



Scoil Muire Banríon



September, 2017

Welcome!

Dear Parents,

On behalf of all the staff, we would like to welcome everyone back. This year marks a very important year in the history of our school, as we welcomed for the very first time junior infant boys and girls into our school. A special word of welcome to all the parents and boys and girls that have joined our school this year. I trust they will have a happy and fulfilling time here in Scoil Muire Banríon. We will keep parents updated with regular newsletters throughout the year. We look forward to a successful and enjoyable school year ahead!

Nicola McMahon
Principal

Our School Team

The classes, teachers and rooms for the school year are as follows:

Junior Infants	Miss Cooney-Room 8
2 nd Class	Mrs Fox-Room 7
2 nd & 3 rd Class	Miss Molloy- Room 2
3 rd Class	Mr Murphy - Room 3
4 th Class	Mr Ryan- Room 9
4 th & 5 th Class	Mr Foran- Room 1
5 th & 6 th Class	Miss Fitzsimons-Room 4
6 th Class	Miss Tyrrell- Prefab 1

Support Teachers:

Mr O'Looney	Room 5
Mrs Martin	Room 6
Mrs Loughlin	
Mrs Johnston	
Mrs Nolan	Special Needs Assistant
Mrs Tyrrell	School Secretary
Miss McMahon	School Principal



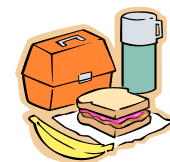
Parent teacher meetings will take place in mid to late November. Parents should feel free to talk to their child's teacher or the school principal at any time during the year. However, in the interest of the safety of all children in the class such meetings should be arranged by appointment through the school secretary or through a note in your child's journal.

School Opening Time-Morning Supervision

Parents are reminded that school begins at 9.20am, the school gates will be open at 9.10 am. A number of children are arriving to school very early in the morning. In the interests of your child's safety, we ask that he/she does not arrive to school before 9.10am as he/she is not supervised until this time. Unfortunately, the school cannot accept responsibility for children who arrive before 9.10am.

Healthy Eating Policy & School Snacks

Our school promotes a healthy eating policy. We encourage the children to become more aware of the need for healthy food in their lunch boxes. Our healthy eating policy encourages the children to bring a healthy lunch to school. Children are not allowed to bring fizzy drinks, high energy drinks, chewing gum or crisps for lunch. We encourage parents to support their children in helping your child to make healthy food choices. We are delighted to have received a grant which allows us to provide all children with a morning time snack which is in line with the school's healthy eating policy.



School Jumpers and Coats

Can parents please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked on all belongings, especially school jumpers and coats. We already have a number of school jumpers that have been left behind in school without any names! There is a lost and found area in Mrs Tyrrell's office. Encourage your child to put his /her jumper straight into their school bag if it's taken off during the school day.

School Book Fees

School fees are now due and can be paid to your child's class teacher. The cost is €75 per child with a reduction of €10 per child in each family. Parents are asked to clearly mark an envelope with your child's name, class teacher and amount. Arrangements can be made to pay this money off in installments. Please call to the school office if you wish to avail of this option.

Contact Information

Please ensure all contact details are filled out in your child's school journal. Please also inform school secretary of any change of contact numbers or addresses during the school year.

School Attendance & Absences

The school is obliged by law to notify the Education Welfare board of student absences. If your child is absent from school for any reason, a note must be sent into their class teacher explaining the reason for their absence.

Upcoming School Events

- **Wednesday, 27th September:** The school photographer will be coming to the school.
- **Monday the 23rd of October:** The school will be closed to facilitate staff training in the new Primary Language Curriculum, this day has been sanctioned by the Department of Education.

