



The Student Voice



Volume 4

For children, by children.

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Hello and welcome to the fourth volume of The Student Voice, Scoil Mhuire's Student Council run newsletter written for children by children. Here you can look back on everything we have done this term, play games, and much more! So please sit back, relax, and enjoy this new edition of The Student Voice.

A Look Back at our First Term

This term lots of exciting things have been happening in Scoil Mhuire! In August we welcomed **Junior Infants** and **girls** into our school for the first time ever. This is a **huge** change for us, as we were a senior boys' school for almost 100 years!

This year our 6th Class pupils are partnered with **buddies** in 2nd Class and Junior Infants. Once a month the buddies meet up for **fun** activities.

We do **tonnes** of **sporting activities** here! This year we had **two Gaelic football** teams consisting of 40 players from 5th and 6th Class. We also had an **athletics team**, and our 4th Class had great **success** in **Santry!** And all of our new pupils in Junior Infants and 2nd Class did **GAA** training with Nicole from St Vincent's.

When it comes to learning we have plenty of fun. Recently, a man come to school to talk to the 6th Classes about the work of **Trócaire**. Our 5th Classes joined the **public library**, and our 4th Classes went to the Botanic Gardens to visit **Sculpture in Context**. During **Maths Week**, our Principal made an **escape room** where all pupils from 3rd to 6th Class had to solve **word, maths** and **logic** problems to complete a goal. And just last week our new **Junior Infants** put on their first ever Scoil Mhuire **show**... they were brilliant!

Our school has a very hard-working **Parents' Association**, who do lots of nice things for us. They run the **School Library**, and they also run the **Halloween Bake Sale** which is a very popular event. Each class gets to visit the hall, where they can buy **delicious** baked treats. Parents organise a crepe and a hot chocolate station too, and the profits go to making the school a **better** place for **everyone**. I'm sure that all pupils and teachers would like to give the Parents' Association a huge **thank you** for all the work they do for the school.

As you can see we have been busy here in Scoil Mhuire, having lots of fun and learning too... and we're all excited for what the next term will bring!



Invent your own Christmas Story...

To play this game all you'll need is a **die**, some **thinking time**, and of course your **imagination!** Roll the die and let it decide your character, roll it again to decide on the setting, and so on. Tell your story to a friend, or maybe even your class!

Number	Character	Place	Problem
	Santa Claus	The North Pole	Santa's sleigh is broken!
	Rudolf	A Toy Shop	The elves have gone missing!
	A Gingerbread Man	Christmas Market	Santa's workshop runs out of power
	A Snowman	Scoil Mhuire	Rudolf is sick
	You!	Bethlehem	Santa's nowhere to be found!
	An Elf	A snowy park	All the presents have disappeared!

Spot the Difference



You must be joking!

Which of Santa's reindeer has **really** bad manners?

How do snowmen shop online?

How do the mountains stay warm in winter?

What's the elves favourite type of music?

What type of photos do elves take?



Fact File

Some animals go into a long deep sleep for the winter. This is called **hibernation**. Only two of Ireland's **native species** hibernate for the winter: the **hedgehog** and the **bat**.



These animals **prepare** for hibernation by eating large amounts of food in the autumn to store fat for energy during the long winter months.



Where do hedgehogs spend their winter? Well, they build a nest made of leaves and grass in a safe and hidden spot. You might find them under piles of leaves, logs, or even a garden shed!



Where do bats spend their winter? Well, bats look for dark and cool places like caves, cellars, or mines. They can also be found in the cracks of old stone walls, bridges, or even tree hollows.



Crack the Code!

A = 14 B = 102 C = 11 D = 31 E = 27 F = 2 G = 64 H = 22 I = 81
J = 100 K = 23 L = 21 M = 42 N = 72 O = 16 P = 112 Q = 118 R = 25
S = 1 T = 12 U = 103 V = 107 W = 125 X = 111 Y = 117 Z = 122

12+10 9+7 6+36 5+22 7+7 18+3 8+8 31+41 21+6

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3x4 2x11 3x9 8x8 5x5 9x9 9x8 11x1 2x11

That's all, Folks!

Thank you for reading The Student Voice. We hope you all enjoyed it, and had fun completing the activities in our newsletter.

See you next time with more fun and interesting games, more facts, and more news about what we're getting up to in school!

Nollaig Shona daoibh go léir!

You must be joking! : Answers

1. RUDE-olf
2. On the winternet
3. They put on their snow caps!
4. Wrap music!
5. Elfies!