



# Scoil Mhuire Lourdes



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## Scoil Mhuire Lourdes wins it@Cork

### Excellence in Education Award

Scoil Mhuire Lourdes embarked on an overhaul of the use of technology in the classroom a couple of years ago so as to provide our students with a more structured approach to learning IT. This coincided with the beginning of a European Comenius IT based Project, with schools from Belgium, England, Germany and Sweden. We offer a variety of technologies such as Scratch programming, Comic Life, stop/start animation, podcasting, and much more. Our students should be competent in a number of IT areas by 6<sup>th</sup> Class. We were delighted to get a nomination for the it@cork "Excellence in Education Award" which is open to all primary and secondary schools in Cork. Despite very stiff competition we were shortlisted to the final three. Much to our delight, we were awarded first place! We are delighted to have recognition of our teachers' and pupils' hard work and will continue to keep ahead of the curve with IT in schools and are looking forward to purchasing VEX robotic equipment in the near future.



*Proudly displaying our 'Excellence in Education Award'*

## OPEN DAY

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

We would like to take this opportunity to issue an open invitation to everyone in our community to visit our school between 7:00pm and 8:30pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January to meet with pupils and staff, engage in our school curriculum and experience the wide range of activities on offer in Scoil Mhuire Lourdes.

## SCOIL MHUIRE LOURDES CHOIR

Our choir has been going from strength to strength and we now have nearly 50 members. We sing regularly at church and most recently delighted audiences at the festive Christmas Market in The Pavilion in Ballygarvan. We also raised money for Barnardos children's charity singing in Barry Collins' SuperValu. We look forward to some more exciting events in the New Year!



*Senior Infants using their new Maths Equipment*

*Members of our choir singing at SuperValu*

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## Mandarin

Each year the fourth classes have the opportunity to learn Mandarin. This program is run in conjunction with U.C.C. The children learn basic phrases and enjoy learning about Chinese culture and traditions. Only fifteen primary schools in Cork have had the opportunity to join this program.

## Chess

We enjoyed great success in Chess again last year. We currently have over 40 members in our chess club. We practice each Wednesday after school. The focus is on participation and enjoyment but we are also very competitive. We will take part in the Cork Leagues and hope to enjoy even more success this year.



*Carrigaline's  
Great  
Bake Off*

## Junior Entrepreneur Program

We are delighted to be one of the only primary schools in Cork taking part in the recently founded Junior Entrepreneur Program (JEP). From January, our 6th classes will take part in a 10 week program. This involves the basics of setting up a business, meeting local entrepreneurs and hosting a Dragons Den. To conclude the program the boys will market and sell their products. The pupils will receive guided assistance but will be encouraged to learn from their own successes and mistakes..

## Parents' Association

Scoil Mhuire Lourdes are blessed to have a wonderful and very supportive Parents' Association. Please visit <http://scoilmhuiRELouRdes.ie/parents-association/> to read about their fantastic work.

To view more pictures from Scoil Mhuire Lourdes and to find information on other activities in the school visit [www.scoilmhuiRELouRdes.ie](http://www.scoilmhuiRELouRdes.ie)



*Halloween in our Infant School*

## Green Team

We are working towards our Fourth Green Flag. Our aim is to reduce our Carbon Footprint. Our goal is to encourage more people to walk, cycle or carpool when coming to school.



*Busy at  
work in  
4<sup>th</sup> Class*

## Dissolving Boundaries

Scoil Mhuire Lourdes is involved in Dissolving Boundaries again this year following the success of the project over the last two years. This initiative aims to develop principles of good citizenship through collaborative project work between schools in the North and South of Ireland. Ms O Callaghan's and Mr. Coughlan's classes will correspond online with classes from our partner school in Coleraine, Co. Derry.



*Budding Einsteins checking wind direction  
Science in Fourth Class*

**All the staff and pupils at Scoil Mhuire Lourdes would like to wish you and your family  
A Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.  
Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain Faoi Sheáin agus Faoi Mhaise Duit**

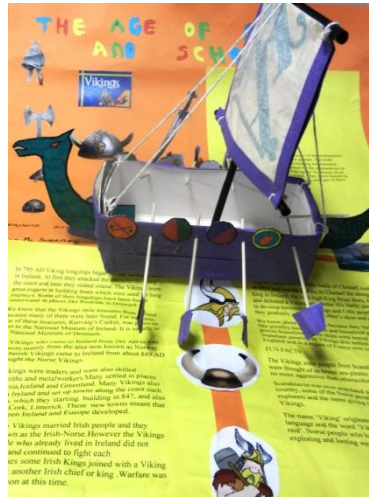
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Above: Mark, Adam and Daniel made rain gauges to measure the amount of rainfall during the month of October for Science Week. Above Right: Junior Masterchef: Aidan, Ola, Rory, Ryan, Darragh and Vincent.

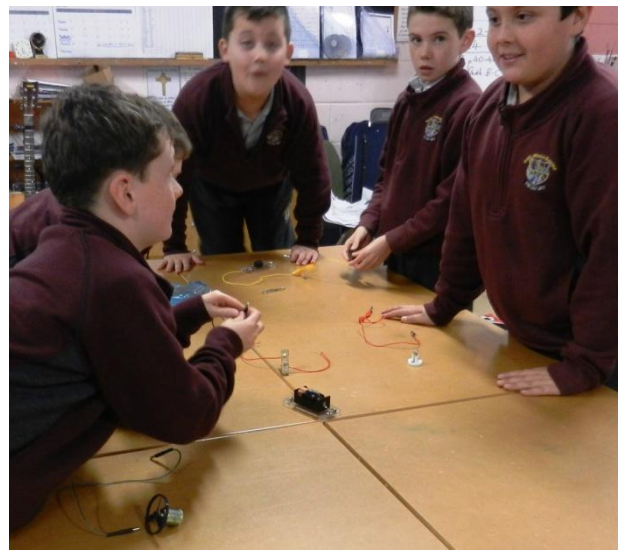
Below: Conor, Sean, Ryan, Cillian, Ben, Shaun, Cian, Eoin and Craig enjoying Halloween activities and Senior Infants dressed in red and white to support Cork in the All-Ireland final.



Above: 4th Class worked hard on their History projects.

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Above: The Roaring 40's visited Scoil Mhuire Lourdes to celebrate the Cork Jazz Weekend and 4th Class work on their electricity projects. Below: Making Hot air balloons and electric circuits for Science Week.



Above: Junior Infants learn about playing safely at yard time and Rory shows off his baking skills!

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