



# Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál

## New Inn



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### Dates to remember

- **Mid-Term**

Closed Mon—Fri

30th Oct—3rd Nov

- **Monday 6th Nov**

School re-opens

- **CONCERT**

- Infant Concert @  
1pm, 11th Dec

- 1st—6th Concert @  
8pm, 11th & 12th Dec

- **Fri 8th Dec**

Please note school will be  
**open**. Children will attend  
11am Mass in Parish Church

- **Friday 22nd Dec**

Closing 12noon  
Christmas Holidays

- **Mon 8th Jan**

School re-opens

### **FEES**

Thanks to all who  
have paid their  
school fees and  
anyone who hasn't  
- please note school  
fees are now due.

### **ATTENDANCE**

All schools are now required to have an Attendance Strategy, and this document is formulated between the Board, staff, parents and pupils.

A draft copy of this strategy was discussed at a recent Parents Council meeting and this draft copy will be available for all parents to view on our website. Should anyone wish to view it and express an opinion about it please feel free to do so.

During the drafting of this Attendance Strategy the pupils input came through discussion with the Student Council. The Student Council put forward the idea that pupils should be rewarded Bronze, Silver & Gold certificates for attendance

- Gold being full attendance
- Silver, only 1 days absence
- Bronze, just 2 days absence

Any pupil who has gone through the entire primary system in our school with full attendance over 8 years will get a special trophy/prize to acknowledge this wonderful achievement.

Thankfully we do not have an attendance problem in our school with an average of 97% attendance over the past 2 years.

The main points to note that need improvement are families taking holidays during term time and some pupils not attending on days there is a half day eg: Christmas & Summer holidays.

The Board of Management would like to make all families aware that holidays should be taken during school closures where at all possible and that half days are not school closures!

Thanking you for your co-operation

### **ACTIVE SCHOOLS**

The Active School committee has been running Busy Breaks on Wednesdays for the month of October. Pupils have been enjoying being busy during their breaktime. The yard has been divided to help ensure all pupils are safer while playing in the yard.



Mrs. Ryan & Mrs. Harrington attended "Active for Life" training in Thurles on Monday 9th October and we hope to introduce new Busy Break ideas and exercises for pupils for use on wet days in school. Go Noodle is also used during lunchtime on wet days to ensure pupils are active and get exercise. Pupils are also encouraged to check out our healthy recipe of the week which is available on the Active School notice board.

**LADIES FOOTBALL**

Our **u 13 ladies footballers** were in Moyle Rovers on **Wednesday 4th October**. They met Ballyneale & Gaelscoil Carrick-on-Suir.

Our first match against Ballyneale was always going to be a tough ask as we have never managed to beat them before. However we put up a great fight and won this match 5 1 to 4 2. Feeling confident we faced the Gaelscoil but tiredness set in during the second half and we lost 5 1 to 4 2. Gaelscoil Carrick went on to win against Ballyneale too and we were knocked out of the competition. However the girls played great football and showed great improvement.

On **Monday 23rd October** the **u11 Ladies Football** team played a blitz on home ground in New Inn. The girls first match was against Ayle N.S. which they won comprehensively and the girls faced into their second match full of confidence. However, this was a much tougher game and they were playing catch up from early on. The New Inn girls showed true grit and fought hard. The match was nip and tuck for a long time but eventually the home side pulled away and defeated Thomastown by 6 2 to 4 1. Our third and final match was against St. Joseph's Tipp Town. Once again both teams looked fairly evenly matched and New Inn struggled to maintain a lead when they got in front. In the end tiredness showed and St. Joseph's won the match 4 2 to 3 3. St. Joseph's Tipp Town progress to the County semi-final. Well done to the girls for a wonderful display of football.

**HOMEWORK**

Homework is given Monday to Thursday by all teachers. Please note that homework usually consists of both written work and reading or learning off. All parents are advised to ensure pupils are not just completing written homework but that all homework is completed. On P.E. days children may also be assigned a physical exercise to complete..

**ATHLETICS.**

Pupils from 3rd—6th class headed to Thurles on **Tuesday 3rd October** for Cross Country running.

