



# The Student Voice



Volume 5

For children, by children.

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Welcome to the fifth volume of The Student Voice, Scoil Mhuire's Student Council run newsletter. The pupils of Scoil Mhuire have had an amazing second term. Despite it being the wettest January and February since any of us started school, we had a blast... while learning things along the way! So sit back, relax, and take a look at some of what we've been up to.

## A Look Back at our Second Term

Once again, the second term began with our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Class pupils attending **swimming** lessons in Westwood. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Class pupils also spent weeks working hard on their **recorder** lessons with the Artane School of Music, and even played a concert with the **Artane Band!**

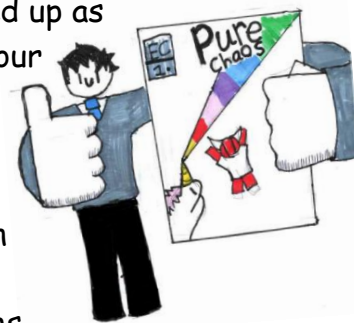
The 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils were kept very busy with the Game Changers programme, where they worked in groups to design and make boardgames about **climate change** and helping our **world**. They even got noticed by the News2Day crew who featured them on one of their recent episodes!

Many of the 6<sup>th</sup> Class boys also received the sacrament of Confirmation this term. The 5<sup>th</sup> Class boys who make up the school **choir** spent months practicing so they could sound their best at the Ceremony of Light and on the Confirmation day itself.

**World Book Day** happened earlier in March. To celebrate, we dressed up as our favourite fictional characters. We also had extra time to read in our classrooms. In March we also celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge and tried to speak as much **Irish** as we could. There was also Lá Glas where we got to wear green clothes and dance and sing on yard!

On the sporting front, our Junior Infants continued to work hard with our GPO, while two school **soccer** teams played in the FAI five aside tournament. **Hurling** season has also kicked off, with two school teams getting ready for matches after Easter.

And to finish off, a quick congratulations to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class boys and girls who recently made their First Confession and are now busy preparing for their First Holy Communion in April.



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## Word Search

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To complete our Word Search, read about all we've done this term and look for the words in **this font**.

## Fact File

According to weather forecasters, spring in Ireland starts on March 1<sup>st</sup>, but the traditional Irish calendar marks February 1<sup>st</sup> (St Brigid's Day) as the first day of spring.

Spring brings blooming wild flowers like **primroses** and **bluebells**. Many people love the bluebell as its violet blue carpets the woodlands from April to May.

You can also find **wild garlic ramsons**. These white flowers have a strong smell and are star shaped.

Spring is also an important time for farmers as they are in the middle of **lambing season**. The lambs need round the clock care and attention. New born lambs bounce around the fields and enjoy eating the fresh green grass.



# Easter Jokes to crack you up!



Why is the Easter Bunny always more tired when Easter falls in April?

Why was the Easter Bunny hired for the job?

Knock knock.  
Who's there?  
Candy.  
Candy who?

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# The Easter Bunny Saves Easter!



# That's (usually) all, Folks!

The Student Voice has always been three pages long, but when we saw this piece of writing by a 5<sup>th</sup> Class pupil we felt it would be an amazing addition, so this very special edition of our newsletter is four pages long. This piece was written in December, but it has great relevance this publication day. So for the day that's in it, let's all have...

## Hope

Hope is something inside you that helps you believe in good things. It is the feeling that something better could happen. Like winning your next soccer match after losing some. Hope helps you to keep trying and to dream of something you have always wanted.

Soccer for me is a big source of hope and inspiration. I find joy in every minute when I am on a soccer pitch. Scoring a goal or getting an assist and playing with my friends makes me happy. Playing on a team teaches us to work together and be hopeful for winning games. When someone scores a goal it is a goal for the whole team. This gives us the hope that we can win the match and stay top of the league.

In the last few weeks the Irish men's national soccer team gave the country hope by qualifying for 2026 World cup play offs. It looked like the dream might be over but no, the team kept their heads up and had hope. We could still make it. The king Troy Parrot scored a brace in the Portugal game. We still needed a win. He kept the dream alive by scoring a hat-trick against Hungary to qualify us to the play offs. The dream comeback.

With belief and hope anything is possible. Hope, hard work and teamwork can help us achieve our dreams.

In March next year when we will cheer on the Irish team in the playoffs we will hold on to that hope together that we can make it to the World Cup.



*Easter Jokes to Crack you Up: Answers*

1. Because he's just finished a long March...
2. He had great eggs-perience!
3. Candy Easter Bunny come early this year?!