



MUIRE GAN SMÁL NEWS

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**Muire Gan Smál
Primary School**



**Our theme in Scoil Mhuire gan Smál this December was
Celebrating Christmas.**



We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our school community- pupils, staff, parents, Board of Management and everyone who supports our school, a happy, safe and peaceful Christmas and every blessing in 2024.

RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUALITY EDUCATION (RSE)

RSE lessons will be taught in all classes in Term 2. The content of these lessons varies based on the age of the children. The correct anatomical language is taught throughout the school.

Flora Duignan will come to the school to deliver some of these lessons to 6th class. Flora will also host a talk for the parents /guardians of the 6th class girls in advance of these lessons.

If you wish to opt your child out of these lessons, please contact the school.

Our Christmas Performances

We hoped you enjoyed our wonderful Christmas performances! The children were so excited to be performing on stage and so delighted to have their families come to the school to watch them. A huge Thank You to the teachers and SNAs involved in all the hard work that went into each performance. Finally, a huge Thank You to the children for their enthusiasm and energy throughout practice and the performances. Well done, you were all fantastic!



Ms McGreal's Junior Infants performed "Tip Toe Nativity".



Ms Mellett's Junior Infants performed "Scarecrow's Christmas".



**Ms Lynn and Mr Mc Donnell's Senior Infants performance of
Our Christmas Concert**



Ms Tuohy's First Class performed "Scarecrow's Christmas".



Ms Cosgrove's First and Second Classes performed "It's a Party!"



Carol Singing

Well done to all the girls from 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Classes and their teachers for their fantastic Carol Singing which brought the festive feeling to Claremorris town!



**All the way from the North Pole—
Santa and Mrs Claus made a very special visit to
Scoil Mhuire gan Smál!**



RETIREMENTS

This Christmas, we will bid farewell to three fantastic teachers: Mrs Varley, Mrs Cosgrove and Ms Curran. These teachers have a combined experience of 114 years with 80 of these being spent in Muire gan Smál.

Mrs Varley is currently Deputy Principal and English as an Additional Language (EAL) teacher, Mrs Cosgrove teaches 1st/2nd Class and holds an Assistant Principal II post and Ms. Curran teaches 4th Class and also holds an Assistant Principal II post.

Their expertise and presence in the school will be sorely missed by students and staff alike.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the very best as they take this next step. May they all enjoy a long, happy and healthy retirement.



Revised Parental Complaints Procedure for Primary Schools

The Parental Complaints Procedure provides parents and teachers with a structured and agreed format with which to seek resolution to grievances and complaints which can arise, from time to time, in schools. Based on the principles of fair procedures, the intention at each stage of the procedure is to provide a format for both parties to explore a resolution at the earliest opportunity.

The current Parental Complaints Procedure has been in place since 1993 and it is timely to revise and review it.

The Irish National Teachers' Organisation (INTO) has engaged extensively with the primary management bodies on revising the existing nationally agreed parental complaints procedure. The parties to this agreement are the Catholic Primary Schools Management Association (CPSMA), the General Synod Board of Education of the Church of Ireland, Educate Together, An Fóras Pátrúnachta, Muslim Primary Education Board, and the National Association of Boards of Management in Special Education (NAMBSE).

The revised parental complaints procedure agreed by the INTO and the management bodies of primary schools is designed to provide an open and clearly defined process to facilitate parents/legal guardians in raising concerns about their own child/children in an agreed, fair and transparent manner, with a view to seeking an early resolution of the issue. The purpose of the revised procedure is for parents and legal guardian to engage constructively with schools where a concern arises and to have it addressed at local level in an efficient manner, in the best interests of all parties.

The revised procedure will come into effect for all parental complaints from January 1st 2024.

The Revised Procedures are available on our website www.claremorrisns.ie under the Parents tab.

School Calendar 23/24

Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál

2023 - 2024 School Calendar

August '23							September '23							October '23						
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- School Closed/ Holidays
- Teacher in-Service Day (no school for students)
Date(s) to be confirmed.
- Half Day
- First and Last Day of School

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS REMINDER

Closing: All children finish at **12:10pm** on Wednesday 21st December

Return to School: Monday 8th January

