

# Mol an Óige CNS

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## FÓMHAR/HARVEST

Welcome back to school, everyone! We have been very busy for the month of **September/Meán Fómhair**. We have made jam and are now gathering in the harvest for our Harvest Festival on September 29th. Tá fáilte romhaibh go léir! Our new website is live but please be patient as it is still under construction and it will take some more time before all details are present and correct. We would like to especially welcome our new Junior Infant children and parents. The children have all settled in very well and in the picture above, you can see them at work baking together. We are very grateful that we are all happy and healthy this September and wish you all the best for the year ahead. Go n-éirí libh!



### BOM 2019-2023

Thank you to all BOM members for their service to the school during this time.



**Parent Association AGM** will inform the community of work undertaken by the Parents Association. Meeting beginning of November to be announced.



### CHILD PROTECTION

Questionnaire being sent home to parents. Please complete and return asap.



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### *The Development of the Senses and its Importance for Children's Learning*

A talk by Gordon Woolard on October 5th 7:30pm at Mol an Óige Community National School.



### **Clay Workshop**

Mol an Óige and Raheen Wood teachers will meet up in the Clare Education Centre in October to do a clay workshop together.

## BOM Report June 2023

### School Planning:

Say Yes to *Languages* grant approved for 8 wk block of Spanish in Term One, 2023/24, with Ranganna 3,4,5,6

ADHD School training from September

Revised Curriculum: School Closure June 2 - In-school CPD - Primary Language Curriculum and new Primary Curriculum Framework. SNAs did a course on Sensory Processing Disorder.

New Book Grant - booklists in and books ordered

### Extra Curricular Activities

- Plays: Roma (Rang 4/5); The Norse Myths (Rang 3/4)
- Games: The Greek Olympics - Intraschool (Steiner) four-day event held in the Burren OEC. Many thanks to all staff and parent volunteers.
- Sports Day on June 22 - a great success
- Surfing Classes, Sixth Class, June
- St. John's Eve Bonfire, June 23
- Chess Tournament, Ennis, June 7
- School tours: Moher Hill Farm, Eagle's Rock, Burren Outdoor Centre
- Sixth Class graduation ceremony

### Parental Involvement

- Burren Walk with Pius for Volunteer Appreciation Day last Saturday (had been postponed from a previous date)
- Help with St John's Eve bonfire.
- Funding for the Christmas Féile and Bealtaine Festival to be further discussed with BOM.
- Fantastic parental support on Sports Day.
- Sheila Connelly organised a Meitheal of women and sewing machines to make crayon rolls and cotton bags for the children's spare clothes. Many thanks to all involved!



- Regular meetings with PAC and InSchoolManagement Team held throughout the year.

### Buildings

- Painting of three mainstream classes and one SET room completed. Two parents kindly did the lazure painting and a local contractor did all of the base painting.
- Equipment: two new laptops procured for staff members.
- The new room built in the yard last year has been used for our extra SET and EAL hours.
- Repair of doors.

### Health and Safety

- Fire Drill: See attached
- Vandalism of flower pots yesterday afternoon noted.

### Special Items

- German students x 3. Killian Malone and Róisín Brett are liaising with the sending organisation and volunteers.
- Supervalu Reverse Vending Machine Trial, 1,500 euro donated to the school for participating. It is proposed that some of this be spent on ESD/Wellbeing projects. Many thanks to Fitzpatrick's Supervalu!
- ESD Funding Grant of 3,500 euro - larger poly tunnel ordered, therefore 500 euro remaining to stock it.
- Amber Wellbeing Flag to be raised in September.
- School Reports have gone out.
- **Secondhand Rose needs volunteers!!!**

## 2022/23 Initiatives

Amber Flag - *Wellbeing*

School-wide Meditation Practices - *Wellbeing*

Polytunnel - Department of Education *ESD* grant of 3,500 euro (*Promote lifelong learning and engage all sectors of the education system, including the non formal and informal education sectors.*)

Grow at School - *ESD* - raised beds applied for [growatschool@giy.ie](mailto:growatschool@giy.ie)

