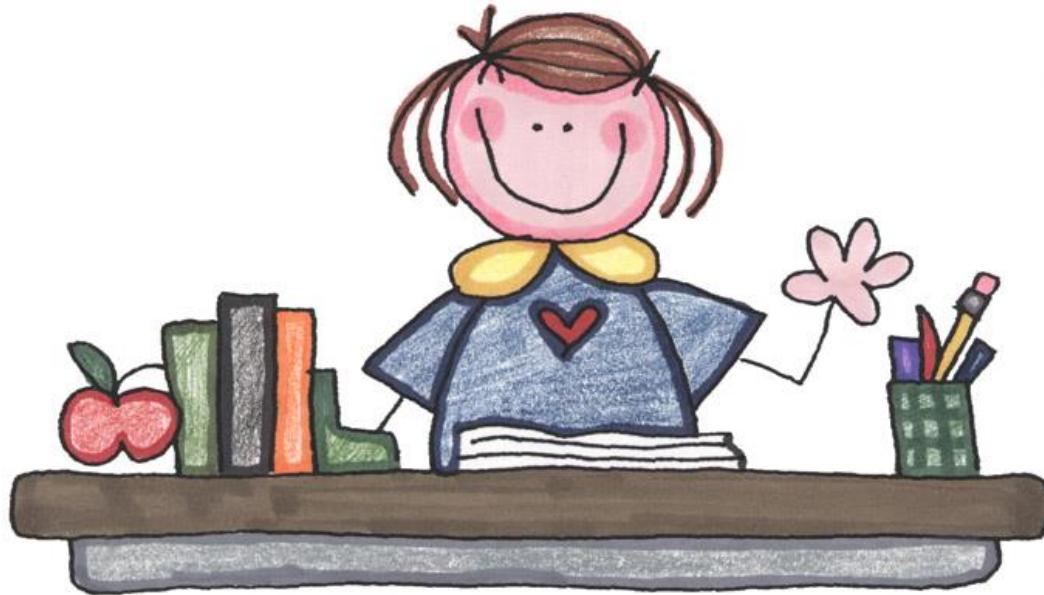


# *Scoil Mhuire Allenwood*



# WELCOME!

Junior Infants Induction Day  
23rd May 2025

# Information Pack

- Getting Ready
- Promoting independence
- Settling in
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# Ethos & Mission Statement

- Professional standards are maintained and where pupils learn in a safe, happy environment.
- Teachers and staff are sensitive to the needs, cultures and circumstances of each pupil, irrespective of race, colour, creed or ability
- The uniqueness of each child is nurtured and developed holistically by the school's child-centred approach to learning.
- The intellectual, spiritual, physical, moral, social and cultural needs of the pupils are identified and addressed
- We seek to equip all pupils with the skills necessary to adapt to the challenges of today's world.
- We enable the child to see himself/herself as a member of his/her local community and to encourage him/her to participate fully in community activities
- We encourage respect for the truth
- We aim to develop self-discipline and promote good interpersonal relationships at all levels
- We aim to develop an strong understanding of Irish culture, heritage and traditions

*Together with the parents, staff and Board of Management we work to develop well educated, confident, balanced young people who are outward looking and are able to meet the challenges of life with common sense, integrity and resilience, while rooted in a strong community bond.*

# Getting Ready for Scoil Mhuire Allenwood

- Talk to your child about school
- Read stories about starting school
- Set up a pretend school and play with your child
- Look at our [welcome video](#) over the summer



# Promoting your child's independent skills



Get your child to practise some of these skills over the coming months:

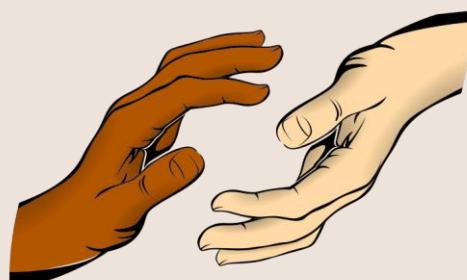
- Putting on and taking off their coats
- Opening and closing their coats
- Opening and closing their school bags, lunches, food wrappers, etc.
- Tidying up
- Recognising their written name



