

Dear Parents/Guardians,

◆ **Lent:** Thank you to everyone who purchased a chick this year. We raised €150.70 for charity. Check out the school website to see our beautiful display in reception of chicks.

◆ **Student Absence:** There are a number of girls with a high rate of absence which is understandable given the year we have had. When a pupil is absent for 20 days or more, we are obliged to report this to Túsla – the Child and Family Agency. In recent years, parents have begun to withdraw children from school well in advance of school closing for summer holidays. If you intend taking your child out of school for any period of time this must be stated **in advance in writing**. If your **child is not in school a note to explain her absence must be provided to the school**.

◆ **Confirmation:** Will be taking place on the 22nd April at 2pm for the 6th class pupils.

◆ **School Closure:** The school will close at 12noon on the 31st March for the Easter holidays. It will remain closed for the Easter holidays from 3rd April- 14th April (inclusive). School will reopen on the 17th April.

◆ **Primary Language Curriculum/ New Primary Curriculum:** To facilitate training for both of these, the school will be closed on **Thursday 1st June 2023 for the day**.

◆ **Book Fair:** We had a wonderful day at our Scholastic book fair recently where the children got to browse and buy some books. Thank you to Ms. Madden and the volunteers from the PA for taking the time to organise this event for the children. We are looking forward to another next year already!

◆ **'Crackin' Competition':** All classes are invited to take part in this 'Crackin' Competition'. You can enter one or all of the categories if you wish. There will be 3 prizes in each class, one for each category. Winners will be announced on Thursday 30th March. Categories:

Category 1: Create an Easter Bonnet using materials in your home (bonus points if they are recyclable)

Category 2: Write a creative story or poem (bonus points if it is around the theme of Easter)

Category 3: Create an Easter picture

Closing date: Wednesday 29th March

Each entry costs €1 with all the proceeds going towards a Nurture Room and Play space for the school. Make sure to put your name, class and category on your entry.

Don't forget, the more categories you enter the better chance you have of winning!

◆ **Drama with Keelin:** Will be taking place every Wednesday, starting the 19th April until the 21st June for all pupils.

◆ **Enrolment:** Applications for Admission to Junior Infants and other classes in Scoil Mhuire Lourdes for the 2023/2024 school year is still open. Please fill in the Application Form on the school website www.smltullow.ie under the "Scoil Mhuire Lourdes Enrolment" section or contact the school for a copy

◆ **Communication with the school:** If you wish to speak with the class teacher please contact the school on 0599151875 to make an appointment.

◆ **Art Appreciation day:** Will be taking place towards the end of May. It is a day to celebrate the arts through fun games in drama, singing and visual art. More details to follow nearer to the event.



◆ **School Lotto:** All the details can be found on the school website or using the link sent to your email. Check out www.smltullow.ie for more information on how to sign up. Congratulations to our **JACKPOT WINNER- MARTINA NOLAN** who was the lucky winner recently of our school lotto jackpot. Martina is our 3rd jackpot winner in SML so be sure to sign up to be in with a chance of winning.

◆ **QR Code:** In a bid to become a greener school, we are going to trial using a QR code instead of a paper copy of the newsletter. Using your phone, scan the QR code which your daughter received today. This code will bring you to the school website where all newsletters have been uploaded and will be issued from.

Scoil Mhuire Lourdes Parents' Association Clothing Collection



Your Parent's Association is trying to raise funds for school activities and vital works that need to be carried out in the school.

How can you help?

Why not do a big clear out of your wardrobes and get rid of all those clothes that you really don't want anymore and in doing so help out SML.

All you have to do is bag up your unwanted clothes and donate them to our clothing collection.

We will accept: clothing, handbags, hats, bags, scarves, ties, belts, soft toys (teddies) and shoes (paired).

We definitely don't accept: soiled clothes, carpet, duvets, bedding, blankets, household waste, mobile phones, tablets, toys, cushions or pillows.

DATE:

Friday, 31st March 2023 - 12 Noon to 1pm

Saturday, 1st April 2023 - 10am to 11am

LOCATION: Scoil Mhuire Lourdes, Tullow.



Donations can be made in any bag and we'd really appreciate if each household could return some form of a donation of the accepted items above.

Signed:

Marie Coen (Principal)