



MUIRE GAN SMÁL NEWS

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**Muire Gan Smál
Primary School**



Christmas Performances

Monday 11th December 1:30pm

Ms Tuohy's 1st Class
Scarecrow's Christmas

Thursday 14th December 11:00am

Ms McGreal's Junior Infants
The Tiptoe Nativity

Thursday 14th December 12:00pm

Ms Mellett's Junior Infants
Snowman at Sunset

Friday 15th December 11:00am

Ms Lynn's and Mr McDonnell's Senior In-
fants
Christmas Concert

Friday 15th December 1:30pm

Mrs Cosgrove's 1st and 2nd Classes
It's a Party



The theme for the month of
November in Muire gan Smál
was

November -We Remember

Those who wished to do so
wrote the name or drew a
picture of their loved one
and hung it on the
Remembrance Tree.

Carol Singing

Our school choir will perform a selection of Christmas songs
and carols in the town the week of 18th December. Dates and times
to be confirmed.



What's been happening...



A huge Thank You to all who prepared and packed treats for children in other countries as part of Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal. We hope the 80 boxes packed by families from our school this year bring great joy to other families around the world.

5th Class Vex Robotics Competition



5th Class are very busy preparing for the Vex Robotics Competition which is due to take place in January 2024. They are in the process of designing, coding and building a robot to play the game "Full Volume".

Swimming Lessons

Each year, classes from 2nd to 6th go to swimming lessons in the local pool. This is part of the Physical Education (P.E) curriculum, under the aquatics strand.

It is the only thing that your child will learn in school that could potentially save their life.

We encourage all pupils to attend these classes.

A note must be provided from a parent with a valid reason should you wish for your child not to participate in these lessons.



Claremorris LGFA

Best of luck to the Claremorris ladies, including our past pupils, who take part in the Junior Club Championship All-Ireland Semi-Final against Erin Own Lavey, the Ulster champions, on Sunday 3rd December.

Crimean Tatars.

Crimean Tatars are the indigenous, Muslim, Turkic-speaking people of Crimea. The Crimean Tatars had their own independent state - the Crimean Khanate from 1441 to 1783, ruled by the Giray clan, which traces its origins to Genghis Khan. This family was so respected that even the Ottoman family in Turkey revered the Giray family.



Gazi II Giray

In 1783, the Crimean Khanate was annexed by the Russian Empire, which at that time was ruled by Catherine II. From then on, a policy of Russification and ousting the Crimean Tatars from Crimea was pursued. For this reason, many Crimean Tatars left Crimea, whose diasporas today live in Turkey, Romania, Bulgaria, and the USA. The period from 1783 to 1883 is usually called the "kara asyr" (black age).



The Khan's Palace or Hansaray.

With the establishment of Soviet power in Crimea, in 1921, the Autonomous Crimean Socialist Soviet Republic was created as part of the RSFSR (Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic), which was considered a Crimean Tatar autonomy, led by the Crimean Tatar Veli Ibraimov. But in 1928, Veli Ibraimov was shot, a repressive policy began against Crimean Tatar leaders, mosques were closed in Crimea, religious and intellectual figures were persecuted, they were tried and shot, or sent into exile. As a result, by the beginning of the Second World War, not a single mosque remained on the territory of Crimea, most of the intellectuals, managers, and religious people were killed.

In 1944, the final result of the displacement of the Crimean Tatar population from Crimea was the forced eviction of the Crimean Tatars. Crimean Tatars (mostly women and children, men fought on the WWII fronts) were forcibly taken out of Crimea in cattle cars, without food or water, mainly to Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and some regions of the RSFSR; 46.2% of Crimean Tatars died in the first year of the genocide. Despite the laws of rehabilitation after the death of Stalin, the Crimean Tatars were unable to return to their homeland until after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Since 1989, that is 45 years after the deportation, Crimean Tatars began to actively return to Crimea. In most cases, returning to their homes or relatives was impossible since other people were already living there. Many had to rebuild their homes.

Since the 90s, Crimean Tatars have been actively organizing their way of life, improving their lives, joining society, learning and developing. From 1991 to 2014, Crimea was part of Ukraine as an Autonomous Republic of Crimea. But in 2014, the annexation and occupation of the territory of Crimea by the Russian Federation took place.



Crimean Tatar girls school in Bakhchysarai, 1917

Since 2014, life for the Crimean Tatars has become tough again. Continuous house searches and arrests among the Crimean Tatar population continues to this day. Their war for life on their land continues.

Thank you to Urkhiie, Elvira and Safiye for compiling this article.

WEEE Battery Recycling

We are collecting used alkaline batteries for recycling, in aid of the LauraLynn, Ireland's Children's Hospice. As well as benefiting the environment and recovering precious materials for reuse in manufacturing, your battery recycling efforts support the children, families and staff at LauraLynn, Ireland's Children's Hospice. Every battery recycled by WEEE Ireland goes towards a donation fund to support the vital work provided by LauraLynn.

This support helps LauraLynn to deliver its specialised hospice and palliative care to children with life-limiting conditions and their families in Ireland.

If you have any lying around the house, please send them into the school with your child.



School Closures

Friday 8th December: School closed

Tuesday 12th December: School Closed for Teacher In-Service Day in the new Maths Curriculum

Mon 22nd December: All children finish at **12:10pm**

Monday 8th January: School reopens

School Calendar 23/24

Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál

2023 - 2024 School Calendar

August '23						
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July '24						
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- School Closed/ Holidays
- Teacher In-Service Day (no school for students)
Date(s) to be confirmed.
- Half Day
- First and Last Day of School