# How you can help

Parents can help promote their child's independence by:

- Choosing shoes/runners with Velcro fasteners
- Choosing coats with zip fasteners
- Choosing elasticated trousers
- Choosing easy open lunchboxes and beakers.
- Label all of your child's belongings to that they are able to find what belongs to them
- “Dont just do something, sit there”



# Settling in to School Life

We take time to help the children :

- Get familiar with their new surroundings
- Get to know their new classmates and teacher
- Develop routines e.g. lining-up, yard, home-time
- Visit other areas of the school like the front building, Astro and yard

# Lunches

- Healthy Eating Policy
- First 2 Weeks: Parents/Guardians provide lunch for the first two weeks.
- We will set up an account with Irish School Meals for their hot lunches thereafter
- Beakers/Drinks – Make sure they are leak-proof and that your child can open and close them independently
- Lunchboxes – Re-sealable and make sure they can be opened and closed independently
- Make sure all lunchboxes and beakers are clearly labelled with your child's name
- Fruit – please peel and cut into smaller pieces, especially grapes
- Hot School Meals - usernames and passwords  
[www.irishschoolmeals.ie](http://www.irishschoolmeals.ie)



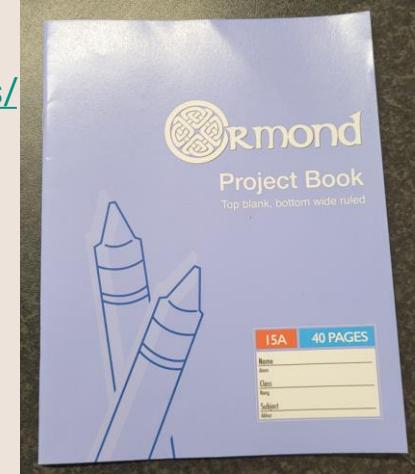
# Additional School Fees

Free schoolbooks scheme

[http://www.scoilmhuireallenwood.ie/information\\_for\\_parents/booklists/](http://www.scoilmhuireallenwood.ie/information_for_parents/booklists/)

€60 Additional Expenses fee

- Photocopying
- Arts & Crafts
- Digital licences/expenses
- Resources



# School Uniform

Boys	Girls
Navy Jumper (with crest)	Navy Jumper or Cardigan (with crest)
Navy Trousers	Navy Trousers, Skirt or Pinafore
Pale Blue Shirt	Pale Blue Shirt
Red Tie	Red Tie

All are available to buy from most department stores

Crests can be purchased from the office.

Jumpers & Cardigans with the School Crest can be ordered through the school office.

- Velcro Shoes
- Hair tied back
- Names on uniform – top, bottom & coat

26"	Age 5-6 years	€20
28"	Age 6-7 years	€20
30"	Age 7-8 Years	€22
32"	Age 8-9 Years	€22
34"	Age 9-10 Years	€24
36"	Age 11-12 Years	€24
38"	Age 13-14 Years	€28

# School Tracksuits

## Tracksuit with the School Crest.

These have to be ordered through the school office and worn with a pale blue polo shirt. **School Crest & Red Tie are also available.**

*The cost of the individual items are listed below*

Tracksuits 4-5 years - 9-10 years €28.00

Tracksuits 10 - 11 years onwards €30.00

Tracksuit Top (4-5 years up to 9-10 years) €14.00

Tracksuit Top (10-11 years up to 13-14 years) €16.00

Tracksuit Legs ( all sizes) €14.00

School Crest €4

Red Tie €4

# Code of Behaviour & Anti Bullying

- Rules of the School - 'Catch them doing good'

[http://www.scoilmhuireallenwood.ie/files/9416/2991/1312/code\\_of\\_Behaviour\\_2020.pdf](http://www.scoilmhuireallenwood.ie/files/9416/2991/1312/code_of_Behaviour_2020.pdf)

- Bí Cineálta Anti - Bullying procedures

[https://www.scoilmhuireallenwood.ie/files/1117/4679/4168/Bi\\_Cinelta\\_Policy\\_DRAFT\\_AutoRecovered.pdf](https://www.scoilmhuireallenwood.ie/files/1117/4679/4168/Bi_Cinelta_Policy_DRAFT_AutoRecovered.pdf)

