



# Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál New Inn

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## Dates to remember

• **4th Dec Wed 12.15pm**  
**5th Dec Thurs 7.30pm**  
**Christmas Concert**

• **20th Dec - Friday**  
**Closing 12noon**  
Christmas Hols

• **7th Jan - TUES**  
Re-opening

• **First Holy Communion**  
10th May 2014

**NEW  
NUMBER  
FOR  
PARENTS  
COUNCIL**

**087 3915100**



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our annual concert takes place on Wednesday 4th December @ **12.15pm** and Thursday 5th December @ **7.30pm**. The boys and girls have been working hard and would appreciate your support at both our shows. We would encourage people to stay for the full show, if possible, as it is very disheartening for older pupils to have to play to a half empty hall. Please note that no pupils are permitted into the hall during the show, even if they are with their parents. The Parents Council will be having a lucky door prize this year (one for adults and one for children at each concert) so keep the tickets you receive when entering the hall!

Children may have a lie in on Friday morning after all their hard work as the roll won't be called until break time!

### "SPLIT THE POT"

"Split the Pot" has been a great success, and we would like to thank all families for participating in this ongoing fundraiser for the school. So far to date our winners have been:-

1. **Grace O' Dwyer €98**
2. **Cara Hennessy €97**
3. **Kerri Browne €108**
4. **Tadhg Lonergan €106**



The school has gained €408. We hope that we will have many more lucky winners in the coming weeks. We will also be having an extra bonus prize on **Friday 13th & Friday 20th December** for "Split The Pot" so keep your envelopes rolling in! You know the saying "if you're not in - you can't win"!

### SAMMY SQUIRREL STAMPS

A savings scheme for 1st to 6th class has been in the school for a number of years. Children can purchase a saving stamp at a cost of €1 each from the office to fill a savings card. Once they have multiples of €10 saved this can be cashed in at any Post Office.



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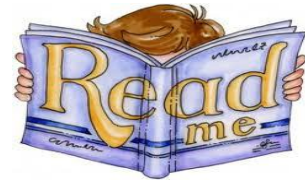
Now would be a good time to start saving for Christmas. Cards and stamps are currently available from the office.

## LIBRARY

The importance of reading can never be over emphasised. Please ensure your child practises his/her reading each night, however really good readers are those who read for pleasure. All children should have a library book on the go at all times. Children should be encouraged to read before bed time or in bed for older children. Infants should have a story read to them at bed time to start the habit of bedtime reading. During long dark evenings and over the Christmas holidays children have more time to read! **Suggested reading:**

### Infants:

- Molly's Night Out } O'Brien Press
- Emma Says Oops! } (Orange Flag)
- Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney



### Middle:

- The Hundred Mile-an-Hour Dog By Jeremoney Strong
- The True Story of the Three Little Pigs and The Big Bad Wolf by Liam Farrell
- Horrid Henry Series By Francesca Simon

### Senior:

- A Girl called Blue By Marita Conlon McKenna
- I am David By Anne Holm
- Angel Cake By Cathy Cassidy



## SCHOOL SIGNS

We have recently acquired two new signs in the school yard. One is at the front door which sets out the ethos of the school and the other is at the back door which outlines our playground rules. We would like to thank the Parents Council for sponsoring these signs.



## IRISH DANCING

Congratulations to McKayla O' Dwyer (5th Class) and Aliyah McKenna (3rd Class) who finished 5th in the Munster Irish Dancing Championships held in Kilarney last week. They now qualify for the World Irish Dancing Championship which takes place in London next April. Best of luck girls!

## MINOR WORKS GRANT

The Government has re-introduced the Minor Works Grant for this year, which takes the real pressure off us financially for the moment. However, we still have a reduction to the Capitation Grant to try and bridge and with larger numbers attending the school we still need extra funding from local sources. Thankfully the great response to "Split The Pot" is keeping our heads above water for now.

Many thanks for your great support for this fundraiser

## BÓTHAR

A lady from the charity "Bóthar" gave a very interesting powerpoint presentation to all children recently. She spoke about the charity's work in various Third World countries. Over the years we have supported this charity by purchasing goats, pigs, sheep, bees and other animals. Hopefully we will be able to this again in the run up to Easter.



## SHOEBOXES

Our shoe box appeal took place in early November. This year we collected 60 shoe boxes to give to children in need.

We have been informed that 2,270 boxes were collected in total from the Thurles region and these will be going to Albania. Many thanks to those who supported this worthy cause.



## CHILDRENS CHOIR.

Jayne McConnon is currently taking children for choir practice (in the Parish church, for Christmas Day Mass @11am) after Sunday Mass @ 11.45am on 24th Nov, 8th & 22nd Dec. All children from Juniors to 6th Class are invited to participate. This will make a lovely addition to the Christmas liturgy.