



MUIRE GAN SMÁL NEWS

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SCHOOL MOTTO

**I will accept
everybody in my
class just as they
are and I will treat
them with respect.**



As we begin another school year, all pupils are reminded of our School Motto.



The theme for the month of September in Scoil Mhuire gan Smál was

WE COUNT OUR BLESSINGS

Thank you to the girls from
4th and 5th Classes

for their
beautiful artwork.

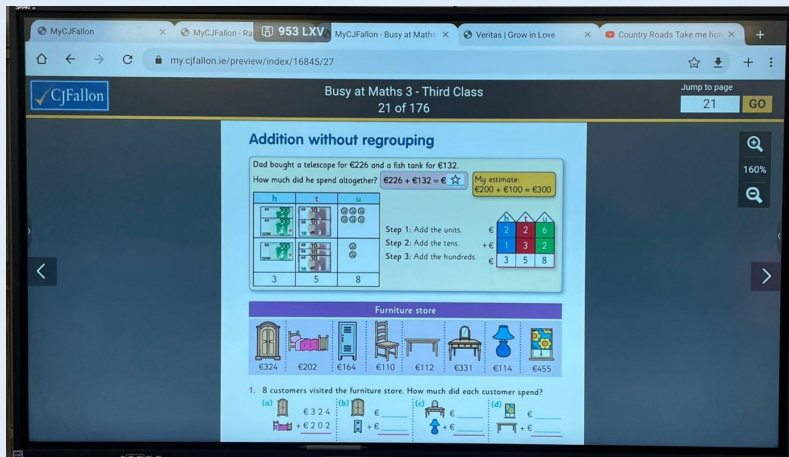
Some Upcoming Dates

Clothing Collection: Monday 2nd-Friday 6th October

School Photos: Tuesday 3rd October

Book Fair: Monday 16th-Friday 20th October

What's been happening...



Thanks to the generosity of the parents in our school towards our Sponsored Walk in June and the great work of our pupils we were able to install two new Smart

We welcome our two new staff members Siobhán Walsh & Sarah Cosgrove. Ms Walsh will work as Special Education Teacher (SET) and Ms. Cosgrove will work as an English as an Addition Language (EAL) Teacher. We hope they feel very welcome and settle well into their new roles.



Thanks to Barry and Breda for the maintenance of the school over the holidays. You might notice that the front wall was painted as was the Junior Shed. The inside of the school was also deep cleaned and floors buffed and waxed.

A few important things

Just a reminder of our Healthy Eating Policy. Suggestions for lunches include sandwiches, wraps, crackers, fruit, vegetables or yoghurt.

Click the link for the HSE's Healthy Lunchbox suggestions. [Healthy Lunchboxes \(hse.ie\)](https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/healthy_lunchboxes)

Children should only bring water or juice to school. Energy drinks, sports drinks or fizzy drinks are not permitted.

We encourage the use of reusable bottles as opposed to single use plastics.



Staff are mandated to report any disclosures made by a child to the Designated Liaison Person, who is the principal. A report may be made to TUSLA if it meets the threshold of harm or if we are advised to do so. This is a legal obligation.

Thank you to all of you who have paid the classroom supplies contribution money. This money covers the cost of 24 hour insurance for all pupils in addition to photocopying/printing costs, arts and crafts materials, science experiment materials and online subscriptions to benefit pupil learning. Unfortunately the funding we receive from the Department of Education falls short of covering our yearly expenditure and we rely on the support of parents to help with these costs. We appreciate your contribution.

We ask any visitors to the school to come to the main door and check in at reception. Parents/Guardians should not enter through any other door. This is a child safeguarding measure in order to keep all children safe.

We appreciate your cooperation.



Mercy Day Celebrations



We celebrated Mercy Day on Friday 22nd September with a Prayer Service. We had some former staff members attend. It was lovely to welcome them back to the school and have them join in the celebration.

Mercy Day is a celebration of the Order of the Sisters of Mercy who established our school. While we no longer have any sisters teaching in the school, it is important to celebrate our roots. We welcomed back three sisters: Sr. Margaret, Sr. Juliet and Sr. Christine.

They particularly loved the wonderful singing and accompanying actions!



Cross Country Runners



We had teams from 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes attend the Cross Country races in Ballinrobe on 21st September.

The 3rd and 4th class team made it to the next stage in Ballina.

Unfortunately, they were not successful on this occasion but they did the school proud.

Well done girls!

And thanks to Ms de Lacy for her involvement.



New Primary Maths Curriculum



An Roinn Oideachais
Department of Education

Information for parents on the new *Primary Mathematics Curriculum*



The Department of Education has published a new maths curriculum for children in primary and special schools. The curriculum sets out what children will learn in maths in every school.

