



**Scoil Mhuire Junior celebrates Seachtain na Gaeilge 2018** with a packed programme of Irish-based events and activities organised to encourage children to speak through the medium of Irish. Seachtain na Gaeilge is an important fixture in the annual school calendar and runs from March 5<sup>th</sup> to March 16<sup>th</sup>.

The two weeks of craic, ceol and damhsa will be launched by Fiona O' Loughlin TD, Chairperson of the Dail Education and Skills Committee at 1pm on Monday March 5<sup>th</sup>. Organised by the Seachtain na Gaeilge team of Scoil Mhuire, there will be artwork/flags on display, along with music, Irish dancing and traditional song-singing.

**The school recently welcomed the arrival of its new principal Caitlin O' Connor** who remarked that, "It's going to be my first time to experience Seachtain na Gaeilge in Scoil Mhuire Junior and I'm really excited reading about the fun packed timetable! Is docha go mbeidh an craic again go léir".

The First and Second classes will hijack the intercom for 5 minutes each day for Radio Scoil Mhuire and the entire school will turn green for La Glas on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The Heritage Council has grant-aided visits in traditional song-singing by Wexford-based singer Aileen Lambert. Other visiting artistes include All-Ireland winning concertina player Dearbhla Fitzpatrick as well as Mairead Carroll and Don Nea.

At the heart of Seachtain na Gaeilge in Scoil Mhuire Junior however is the sharing of songs/poetry between classes which take place as part of

the festivities and the encouragement given to young children to speak the cupla focail at home and at school.





