

SCOIL MHUIRE PROCLAMATION OF 2016

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We the students of Scoil Mhuire, Lakelands, have worked together to write a new Proclamation for the centenary of the Easter Rising of 1916. We very rarely take a moment to think about all the brave Irishmen and Irishwomen who risked their lives for Ireland. During the six days of the Rebellion, many fought, many died and all became heroes. You can trace the history of the Easter Rising of 1916 from Bolands Mills, Stephen's Green, Dublin Castle and the GPO. 1916 has changed the course of Irish history. There are always going to be problems in life but we as a country will always try to get through them together.

EVERY CHILD, EVERY WOMAN AND EVERY MAN deserve to be treated equally – no matter who they are, where they come from, what their religion, or what language they speak. We are all human and no-one is perfect. We want Ireland to be a special place where everybody and anybody can be themselves, without judgement from others.

Ireland happily allows girls to go to school and the government pays towards all education. In some countries across the globe children are not as fortunate as we are. We need to support those countries in getting equal rights for all. Human rights such as housing, healthcare, clean water, safety, freedom of speech and beliefs and many, many more. We are children of the 21st century and we understand that we are not just citizens of Ireland, but we are global citizens as well. We can communicate with people all over the world but we want to make sure that the internet and the cyber world do not harm anyone.

We are all good people but sometimes we don't have our thinking caps on. Sometimes when this happens we litter and cause damage to the world like climate change. Not enough people are taking this seriously. We, the children of Ireland need to address the problem as quickly as we can. We need to respect and protect our planet and we all have to work together to do this.

We are a strong nation and the children of today need to know this! We need to maintain our country and not let all the work that those brave soldiers have done fade away. Ireland has been there since the beginning. We have been through Famine, World War I, World War II, the Plague (Black Death), serious floods, and we still stood strong. We as children don't have the right to be a politician or vote for anything, but soon we will have those rights.

We the children of today will be the adults of tomorrow.

The world will be in our hands.

In the future we would like to come to Scoil Mhuire for Grandparents' Day and see our grandchildren writing about their hopes for the future of Ireland. They would be wishing us a 'Happy Grandparents' Day.'

Our army has helped in peace keeping all around the world and we'd all like to keep it that way because wars ruin lives and lead to a dead end. Ireland needs to work for world-wide peace.

Our language and culture, our literature and especially our music and dance, have already gone viral. We want to value that culture always and continue to grow it. So many countries celebrate St. Patrick's Day because Irish people have emigrated and brought their culture with them around the world.

We thank God for our tiny island of Ireland. Most of the world recognises our friendly and peaceful influence. Maybe we are not the wealthiest nation or the biggest but our people are our credit.

Remember we are the children of Ireland of 2016 and

We are proud to be Irish - Are You?