

# Scoil Maelruain News

September 2024

A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.



## Principal's Corner

Welcome back to all our returning families and a huge welcome to our new families joining our school both in Junior Infants and to those who have joined us in different year groups.

It was lovely to see so many families at the 'Teddy Bears Picnic' on the 27th August, there was a real sense of the school community coming together and reconnecting. A huge thanks to the Parents Association for hosting.

We also welcomed parents to join ourselves and the PA for our 'Meet and Greet and Coffee Morning'. Thanks to the volunteers for hosting and to parents and families for attending.

Our Junior Infants have nearly completed their first month at school. Despite a few tears (mainly from parents!), they have shown a great capacity to learn how the school day runs and in their lessons. Well done to all!

We look forward to another successful year in Scoil Maelruain Junior.

Mrs. Claire Durr



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SCHOOL

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Parents' Association



## Welcome to New Parents and Children.

The Parents' Association are delighted to welcome new parents and children to the school and to kick off the new school year. If anyone has any queries, please reach out to your PA class representative who can get in touch with the PA committee.

## Annual General Meeting.

Our Annual General Meeting is taking place this coming Tuesday 15th October at 7.30pm in the school. All parents/guardians are invited to join us on Monday evening. The agenda will cover a number of items, including:

- Report on PA activities in 2023/2024 school year.
- Address from our Principal, Claire Durr.
- Accounts Overview.
- PA activity calendar for 2024/2025 school year.
- Structure of the Parents Association.

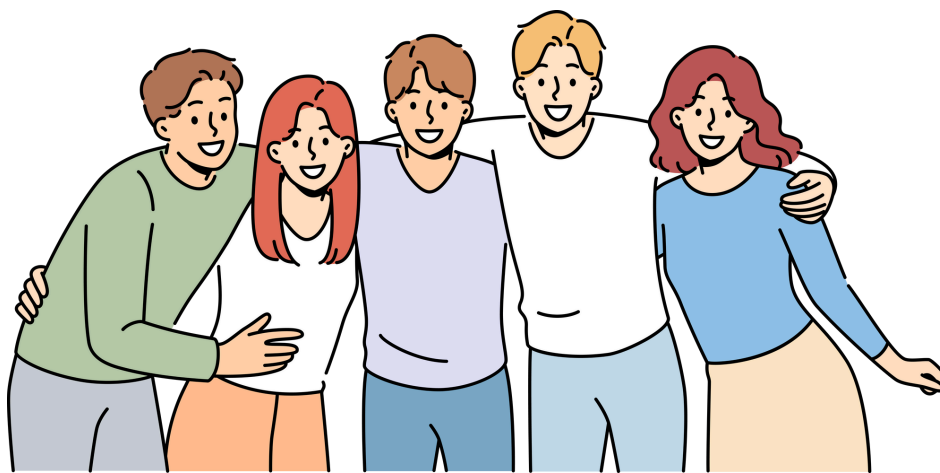
We hope to see you there ♦♦♦

## School Library Volunteers.

The Parents Association are currently looking to increase the number of volunteers to help in the School Library every Wednesday from 9am to 12pm. Volunteers do not need to be available every week as we welcome as much support from Parents as you can provide to help run the school library. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Gillian Doyle on 0876630665.

## Fundraising for the School – Christmas Cards.

Ho! Ho! Ho! We know it's only September and we shouldn't be mentioning the C word, but preparations have begun for the annual Christmas Cards to make sure that they can be ordered as early as possible. Over the coming weeks you will receive a Christmas card template which is individually coded to your child, do not use your own paper, or lose the sheet. We are aiming for completed sheets to be returned by Friday 18 th October 2024 and will be confirmed shortly.



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Welcome to Scoil Maelruain Junior.

Welcome to all the boys and girls who have started their school journey in Scoil Maelruain Junior this year.

Welcome

We also welcome Ms. D. Fogarty, Ms. C. Gibbons, Ms. R. Bentley, Ms. H. Dignam and Ms. A. O' Neill who have joined the school staff this year.

**Enrolment for 2025/2026.**

We will be accepting applications for students starting school in the 2024/25 school year from **Tuesday 15th October 2024 to Monday 11th November 2024.**

Parents will be offered places in the incoming Junior Infant class by Monday 2nd December and must accept by Tuesday 17th December.

This will be advertised on our website, through the parish and signage on school grounds.

If you or any family members or friends are thinking of enrolling your child please note dates for enrolment.



**IMPORTANT**

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Health & Safety Notice.