What is different and how children will learn under the new curriculum

The aim of the new curriculum is that children see maths as important and useful to their everyday lives.

It does not change much of 'what' children learn, but it improves 'how' children learn maths. This includes more learning through play and problem solving. It also provides more opportunities for children to be creative, take risks and be challenged. It gives teachers more flexibility to teach in a way that best meets the needs of each child. The following are some examples.



- Children will have a chance learn maths through play. Teachers can use games involving counting, measuring, angles and so on.

- Children can make connections between maths and other areas of learning. Some examples are the use of maths in PE or history, or Irish.
- Children are encouraged to share, reason and argue their thinking about maths.
- Children will be given more space to work with each other and discuss their ideas.
- Children will have the chance to solve real-life problems using maths.

New Primary Maths Curriculum



Supporting teachers

During this school year, teachers and principals will get to know the curriculum and might begin trying parts of it in their classrooms.



Teachers and principals will receive support in the new curriculum. The school will let parents know when this support will happen. It may mean that schools close for some or all children for a short period.



More information

The Primary School Curriculum is changing. The *Primary Mathematics Curriculum* is another step in updating the curriculum, much of which is over 20 years old.

Where to find more information

Scan the QR code or click the link below

If you want to read more about this change, and find supports for parents, see

1. gov.ie/primarycurriculum
2. ncca.ie/en/primary/resources-for-parents/



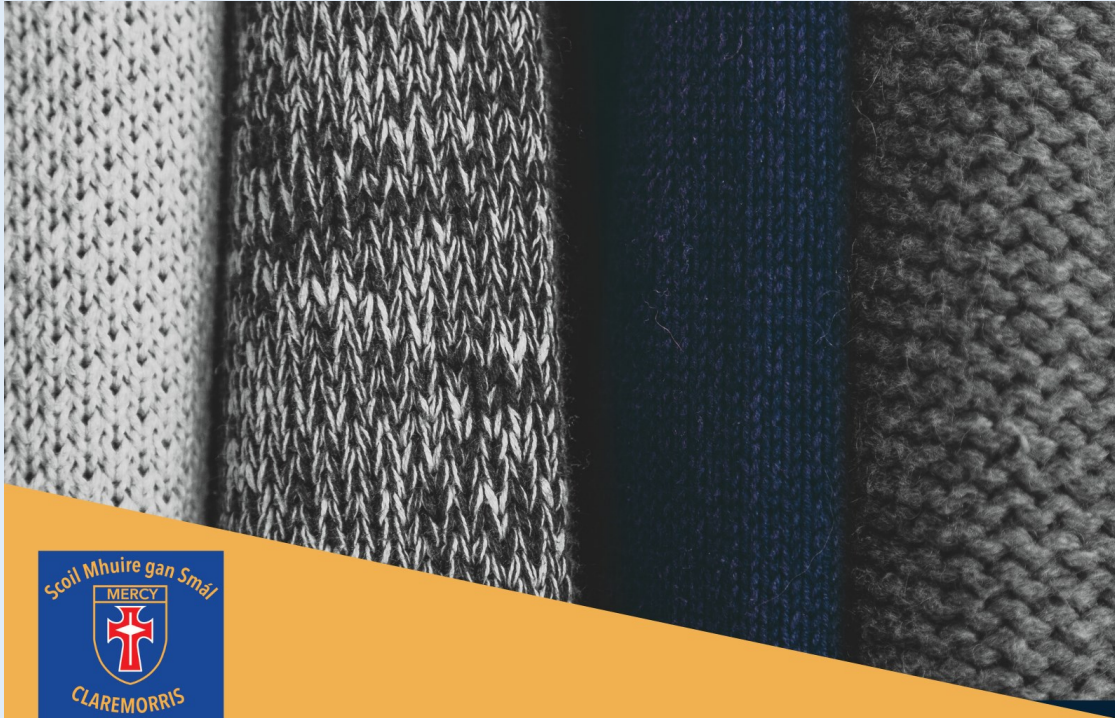
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Fundraising



Mon. 2nd -Fri. 6th October

CASH FOR CLOBBER

We can accept:

Good quality, wearable clothing

Paired shoes

Hats & Scarves

Bags & Belts

Bed linen, towels & curtains

**Please drop the bag at the front of the school
at morning drop off time.**

School Calendar 2023-24

Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál

2023 - 2024 School Calendar

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 School Closed/ Holidays

 Teacher in-Service Day (no school for students)
Date(s) to be confirmed.

 Half Day

 First and Last Day of School