

# Scoil Mhuire Allenwood N.S.

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**17<sup>th</sup> November**

Another busy week has come and gone. A week in which we had the chance to meet the most important people in the lives of the children we work with every day. The Parent Teacher meetings are vital for strong home school links. These links are one of the key indicators to educational success.

It was also national Science week, Anti-Bullying week and Nursery rhyme week!

## Hot school meals

I am delighted to share the good news with you all that we have been approved for Hot School meals commencing in April 2024. These meals will be fully funded by the DSP. I will update you further once I have received the official Service Level Agreement from the Department and once the specific arrangements have been made.

## Nursery rhyme week

In junior and senior infants Nursery Rhymes are a big part of our literacy teaching. Beyond them being fun to sing, nursery rhymes and children's songs boost vocabulary and language development, they help children to develop literacy skills and they provide a fun way to support early numeracy skills. They can also be a good home/school link as they are easy for parents to practice at home. One of our favourite nursery rhyme books is "Sally Go Round the Stars, Favourite Rhymes from an Irish Childhood" and for junior infants this is one of the books coming home to you in their weekly "Book Bags", On spotify you can find a playlist here that will keep your little one singing for

hours [https://open.spotify.com/playlist/37i9dQZF1D\\_XbwjaKZ52hOt](https://open.spotify.com/playlist/37i9dQZF1D_XbwjaKZ52hOt)

## Christmas Shoebox appeal

Thank you to all of those who sent in Christmas Shoeboxes for Team Hope. These shoeboxes go towards helping vulnerable children overseas.

## Parents Association

The Parents Association will be hosting a 'Craft fair' in the GAA club on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November.



## Board of Management Agreed Report

The outgoing Board of Management of Scoil Mhuire Allenwood met last night 16<sup>th</sup> November for their final meeting. The following is the agreed report:

- The annual review of the Anti-Bullying policy was completed. This has been uploaded to our school website
- Stage 1 report on Building works shared with the Board
- The Board would like to express their gratitude and thanks to the Parents Association and parental volunteers for their improvement of the car parking and traffic management.
- The Admissions Policy and Admissions Notice have been updated
- The Board of Management has updated the First Aid policy and ratified the Anaphylaxis and Administration of Medication policies

## Supervision/Insurance

Our insurance company, Allianz, have advised the following circular:

*The school will open to receive pupils at the hour of 9:10 am and cannot accept responsibility for pupils arriving before that time. Classes will commence each day at 9.20 and end at 3.00. Parents who wish to have their children escorted home should make their own arrangements to*

have them met at the school gate and the person to escort them should be at the school not later than 3.00p.m. as the school cannot accept responsibility for looking after the children after that time. Please contact the office if you have any concerns or objections around this arrangement.

#### Leave

Finally, I will be going on Paternity Leave and Parents Leave over the next few weeks beginning next week (hopefully!). Mrs. Alison Bell will deputies in my absence. As the Principal role here is administrative it means Mrs. Bell will be based in the office. Ms. Caoimhe Broderick will take over Mrs. Bell's 5<sup>th</sup> class up until Christmas.

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Ciarán O'Toole  
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