



# Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál New Inn

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## Dates to remember

- **Monday 2nd May**  
Bank Holiday
- **Saturday 14th May**  
First Holy Communion
- **Friday 3rd June**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**  
In-Service for teachers
- **Monday 6th June**  
Bank Holiday
- **Wednesday 8th June**  
Induction day for new entrants @ 2pm  
  
**Active School Week**  
**13th - 18th June**
- **Tuesday 14th June**  
Junior Tour
- **Thursday 16th June**  
Senior Tour
- **Thurs 23rd June**  
Summer Holidays closing  
**@ 12noon**

## **BUILDING PROJECT**

I know our progress to date seems very slow but trying to get money from the Department is like trying to pull hen's teeth! Just this week we have secured a second allocation of additional funding. While this is great news for us it is still not enough to proceed with the entire project we had hoped to build and some small scaling back will have to be done but at least we will manage to build the two new classrooms, as proposed. Hopefully contracts with the builder will be signed soon once the adjusted figures are sorted then work will begin in the very near future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have supported our "Buy a Brick" fundraiser and encourage those of you who have been planning to do so but put it on the long finger, to call into the office or make a payment online by visiting our website @ [www.newinngirlsschool.ie](http://www.newinngirlsschool.ie)

## **Building Bridges of Understanding**

Over the past four years pupils have been engaging in the Building Bridges of Understanding Programme. This is an English programme used to help improve comprehension and reading skills in our pupils. Children learn strategies to help improve their reading, like learning to use prediction, visualisation, making connections to prior knowledge and "declunking" or breaking up words. This programme is currently running in some classrooms for the next few weeks. This is a good time to encourage your children to join the library and get them into the habit of reading library books. We are gradually moving away from the idea of having class readers and encouraging children to read novels and "real books" at their own individual levels and abilities. Parental support is hugely important in this area.

**Book Rental Scheme** has worked very successfully for the past two years and we will be continuing it again this year. For the past two years we have received a grant to help get the scheme up and running and to purchase the huge number of books required for 126 pupils! However there will be no grant from now on and we will have to make some adjustments. It is still hoped to be able to supply children with all their books, copies and workbooks but extras like the Christmas annual and extra folders etc will have to be purchased by parents in order to keep the cost at the very good price of **€45 per pupil**. Agreement forms for parents to sign up to the scheme will be sent out before the end of May.

**SPLASH & DASH...** Five girls from 5th & 6th class took part in a duathlon on **Monday 25th April** in Rockwell College run by the Tipperary Sports Partnership. The girls had to swim 50 metres, followed immediately by a 600m run. Well done to Gráinne O' Connor who was first out of the water in our grouping against the Boys School New Inn, however the boys stole the show when it came to the running and were home easily before the girls. A special well done to Kyle Burke, 6th class who was first home in great style.



### WOW

It's that time of the year when our Active Schools programme starts to get busy again! W.O.W. is a **Walk on Wednesday** initiative that we have been doing for the past number of years. From **Wednesday 4th May to Wednesday 1st June** (5 weeks) children will meet at the G.A.A. field @ 9.20am to walk to school. Those travelling by bus will be dropped by the bus driver at the G.A.A. field. We would like to encourage as many parents as possible to walk with us each Wednesday for the five weeks! All children will be provided with hi-vis jackets. So join us for our walk - we can't be missed with a sea of luminous yellow marching to school!!

### NEW LANGUAGE CURRICULUM

A new language curriculum for both English and Irish is being introduced to schools from September 2016 starting in the infant rooms. Mrs. Ryan has already attended an information day about this new curriculum, in the Teachers Centre in Waterford last term. Both Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Harrington will attend another training day in Waterford on Wednesday 18th May and on **Friday 3rd June** there will be in-service for the whole school staff for this new language curriculum. The **school will be closed on that day**, making it a nice long weekend for families!

### AFTER SCHOOL RUNNING...

has been taking place each **Tuesday from 3.10 - 4pm** for girls from 3rd to 6th class and will continue for the next number of weeks as we prepare for a Track and Field event to take place in Dr. O' Callaghan Park, Clonmel on **Wednesday 18th May**.

So far our numbers in attendance have been quite small so I would encourage a few more to try to participate in this activity, which those who have been attending are really enjoying.

### SPLIT THE POT

Well done to our recent winners:-

**16th Mar:** Easter Egg Winners:-

Davina Ryan(6th), Grace O' Dwyer(1st) x 3, Cathie Richardson(4th), Tilly Lawrence(Seniors), Annie Flynn(Juniors), Lucy Quinn(Seniors), Ava Harnett(2nd), Aisling Fitzpatrick(4th), Billy Grace(Seniors), Molly Lawrence(1st), Gráinne O' Connor(5th), Emma Hally(Juniors), Emma Durkan(Seniors), Ella Heaney(2nd), Lee O' Sullivan(1st), Caoimhe Grace(4th), Danielle O'Dwyer(5th), Ronan O'Carroll(1st), Nimah Ryan(5th), Tadhg Lonergan(1st), Ciara McCarthy(3rd)  
Tickets to circus: Danielle O' Dwyer(5th)

**11th Apr:** Tadhg Lonergan(1st) - €87. Bonus Prizes: Sarah Stafford (Juniors), Christna Rose (5th) & Lucy Mai (2nd) Longworth,

**18th Apr:** Cormac O' Brien (Seniors) - €77



### CAMÓGIE

On **Wednesday 27th April** our u13 girls from 5th & 6th played a camogie blitz in Cashel. We played a total of four matches. Our first game was against Clonoulty N.S. and we were expecting some stiff opposition going on previous experience against them. We were lucky to win by 4 goals to 2. Our next game was against Grange N.S. and these girls were not as strong as us at all and we won this match easily with a score line of 6 goals to no score. We then faced Rossmore N.S. and despite a good start with an early goal we were lucky to claw back and draw the game - 2 goals and a point each. Finally we faced Moycarkey N.S. in the knowledge that the two teams were going head to head and the winners of this match would gain a place in the County Final - a draw would not be enough for us. Moycarkey were soon 2 goals up but New Inn girls fought hard and with a minute to go we were level pegging at 3 goals a piece. Unfortunately Moycarkey managed to score the winning goal! It was a great match and the girls played brilliantly. Well done to all!

### NEW ENTRANTS

There will be an Induction Day for parents and new entrants on **Wednesday 8th June** from **2pm - 3pm** followed by a cuppa provided by the Parents Council in the hall.

