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Muller Sports Equipment Win

Thursday November 29th was a most exciting day at school as the school had a day long visit with Ireland's leading 400m sprinter Brian Gregan! This was part of the treat that came with the brilliant prize of €2,275 worth of Sports Equipment which was won by Trish Hackett after she had entered a Muller Sponsored Competition during the summer. What a surprise Trish received when she received an email in October to inform her that she was one of the 10 lucky winners across the UK and Ireland! It turns out that Scoil Mhuire NS was the only school among the prize winners on the island of Ireland! Trish, whose daughter Orla is in Sixth Class, nominated us to be the beneficiary of her prize win and we will be always grateful to her for that.

We were delighted to welcome Brian Gregan, Abi Pettit, Senior Marketing Executive of Atom Marketing who flew in from Manchester to be with us, Francis Lally, local Muller Sales representative and Paul Kilgallon from Leitrim Sports Partnership to the school yesterday. Brian relayed his life story to a general assembly of the pupils and took part in a Q and A session. It was out to the yard then for fun and games which was excellently coordinated by Paul Kilgallon with Brian engaging and encouraging all through.

Overall it was a brilliant day and one to remember for all concerned. We are delighted with our luck, thanks to Trish, and are looking forward to spending the voucher received in the not too distant future!!

Photographic coverage of the day's events is located on the school website and will be carried in this week's ***Leitrim Observer***.

School Christmas Concerts

Rehearsals are in full flow for the School Concerts which will take place in Bornacoola Community Centre on the evenings of:

Rooms 1 and 2-Junior Infants to Second Class Tuesday December 18th at 7pm

Rooms 3 and 4-Third Class to Sixth Class Thursday December 20th at 7pm

As has been the practice in recent years there will be a €5 cover charge per adult on each of the nights. Parents who have pupils on stage on both nights will only pay on Tuesday night and will receive a pass to Thursday night's show.

Christmas Holidays

You are reminded that Scoil Mhuire NS will close for Christmas 2018 on Friday December 21 at 12.30pm. We will reopen on Monday January 7th.

Board of Management

Board of Management met twice recently. Matters to report on are:

Enrolment Policy: We have had to update our Enrolment Policy in accordance with certain provisions of the *Education (Admissions to Schools) Act 2018* which have been brought about by Commencement Order signed by the Minister on October 3rd last. The updated version is now uploaded on our website.

GAA 5 Star: The Teachers are following a GAA 5 Star activity programme which will hopefully lead to the Award of a Flag of achievement for the School.

Green Flag: The School is now commencing the planning stage of the second phase of Green Schools. This will be two year project and Water Conservation is the theme.

Parents Association: The following are the members of the PA Committee 2018/19 – Chairperson: Alan Carney; Secretary: Lorraine Bohan; Treasurer: Eamon Dempsey; Deirdre Mulligan, Kathrina McGuinness, Eileen Faughnan, Angela Carr, Fiona Quinn, Odhran Duignan, Richie Bohan, Catherine Finnerty.

Inspectorate: The school was visited by a member of the inspectorate on Tuesday last which lasted for the day. While we await the written report in time; the oral feedback given was all positive.

Allianz Pupil Accident Cover: Traditionally Pupils Personal Accident Cover that covered all school related activity has been provided by the Board of Management. This year this has been extended to 24 hour cover for all pupils thanks to the Parents association which has funded the additional premium on behalf of the pupils. Further details on this can be found at <https://www.allianz.ie/schools/pupil-personal-accident/>

Confirmation 2018/19

Parents of Fifth and Sixth Class pupils are reminded of the following upcoming dates:

Sunday 20th January 2019 Commitment Ceremony, St Joseph's Cloonturk 9.30am

Saturday 9th March 2019 Prayer Service of Light, St Michael's Church 7pm

Saturday 23rd March 2019 Confirmation Ceremony, St Michael's Church 11am

First Holy Communion 2018/19

Parents of Second Class pupils are reminded of the following upcoming dates:

Tuesday 12th March 2019 First Confession, St Joseph's Cloonturk 7pm

Sunday 12th May 2019 First Holy Communion, St Michael's Church 11am