Inform teacher or Principal if there are external factors that may affect your child

# School Holidays

- School starts on Wednesday 27th August 2025
- A note will be sent home if there are any changes.
- Parent/Teacher Meetings take place in November for all classes except Junior Infants which will be in February

August 26					
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
27	28	29			

School Re-opens on Wed 27th

**SCOIL MHUIRE  
ALLENWOOD  
SCHOOL CALENDAR  
2025 / 2026**

September-26						
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

October 26						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

school Closes Fri 24th for Halloween holiday

November-26

November-25						
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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School re-opens after Halloween Nov 30

December-25

December 25						
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School closes Fri 19th for Christmas

January-28						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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School re-opens from Christmas Hols on Jan 30

January-28

February-28						
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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School Closed Bank Holiday Monday 2nd March

February Mid-Term: school closed 19th & 20th

February-28

April-28						
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April-28

May-28

June - 28						
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# The First Day

- Talk to your child about their first day and any worries they may have. You can show them [this video](#) during the summer
- Explain to your child that it is time to leave and you will be back soon to collect them
- If your child is upset – trust the teacher, they are very experienced at comforting an anxious child
- Ensure you are on time for collecting your child from school



# Dropping and Collecting

- Children are dropped and collected at the double doors beside room 10
- Parents explain to the teacher who should collect their child.
- If there is a change to this parents should phone, email or send an Aladdin notice.
- Finish at 12:30 until Friday September 5th
- 2pm days start on Monday the 8th of September.

# Wellbeing

- Play – encourage your child to play as this helps with their learning and social and emotional development
- Building resilience – carefully scaffold experiences where your child is slightly out of their comfort zone, but not to the point that makes them anxious or overwhelmed
- Feelings – talk about and name your child's feelings. [See Zones of Regulation](#)
- Kindness – encourage your child to be kind to others
- Transitioning to School –talk to your child all about their new school





# Hygiene

Good hygiene is always important but it is particularly important for Junior Infants. You can help to keep your child and school safe and healthy by practising these hygiene routines with your child:

- Encourage and practise independent toileting
- Practise flushing the toilet
- Practise washing hands with soap
- Encourage your child to sing 'Happy Birthday' while washing their hands
- Practise using and disposing of a tissue correctly
- Encourage your child to use the correct sneeze and cough etiquette

# SPHE

- Fosters children's well-being, self-confidence and sense of belonging
- develops children's sense of personal responsibility for their own behaviour and actions
- promotes children's self-awareness and understanding by helping them to manage their own feelings, to recognise and appreciate individual abilities, and to cope with change of various kinds
- supports children to become active and responsible citizens.



Stay  
Safe



RSE



Walk  
Tall



Aladdin is used by Irish primary schools to securely communicate and share information with parents and guardians.

