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|  | **Scoil Náisiúnta Mhuire** **Ballyleague****Co Roscommon****N39 PX49****Roll Number 18061T****Tel: 043 3321906** |

 19th of October, 2021

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well. The Boys and Girls are settled back at school and are enjoying all of the activities taking place this term.

**Child Protection-** We are currently updating our policy. Please take a few moments to complete a short survey sent to you by text message today.

**Primary Languages Sampler Module-** We are delighted to welcome Lesa Rice to our school on the 1st of November. She will be leading the Primary Languages Sampler Module. For an hour a week per class the Boys and Girls from Third to Sixth will be given the opportunity to sample learning French.

**Parent/Teacher Meeting-** Parent/ Teacher meetings will be the held via phonecall on the week of the 22nd of November. Your child’s class teacher will be in touch after Hallowe’en to arrange a time and day during that week.

**Hallowe’en Draw-** As you are aware the Parents’ Association are holding a Hallowe’en raffle this **Thursday morning the 21st of October** at **11.30am.** Please return all collections tomorrow.

**Christmas Card Fundraiser-** We are also taking part in the Christmas card fundraiser this year. You will receive a sample of your child’s card today. Each pack of ten cards will cost €10. Five euro from each pack will go towards the school. If you wish to purchase a pack of cards please return to the school by **Wednesday the 3rd of November**.

**School Closure Reminder-** We will getting our mid-term break this Friday the 22nd of October. The school will close at **12:30pm**. The staff will be engaging in training for the new Primary Language Curriculum. The Boys and Girls will also be dressing up for Hallowe’en on Friday.

**Swimming-** Unfortunately there will be no swimming this year. Current guidelines meant that separate buses per class would be necessary. This, as well as booking additional lessons increased the cost this year. We hope to continue with swimming in the next school year.

**Covid-19 update-** As you may be aware contact tracing has ceased in the school environment. Please keep your child at home if there is someone in the family home with Covid-19 or if someone in the home has symptoms of Covid-19.

**Music Generation-** Music Generation will continue into the second half of this term. Junior and Senior Infants will continue to engage in the early years programme. First to Fourth class will continue to learn the piano while Fifth and Sixth will continue learning the ukulele**.** If you have not done so already please bring in €12 per child to cover the cost of the lessons.For more information please see <https://www.musicgeneration.ie/>

**Reminders-** Please send a note or email to the school explaining why your child is absent or has to leave school early. Please also label all school items especially jumpers.

**St. Faithleach’s -**On behalf of School I would like to wish St. Faithleach’s intermediate football team the very best of luck in their pursuit of the cup this weekend! There is great excitement around the school in the build up to the final against St. Dominic’s.

Thank you for all of your continued support and positivity. I wish you an enjoyable and safe mid-term break.

Mise le meas,

Ms. Fallon

Principal