



SCOIL UÍ MHUIRÍ – NUACHTLITIR

BARN ROAD, DUNLEER, CO. LOUTH

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Leaving Certificate Class of 2023

Congratulations to Scoil Uí Mhuirí Leaving Certificate 2023 students Emily Halpenny and Oisín Murphy.

Emily was awarded the prestigious Entrance Scholarship award at a delightful ceremony at Dublin City University. Emily is studying Irish and History. Oisín was awarded the Trinity Exhibition Award (Entrance Scholarship) at a ceremony at Trinity College Dublin. Both Ms. Kirk and Ms. McCready were delighted to attend both events. All of the Scoil Uí Mhuirí community are proud of Emily and Oisín’s achievements.

Congratulations and best wishes for the future.



Student Council Update

Scoil Uí Mhuirí student council has been very busy on several issues this term. Council members have been involved in policy development in key areas of school development.

The council had a fruitful meeting with the catering company to represent student views on issues such as allergies, menu choices and queue management.

Second-year student Lilly Cairns is a very active council member. Lilly is leading an initiative within the school to enhance the profile of the student council members within the school and at school events. Organising the extra project herself, Lilly is making sure that we can all identify student council members. This initiative will make it easier for students to engage with the student council.

Well done Lilly!



Scoil Uí Mhuirí Staff

Scoil Uí Mhuirí staff continue to engage in a range of CPD opportunities from leadership training to RSE and SPHE and the development of Modern Foreign Languages, Gaelige and Science. This ongoing training ensures we continue to innovate in the classroom, securing our position as a centre of academic excellence.



Football Finals

Our Senior Team took part in the Leinster Final against local rivals St Olivers. Scoil Uí Mhuirí were 4 points ahead at halftime, however, we needed a last-gasp point from TJ Molloy to force the game to extra time. Unfortunately, St Olivers pulled away in extra time. For our 6th-year students, this was their last time representing the school.

Up next was our talented 2nd year group. They headed to Mullingar to compete in their Leinster Final against Lanesboro. Unfortunately, it was not meant to be for this team, however, the future is bright for Scoil Uí Mhuirí football.

Our U14 team recently defeated St Olivers, Coláiste Chúlainn, Ballymackenny College and Ardee Community School in the Moore Shield. Our first-year group had a great victory over Enfield Community College and qualified for the North Leinster Championship semi-final after Easter.

Finally, our U16 team played Ardee Community School in their final. They beat Ardee by a scoreline of 3-16 to 4-6. This is Scoil Uí Mhuirí's fourth piece of Gaelic Football silverware. Congratulations to the team and the coaches Mr Davenport and Shane.



Transition Year Musical

Our annual Transition Year musical was held on January 22nd and 23rd.

The musical was inspired by 'Music through the Decades'. Our talented TY students performed songs from the '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s, '00s and '10s. From Barbie to Liam Gallagher and ABBA, there was something for everyone.

The Transition Year students wish to thank everyone who came and supported both shows. A massive thank you to all the local businesses who donated spot prizes for the raffle.

A massive word of thanks must go to our incredible music department and all the talented musicians who helped on the night.





Attendance Initiative

In January, we launched our attendance initiative. A big thank you to both students and parents for making sure this initiative was a success!

Congratulations to the student and parent winners!

1st year - Ella Murphy & Daniel Hoey

2nd year - Chloe Maguire and Ciarán Brady

3rd year - Ben O'Brien and Ciarán Rea

TY - Fionn Murphy and Jayden Hanley-Duignan

5th year - Laragh McTernan and Connor McLeod

6th year - Ellen McDonnell and Alanna Campbell Sharkey

Parent/Guardain Winners:

1st year - Dara Buckley

2nd year - Patience Murire

3rd year - Janet Kierans

TY - Monika Slawinska

5th year - Noirín McKinney

6th year - Emma Murtagh



Thank You!

Many thanks to our parents for their ongoing support of Scoil Uí Mhuirí. We have had great attendance at parent-teacher meetings and the school musical.

Parents/Guardians have continued to engage with policy development on issues relating to attendance and assessment. Many thanks also for supporting the attendance initiative and congratulations to all the prize winners.

Many thanks to both our Home School Community Liaison and our School Completion Officers.

Congratulations Grace!



Grace Conway (5 Ferdia) has had an incredible run in boxing competitions recently. She recently retained her 5th All-Ireland title in a row in the 52kg category. Grace is also a European silver medalist and the current U18 National Boxing champion. Grace will be heading to Croatia in April, for the European Youth U18 Championships, after a training camp in France. All in Scoil Uí Mhuirí wish you the very best of luck and we are so proud of you!