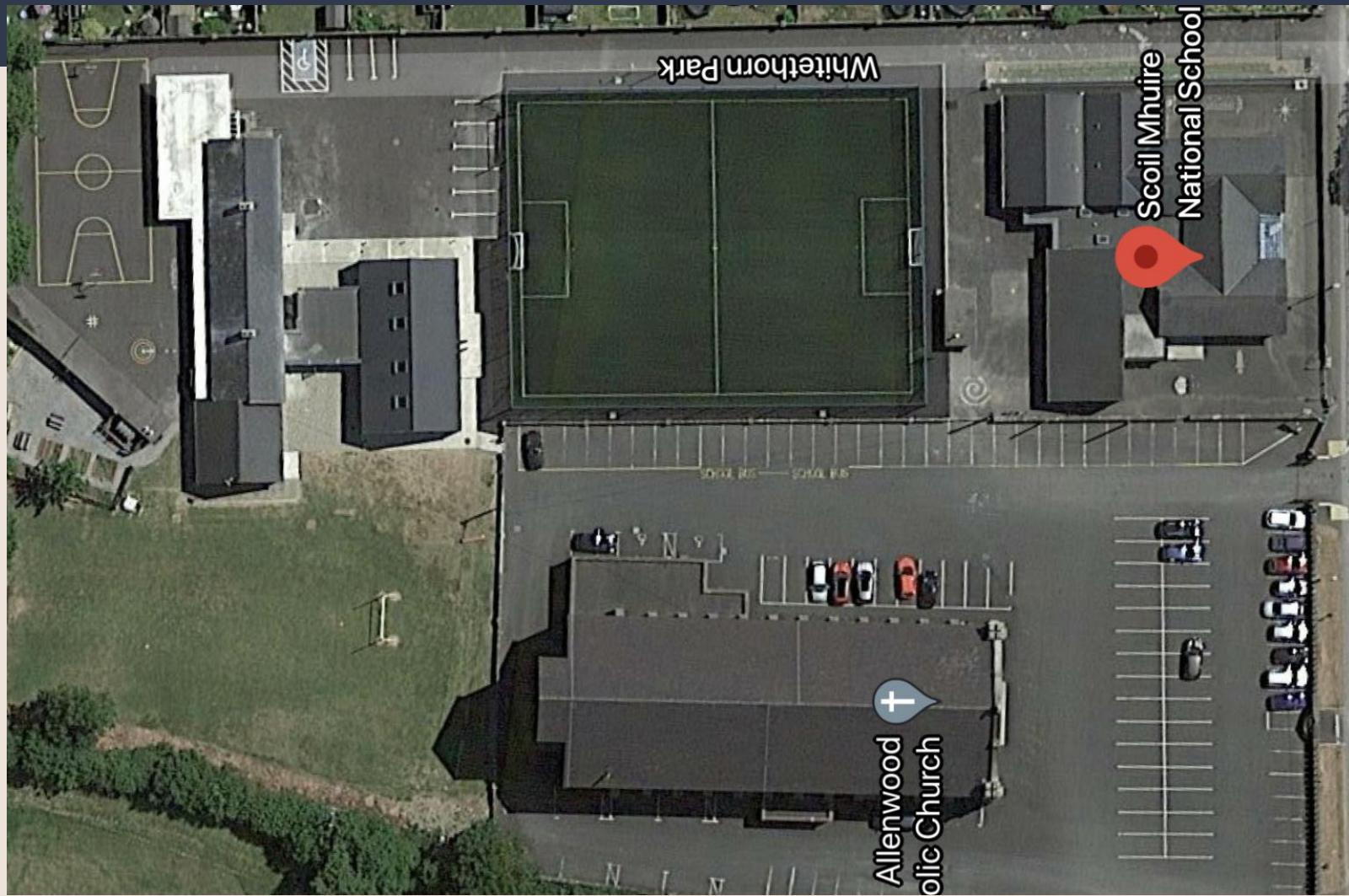
Our school has Aladdin Connect for the parents/guardians of children in our classes.

Aladdin Connect is a fantastic way to enhance a school's communication with its parents. It enables parents to stay connected and informed about their child's education by:

