



Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál New Inn

www.newinngirlsschool.ie

Issue 76/16

May 2016

Dates to remember

- **Friday 3rd June**

SCHOOL CLOSED

In-Service for teachers

- **Monday 6th June**

Bank Holiday

- **Wednesday 8th June**

Induction day for new entrants @ 2pm

Active School Week

13th - 18th June

- **Tuesday 14th June**

Junior Tour -

(Juniors, Seniors & 1st class)

- **Thursday 16th June**

Senior Tour -

(2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th)

SCHOOL CLOSED

- **Thurs 23rd June**

Summer Holidays closing
@ 12noon

EXTENSION NEWS

At last we have contracts signed and work on the extension will commence before we close in June, most likely on the week of the 13th - 17th June. It has been a long hard struggle to get to this stage as we were trying to build considerably more than we had been granted funding for. Having fought with the Department we have managed to secure further funding on two separate occasions and this extra grant aid, together with our local fund raising and a contribution from the Board of Management still sees us short €42,500 so we have to scale back our project somewhat.

We will be building the two new classrooms as planned and making the necessary changes to the toilet area and office. However we do not have sufficient funds to build the new staff room, so room 5 will become the staff room once the building work is complete. Therefore we will be unable to convert Rooms 2 & 3 into one room as planned as we will need one of these rooms for learning support and a classroom. This work will effectively become stage two of our building project. Hopefully over the next 2-3 years we will be able to raise sufficient funds to complete this work. For the duration of the build, Room 5 will be used for office and staff room and some Learning Support. Most of the Learning Support will be in-class support. We would ask people to be as patient and understanding as possible while the building takes place. We will have to accept some inconveniences.

CLASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

Ms. Kinane - Room 1 = Junior Infants
Mrs. Harrington - Room 2 = Senior Infants
Mrs. O' Dwyer - Room 4 = 1st Class
Ms. Bourke - Room 3 = 2nd & 3rd Class
Mrs. Ryan - Hall = 4th, 5th & 6th Class

There will be no split classes next year.

Please note that once the building work is complete we will be moving some rooms. Junior & Senior Infants will be in the two new rooms. Mrs. Ryan will be in Room 1 and the Learning Support will be in Room 2.

BUY A BRICK

Once again thanks to those who have contributed to our "Buy a Brick" fundraiser. We would like to encourage any family who has not yet contributed to consider doing so in the near future. To date we have raised almost €20,000 but we are still short of our target of €30,000. Any donation, no matter how large or small will be most gratefully appreciated. Please note that the online payment method (via our website) will be kept open over the summer, alternatively please make your donations through the office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

2nd Class children from both schools made their First Holy Communion on **Saturday 14th May**. Well done to all the boys and girls who were excellent on the day and did themselves, their parents and teachers proud. Thankfully they were blessed with a lovely sunny day.

BOOK RENTAL

Agreement forms for the book rental scheme for September 2016 were distributed recently - a reminder to all families to return these forms before **Thursday 2nd June** and the fee of €45 per child must be paid before **Mon 20th June**. No late payments will be accepted as the order for books will be placed on Monday 20th June 2016.

ATHLETICS

On **Wednesday 18th May**, three teams from 3rd, 4th 5th & 6th class competed in a Track & Field competition in Dr. O' Callaghan Park, Clonmel. All the girls received medals for their endeavours. Well done to the girls who represented their school admirably.

INSERVICE FOR TEACHERS

On **Wednesday 25th May** Mrs. Ryan & Mrs. Harrington attended in-service in Waterford. This training was for the new language curriculum in both English & Irish to be introduced from Junior Infants to 2nd class from next September 2016. **School will be closed on Friday 3rd June** to facilitate this training for the whole staff.

ATHLETIC TEAMS 18/5/16



FOOTBALL & CAMÓGIE LEAGUES

All pupils from 2nd to 6th class participated in Camógie & Football leagues during lunchtime on Thursdays for the month of May. These proved to be a tremendous success and very enjoyable for all involved. Soccer leagues for 1st to 6th class will take place over the next few weeks. Many thanks to Ms. Bailey for organising and refereeing all these matches!

SPLIT THE POT

29th Apr: Caoimhe (4th) & Billy (S.I.) Grace - €65
6th May : Ava Harnett (2nd) - €65
13th May: Shane Cummins (1st) - €63
20th May: Adam O' Dwyer (J.I.) - €63
27th May: Briana O' Rourke (1st) - €73
Bonus Prize - Free Book Rental - Clodagh Fitzgerald



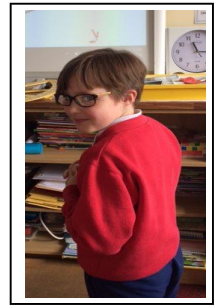
PRIMARY GAMES

Congrats to Claire Ryan (6th) who was selected to represent Tipperary in the Primary Games. Claire played during half time in the Tipp v Cork match last Sunday in Semple Stadium. Well done Claire!



RAPUNZEL FOUNDATION

Last week Ella Heaney, 2nd class, got her beautiful long hair cut into a super cool short style in order to help make a wig for someone with alopecia or hair loss due to illness. Well done Ella!



FIRE SAFETY

On **Wednesday 25th May** the girls in 3rd & 4th class had a visit from two Fire Officers from the Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service. The Fire Officers delivered a very informative talk based on fire safety in our homes. The girls learned about various causes of fire in our homes, ways to avoid fire and what to do in an emergency. The fire safety campaign is based around exciting characters and enjoyable activities. The girls received a safety pack and were encouraged to carry out various safety checks at home. The Fire Officers emphasised the importance of checking smoke alarms and making a plan with the family in case a fire breaks out.



WOW

Our final week of W.O.W. will take place on **Wednesday 1st June 2016**. We would like to encourage as many parents as possible to join us at 9.20am in the G.A.A. field next Wednesday.
