



# Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál New Inn

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## Dates to remember

- **May 6th - Mon**  
Closed - Bank Hol
- **May 14th -Tuesday -**  
Confirmation  
School Closed
- **May 25th - Sat**  
1st Holy Communion
- **June 3rd - Mon**  
Closed - Bank Hol
- **12th - 19th June -**  
Active Schools Week
- **June 12th - Wed -**  
Junior Tour-  
(Juniors - 1st Class)  
9.30am-3.10pm  
**School open**
- **June 14th - Fri -**  
Sports Day
- **June 19th - Wed -**  
Senior Tour  
(2nd - 6th Class)  
School Closed
- **June 21st - Fri**  
Closing 12noon  
Summer Hols

## **FOOD DUDES**

After a long wait - "Food Dudes" has finally started in the school! Last Tuesday 23rd of April was the first day that we had samples of fruit and vegetables for each child in the school. Prizes of pencil cases, colouring pencils etc. are awarded to everyone who eats both fruit and vegetables each day. This programme will last for 16 days after which you, as parents, are asked to include fruit and vegetables in your child's lunchbox in school.

We hope that everyone will continue to support and enjoy the "Food Dudes" programme and learn to appreciate the importance of a healthy diet.



## **CONFIRMATION & COMMUNION**

Boys and girls in 5th & 6th Class from both schools in the parish will make their Confirmation on **Tuesday 14th May**. This is a very special day in their lives and at the moment preparations are in full swing. We hope that everyone has a great day on the 14th and that they reap the joy of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit for years to come.

Another special day will take place on **Saturday 25th May** when boys and girls in 2nd class will make their 1st Holy Communion. We wish them every good blessing on this special occasion also.

## BUSY BREAKS

For the months of May & June we will have "Busy Breaks" running.

Pupils on the "Active Schools" committee will be putting out different sports equipment at different stations for the other classes to play with. Therefore each day your child will get to engage in a different activity at lunchtime.



## W.O.W.

Our "Walk on Wednesdays" resumed on Wednesday 10th April. This is part of our "**Active Schools**" campaign which has been going on since last year. To date we have had such activities as: dancing, camógie, tennis, handball, athletics and ASAP. all as part of our efforts to be awarded an "Active School Flag". We have made an official application for this flag because we feel we are a very "active school". Currently we are still awaiting news on this front. In the meantime, we will continue to encourage pupils to engage in as much physical activity as possible in school.

We have recently received **30 tress** from Coillte Ireland thanks to **Cyril Fitzgerald's** initiative in pursuing and planting same. Cyril managed to get a team of willing and able bodied men to help him to plant these tress and also availed of their services to do some general tidying up and clearing around the school grounds and field. This work was much appreciated and once again we extend our thanks to all involved.

## READING: Tips for Parents

**Younger children:-** Pick an "Oxford Tree" reading book - these books are phonic based and easy to read for those starting to read independently.

Recommended reading:

### Junior Classes:

- Dragon Stew by Steve Smallman & Lee Wildish
- The Gruffalo's Child by Julie Donaldson

### Middle classes

- Hairy Macclary by Lynley Dodd
- The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams

### Senior Classes

- Lockie & Dodge by Frank Murphy
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

## VINTAGE RUN.

New Inn & District Vintage Club will hold their annual run in aid of both primary schools on **Sunday 12th May**. Your support would be much appreciated.

## SCHOOL CLOSURES

Please note the following school closures:

- Mon 6th May - Bank Holiday
- Tues 14th May - Confirmation
- Mon 3rd June - Bank Holiday
- Wed 19th June - Senior Tour

## EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Our annual Easter raffle raised €343.87. We have sent enough money to "Children Helping Children" to buy 6,097 dinners! and €100 goes to the homeless. Many thanks to everyone for their support and generosity and congratulations to all our winners.

The following were winners of the Easter Eggs:

**Junior Infants:** Katie Durkan & Eoin Rice, **Senior Infants:** Anna O' Donoghue, **1st Class:** Lisa Blair, Cathy Richardson (2), John Mulcahy, Cian O' Brien, **2nd Class:** Niamh Ryan, Aliyah McKenna, **3rd Class:** Sarah Fitzgerald, **4th Class:** Anneka Maxwell, **5th Class:** Róisín Doyle, Anna Downey, **6th Class:** Brigid Ryan, Aislinn Kelly, Karin Blair