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# Mullavilly Primary School Newsletter

**‘Inspire, Nurture, Celebrate, Flourish’**

We have reached the end of a busy and very successful term in Mullavilly Primary School. There have been many highlights throughout and this newsletter is designed to give you a little flavour of what life has been like in Mullavilly in term 1.

Looking back to August, we were delighted to welcome 20 brand new P1 boys and girls. That is the second year in a row we have been oversubscribed in P1, defying the local trends which saw other local schools under their admissions number, With other new pupils welcomed throughout the school we began the school year with an enrolment of 130—our highest for many years.

We were very pleased to welcome Miss Buchanan to teach P5/6 2 days and learning support the other 2 days. As we now approach the end of Term 1 we look forward to the new year and new Term, with more exciting plans in place, not least of which is the start of our new principal, Mrs Hall.

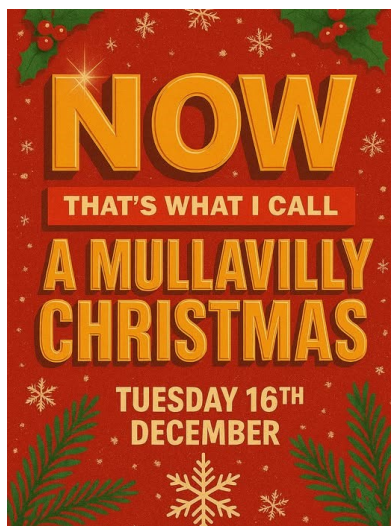
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## DIARY DATES Term 2

School Reopens	6th January
P6/7 swimming begins	13th January
New P1 admissions closes 12.00pm	21st January
SEAG Results	24th January
P2/3 Planetarium Trip	4th February
BREAK THE RULES DAY	6th February
Half Term holidays—SCHOOL CLOSED	9th—13th February
World Book Day	5th March
Parent Teacher Meetings 2— School closed early all week	9th—13th March
Mrs. Hall first day as principal	16th March
St Patrick's Day—SCHOOL CLOSED	17th March
Last Day of Term	31st March

### Now That's What I Call A Mullavilly Christmas

The undoubted highlight of Term 1 was our special Christmas show, "Now That's What I Call A Mullavilly Christmas." We performed three shows across two days to almost 300 mum's, dad's, granny's, grandad's and friends. Each class performed two well known Christmas hit singles, alongside our choir. The hall was transformed thanks to Mr Conn's fabulous fairy lights and there was a magical feeling in the air as the children performed their absolute best in each show. It really was a special two days and memories were made for life. A huge thank you to everyone who made it possible. Apologies for the lack of photos—we were just too busy and swept up by it all. Attached below are some memories of the poster, tickets and hall.



**PARENTAL MEETINGS**

Thank you to all our parents who attended our parental interviews. As you know, following our parental survey in June we are reintroducing a second round of meetings in early March. Please remember that our staff are available to speak with you if you have concerns about your child. **As all teachers are busy with their classes first thing in the morning we ask that you make an appointment via the office.** Thank you

**SCHOOL GATES**

A huge thank you to RAPID for repairing and restoring our school gates for free. A very kind gesture and a perfect example of working for the community. We hope the gates and fence will be painted once the weather improves.

**Children In Need**

We had great fun on Children In Need day this year and managed to raise a fabulous £120 by having a non-uniform day. Thank you for all your kind donations to such a worthwhile cause.



**Primary 1 and 7 Buddies**

We introduced a new 'Buddy' system this year in school. Every child in primary 1 has been given a P7 buddy. The P7 buddy is there to help their P1 buddy if needed and to be someone the P1's can play with and go to if they need help with anything. It is a fantastic learning opportunity for our P7's and our P1's. They have all developed a special bond with each other so far and really enjoyed delivering their Santa letters together.



**Anything But A Schoolbag Day**

We had great fun on our 2nd Anything But A Schoolbag Day. Children brought their belongings to school in 'anything but a schoolbag.' We had a special assembly to show everyone our imagination and creativity and selected winners in each class.



### Bling Your Bike Day

Well done to everyone who came to school by bike, scooter or foot on Bling Your Bike Day. Everyone looked bright and colourful and there were some fantastic bikes and scooters. Congratulations to the individual class winners as well.



### Football Tournament

Our football teams took part in the first festival day of the school year in October at Drumgor PS. They played very well on the day and made a solid start to the season with 1 win, 2 draws and 1 defeat. We are looking forward to another successful season



### Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

On Thursday 11th December, we held a Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. Everyone wore special Christmas themed jumpers and brought in donations for Save the Children. We are delighted to be sending £113 to Save the Children which will be used to help many children less fortunate than we are.



### Wacky Hair Day

Our Friends of Mullavilly organized a wacky hair day back in November. We had such great fun and couldn't believe some of the creativity on show with sorts of hairstyles on show. A special thank you to the Friends of Mullavilly for all that they do. We will be announcing a major purchase made because of all your very kind and generous fundraising in a letter from Mr Ritchie being sent home tomorrow.



### Class trips and visits

Our Primary 6/7 class enjoyed their trip to the Planetarium. Primary 5/6 had great fun at the Navan Centre and Fort as part of their Viking topic and P1 enjoyed the short visit to Peck and Pine and can't wait to go back.



### Baby Basics Collection

We were overwhelmed by the support shown towards our Harvest appeal in support of Mullavilly Baby Basics. Thank you everyone for your kind-



### Christmas Dinner Day



The staff of Mullavilly Primary School would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year!

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to an exciting 2026.