Cara Hennessy & Ciara Collins were our best runners on the day getting individual medals for 3rd & 9th place respectively. 3rd & 4th class girls won Gold medals for the best school in the Large School Category. Well done girls! Unfortunately 5th & 6th class didn't manage to bring home any silverware but they ran well and enjoyed the experience. See website for photos.

Today, **23rd October**, the girls travelled to Clonmel for another athletic event. 3rd & 4th class teams came 2nd & 4th overall. Well done to everyone who took part!

**BOOK FAIR.** We had been holding a Book fair every two years but two years ago, because of the fundraising for the school extension, we only held a second hand book sale and the proceeds of this went into the extension fund.

This year on **Thurs 26th Oct (tomorrow)**, 1.30pm—2.30pm in the school hall, we will hold the first book fair in 4 years. Parents are invited in to browse and buy books for their children. The school will get a percentage of the profits and with this money we can purchase books from the Book Fair to supplement the class libraries. Looking forward to seeing you at the Book Fair and thanking you for your support

**SPLIT THE POT**

Congratulations to the following winners!  
25/9/17—Jace Keating (Juniors) - €77  
2/10/17—Luke Fitzgerald (Seniors) - €69  
13/10/17—Ella O' Gorman (Juniors) - €81  
20/10/17—Eoin Ryan (Juniors) - €86

**SHOEBOX APPEAL**

Reminder. The annual shoebox appeal is currently taking place. Shoeboxes may be dropped into the office before Fri 27th Oct ideally. Last boxes will be accepted on Mon & Tues, 6th & 7th November only

**UNIFORM**

I would like to thank parents & pupils for their co-operation with regard to wearing their proper uniform on the correct days. Please note that full uniform should be worn on Monday, Tuesday & Friday (that includes shirt & tie). Pupils wear their P.E. uniform on Wednesdays & Thursdays.

From after Halloween girls may wear navy trousers or **plain navy** tracksuit bottoms each day should they feel cold (with a shirt & tie still worn on relevant days)

A number of people have commented on how smart the pupils have been looking dressed in their full and proper uniform

**“DARE TO SCARE”**

Children may dress up on **Friday 27th October** for Halloween. This year we will be making a donation to The Irish Cancer Society. Pupils may bring donations in their Split the Pot envelopes. Please note there will be no Split the Pot this Friday 27th - instead all monies will be forwarded to the Irish Cancer Society. Children in the junior classes will partake in Halloween broomstick races as part of our Active School initiative.

**BIRTHDAYS 1/9/17 - 31/10/17- CONGRATULATIONS!****JUNIOR INFANTS**

Róise Callery  
Cormac Durkan  
Richard Fitzgerald  
Katelyn Moore  
Fionn O' Dwyer

**1st CLASS**

Emma Hally  
Cathy Julian  
James Julian  
Matthew McGrath  
Evan Ryan

**5th CLASS**

Nessa Moloney

**6th CLASS**

Lisa Blair  
Caitlin Clifford  
Aisling Fitzpatrick

**SENIOR INFANTS**

Luke Fitzgerald  
Evan Moloney  
Daniel O' Brien  
Henry O' Connor  
Pádraig Ryan

**2nd CLASS**

Lucy Quinn

**3rd CLASS**

Brianna O' Rourke

**4th CLASS**

Lucy Mai Longworth

Niamh Perry

Happy Birthday!

**HEALTHY LUNCHES**

Just a reminder again of our “Healthy Lunches “ policy. Pupil's are not allowed any sweets, biscuits, chocolate or bars etc. in school for their lunch. On **Fridays only**, one small treat is permitted. A treat would be a funsize bar or biscuit. Please note crisps, fizzy drinks, lollipops or chewing gum are never permitted.

Congratulations to Clara Matthia (6th) who won 3rd prize nationally in the Dairygold Farm Safety Art competition. Clara actually won this prize last June but was only presented with it on Friday 6th October. Clara won €100 for herself and €300 for the school. It is hoped to get some Art materials for the school with this money. Well done Clara on a wonderful achievement!