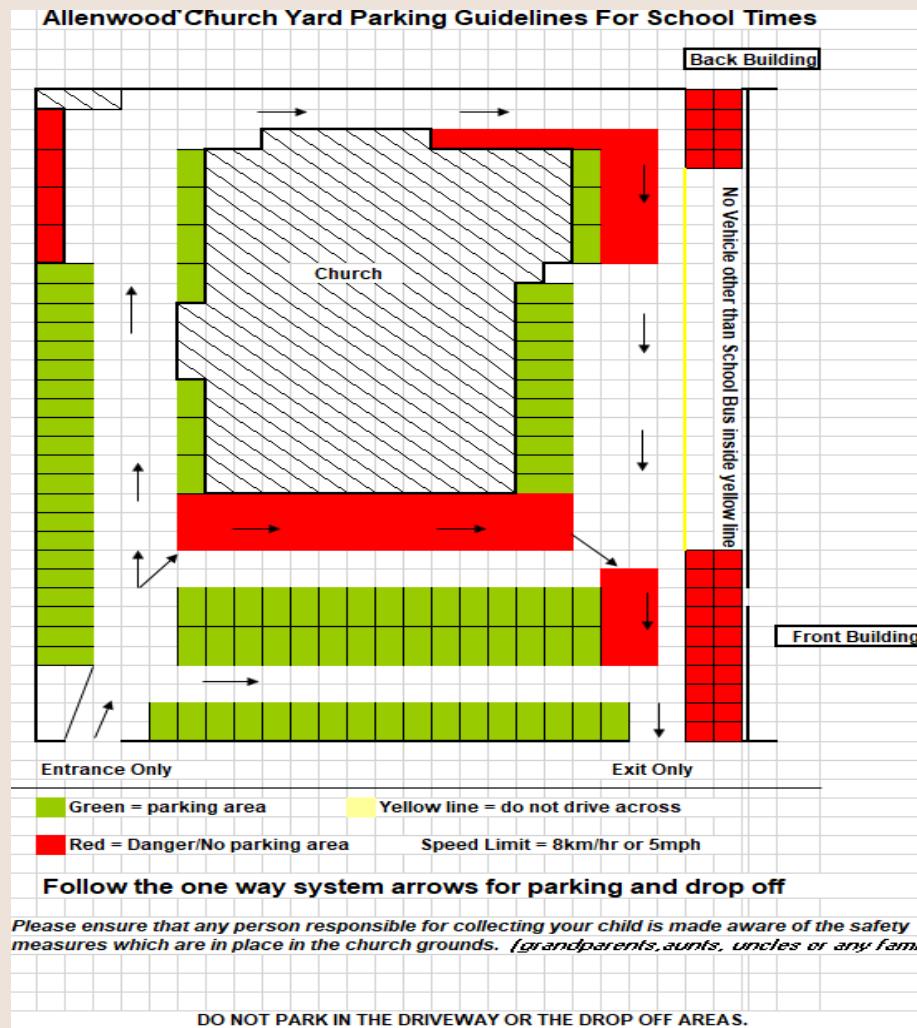
- Ensuring schools has their most up to date contact information.
- Keeping parents apprised of their child's attendance.
- E-payments facility for parents to pay their children's school expenses directly to the bank.
- School reports
- Communication with teachers
- Weekly newsletters

The right to disconnect

# Map of School



# Map of Churchyard Carpark



# www.scoilmhuireallenwood.ie

Please explore our website, which aims to give you a taste of life in our school.

Scoil Mhuire Allenwood

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Junior Infants

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Welcome to Scoil Mhuire Allenwood

Welcome to Scoil Mhuire Allenwood. We are a Catholic, mixed School located in the village of Allenwood and we currently have 258 students in the school. Our school opened in August 2017 after the amalgamation of Allenwood BNS and Allenwood GNS. We currently have two buildings. The front building, formerly known as Allenwood BNS, was built in 1929. The back building, formerly Allenwood GNS, was built in 1957. We welcome children from the local catchment area of all faiths and nationalities. Our principal is Carole Fenton and our Deputy-Principal is Alison Bell. We have ten class teachers, three Learning Support/Resource teachers and three Special Needs Assistants. At Scoil Mhuire we offer many activities to our pupils, both curricular and extra curricular.

# General Policies

- Acceptable Usage Policy
- Administration of medicine Policy
- Admissions Policy (enrollment)
- Accidents
- Anti-Bullying
- Assessment and Reporting
- Attendance Policy
- Child Safeguarding Statement
- Class Allocation
- Code of Behaviour
- COVID Response Plan
- Critical Incident Policy
- Complaints
- Dignity at work Policy
- Enrolment Policy
- Ethos and Mission Statement
- Fire Drill and Evacuation Policy
- Healthy Lunches Policy
- Homework Policy
- Health and Safety
- Induction of New & Infant students Policy
- Intimate care and toileting
- Job Sharing
- Learning Support Policy
- Mobile Phone and Electronic Games
- GDPR
- Special Education Policy
- Substance Use Policy
- Supervision Policy
- Standardised Testing
- Stay safe
- Vetting and Disclosure Policy

# Newsletters

Weekly newsletter containing updates and things happening in and around the school.