Thanks so much to those parents and students that are using the school pathways to enter the school grounds. We would also like to thank parents and students for making sure that gates are closed during school hours. We really appreciate your efforts to keep our students safe.

We have a few health and safety reminders that we would like to bring to your attention.

- There is no parking at the school. Parents will not be able to park at the top end of Old Bawn Avenue from the signage point. We are operating our *Safe Street* which means cars can drive up Old Bawn Avenue and drive down Tymon Crescent in a loop. Please be mindful of our neighbours on Old Bawn Ave, Tymon Crescent and other local roads at school drop off and collection times.
- Parents using the car park for drop off and pick up for after school activities are asked to reverse park and accompany children through the car park.
- Dogs are **not allowed** on school premises.
- We would encourage all parents to enter and exit the school grounds through the gate closest to the playground and not to use the gate by the car park.
- If you need to access the grounds during the school hours please ensure that the gates are left closed behind you.
- Wet Days: children should arrive at school **at 8.50am and later**. If they do get to school before that there are shelters by each door. As we all know the weather in Ireland is very changeable so we would encourage all children to have a raincoat in their bags or wear a coat each day.

Your children's safety is paramount, and we appreciate your support with these measures.

**STAY SAFE**



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## Parent-Teacher Communication.

Teachers are unable to speak with parents at the doors in the morning.

Communication with teachers is done through the **Aladdin Connect App**. Teachers will review their notifications at the end of the school day. For this reason they may not be answered immediately.

For urgent communication please contact the office by phone 01-4510706 or by email [scoilmaelruainjunior@gmail.com](mailto:scoilmaelruainjunior@gmail.com)

Parents can also record reasons for absences both before and after through the **Aladdin Connect App**.

We appreciate your understanding in this matter. Formal Parent teacher meetings will be arranged later this year.



## Bikes & Scooters.

There is a bike rack located beside the prefabs.

Children who are cycling or scooting to school can park their bikes or scooters there.

We would ask that children dismount their 'vehicles' at the school gates and walk them through the school grounds.



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## Helping Hands

We are once again looking for Parent Helping Hands. We would like parents to help out with the following:

- To accompany children to and from the church;
- To accompany children on school tours;
- To accompany children to sporting events.
- To help with Maths activities;
- To help out with Literacy activities;



How do I get involved?

All Parent Helping Hands need to be Garda Vetted through the school. You need to bring in proof of address and a photo ID (Passport/Drivers license) to the school and fill in an Application Form at the office ASAP. We need to submit a form to Archbishop's House. They will then email you an e-form which you must return within 7 days otherwise the form will expire and you will need to begin the process all over again. When the 'Vetting' comes through you will be informed by Archbishop's House and the Declaration will also be sent to the school.

## School Closures.

### **October Mid-term break**

School closes on Friday 25th October @ 2.30pm. School reopens on Monday 4th November.

### **Christmas 2024**

School closes on Friday 20th December @ 12.00. School reopens on Monday 6th January 2025



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Lotto.



Scoil Maelruain Junior, in conjunction with the Parents Association are really excited to announce that we are launching a weekly Lotto.

By participating in the school Lotto, you will have the chance to win the Jackpot of €250 and there will be a weekly winner of a €20 One4all voucher! When you sign up for the lotto you will have three options to choose from: €2.50 for one line, €4 for two or €5 for three.

We hope that the weekly option of 1 line for €2.50 will allow everyone to support the school. If you can contribute 3 lines for €5 it would be hugely appreciated, and you never know you might just win! Signing up is easy, scan the QR code in the attached flyer or go to <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/scoilmaelruainjunior> and follow the instructions on your screen.

As some of you will be aware, the Department of Education funds schools through a 'grant' system. Some grants are guaranteed each year such as 'capitation' but others are not such as 'IT'. For that reason schools depend heavily on income from rental of the school building, fundraising by the Parents Association, and other fundraising activities to resource our schools. All funds raised go directly to supporting your children's education and will be used to purchase resources such as IT equipment, sports equipment, classroom, and teaching resources.

We would really appreciate it if you and family members would consider signing up for the Lotto and supporting our school.



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## Scoil Maelruain Junior Fundraiser Lotto

*Your support makes a real difference*  
Jackpot increases every week plus a weekly winner prize

### Play

#### Pick 4 numbers

The same numbers will be played for you each week

### Pay

1 line for €2.50, 2 lines for €4  
or 3 lines for €5

Maximum 3 lines per person

### Win

Match 4 numbers to win  
the Jackpot

### Join now.

Scan the QR code or go to our website



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**LUCK**

