

Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál New Inn

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Dates to remember

- **March 5th - Wed**
1st Confession 8pm
- **March 18th - Mon**
Closed- St. Patrick's
- **March 22nd - Fri**
Closing - Easter Hols
- **April 8th - Mon**
Re -opening
- **May 6th - Mon**
Closed - Bank Hol
- **May 14th -Tuesday -**
Confirmation
- **May 25th - Sat**
1st Holy Communion
- **June 3rd - Mon**
Closed - Bank Hol

SCHOOL SELF EVALUATION

All schools will be undertaking some form of self evaluation in the areas of numeracy and literacy over the coming years. This year we have decided to look at the area of comprehension and in particular giving children tips on how to improve their comprehension skills. To help us make a plan of work for this, we have given children a questionnaire about reading, in school already. We have also asked parents of 1st and 5th class children to answer a questionnaire in relation to their child's reading levels and habits to help give us a picture from a parent's perspective at junior and senior level.

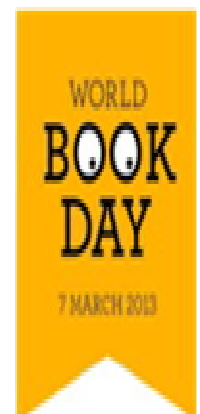
We would urge all parents to encourage your child to read regularly. Also we will be giving some simple tips each month in our newsletter, on how to improve reading and maybe recommending books which would be worth a read.



"Keep the pages turning!"

WORLD BOOK DAY takes place every year around this time. We will be celebrating it on **Thursday 7th March** by having reading fun activities in school. Your child will receive a €1.50 voucher to go towards the purchase of a new book which may be used in most bookshops.

This is a good time to encourage your child to read more and especially to read for pleasure.



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SPEECH & DRAMA EXAMS

Many children from 1st to 6th class have been availing of the opportunity to take Speech and Drama exams with the London Academy and facilitated by Mrs. Sheehan, our Drama teacher.

We wish all those taking exams on **Thursday 21st March** the best of luck!

REMINDER. A few people still have to pay the 2nd half of swimming money (€25). We would appreciate if this was paid as soon as possible.

A.S.A.P. continues on Thursdays until Thursday 21st March 3.10pm - 4pm. All children from 1st to 4th class are welcome to join in the fun!

SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE..

is almost upon us again. In the run up to St. Patrick's Day we are asking everyone to make an effort to speak the "cupla focal!". We hope to have some fun activities the week of **11th - 15th March** and maybe even a "ceilí" to celebrate our national language and customs!

**W.O.W.**

Walk on Wednesdays - Last year we started a "walk on Wednesdays" programme, as part of our active schools activities. We hope to resume this after Easter starting on **Wednesday 10th April**.

That means each Wednesday morning we meet in the G.A.A. field at 9.20am and walk together to school. Children will be provided with "high vis" jackets. We hope that as many parents as possible will join us in our W.O.W. The school buses will drop children at the G.A.A. field each Wednesday morning for the summer term.

**CAMÓGIE BLITZ**

Girls in Mrs. Ryan's room will be participating in an "all weather" camógie blitz in Tipperary Town on **Thursday 21st March** at 1pm approx. It is hoped we will be back in school for the bus at 3.10pm but this can't be guaranteed. Please let me know if your child will be unavailable for selection due to speech and drama exams or not having someone to collect in the event of us missing the school bus.

FINANCES

Many thanks to the **Parents Council** for their donation of **€500** which they raised at a very successful Christmas disco. Thanks also to any one who has given their voluntary contribution this term. Should anyone else be in a position to make a voluntary contribution this term and hasn't done so it's never too late!!

READING TIP OF THE MONTH

- **Try to predict what will happen next**



Children in **Junior infants** and **6th class** will have **vision and hearing tests**, provided by the HSE, on **Wednesday 20th March** - consent forms will follow shortly. Should any parent have concerns about a child in another class please speak to your class teacher to request a referral.