## Scoil Mhuire Allenwood N.S.

Allenwood  
Co. Kildare  
045 860826

[www.scoilmuireallenwood.ie](http://www.scoilmuireallenwood.ie)

3<sup>rd</sup> March

A chairde,

Another busy week in Scoil Mhuire draws to a close. We had a fire drill, world book day, book fair, start of seachtain na Gaeilge, staff meetings and whole school assembly this week.

### Seachtain na Gaeilge

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March was the beginning of 'Seachtain na Gaeilge'. We have a range of activities planned in school including *dánta agus amhrání Gaeilge* (Irish poems & songs), Art Competitions, *Lá Glas, Céilí Mór* etc. We aim to bring Irish to life as much as we can over the next 2 weeks. Whatever *cúpla focail* you have at home please try to use it with your children. Tá sé tábhachtach ár dtéanga a choinneáil beo. There is a wonderful calendar of events for families scheduled in and around Naas and Sallins over the next 2 weeks. The calendar can be accessed [here](#)

### Book Fair

This year's book fair was a huge success with almost €3000 spent on books. It's wonderful to see such enthusiasm and interest in reading.

If any households have a copy of 'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets' at home the 4<sup>th</sup> class would love to borrow them to read them as a class novel.

### Engineers week

Next week is Engineers Week. While it is difficult to commit fully to the endless stream of events and weeks such as this, they may have a profound impact on even 1 child. If your child is interested in Engineering or STEM then it may be worth taking a look at some of the activities [here](#)

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation/First Confession

Best wishes to the 2<sup>nd</sup> class boys and girls who will be making their First Confession next Thursday night in Allenwood church.

### Cuman na mBunscoil

Cuman na mBunscoil Chill Dara have uploaded fixtures for the next couple of months in Basketball, Gaelic, Camogie & Hurling. Our Senior girls will travel to Prosperous next Thursday for a Basketball Blitz. Mini-7s Boys Gaelic will take place in Clane next week while the Mini-7s Girls Gaelic will take place in Allenwood next week also.

On the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> March the Mini-7s Hurlers will travel to Kilcock. From Easter on we will be busy with U10s Gaelic and U13 Gaelic.

### BOM Agreed Report

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February the Board of Management of Scoil Mhuire Allenwood met. The following is the agreed report:

- The BOM will meet with the Additional Accommodation Design Team next week to view initial drawings for scheduled works
- Job share applications for Mrs. O'Meara and Mrs. Tyrrell for the next school year were approved
- Voluntary contributions will be used to assist with private assessments, therapeutic supports, ensuring inclusion and preventing educational disadvantage
- 'Proximity' is to be removed as a criteria from the Admissions Policy from next year.

Bain sult as an deireadh seachtain,

Is mise le meas



Mr. Ciarán O'Toole  
Principal

# Parents' Association

Chairperson  
Secretary  
Treasurer

Trish Shorten  
Agnes O'Donovan  
Jenny Downey

# Fun Days

## Halloween



# More Fun Days



## Santa Visit to Scoil Mhuire



# More Fun Days

Active week



Playball



The Farm at our School



# Arts & Crafts



# Our School Garden



# Aistear





# Sports in our School



# Lunches



# Homework

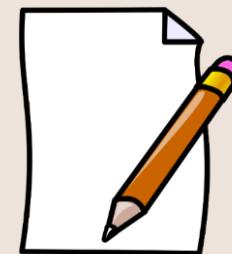
- Homework is generally given from Monday to Thursday
- Your child's teacher will provide a folder where their homework is kept
- Check folder for homework and notes every day
- Establish a good homework routine from the start
- Speak with your child's teachers if you need guidance about the homework
- Meeting held in mid September
- No homework until October
- Homework will be explained to parents at the end of September
- No homework on Fridays

\*\*INFORMATION TALK END OF SEPT



# Help us get to know your child

- Google Form - not obligatory
- Likes/Dislikes, hobbies and interests, strengths and areas for development
- Additional needs or concerns



# Information Leaflets for Parents

The image shows three separate documents from the NCCA (National Council for Curriculum and Assessment) arranged together. The top document is titled 'The What, Why and How of your child's learning' and features a large green banner with the text 'Junior and senior infants 1'. The middle document is titled 'Help My Kid Learn' and includes a 'TALK' section with a cartoon character. The bottom document is titled 'LANGUAGE' and provides information on how children learn language through listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

**The What, Why and How of your child's learning**

**Junior and senior infants 1**

**Help My Kid Learn**

**TALK**

**LANGUAGE**

Through language, your child learns to communicate in English and in Irish. Your child learns to listen, to speak, to read and to write in both languages. These language skills provide a basis for learning other languages and are important for learning in all other areas of the curriculum.

