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The children of Scoil Mhuire raise high the torches they made.

# Special Olympics torch visits Scoil Mhuire Convent Primary

The Special Olympics torch was in Roscommon town on Thursday morning last as local Special Olympics athletes prepare for the national event in Limerick next week.

Special Olympics activist Ms. Maura Allen asked the principal of

Scoil Mhuire, Úna Feeley, to accept the torch in the town. Under the stewardship of teachers Patricia Morris and Fiona Murray, the band provided music for the occasion. Úna welcomed everyone and on behalf of the school community

in Scoil Mhuire was delighted to accept the torch. She thanked the staff, the school community and the Gardaí and wished the athletes the best of luck in the national games in Limerick, noting that one of the school's past pupils, Jude Gleeson, was among the group.

Úna said that Scoil Mhuire was a rainbow of different nationalities, abilities, interests, talents and gifts and that the school is richer because of this difference. "We thank God every day for each and every child because each child is a gift."

Harry Feeney of Eircom addressed the gathering and said that Eircom was the main sponsor of the event. He welcomed the torch to Roscommon and wished the athletes well.

Inspector Paul Cuttle highlighted the role the Gardaí play in co-ordinating the torch run and he wished the athletes the very best next week.

Special Olympics athlete Ann Brennan thanked



Úna Feeley, principal of Scoil Mhuire, Primary School, Roscommon, accepts torch from Ann Brennan, athlete.

Scoil Mhuire for hosting the event and presented Mrs. Feeley with a Special Olympics plaque to mark the occasion.

The school choir, under the direction of Ms. Heneghan, sang the Special Olympics anthem. Teacher Nicola Shaughnessy sang with the choir and many in the audience commented on her amazing voice. Alastair Beegan, teacher, accompanied Nicola on the guitar.

Úna thanked everyone, in particular the staff of

Scoil Mhuire who made the occasion possible. She thanked in particular Liam Corcoran from the Board of Management and Mary Partabh from the Parents Association who willingly and cheerfully decorated the truck with balloons, colour and bunting.

Úna also thanked Michael Clancy for loaning his truck, Michael Carroll for setting up the PA system and the caretakers of the school, Mary and Mickey Burgoyne.



Aidan Thomas proudly holds his own torch.