



# Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál, New Inn



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## Dates to remember

### • Easter Holidays

**Closing 12noon on**  
Friday 31st March

### • Re-open

Monday 17th April

### • First Holy Communion

Saturday 29th  
April 2023 @ 11am

### • Bank Holiday

Monday 1st May

### • Confirmation

Tuesday 9th May  
2023 @ 11am

### School open

### • Friday 19th May

**School closed**  
**Teacher training**

### • Bank Holiday

Monday 5th June

### • Junior Tour

Tues 6th June

**School closed**

### • Senior Tour

Friday 9th June

## FREE SCHOOL BOOKS

The Department of Education has recently given us details of the new free school books scheme. This initiative will mean that we will no longer need to charge you a book rental fee each year. All books, workbooks and copies will be provided free of charge. For Juniors and Seniors we will also provide pencils, folders, crayons, erasers and toppers. This is a very welcome initiative and it will mean a big saving for parents.

## SCHOOL CLOSURES

**PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL WILL BE OPEN ON THE DAY OF THE CONFIRMATION—TUESDAY 9TH MAY. OUR APOLOGIES FOR PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SCHOOL WOULD BE CLOSED THAT DAY.**

**Extra closure. Please note: School will be closed Friday 19th May to facilitate teacher training.**

## “MEITHEAL 21”

**Tuesday 21st March** was Down Syndrome Day. Anna and Hannah brought all their classmates in 2nd & 3rd class to visit “Meitheal 21”.

“Meitheal 21” is a house on Abbey Street, Thurles that is a huge source of support for children with Down Syndrome and their families in Tipperary. They can access the services they need in this purpose-built space.

We met Emer and Suzanna who are speech and language teachers. They explained to the children that they teach “Lamh” to help with speech and language. Lamh is a form of sign language where you use actions instead of, or with words, to help express yourself.

We all sang the “Lamh” song - “flowers”. It was great fun doing the actions, dancing and singing the song. Each child was given a flower and did the actions to buy a flower. See video link: [Meitheal 21](#)

Next we all went to the kitchen and had a lovely party with lot of nice cakes and buns followed by more fun in the wonderful playground. It was a great day and all the children enjoyed themselves.

Many thanks to all the staff in “Meitheal 21” for giving us a great day out.



## SPLIT THE POT— Congratulations to all our winners!



3/3/23—Sarah Flynn, 3rd class—€62



10/3/23—Annie Burke, Juniors - €58



16/3/23—Ellen Hally, 3rd class—€40

Congrats to  
Mary Barlow,  
SNA, who won  
€46.35 in  
Split the Pot  
on  
Friday 24th  
March

### Bonus Prizes:-

Ellie & Kate Fitzgerald, Emily Mason,  
Ella Lynch, Maeve Cummins, Lucy O'  
Connor & Emma Hally



31/3/23—

Ellen Hally,  
3rd class  
€114.05

## CONFIRMATION.....

For 5th & 6th class will take place on **Tuesday 9th May** at 11am. Boys and girls will be confirmed together.

**Please note school will be open that day**

Fr. Bobby will give a retreat to the confirmation candidates in the Community Centre on **Friday 28th April** (10am to 2pm)

### ROCKWELL COLLEGE MUSICAL

5th & 6th class were kindly invited to Rockwell College's production of "High School Musical" on **Tuesday 14th March**.

It was a very enjoyable experience for the girls and it was especially pleasing to see some of our past pupils on stage.

### BIRTHDAYS

**WE KINDLY ASK THAT PARENTS REFRAIN FROM GIVING THEIR CHILDREN SWEETS/BUNS/CAKES ETC TO BRING TO SCHOOL ON THEIR BIRTHDAY.**

**ALSO, IT IS OUR POLICY NOT TO DISTRIBUTE BIRTHDAY INVITATIONS IN SCHOOL**

### SCHOOL TOURS

The Senior Tour (3rd to 6th class) will travel to Emerald Park for their school tour on **Friday 9th June**. **School will be open as usual for all other classes.**

The Junior Tour (Juniors to 2nd class) will be on **Tuesday 6th June** and children will go to the cinema in Mahon Point and then on to Airtastic in Little Island. **School will be closed that day** as all staff are needed to supervise.

Further details nearer the time.



### SEACHTAIN na GAEILGE 1—17 MÁRTA

We marked Seachtain na Gaeilge with an Irish themed concert in the hall on Thursday 16th March. All classes participated. See link below -

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/gk8hkne4y4np58x/Scoil%20Mhuire%20gan%20Sm%C3%A1l-%20Irish%20themed%20concert.mov?dl=0>

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the girls who made their First Confession on **Thursday 2nd March** in the Parish Church.