Extra-Curricular Success

Our 1st-year boys soccer team recently had two great wins over O'Fiaich and Beaufort College. Mikie, Myles, Lorcan, Nathan, Aaron and Lucas were among the goalscorers. Well done all!



Our 1st-year and 2nd-year girls basketball teams had games recently. Our 1st-years played brilliantly and are now in a quarter-final. Our 2nd-year team won their match by 14 points! Well done girls!



Louth Student Enterprise Awards 2024



Recently, we had 6 students represent us at the Louth Student Enterprise Awards held in the Fairways Hotel. Two awards were brought back to Scoil Uí Mhuirí by Mark Kelly (2nd year) and Sineád Fitzpatrick (TY). Sineád won “Best Display” in the senior category for her company Bó Tag Keyrings. Mark won the Intermediate Category with his company MK Keyrings and will now represent Louth at the National Awards. Well done to Mark, Sineád, Ciara, Riley, Arann and Tom for their achievements. A special mention must also go to Ms Farrell for all her hard work.



Foróige NTFE Regional Final 2024



Recently, we had 6 mini-companies take part in the Foróige NTFE regional finals. Two companies, Trinity Farm Shop and Buzzy Balm, have advanced to the national semi-finals in April. ‘Bó Tag Keyrings’ by Sinéad Fitzpatrick also won the “One to Watch’ award. Congratulations to Tom, John, Arann, Oisín, Sirin, Sinéad, Erin and Caoimhe for taking part. Best of luck to Sirin, Arann and Oisín in the semi-finals!



Wellbeing Week

5 Oriel hosted a delightful Coffee Morning for Teachers as part of Wellbeing Week. Mouthwatering treats were lovingly baked, contributing to its resounding success. Well done to the students in 5 Oriel and their Home Economics teacher, Ms. Murphy, for their commendable efforts. Thanks also to Ms. Hughes for assisting the students with this task.

Over the course of Wellbeing Week, all first and second-years received a refresher lesson on Safe Road use. Each of them also received a High-Vis jacket to encourage them to get out and walk.



Student of the Month

Congratulations to our student of the month winners for February!

1 Juno: Finn O'Neill
1 Iris: Deirdre Gora
1 Flora: Kate McGee
1 Rhya: Lily Carney
1 Dalia: Ava Cassidy
Overall: Deirdre Gora

4 Gort: Zoe Kenny
4 Gleann: Hannah Sheridan
4 Inis: Patrick Connolly
Overall: Zoe Kenny

2 Carr: Saoirse O'Brien
2 Lee: Setanta Kerr
2 Elliot: Catherine Hamill
2 Plath: Chloe Maguire
Overall: Saoirse O'Brien

5 Ferdia: Jack Lambe
5 Setanta: Sarah McHugh
5 Méabh: Madeline Lacey
5 Rath: Amy Reynolds
5 Oriel: Cillian O'Neill
Overall: Sarah McHugh

3 Banba: Hayleigh Tevlin
3 Fódla: Caoimhe Devlin-Johnson
3 Éire: James Murphy
3 Macha: Cyle Dempsey
3 Danú: Kara Tiernan
Overall: Kara Tiernan

6 Boyne: Caroline Kerrin
6 Fane: Cathal Moynagh
6 Glyde: Rebecca Cromwell
6 Liffey: Eoghan McCabe
Overall: Rebecca Cromwell





Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge took place in March. This week gives our students a chance to embrace the Irish language, while also learning about Irish culture.

Students were busy creating posters, making quizzes, enjoying a concert and participating in a lunchtime treasure hunt. All classes completed a quiz during tutor time each morning. We also held our annual Gaeltacht Scholarship competition.

Students also participated in a 'Lá Éide Glas' on Friday, March 15th to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. It was great to see so many students wearing green.



Curricular Trips and Workshops



This has been a busy term for extracurricular trips.

Our 6th year Higher Level English students attended a production of Hamlet in DCU. 2 Plath and 3 Danú paid a visit to the Oireachtas as part of their C.S.P.E studies. Our 3rd year Higher Level English classes also went to a production of 'The Merchant of Venice' in Dundrum. TY Gort visited Queens University Belfast as part of the AMTCE Technology Cross Border Competition. Agricultural Science students and Tractor Club members visited Ballyhaise for a day. TY students also took part in a segway workshop.

