



Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál New Inn

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Dates to remember

- **Wed 30th Nov**
Cookery Demo
- **Thurs 8th Dec**
Please note school will be **open**. Children will attend 11am Mass in Parish Church
- **Mon 19th Dec**
Carol Service/Nativity
- **Thursday 22nd Dec**
Closing 12noon
Christmas Holidays
- **Mon 9th Jan**
School re-opens
- **Tues 24th Jan**
In-Service for teachers
(school closed)

This is an extra school closing that was not on your school calendar



Many thanks to all who brought in shoe boxes for the Christmas Shoe Box appeal. In all 77 boxes were collected here including 15 from Knockgraffon ICA. 3,600 shoeboxes from the Thurles region were shipped to Moldova last weekend. Thanks to your generosity there will be some very happy children in Moldova this Christmas who otherwise may not have got any presents.

STAY SAFE

Mrs. Harrington & Ms. Bailey attended Waterford Teachers Centre on **Tuesday 29th November** to receive information on the updated "Stay Safe" programme.

"Stay Safe is a primary school based approach to the prevention of child abuse. The aim of the programme is to reduce vulnerability to child abuse and bullying through the provision of a personal safety education programme for children at primary level. The Stay Safe programme itself is a personal safety skills programme designed for use with primary school children from Junior Infants through to 6th class. The programme seeks to enhance children's self-protective skills by participation in lessons on safe and unsafe situations, bullying, cyber-bullying, internet safety, inappropriate touch, secrets, telling and stranger danger.

To this end, the staff have been implementing new initiatives to enhance childrens' wellbeing and mindfulness eg. Bizzy breaks - October, Meditation/reflection for the month of the Holy Souls/Morning madness - November. It is hoped that in the New Year useful links & website addresses will be included on our school website.

CHRISTMAS COOKERY DEMOSTRATION

In New Inn Community Centre on **Wednesday 30th November @ 7.30pm**. A great night is promised with free spot prizes and all the items that are made will be raffled on the night. Once again thanks to Shane & Kay McGonigle of Mai's@marketplace, Clonmel



NATIVITY/CAROL SERVICE (30-40 MINS)

There will be a little Nativity and Carol Service in the Parish Church on **Monday 19th December @ 7.30pm** followed by the official opening of the school extension and light refreshments in the school hall to follow. We hope to see you all there.



A.S.A.P.

After School Activity Programme has been running since 16th November and will continue every Wednesday until 16th December (5 weeks).

Children from 1st - 4th class are invited to stay for games and activities from 3.10pm - 4pm each Wednesday. This term we have been doing outdoor games. We have almost 40 children staying for A.S.A.P. which is great. We currently have only one parent helping with this initiative and 3 teachers. We would love to have another parent or two to help out if possible. If you can assist for the next week or two please make contact with the office.

After Christmas we are planning to do gymnastics in the hall.

More details of date etc nearer the time.



SPLIT THE POT

- 11/11/16 - Clara Matthia (5th) - €66
- 18/11/16 - Holly McNamara (Jun) - €67
- 25/11/16 - Ciara Mohally (3rd) - €79



5k FUN RUN

The local G.A.A. club, Rockwell Rovers are proposing to organise a 5k fun run on **St. Stephen's Day @ 11.30am**. Proceeds of this event will be shared between the two schools in the Parish. Further details to follow in the December newsletter - but keep the date in your diary!



Congrats to Clodagh Fitzgerald (6th) who was this year's school winner of the Cashel Lions Club Peace Poster competition. Well done Clodagh!



NEW BUILD

The finishing touches are now being done in the two new classrooms. We hope to be moving into the rooms once some presses and shelving have been made. The new rooms will greatly enhance our school and will provide the much needed space for the junior classes. Girls in 4th, 5th & 6th will be moving into Room 1 and the Learning Support will be moving into Room 2. We hope to be settled into our new rooms before Christmas. The plan is to have our official opening and invite parents in to see the rooms after the Carol Service which is to take place in the Parish Church on **Monday 19th December 2016**

