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Scoil Mhuire Lourdes
Mill Street, Tullow, Carlow.

26.02.2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

◆ Enrolment: Forms are available on www.smltullow.ie or by request from the school. Please email the school to request a hard copy. Completed forms must be posted or emailed to the school.

◆ Lent: We are urging the pupils to donate a small amount of their own money to the Bóthar Lenten campaign. Fiona will have **pictures of bees to buy in the office for 50c from Monday 4th March**. All these pictures will be displayed in the school with all proceeds going directly to charity.

◆ World Book Day Activities: On Friday 8th March we will celebrate World Book Day. The children are invited **to dress up as their favourite character from a book on Friday 8th**. There will be book vouchers on offer so be sure to get creative with your costume!

◆ Lá Glás: To mark St. Patrick's Day and Seachtaine na Gaeilge we will be having a **'Lá glás' on the 15th March** in school. The children are invited to wear their green clothes/shamrock etc on the day and get into the spirit of St. Patrick's Day!

◆ Book Fair: We will be having a book fair in the school on the **8th March to view the books on offer and make a wish list** of books/stationary they might like. This wish list will be sent home for families to consider what they are happy to purchase (*if they wish to*). If you see a book/ piece of stationary you would like, be sure to bring in your money on the 11th or 12th March to purchase it (*books start at €3.95 but World book Day vouchers can be used towards the cost*).

◆ The Service of Light: will take place on **Wednesday 20th March** for the 6th class pupils at 7.30pm in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary. More details will follow from the Parish.

◆ Sacrament of Reconciliation: Will take place in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary on **Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm** for the children in 2nd class. More details will follow from the Parish.

◆ Fitness with Hannah Nolan: Fun fitness will start with Hannah on the **28th February (Wednesday)** for 4 weeks. The girls will need to wear their tracksuit for this.

◆ School Lotto: Don't forget to sign up to our 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.

◆ Staff Training in New Maths Curriculum: To facilitate training for the new Primary Maths Curriculum, **the school will be closed for all pupils on Friday 12th April 2024**.

◆ Junior Achievement Initiative (JAI): A sincere thank you to Wesley Dawson from MSD Carlow, who worked with 4th class Room 1 on the JAI this term. The 4th class girls worked with their teacher and Wes on the sustainability programme, which is designed to ensure students get the chance to experience the excitement of actively making positive changes to help save the environment.

◆ New Team Kit for SML: A sincere **thank you to Tullow Credit Union** for the purchase of a new team kit for our girls. They kindly sponsored new jerseys, shorts and socks for our teams. We look forward to wearing them proudly to represent the school.

◆ Teacher supply shortages: Whilst some of you may already be aware of the **teacher supply** crisis that is taking place nationwide, I feel it is important to make you aware that this is a **very real and immediate crisis** that we too are facing in Scoil Mhuire Lourdes. For some positions advertised, there are simply **no applicants** for the role. For short term substitution, there are no available qualified teachers. If and when local representatives call to your home, please ensure to highlight this to them as a matter of urgency. Our students demand and deserve better.



**SCOIL MHUIRE
LOURDES CRACKIN'
EASTER
COMPETITION**

Categories:

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

Category 2: Create an Easter picture/ poem

Closing date: Monday 8th April

How to enter: Pick a category, bring your entry into school along with 50c to enter the competition.

You can enter one or all of the categories (50c per entry to take part)

2 prizes in each class; one for each category

Winners will be announced on Friday 12th April at breaktime.

Signed:

Marie Coen (Principal)