



# Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál New Inn

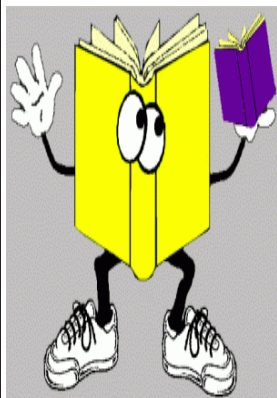
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## Dates to remember

- **March 17th - Monday**  
St. Patrick's Day
- **March 30th - Sunday**  
11am -  
"Do this in Memory"
- **April 1st - Tuesday**  
1st Penance @ 8pm
- **April 14th - 25th**  
Easter Holidays
- **May 5th - Monday**  
Bank Holiday
- **May 10th - Saturday**  
First Holy Communion
- **June 2nd - Monday**  
Bank Holiday
- **June 24th - Tuesday**  
Summer Holidays



## STANDARDISED SCHOOL YEAR

The Department of Education and Skills posted the standardised school year on their website last Friday 21st February 2014. Based on the standardised opening and closing dates for 2014/2015 our calendar for the next school year has been **provisionally set:-**

- AUG 28th** - Thursday - School opening
- OCT 27th - 31st** - Monday - Friday - Mid term
- DEC 8th** - Monday - School closed - Holy Day
- DEC 19th** - Friday - Closing for Christmas 12 noon
- JAN 5th** - Monday - Re-open
- FEB 19th & 20th** - Thursday & Friday - Mid term
- MAR 16th & 17th** - Monday & Tuesday - St. Patrick's Day
- MAR 27th** - Friday - Closing - Easter Holidays
- APR 13th** - Monday - Re-open
- MAY 4th** - Monday - Bank Holiday
- JUN 1st** - Monday - Bank Holiday
- JUN 24th** - Wednesday - Closing - Summer Holidays

You can check out [www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie) for details of the standardised school year for 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17. Also, our school calendar above is posted on the school website ([www.newinngirlsschool.ie](http://www.newinngirlsschool.ie)) under the "NEWS" heading.

## SPLIT THE POT...

has been continuing very successfully. Our latest winners are:-

- 27th Jan** - €91 - Oisín Cummins (1st)
- 3rd Feb** - €79 - Caoimhe Grace (2nd)
- 10th Feb** - €95 - Sienna O' Dwyer (Seniors)
- 17th Feb** - €83 - Breda Tarrant (Juniors)



We thank you for your support and hope you will continue to bring in your "Split the Pot" envelope each Monday. Maybe you could be a lucky winner!

### BOOK RENTAL SCHEME

Early in 2014 all schools who didn't have a Book Rental Scheme in place were contacted by the Department of Education and Skills and asked to set one up in their school and were offered a grant to help do so.

As we currently don't have a Book rental Scheme it would be foolish of us not to claim the grant available to help set up such a scheme in our school. So it is planned to introduce a Book Rental Scheme with effect from next September with the help of the Parents' Council.

Details of how this scheme will run will have to be ironed out and the fee which will have to be paid next June is yet to be set.

However the good news for parents is that next year

- your child/children's books will cost less
- you won't have to shop for or cover your child/children's books.

For the scheme to work to the maximum benefit to all everyone has to participate and we will be asking for parents to donate some of their children's old books which are currently still in use.

Full details about the introduction of the book rental scheme will be distributed to parents as soon as the finer details are sorted.

### BOOK FAIR

We have held a Book Fair every two years for the past number of years. This has proved very successful and the school gets to purchase a considerable number of books for their class libraries with the profits made from the sales at the Fair.

The Fair will arrive at the school on 3rd April. Children will get a chance to visit the fair and have reading sessions over the next few days. On **Wednesday 9th April, 1pm - 2.30pm** the fair will be open to Parents to come to buy a book or books! Your support will be greatly appreciated. A love of reading is probably one of the best gifts we as parents and teachers can give to our children!

This month's recommended reading list include:-

**Junior:** The Smartest Giant in Town , The Gruffalo & Stick Man by Julia Donaldson

**Middle:** Fantastic Mr. Fox & The Twits by Roald Dahl

**Senior:** Safe Harbour. By Marita Conlon McKenna, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, by Jeff Kinney, Stig of the Dump, By Clive King

World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 6th March** and children will receive a voucher for €1 off a book. This may be used at the Book Fair!

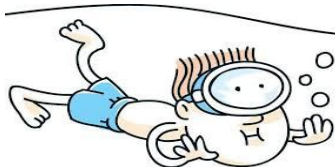
### PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS...

took place on **Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th February**. Thanks to everyone for their co-operation with these meetings. Should anyone still have to meet their child's teacher please contact relevant teacher to arrange a meeting. Apologies to some parents who had their meeting cancelled by Mrs. Ryan as she was unexpectedly out sick on Tuesday 18th February

### SWIMMING...

Continues for 1st to 6th class on **Fridays - 28th February, 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th March, 4th April**

Anyone who paid half of the swimming fee is now due to pay the balance, €25 , by **Thursday 6th March**.



### SPIKEBALL CHALLENGE

Clerihan N.S. travelled to New Inn for a challenge match on Wednesday 19th February This was a great opportunity for the girls to get another crack at the whip at Spikeball. Mr. Fahy from Clerihan refereed the match and all pupils from both schools enjoyed the afternoon . Unfortunately Clerihan were stronger and won out on the day!

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

The following is a list of unclaimed items in the school:-

Boys jumpers - 5-6 years ( x 8)

Boys jumpers - 7 - 8 years ( x 7)

Girls jumpers - 5-6 years ( x 4)

Girls jumpers - 3-4 years ( x 1)

**10 Tracksuit bottoms :-**

6 - 7 years (x3), 5 - 6 years ( x 5), 4 years ( x 2)

Items are available on a "first come, first served" basis

**Boys Jackets - 5-6 years - ( x2)**

### POTIONS & EXPLOSIONS !

4th - 6th class travelled to the Horse & Jockey Hotel on **Friday 14th February** to a very entertaining & informative science trip. The girls got to help out with all kinds of experiments and even saw poor Peppa Pig get blown up! !

A special word of thanks to the Parents Council who kindly sponsored the bus for the day!

### CUMANN NA mBUNSCOL

Just a reminder. The closing date for ordering hurleys/helmets is **Friday 28th February**.