



Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál New Inn

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Dates to remember

- **St. Patrick's Day**
Closed
Mon & Tues
16th & 17th March
- **Easter Hols**
Closing Fri 27th Mar
Re-open Mon 13th Apr
- **Confirmation**
Tues 12th May @ 11am
- **First Holy Communion**
Sat 23rd May @11am
- **Bank Holiday**
Mon 4th May
- **Bank Holiday**
Mon 1st June
- **Senior School Tour**
Thurs 18th June
- **Summer Hols**
Closing Wed 24th June

The school calendar for 2015/16 is now available to view on our website under the "news" heading

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents day took place on **29th January**. A number of Grandparents came into the school to talk to the children of times past. They answered lots of questions from the pupils about what it was like going to school for them and how things have changed today for pupils in Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál. During their visit each classroom teacher had a little prayer service and all Grandparents, present, absent and deceased were remembered on the day. The boys and girls really enjoyed having their Grannies and Grandads here and we think the Grandparents enjoyed their visit too!



No such occasion would have been complete without a cuppa and this gave the Grandparents a chance to have a chat among themselves. A great day really and thanks again to all those Grandparents who made themselves available to us.

Check our website for some photos from the day.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to all the boys and girls in 2nd class who made their 1st Penance last Tuesday, **24th February**. They were excellent! Preparations for their big day on **Saturday 23rd May** continue. These children will be having a "Do this in Memory" Mass on **19th April** and will also have Eucharist Adoration @ 12noon on Thursday, **19th March**.



FR. MATHEW PLAYERS

A big thank you to "The Fr. Mathews Players" who staged "Give My Regards To Broadway" on **Friday 20th February** for both schools in the parish. This was a hugely successful show for the Fr. Mathew Players who have been extremely generous to us over the years. Great credit is due to the Parents Councils of both schools who organised and sold tickets for this performance and even greater credit is due to you, the parents, who have been extremely generous in supporting this fundraiser. An incredible **€1,435** was raised for each school. Thank you so much.



SKIING

5th & 6th class travelled to The Glen Resource Centre in Cork on **Tuesday 17th February** and had a great day, on an all weather skiing slope. Children got kitted out in boots with skis and had an hours skiing lesson. They also went "Tubing" which was sliding down the ski slope



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a tube which is similar to a tyre. To add to the excitement of the day they climbed a pole and "leaped off it" while harnessed of course! It was a great fun day. Thanks to the Parents Council who part sponsored the bus.

Check out some photos from the day on our website.

Lá Fhéile Padraig duit - Happy St. Patrick's Day

Is maith liom - I like

Is fearr liom - I prefer

Conas atá tú? - How are you?

Tá mé go maith - I'm well

Tá mé tinn - I'm sick

Gaeilge na Seachtaine (1- 17 Márta)

To celebrate Gaeilge na Seachtaine we will be having a céilí on **Wednesday 18th March** at our dance time. Children are currently learning some of our traditional céilí dances. We also hope to embrace the use of our native language a bit more during that week and have some "dramaíochtaí" as Gaeilge, as well as a "Tráth na gCeist" in the Senior Rooms.

SPLIT THE POT

Congratulations to all our recent winners:-

26th Jan: Sienna O' Dwyer (1st) - €85

2nd Feb: Emily McGrath (S.I.) - €77

9th Feb: Tilly Lawrence (J.I.) - €88

Circus Tickets: Isabelle Hyland (J.I.), Lucy Mai Longworth (1st), Ciara (2nd) & Cameron (J.I.) Fitzpatrick, Billy (J.I.) & Caoimhe (3rd) Grace, Rowan Barrett (1st), Rachel Corcoran (1st)

16th Feb: Abigail Moore (1st) - €88

Chocolates: Aoife (6th) & Niamh (4th) Ryan, Lou Matthia (J.I.), Ella Brophy (S.I.), Sophie Lonergan (S.I.), **Soap:** Jack (1st) & Ellen (J.I.) Nugent

**A.S.A.P.....**

continues this Term each Wednesday from 3.10pm - 4pm for pupils from 1st - 4th class. Currently we are doing indoor games.

**TEACHING STAFF**

*Welcome back to Mrs. McMillan who returned to school on **Thursday 26th February**. And of course we wish Ms. Bourke all the best as she starts her maternity leave on **Monday 2nd March**.*

We will be hoping to hear of her new arrival around Easter time!

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent/Teacher meetings took place on **Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th February**. Every child in our school had someone attend these meetings. It makes our work so much easier when parents are interested in their children's education. Apologies to those who were delayed at these meetings, it can be hard to stick to a timetable.



We appreciated your patience.