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

 9th of September, 2021

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We are delighted to welcome the Boys and Girls back to school and are looking forward to a year of fun and learning.

**School Development** – During the summer, three toilets were upgraded by Cormac Hoare. New toilets, sinks, marmoleum flooring, painting and tiling were all part of the upgrade. This was funded by the Department of Education and Skills ‘Summer Works Scheme’.

**Nut Allergies- We love to see the Boys and Girls coming to school with such healthy lunches but please do not include anything that may have nut or nut traces in them.**

**First Holy Communion**- The Boys and Girls in Third Class will be making their First Holy Communion on the 25th of September at 11am. I want to wish the Boys and Girls the best of luck on their special day.

**Absences:** Please send a note or email to the school explaining why your child is absent or has to leave school early.

**School Uniform** -The children should wear full school uniform on all days except their allocated PE day, on which they should wear the school tracksuit.

**Céad míle Fáilte** -We extend a very special welcome to those who joined Ballyleague N.S. from other schools this year. Moving schools can be very daunting and I know what a relief it is for parents to hear just how well they are settling in.

**New Junior Infants** – A big welcome to our Junior Infant class. They are settling in well to the daily routine, beginning to make new friends already and are so enthusiastic about everything. Well done to all of them!

**Names on belongings-** Please put the name of your child on all their belongings particularly their jumper and jacket.

**Creative Schools Initiative** – We are delighted to have our application accepted for the Creative Schools Initiative. We have been granted €4,000 to spend on Arts Education over the next two school years. In the coming months we will be allocated a Creative Associate, who will support us for a maximum of nine days over the school year. We will update you later in the term with further information as we receive it.

**Primary Languages Sampler Module-** We are also thrilled to learn that our application to participate in the Primary Languages Sampler Module has also been accepted.The Boys and Girls from Third to Sixth will be given the opportunity to sample learning a third language this term. We will update the classes involved as we receive additional information in the coming weeks.

**Gaelic Football-** Gaelic football will be resuming this term for Third to Sixth class beginning Wednesday the 15th of September. Gerry Morris will be training the children every Wednesday for six weeks. Please bring in gum shields and wear tracksuits on this day.

**Music Generation-** Following a five week sample of Music Generation last year we are delighted to say that we will continue to work with our music tutor Pádraig this term.Junior and Senior Infants will engage in the early years programme and will be learning about percussion instruments. First to Fourth class will learn the piano while Fifth and Sixth will learn the ukulele**.** Any child who has experience learning any of these instruments will be provided with more challenging material.This programme will last for 12 weeks beginning Tuesday the 14th of September. Each class will have a 45 minute session with Pádraig. We ask that each child brings in €12 to cover the cost of the lessons.For more information please see https://www.musicgeneration.ie/

Finally, thank you for your cooperation at drop off and collection time. It is very much appreciated.

Mise le meas,

Ms. Fallon

Principal