

Summer 2024 Newsletter



School Office

The school office will be open from 10am – 1pm from Monday 1st of July until Friday 5th July. Contact can be made with the office via phone call to 042 9336158 or via email @ smgdundalk@gmail.com. Please note emails are not monitored during the office summer break.

The school office will re-open on Monday 26th August at 9am.

Donated Uniforms & Lost and Found

There will be a display of donated uniforms in the new Halla from Monday 1st July to Friday 5th July from 10am to 1pm. Please free to browse the uniforms and take whatever you need. Access to these uniforms will be through the side gate into the New Halla.

There will be a box of lost and found items – coats/jackets/uniform tops placed in the New Halla from Monday 1st – Friday 5th of July. If your child has lost/left behind any of their items please come and collect them from the lost and found box.

Student Council

Congratulations to the Student Council on another wonderful year. The events they organised, the money raised for charity and for the positivity they have brought to Scoil Mhuire na nGael. Thank you to Mr. Ryan who led and developed our student council again this year.

School Charges

Your child's books and copies will be supplied next year under the Government Book Scheme. We are currently finalising your child's stationery needs and school charges for the upcoming year. A copy of same will be issued in due course. We ask that you use our e-payment facility if at all possible to pay these charges. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Transferring Schools

If, for some reason, your child will not be returning to Muire na nGael for the new school year, we ask that you please confirm this in writing to smgdundalk@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Clothing Collection

We hope to run our next clothing collection during the first term of the new school year, so we would love if you could hold onto your bags of unwanted clothes until then for us and we would be delighted to take them off your hands!!

Drop Off & Pick Up Arrangements for Academic Year 24/25

Parents of pupils in Junior & Senior Infants may only accompany their child to and from their classrooms. **Please note pupils from 1st – 6th classes may not be accompanied on to the school grounds unless prior approval has been granted.** Additional staff will be placed on supervision duties for the first two weeks to support our 1st class pupils as they enter/exit the school grounds. Please ensure that your child is aware of what exit they will be leaving the school from i.e. front/back.

Senior Infant classes will now be in the Orange Corridor within our school. To access these classes parents will enter via the right hand side pedestrian gate and follow the footpath round to the senior infant wing. Signs will be posted on the first morning for this.

Perpetual Cup Winners

Congratulations to all the students who participated in this year's Perpetual Cup Competition. The standard of colouring, handwriting, project work and essay writing was extremely high and made the judge's job a difficult one!

The winner of the Junior and Senior Infant colouring competition was Robyn Clarke in Ms. Gamble's class, the handwriting competition was Ellis Kerley in Ms. Sloane's class, the Space Project competition was Aoibhínn O'Kane in Ms. Capaldi's class and the essay competition was Dearbhaile Lyons in Mr. Conneally's class. Well done everyone!!

Hurling Success

A huge congratulations to our 3rd and 4th class hurlers who have become Cumann na mBunscol County Hurling Champions. The final was held recently on hurling/camogie finals night in Darver Centre of Excellence and the boys excelled in a great win over Knockbridge. The team had previously also won their three matches in the county blitz to get to the final.

Well done to the poc fada participants who also performed very well on the night. Thank you to their coaches Mr. Ryan and Ms. Connolly.

Niall de Burca Storyteller

All our pupils enjoyed the visit from Niall de Burca Storyteller in early June. His enthusiasm, energy and display was incredible.

School Tours

Our school tours were a great success again this year. The children got to visit places from Newgrange Farm to Clara Lara. Thank you to all the parents for their contributions towards the school tours.

Gaelic Success

Our boys and girls Gaelic teams made it to the finals of the Allianz Cumann na mBunscol summer final in Stabannon on the 15th of June. Both teams put on brave performances on the day but were marginally beaten. Well done to our teams and their coaches Mr. O'Hare and Ms. Capaldi!!

Rugby Success

Congratulations to our girl's rugby team who won the Dundalk Rugby Club Primary Schools blitz in May. Their performance, sportsmanship and team effort was phenomenal.

Sportshall Athletics

Congratulations to our wonderful athletics team who won the Sportshall Athletics this year. They were a credit to our school.

Golf

Well done to Finn McDonnell and Cathal Lyons who represented the school at the school's Irish Junior Open at Greystones Golf Club recently. Keep up the good work boys!!

Basketball

Well done to our basketball team who took part in a full day basketball blitz organised by Dromiskin NS. The teams performed exceptionally well on the day. Well done to all and thank you to Ms. Gamble and Ms. O'Hare for coaching the teams.

Soccer

Our soccer teams took part in the 2024 FAI Schools Primary 5s league throughout the year. The teams displayed both skill and sportsmanship throughout their games and were a credit to the school and to their coach Ms. L. Craven. Well done all!

Quiz Team

Our school quiz team took part in a table quiz for the County Museum 30th anniversary celebrations held in the Museum at the end of May. They performed so well under the direction of Mrs Gaughran. Well done all, keep up the good work!!

Digital School's Award

Under the direction of Mr. Ryan Scoil Mhuire na nGael has achieved the prestigious Digital Schools Award Europe. The award recognises Scoil Mhuire na nGael in the following areas;

- Leadership
- Collaboration and Networking
- Infrastructure and Equipment - Mentor
- Continuing Professional Development – Mentor
- Teaching and Learning
- Assessment
- Student Digital Competence
- SELFIE

Scoil Mhuire na nGael is among the first to achieve this accolade which is a testament to the great work taking place across the whole school to improve digital skills among teachers and pupils. Thank you Mr. Ryan for all your hard work and commitment in helping our school achieve this prestigious award.

Graduation Class of 2024

Best wishes to our 6th class pupils who will transition to secondary school for the upcoming new year. We have no doubt you will go on to do great things!

Return/Start Date for the New Academic School Year

The school will re-open for the new academic year on **Wednesday the 28th of August.**

Thank You

Finally, a very special thank you to you, the parents/guardians for your loyal support for all we do here at Muire na nGael, it has been and will continue to be very much appreciated.

Wishing everybody at Scoil Mhuire na nGael, pupils, staff and their families a very safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday.

