



# SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL

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## Graduation, Tues. June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

Dear Graduand of Scoil Mhuire gan Smál,

Just like you, we were all so looking forward to our traditional graduation ceremony. It should have been the final highlight of your last year with us.

Unfortunately, it was not to be. Regardless of what you hear in the media, you must understand and accept that we have had to follow strict guidelines not to open up the school.

As a result, you certainly are a class with a difference! And so, we have had to organise your graduation in a different way.....and it's ok to be different!

Your parents have by now received a text saying that your virtual graduation ceremony will be on **Tues. evening at 7pm**. Miss Redmond and Mrs. Walshe really and truly have put in a lot of work to gather some special memories for you. I hope that we'll be able to imagine "hearing" you in the distance saying "Oh, yeah!" as you're reminded of some of the special memories we've made together over the years!

***So, we'll be sending you a link on Tues. evening and we hope we can all be linked in a virtual gathering as we take a trip together down YOUR memory lane!***

In addition to that, and because we feel you were robbed of a special memory, we have tried to do something extra special and different for YOU! Given the circumstances this year, we have a gift for you....a gift which we hope will make you smile and which will remind you every time you look at it that you were not forgotten, that we felt for you missing out on what should have been and that we were thinking of you.

So, the following is the format of your graduation:

**Between 4pm & 6pm:**

Parents collect your gift pack from your teacher.

***You are allowed to accompany your parent.***

***PLEASE ABIDE BY THE SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES!***

**1 parent + pupil at a time will be admitted.**

Enter by the blue front door.

Exit by the door near your classroom.

**7pm:**

Graduation Ceremony link will be sent.

**Note about your gift pack:**

In addition to the “surprise”, we have included our traditional gift of an autograph book and pen.

***In the interest of Health and Safety, PLEASE DO NOT SHARE THESE UNTIL IT IS SAFE TO DO SO!***

(If your parents gave us your Baptismal Cert. when you were enrolled, it will also be in your pack.)

**Awards:**

Some girls will also be receiving an award. The awards this year are in art, music and sport as well as the overall “*Scoil Mhuire Girl Award*”.

Details of the awards will be sent in a separate letter.....I’ll keep you guessing until then!

Finally, we are looking forward to us all linking up at some stage in the future whenever we will be allowed gather together. That’ll be a great opportunity to chat and to remember!

With fondest regards,

*Bernie Murphy*

Your Principal (for one more week!)