



MUIRE GAN SMÁL NEWS

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**Muire Gan Smál
Primary School**



JUNIOR INFANTS 2022/23

Enrolment for Junior Infants 2022/23 opened on 1st February and will close on 1st March 2022. Applications that come after this date will be marked as late and dealt with accordingly.

Enrolment application forms should be submitted online through our website.

This year we can take in 43 Junior Infants. Please read our Admissions Policy for further details on enrolment.



MID-TERM BREAK

School will close for a half day on Wednesday 23rd February to facilitate teacher training in the Primary Languages Curriculum. We will have staggered closing times to accommodate the full school leaving at the same time.

12.00pm Junior & Senior Infants

12.05pm 1st, 2nd, 3rd

12.10pm 4th, 5th, 6th

This half day is to facilitate teacher training in the new Primary Languages Curriculum.

Mid-term break will take place on Thursday 24th & Friday 25th February.

School will reopen on Monday 28th February.

Enjoy the break!

CLOTHING COLLECTION FUNDRAISER

We are delighted to have raised €540 from our fundraising 'Cash for Clobber' Clothing Collection. This money will be used to pay for books for 'Guided Reading.' Thanks to everyone who donated bags of clothes. It is much appreciated.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT MUIRE GAN SMÁL:

- Many classes made St. Brigid's crosses on 1st February, St Brigid's Day.
- Our Creative Schools Associate, Slavek Kwi, has been doing workshops with classes as part of the Create Schools Programme.
- 6th class girls have been doing rugby training with Fergal Byrne from the IRFU.
- 2nd and 3rd classes have has a soccer training with Nigel from the FAI. 4th and 5th will have a session next week.
- Classes from 1st to 6th have been working on their typing skills using BBC Dance Mat Typing.
- Classes marked Engineering Week by engaging in lots of engineering activities and challenges using Kapla.



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 AND ISOLATION

If your child tests positive on an antigen or PCR test, 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. If your child tests positive on an antigen test you are asked to log this with the HSE.

COVID-19 positive cases and close contacts advice



Coronavirus
COVID-19
Public Health
Advice

COVID-19 Positive PCR or antigen test

- > Self isolate for 7 days
- > Wear mask for 10 days
 - > 13 years and older - wear FFP2 or medical grade mask
 - > 9-12 years - wear well fitted mask

Close contact of a positive case

13 years and older AND boosted

- > Wear FFP2 or medical grade mask for 10 days
- > Regular antigen tests over 7 days

13 years and older NOT boosted

- > Restrict movement for 7 days
- > Wear FFP2 or medical grade mask for 10 days
- > Regular antigen tests over 7 days

0-12 years household contact

- > Restrict movement for 7 days
- > 9-12 years to wear well fitted mask for 10 days
- > Regular antigen tests over 7 days
- > Aged 0-3: No testing unless symptomatic (PCR)

0-12 years NON household contact

- > 9-12 years to wear well fitted mask for 10 days
- > Test if symptoms occur
- > Asymptomatic children who are in the same school/childcare pod as a case will be offered antigen testing as before

For a period of 10 days (including the 7 days self-isolation or restricted movements) all cases and close contacts are advised to:

- > Limit close contact with people outside their household, especially in crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces
- > Wear a face mask in crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces and where they are in close contact with other people
- > Avoid contact with anyone at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19
- > Work from home unless essential to attend in person
- > Close contacts are advised to take an antigen test before entering crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces and prior to having close contact with other people from outside their household
- > Follow all public health protective measures

Anyone who has recovered from COVID-19 since 1 December 2021 is exempt from restriction of movements and testing unless they become symptomatic. If they develop symptoms they should self-isolate, get a test and wear a medical grade or FFP2 face mask.

#LayerUp #ForUsAll

www.gov.ie/covid-19
www.hse.ie



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CALENDAR 2021-2022

February '22							March '22							April '22						
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	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

[School Calendar Template @ calendarlabs.com](http://SchoolCalendarTemplate@calendarlabs.com)

ADDITIONAL DAY OFF

The Government recently announced a new Bank Holiday on March 18th of this year. As we already had that day scheduled to be closed as part of our optional days, we have been informed that we can now close on one additional day as the school year has been reduced by one day from this year on.

We will close on Monday 21st March.

HEALTHY EATING

We remind you that we promote a Healthy Eating Policy in our school. This policy can be viewed on our website [Background \(claremorrisns.ie\)](http://Background(claremorrisns.ie)). Suggestions for healthy lunches are as follows:

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| Sandwiches, Wraps, Crackers, Pitta Bread, Bagel | Cheese, Yoghurt |
| Ham, Turkey, Chicken or other meats | Fruit, Vegetables |
| Pasta, Rice, Cous Cous | |

Please see HSE resource for further ideas [Healthy Lunchboxes \(hse.ie\)](http://HealthyLunchboxes(hse.ie))

Our policy encourages that treats i.e. chocolate, sweets, biscuits etc. are only given as part of the school lunch on a Friday.

Please avoid using tinfoil or single use plastics when packaging lunches.

We are a 'Green School' and encourage the use of reusable bottles and lunch boxes.