

Scoil Phádraig Milltown Ns

Newsletter- 2023/2024

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please note the following:

Enrolment for September 2024:

Enrolment application forms are available from the school office/website. Forms should be returned to school on/before Friday 9th February. I would ask that you encourage people, who you may know who are seeking a primary school, to seriously consider Milltown National School. A bus service runs from Mullingar and Ballymahon each day. If you have any queries about enrolment, please contact the office. **It is vital that we keep up our strong pupil numbers, otherwise we would be in danger of losing a teacher. All your assistance regarding this important matter is much appreciated.**

Aladdin Connect: An email has been sent out and a letter will follow next week regarding our schools movement to Aladdin Connect as a means of streamlining our communication. We hope to have it up and running as soon as possible. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us.

Mullingar Voices

5th and 6th class are taking part in Mullingar Voices this year. The children have been practicing every Tuesday for the past few weeks and the programme will culminate in a performance in the Mullingar Arts Centre on Saturday February the 3rd. Tickets for the event are available to purchase in the Arts centre, over the phone or online via this [Link](#) (please ensure you purchase tickets for SATURDAY February 3rd).

Confirmation

Confirmation for 5th and 6th Classes this year will be celebrated with a ceremony in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar on February the 6th at 2pm.

Stay Safe Programme and Online Safety: As mentioned in a note sent home in January, all classes are completing the 'Stay Safe' programme this month. The programme aims to ensure that all children are kept safe. Regarding safety online, many of our children are interacting online outside of school time on social media sites such as Fortnite, Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook and Tik Tok. As all classes are completing the Stay Safe programme, this would be an ideal opportunity for parents to discuss good online safety and behaviour with your child. Furthermore, Safer Internet Day will take place on Tuesday 6th February. This week will possibly be another opportunity for parents to discuss online safety with your child. I also encourage all parents to visit www.webwise.ie for excellent information on keeping your child safe online. I have sent a separate email with information regarding an Internet Safety Course for parents from Cyber School, another valuable resource for parents!

School Closures: The School will be closed on **Thursday 15th and Friday 16th February** for mid-term break. We will also have a half day closure on **March 1st** for a teacher training day and on **Friday March 8th** the school will close as it will be used as a Polling Station for the upcoming Referendum. An interactive school calendar and school year planner can be downloaded from our school website www.milltownns.ie.

Contact Information- If you are not receiving text or email communication from the school, please let us know so that we can update your details.

Mobile phones and electronic devices: Mobile phones and electronic devices are not allowed in school as they can be broken, stolen or used inappropriately. If your child needs to bring a phone to school for an after school activity, then the phone must be switched off and handed up to the teacher at the beginning of the day with a note from home. The teacher will return the phone to the pupil at the end of the school day. Phones are not allowed on the school bus.

Credit Union Quiz: Well done to the eight 5th and 6th class pupils who represented our school in the annual Credit Union Quiz last Monday. Both teams did fantastically well, and represented the school with pride and distinction.

Book Fair: The school book fair will be held from Tuesday 5th March to Monday 11th March. More details to follow.

Hurling: Children in 4th/5th/6th Class have commenced with hurling training in the community centre. The children are really enjoying the sessions. We thank Fr.Daltons hurling club who have kindly agreed to supply us with some hurls and helmets for the school.

Yours sincerely,

Ronan Scally

Acting Principal

