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## Up Coming School Events 2016/17

## Hallowe'en Fancy Dress for Loughlin Óg Burns Friday October 28th

As previously notified we are running a Hallowe'en Fancy Dress Day on Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>. Over the last two years we have run this event in aid Temple Street Children's Hospital but this year we have decided to raise funds for the Loughlin Óg Burns Fund.

## About Baby Loughlin Óg



Baby Loughlin Óg is the son of Loughlin, a former pupil of Scoil Mhuire NS Bornacoola, and Amanda, from Ballinamore. Loughlin and Amanda live just outside Mohill.

Loughlin Óg was born with Cloacal Exstrophpy (OEIS), an extremely rare and complex birth with defect that affects just one in every 400,000 live births.

In Loughlin Óg's case, it meant that he was born with severe and devastating medical issues – multiple organs, including his intestines, kidneys and bladder were located on the outside of his body where some still remain.

When he was born Amanda and Loughlin were told that he was very ill, that it was a very complex situation and that it was the most severe birth defect compatible to human life. Loughlin Óg also has a form of spina bifida so they don't know at this stage whether he'll ever be able to walk.

Loughlin Óg is confined to Crumlin Children'a Hospital since his birth and the family is being catered for in Ronald McDonald House on their many trips to Dublin since and there they get to occasionally sample a degree of family life.

It has been a tough nine plus months for the young family who are being kept afloat by the sheer courage of their baby, despite having faced numerous procedures and operations, the firstr of which when he was just three days old.

Loughlin and Amanda have been overwhelmed by all the support they have been receiving over the last number of months and thank everybody for their generosity in what has been an exhaustive time for all.

Scoil Mhuire NS is delighted to be associated with this most worthy cause and all contributions will be most gratefully accepted and to this end parents may wish to make their contribution in a sealed anonymous envelope.

In relation to the day itself it is anticipated that pupils will arrive dressed up in Hallowe'en Costume and lessons will continue as near to normal as possible with school closing for Hallowe'en Break that evening at the usual 2pm for Infants and 3pm foe all other classes.

Many thanks for your generosity in advance.

Staff of Scoil Mhuire NS