

Scoil Mochua Newsletter



30th August 2024

Welcome back to the new school year. It was so lovely on Wednesday morning to open the gates to so many happy children. We are delighted to see them all again. The new Junior Infants were fantastic on Thursday, lining up in the yard, waving to parents and skipping into their new classrooms and their new world. We want every child to thrive this year, and we will do all that we can to ensure this.

Here are a few start-of-year reminders – thanks in advance for your support with these matters:

- We supply all books, copies, folders, mini white boards (where relevant), for every child. The books must be re-used for several years as we do not receive funding to replace them every year. Each child is responsible for ensuring that their books are looked after and are reusable for the following year. Please remind your child of this as the year progresses.
- We supply writing and colouring materials for Junior and Senior Infants. We have always done this as the children are developing their motor skills and it is important that they use certain pencils and crayons.
- All children from 1st – 6th should be equipped with a pencil case and ruler.
 - 1st – 2nd: pencils, rubber, pencil parer, colouring pencils
 - 3rd – 4th: pencils, rubber, pencil parer, red pen, colouring pencils or markers (NOT sharpies)
 - 5th – 6th: pencils, rubber, pencil parer, red and blue pens, colouring pencils or markers (NOT sharpies), maths set
- Children are not allowed to use markers in school until 3rd class and sharpies are not permitted in school. The tables were being damaged. Markers can be used at home for school projects and art work.
- PE tracksuit should only be worn on PE days or match days. School uniform should be worn on all other days. In warm weather, grey shorts are permitted as part of the uniform.
- For health and safety reasons, only stud earrings should be worn to school.
- Nut products are not allowed in school lunches as we have many children with nut allergies.
- If your child is on any new medication, please contact the Deputy Principal, Jenny Corr jcorr@scoilmochnua.com, to discuss. Please ensure that all medication already authorised for use in school is in-date.
- We will be distributing materials covered by school charges next week. Please ensure that school charges are paid so that we can include all children. Please contact Catherine Carragher or Jenny Corr in the strictest confidence if you have any concerns.

- School Drop Off and Collection: Please note that there are bike lanes all along Aghards Road so, for the safety of the many cyclists, parking is not permitted along the road. Similarly, please be respectful of local residents and businesses – they must be able to access their homes and businesses. Where possible, we encourage children to walk, cycle or scoot to school.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

We look forward to a great year ahead.