Our thanks to Fr. Bobby for performing the ceremony and to their teacher—Ms. Bailey for preparing the children.

**First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 29th April @ 11am**

### SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Anyone wishing to avail of school transport should have their application in by **28th April**.

[www.buseireann.ie/schooltransport](http://www.buseireann.ie/schooltransport)

Details of this scheme were sent to you by Whatsapp on 10th March.

The school has no input in this scheme. It is solely between bus eireann and parents.

### SWIMMING

Swimming lessons for 3rd to 6th class pupils will take place in Clonmel Swimming Pool for 6 weeks:-

Monday 17/4/23, 24/4/23, 8/5/23, 15/5/23, 22/5/23 and 29/5/23.

The cost of these lessons will be €50.

This covers the cost of hiring the pool, instructors

and bus hire. Monies should have been paid by **Thursday 16th March**.

You may pay by cash, cheque or **preferably online** IBAN: IE87BOFI90593451108900





### U 11 BLITZ in Durlas óg, THURLES



Our two u11 teams that took part in a fun Camogie/hurling blitz in Thurles on **1st March 2023**. Well done everyone!

### DILLON QUIRKE FOUNDATION

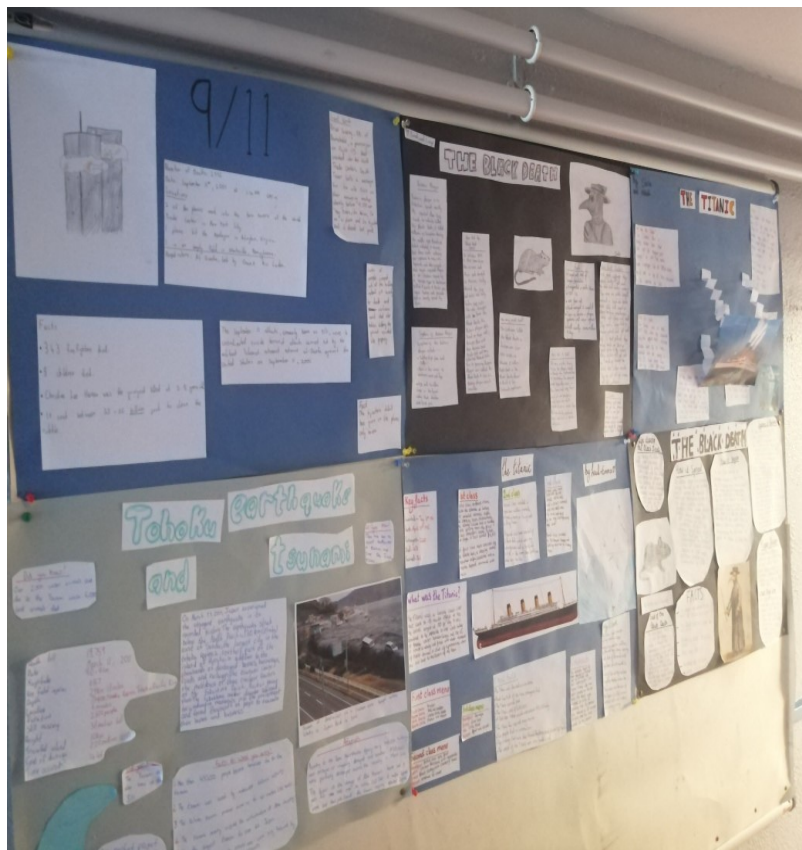
Many thanks to everyone who donated to our Jersey day on **Friday 21st March**.

A fantastic sum of €220 was collected for this cause.



Congratulations to Emma Hally (football) and Meabh Lonergan (camogie) who will both represent Tipperary in the Primary Game. A fantastic achievement!

## CHILDREN'S ART



5th & 6th class

5th & 6th class  
Modern Celtic Art







3rd & 4th class  
Amazon Rainforest

3rd & 4th class





Ms. Bailey's room



Ms. Kinane's room

Spring Flowers





Ms. Kinane's room  
Life cycle of a Chick



**STEM:** 5th / 6th class completed a ZOO bot engineering task. The children had to wire up batteries, electric motors and plastic fans. Then they had to design a zoot bot in the shape of an animal. The children thoroughly enjoyed the exercise where they learned about electricity, motors, wiring and creative design.