The Language Curriculum emphasises developing listening and speaking skills in preparation for beginning reading and writing. Through listening and speaking activities, children learn new words; to think and to talk about their thoughts and feelings. They also learn to listen to each other.

When they see writing all around them, for example on the classroom walls and in the class library, children listen to and create stories from big books (large books with big pictures and text) with the teacher and other children. This gives them the chance to talk about the story and to ask and answer questions. From these early activities, your child learns important messages about reading and writing: he/she learns that words run from left to right on a page and have meaning, and that pictures help to tell a story. Children also learn that different letters have different sounds. Making rhyming games with words and by using their listening skills to hear different sounds in words. Making listening, scribbling, drawing and painting with paint, crayons, pencils, pens and chalk, also helps your child to begin reading and writing.

Your child will start reading graded books chosen with the teacher, and will learn to form letters correctly and be encouraged to write short pieces, when he/she is ready to do so.

**Information for parents**

The image shows the front cover of a children's book titled "Help My Kid Learn". The title is at the top left in a large, bold, black font. To the right of the title are four colorful, anthropomorphic characters: a green speech bubble with arms and legs, a purple flower-like shape with arms and legs, a yellow circle with arms and legs, and a red pencil with a face and arms and legs. Above these characters are the words "TALK", "PLAY", "READ", and "WRITE" respectively. The background is white with some faint text and graphics on the sides.

your child is  
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your child to learn  
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A pocketful of ideas to keep  
your kids entertained (and learning)

**Information for Parents**

What your child is learning at school and at home

Match - objects that go together eg socks, shoes

Sort - groups of objects eg put all blue blocks together

Say the Numbers - 1 to 10

recognise written numbers - 1 to 5

Write the numbers - 1 to 5

Tell at a glance the number of objects in a group up to 5

Make and count a group of objects up to 5

Add two groups of objects to a total of 5

Count how many are left in a group when some are taken away

Recognise simple patterns using shapes, beads etc.

Sort and name shapes - square, triangle, circle and rectangle

Compare objects - light and heavy, long and short etc

Talk about time - before and after, early and late etc.

Recognise and use coins - up to 5 cents

**READ**

**WRITE**

**COUNT**

to keep  
and learning!)

**Shapes and Patterns:**

- Triangle
- Square
- Circle
- Rectangle

**Coins:**

- 5 cents
- 1 cent
- 2 cents

**Shapes:**

- Triangle
- Square
- Circle
- Rectangle

**Pattern:**

- Yellow square, blue square, yellow square, blue square, yellow square, blue square
- Green circle, pink circle, green circle, pink circle, green circle, pink circle
- Blue triangle, blue triangle, blue triangle, blue triangle, blue triangle
- Yellow rectangle, yellow rectangle, yellow rectangle, yellow rectangle, yellow rectangle

# Your child in Primary school - *tips for Parents*

[https://www.into.ie/app/uploads/2019/09/2020\\_Tips\\_Eng\\_V2.pdf](https://www.into.ie/app/uploads/2019/09/2020_Tips_Eng_V2.pdf)

<https://ncca.ie/en/primary/resources-for-parents/>

<https://www.helpmykidlearn.ie/activities/5-7>

## Further Information

Have a look at these websites for more information on how to help your child transition to primary school:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/1e8a3-lets-get-ready/>

[http://www.npc.ie/images/uploads/downloads/HINTS\\_\\_TIPS\\_8PP-am.pdf](http://www.npc.ie/images/uploads/downloads/HINTS__TIPS_8PP-am.pdf)

Video tour of our school – to watch with your child



# Q & A

