



Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál New Inn

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Dates to remember

- **Feb 16th - Sunday**
11am -
"Do this in Memory"
- **Feb 17th & 18th**
Mon & Tues -
Parent/teacher meetings
- **Feb 20th & 21st**
Thurs & Fri
Mid-term
- **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

SPLIT THE POT

Recent winners:-

20th December - €115 - Éadaoin Prendergast (5th)
& **Bonus prize** - Voucher for AM Office Supplies & Box of chocolates - Molly Lawrence (Junior Infant)
& **Bonus Prize** - Tin of biscuits & sweets - Patrick & Catherine Fitzgerald (Senior & Junior Infants)

10th January - €97 - Clara & Derry Matthia (2nd Class & Senior Infant)

17th January - €95 - Ciara Moloney (4th Class)

24th January - €93 - Davina Ryan (4th Class)
& **Bonus Prize** - €50 - Gavin Ryan (Junior Infants)



PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS...

Will take place after school this year on **Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th February**. Your allocated time will be forwarded to you in due course. Should you not be available at this time every effort will be made to accommodate you with a suitable time.

Please contact the relevant class teacher should you need to make a change to the time given.



SWIMMING

Swimming lessons for 1st - 6th class start on **Friday 7th February** for **9 weeks** in Clonmel Swimming Pool. This has proved very popular with the pupils over the years. These lessons are part of the Aquatics Strand in their P.E. programme and all children are expected to participate. These swimming lessons will cost **€50 for 9 weeks**. This includes:-

- The Pool fee
- Qualified instructors
- Bus transfers

Swimming fees may be paid in total by **Thursday 6th Feb** or in two instalments of €25 each due **Thursday 6th Feb & Thursday 13th March**.

Swimming will take place on **Tuesday 18th February** the week of the mid-term when we will be closed Thursday 20th & Friday 21st.

BASKETBALL

Girls from 4th - 6th class attended a Basketball Blitz in Rockwell College on **Wednesday 22nd January**. The girls played 4 matches, 3 of which they won - Clerihan, Donaskeigh & Ballytarsna. However they faced stiff opposition and local rivalry when they had to play our own Boys School from New Inn.

Unfortunately the boys secured victory by one basket!

The Monastery Boys School, Tipperary Town was the only team to win all 4 matches while New Inn Girls winning 3 matches.

Many thanks to John Ryan for his help on the day and all the work he does in coaching & promoting basketball in New Inn. A special word of congratulations to Anna Downey who won the MVP (most valued player) title & was awarded a certificate for her great display of basketball skills.



UNIFORM QUESTIONNAIRE

Many thanks to all those who replied to the questionnaire on uniforms which Minister Ruairi Quinn asked us to distribute to Parents - we had a 75% reply rate with 99% of those who replied happy with the current uniform and arrangements to purchase same.

At this time there are no plans to make any changes to our current uniform position.



SPIKEBALL

Rockwell College Transition Year students have been coming to our school to teach "Spikeball" to 4th, 5th & 6th class since November 2013. Each week the girls have been learning the skills and rules of the game. On **Friday 31st** the girls will travel to Killenaule to participate in a Spikeball Blitz with other schools who have been involved in this initiative. This will see the end of Spikeball (which is similar to Volleyball) for now. We wish the girls every success in this up coming blitz.

GRANDPARENTS MASS

On **Monday 27th January** we had a special Mass to celebrate Grandparents as part of "Catholic Schools Week"

We were delighted to see so many grandparents and parents come to share this occasion with us. Children are very aware special place their grandparents have in their lives and love to acknowledge this.



GRANDPARENTS

Gentle, good-natured, soft-hearted and grand,
 Ready always with a smile and a warm helpful hand.
 Admired and regarded as knowledgeable and wise,
 Nurturing their grandchildren to reach for the skies.
 Proudly showing pictures for everyone to see!
 Always telling stories of how things used to be.
 Reading books, playing games or listening patiently.
 Easy going, easy living, enjoying life's pleasures.
 Noticing that long life brings so many treasures.
 Truly grandparents are wonderful in so many ways,
 Special people who always seem to brighten our days.