ASD Friendly School 2023/24 applied for and granted - *Inclusive Provision Mapping, Wellbeing*

Chess tournaments - *Wellbeing; ESD* - *systems thinking, critical thinking, integrated problem-solving, collaboration and self-awareness*

Christmas Féile and Bealtaine Festival (Parent Association Committee, post-Covid return of school and community gatherings) - *Wellbeing* (*Focus on values and promote active democratic citizenship and inclusion as a means of empowering the individual and the community.*)

Student Council - *'Being an active citizen'* is identified as one of seven key competencies in the draft Primary Curriculum Framework - *ESD* (*Focus on values and promote active democratic citizenship and inclusion as a means of empowering the individual and the community.*)



Learning through Play - Mathematical Play (in-school workshops with all classes and CPD in Clare Ed. Centre for teachers)

Digital Education: iPads (online chess games, maths): (*Be interdisciplinary and recognise interdependence and interconnectivities across other sectors. Promote and use a variety of pedagogical techniques that support active and participatory learning, critical thinking and the development of key dispositions and skills.*)

Greek Olympics - shared four-day Olympic Games (Classes 5 and 6) with other Steiner schools in The Burren Outdoor Centre. Camping. *ESD; Wellbeing* (*Focus on values and promote active democratic citizenship and inclusion as a means of empowering the individual and the community.*)



### NEW POLYTUNNEL IN SITU!

**TESCO Community Fund** is fundraising for Mol an Óige. From left: Davids, Nika, Cuán



## **The Parent Association Committee (PAC) organises seasonal events and festivals, community clubs, and educational parent workshops.**

### **Recent and Upcoming Events**

Welcome Coffee and Playdate for the incoming Junior Infant families, hosted by the Senior Infant Class, on September 2nd.

Parent Association coffee on Wednesday September 20th, at the Cheese Press, for all curious parents looking to volunteer and become more involved. 9:30am

Parent Association drink on Friday September 29th, at Cooley's. 8:30pm

Parent Association Annual General Meeting to inform community of work undertaken by the Parents Association. Meeting date TBA, weekday beginning of November (evening)

### **Class Representatives**

We have several open positions for Parent Class Representatives. Support from parent volunteers is an essential component of Steiner schools. Many seasonal festivals are entirely dependent on parent volunteers and organisers.

Rang Hillary:  
Junior Infants Class Rep, Derek Lowry

Rang Sarah:  
Senior Infants Class Rep, Sally Smith, Sanja Wiegmann and Ailín Clancy  
1st Class Rep (open)

Rang Killian:  
1st Class Rep, Emma Hogan  
2nd Class Reps, Frankie McGivney and Dana Tagar

Rang Úna/Laura:  
3rd Class Rep, Josie O'Connor  
4th Class Rep, Emma O'Donoghue

Rang Maree:  
5th and 6th Class Rep, Liz O'Byrne

### **Class Representatives:**

- facilitate social engagement amongst the families, which might include day trips, mixers, and celebrations
- maintain strong communication and open relationship with parents
- pass on key information from teachers and Parent Association Committee and help find event volunteers or classroom support

### **Communication**

Parent Association WhatsApp broadcast channel for Mol an Óige CNS announcements and relevant school community events.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/IJWAbJyxwXPIZ5O9EDsqRa>

Please click link and open in WhatsApp to join channel. This is a one-way broadcast channel from the Parent Association Committee administration, not a parent group chat. This channel will be used to inform parents about upcoming event information, school community news, and volunteer opportunities.



### **New School Update from Edwin Scally, Architect, as of 26/9/2023**

Please see the images attached. The building design is complete. The various Ecological and Environmental Reports have been received. They took a long time to complete as they had to look at all aspects of the development including at both construction and operational stages and how it affects the natural habitats of the Inagh SAC and the nature of the wildlife on site including plant life, bats, birds, habitats, etc.

We expect the Stage 2a report to be issued to the Dept. in November. **In terms of high level programme we would expect the building to be opened in 2026.**

Slán go fóill ó Mhol an Óige CNS..