnell (Acting Deputy)

1st/2nd: Ms. Jessica Donagh

3rd/4th: Ms. Lisa Maher

5th/6th: Mr. Pádraig McGrogan

SET: Ms. Laura McGinty (Acting Assistant Principal)

Shared SET: TBC – shared with Slane NS – 2 days per week

Principal Release Post: Mr. Sean Dawson

SNA: Mrs. Mary Kennedy

Secretary – Mrs. Jennifer Donoghue

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

Pupil of the Month: Nicholas O'Reilly, Katie O'Brien, Cillian Narcisse, Sadie Mehegan, Jack McGuinness, Cody O'Brien, Conor McGuinness, Sean Wang, Amelia O'Brien, Jake Lynch, Kayleigh Stacey, Cian Deasy, Mia Cassely, Leigh Doyle, Madisyn Crosby & Jamie Breach.

Gaelgeoir na Míosa: Oisín Pen, Hugo Harvey, Alice Grogan, Isla Freyne, Petra Smyth, Shane Woods, Quinn Manley & Hugo Lawler.

Handwriting Awards: Oliver Crawley Fay, Kevin Mokl, Aoibha O'Brien, Neala San Pen, Emily Keane, Oscar Cudden, Zara Lewis & Enya McGuire.

2024/2025 School Year Activities: **Music Generation** will resume their violin lessons for children in 3rd – 6th class in September 2024. The lessons will take place on Friday mornings. 3rd/4th will be from 9.20 – 10.00 and 5th/6th Class from 10.00 -10.40. Once again, our teacher will be Michelle Foy.

Our application for a second year of the '**Say Yes to Languages**' initiative has been successful. That means that the children in 3rd- 6th class will be participating in Spanish Lessons for ten weeks in Term 1 of the upcoming school year. Elena will resume her lessons at the end of September. Our provisional day/times are Mondays with 3rd/4th Class from 11.30 -12.0 and 5th/6th Class from 12.00 -12.30.

Sacraments 2024/2025: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Thursday 6th February 2025** (times to be confirmed). The enrolment for those who wish to receive the Gift of Confirmation will take place in September and Fr Mark would like to encourage families to attend Mass over the summer and to watch out for more information via parish newsletter and website.