



MUIRE GAN SMÁL NEWS

www.claremorrisns.ie

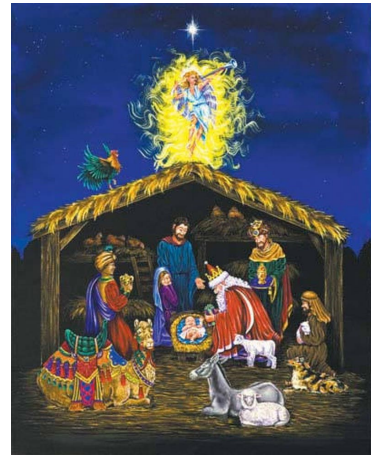
094 9371496

December 2021

Follow us on Facebook



**Muire Gan Smál
Primary School**



JUNIOR INFANTS 2022/23

Enrolment for Junior Infants 2022/23 will open on 1st February and close on 1st March 2022.

This year, enrolment application forms should be submitted online through our website.

Children in Ireland start school between the ages of four and six years old.

Please spread the word to anyone that you know who has a child due to start school next September.



A CHRISTMAS BLESSING

May all the days
Of all the years
That God has still in store
Be filled with every joy and grace
To bless you more and more;
May hope of heart and peace of mind
Beside you ever stay,
And that's the golden wish I have
For you, this Christmas Day!



CLOTHING COLLECTION

We will be doing a clothing collection to raise funds for the school from Monday 10th-Friday 14th January 2022. We can only accept clean, wearable clothes, paired shoes, hats, scarves, bags, belts, bed linen, towels and curtains.

No duvets, pillows or bric-a-brac accepted.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT MUIRE GAN SMÁL:

- Our 6th class attended a Zoom workshop on Internet Safety. Parents from 3rd-6th class were invited to participate in a Zoom workshop also. Thanks to all of the parents who signed up to attend.
- We will host a Christmas Jumper Day/Wear Your Own clothes Day on Wednesday 22nd December in aid of Cancer Fund for Children who are building a Respite Centre in Mayo. Children should bring in €1 on the day.
- Children from 3rd-6th class started to wear masks to school as mandated by the Government. They have adjusted well to this. We are very proud of them.
- Surveys were sent to staff and parents as part of the Creative Schools process. Please see link on Aladdin noticeboard. Your feedback is much appreciated.
- Classes have created beautiful Christmas and Winter artwork which is on display around the school.



HSE MEDICAL ADVICE FOR CHILDREN

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME AND PHONE YOUR GP

Do not send your child to school if any of the following is true

Your child has:

- A temperature of 38 degrees celsius or more
- A new cough, loss/change of sense of taste/smell, or shortness of breath
- Been a close contact with someone who tested positive
- Been in close contact or living with someone who has been referred for a test
- Been living with someone who may be unwell and may have COVID-19

OTHER SYMPTOMS

If your child has

- Vomiting/Diarrhoea
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Runny or blocked nose

Keep them at home for at least 48 hours.

After 48 hours it is ok to send your child back to school as long as:

Their symptoms do not get worse

They do not develop new symptoms

They do not need paracetamol/ibuprofen during these 48 hours

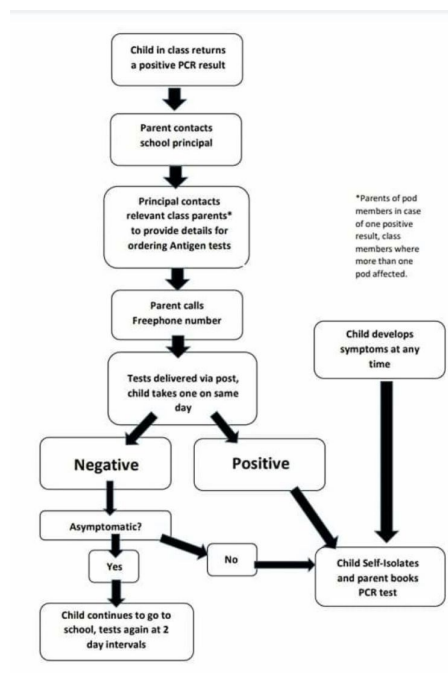
CONTACT TRACING IN SCHOOLS

A new system of contact tracing started in schools on Monday 29th November. If your child tests positive, you are asked to contact the school to inform them. The school will inform the full class of the case and will also contact the parents/guardians of children in the same pod so that they can apply for free antigen tests. If more than one case arises in more than one pod within a week, the full class will be invited to take part in the antigen testing programme.

A box of five antigen tests will be delivered to the address provided with instructions on how to do the tests. You should carry out a test on your child on the day that you receive the antigen tests, a second test two days later and a third test two days after that.

If your child has no symptoms, he or she may continue to attend school. If he or she has symptoms, they should stay at home and you should book a PCR test for him/her.

If your child is a household contact and is unvaccinated or hasn't recovered from COVID-19 on the previous 9 months, he or she must restrict their movements and get a PCR test on day 0 and day 10. If two negative results are received, he or she may return to school.



CALENDAR 2021-2022

November '21							December '21							January '22						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6				1	2	3	4							1
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
														30	31					

February '22							March '22							April '22						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5			1	2	3	4	5						1	2
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
27	28						27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30

May '22							June '22							July '22						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4						1	2
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30			24	25	26	27	28	29	30
														31						

- School Closed/ Holidays
- Teacher in-Service Day (no school for students)
- Half Day
- First and Last Day of School

PLEASE NOTE: Half Days on Friday, 22nd October, Wednesday 23rd February & Friday 29th April are for Teacher Training in the New Primary Languages Curriculum

RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUALITY EDUCATION (RSE)

RSE lessons will be taught in all classes in Term 2. The content of these lessons varies based on the age of the children. The correct anatomical language is taught throughout the school.

Flora Duignan will come to the school in April to deliver some of these lessons to 6th class. Flora will also host a talk for the parents /guardians of the 6th class girls in advance of these lessons.

REDRAFTING OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Parents! Do you know that the Primary Curriculum is changing?

What children learn and how children learn in primary school is changing. The proposed changes aim to enhance children's learning in school and provide for even more relevant and meaningful learning.

You can find the proposals at <https://ncca.ie/media/4456/ncca-primary-curriculum-framework-2020.pdf>

As a parent, it is important that you have a say in shaping your child's future learning. Consultation will close by the end of February 2022.

Please take 8-10 minutes to tell them what you think by copying and pasting this link into your browser.

<https://surveyhero.com/c/mrefuzfc>

Want to know more? Visit the website www.ncca.ie/primary

