



Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál New Inn

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Dates to remember

- **28th Oct - 1 Nov**
(Mon - Fri inclusive)
Closed Mid term
- **2nd Nov - Sat**
Fundraising concert
- **4th Dec Wed 12.30pm**
5th Dec Thurs 8pm
Christmas Concert
- **20th Dec - Friday**
Closing
Christmas Hols
- **7th Jan - TUES**
Re-opening

ACTIVE SCHOOL FLAG

As you are aware we were awarded our Active School Flag recently and to celebrate this, on **Friday 25th October** we are having a flag raising ceremony. All parents are invited into school from **1.10pm to 2.10pm** on Friday 25th to see the children engage in their "Busy Breaks" and to have a cuppa with us! At 1.45pm we will launch our "**Split the Pot**" fundraiser and hold our first draw in the hall. This will be followed by the hoisting of our flag at 2pm. Infants can then go home as usual at 2.10pm. We hope you can join us for this special day. To mark the occasion children may wear a sports jersey or sports clothes on Friday 25th.

We would like to thank Adrian O' Dwyer for kindly sponsoring the flag poles for us and organising someone to erect them. We also acknowledge all help given by Paul Perry and Pat Marnane in ensuring the poles were ready for the day.

Well done and congratulations to everyone for achieving this award. A special word of thanks to the Active School Committee who work very hard behind the scenes, ensuring all children are engaging and enjoying being active. The current committee is: -

Mrs. Fiona Ryan, Mrs. Teresa Harrington,
Anna Downey, Caitriona Rice, Evie Grogan,
Aneka Maxwell, Claire Ryan & Ciara Moloney.
Past committee members :- Karin Blair, Eimear
Peters, Jessica McNamara & Grainne Moloney.



NUMERACY

This year in our Maths programme we will be targeting the area of "time". To try to improve all pupils understanding and use of "Time" from Junior Infants knowing the days of the week to senior pupils being competent with adding and subtracting hours and minutes and using a 24 hour clock. You can help by:-

- Encouraging older children to wear a watch if they have one
- Drawing their attention to the time at home when rushing
- Using the T.V. guide to see how long it is until their favourite programme
- How long it takes to do homework
- Looking up timetables, trains/bus (24 hour clock), flights etc.
- Reading digital clock in the car

Happy Halloween!



FOOTBALL BLITZ

On **Tuesday 8th October** our u13 Football team took part in their first football blitz. The blitz was held locally in the GAA field. We were to meet Bansha, Rossmore & Loughmore. However, Loughmore withdrew from the competition. Our first match was against Bansha. It was a fiercely competitive match with only 1 point between the teams when the final whistle blew. Unfortunately it was Bansha who were the victors! Immediately afterwards the girls had to face Rossmore. Our girls were exhausted at this stage and by half time had run out of steam and Rossmore secured an easy enough victory.

Bansha only managed to beat Rossmore by 1 point in the final game and this made them outright winners on the day and won for them a place in the County Final on Thursday 24th October. The girls did extremely well and should be very proud of their efforts. Hopefully next year we might be able to improve a little with some bit of experience behind us.

The team was:- Éadaoin Prendergast, Ellie Pollard, Teresa O' Halloran, Aoife Ryan, Éabha Carroll, Evie Grogan, McKayla O' Dwyer. Claire Ryan, Ciara Moloney, Róisín Doyle, Anneka Maxwell, Laura O' Gorman, Rachel O' Grady, Elma Casey, Caitriona Rice, Anna Downey, Éabha Burke Shanahan, Róisín Whelan.



ATHLETICS

On **Wednesday 2nd October** we travelled to Thurles to compete in the Cross Country Championships. Well done to all in 3rd to 6th who participated. Congratulations to Elma Casey who ran a wonderful race and brought home a gold medal! The girls will be out again in Clonmel on **Wed 23rd October** where we wish them the best of luck.

IRISH DANCING

Aliyah McKenna & McKayla O' Dwyer who will be competing in the All-Ireland Irish Dancing competition over the Bank Holiday weekend in Belfast. Six months of hard training has been done by both girls to compete at this level. They will be up against teams from all over the world. Good luck in Belfast - bring us back the gold!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Every two years we have a photographer come to the school to take school photos. Jim Whelehan has been coming to us for a number of years and this year he took the children's photo again. Group photos were taken of Junior & Senior Infants and 5th & 6th class only.



This year he has also taken an entire school photo which he is to put on canvas as a present for the school!

AMERICAN SONGBOOK

Don't forget the wonderful concert by the Tipperary Musical Society in aid of school funds in the Community Centre on **Saturday 2nd November @ 8pm.**

Please make every effort to support this fundraiser as it is essential that we take this opportunity to raise much needed funds. Each family is being asked to purchase at least one ticket @ €15 from the class teacher.

Please note that the concert will be during the mid-term break so that you will need to have your tickets purchased before we close on Friday 25th October.



Birthdays 1/9/13 - 31/10/13 Congratulations!



Junior Infants

Conor Hally
Sean O' Neill
Brianna O' Rourke
Lee O' Sullivan

2nd Class

Lisa Blair
Caitlin Clifford
Aisling Fitzpatrick
Niamh Perry

Senior Infants

Lucy Mai Longworth
Eoin Rice

4th Class

Aoibhe Bergin
Davina Ryan

1st Class

Eoin Flanagan
Nessa Moloney

6th Class

Éabha Burke Shanahan

SHOE BOX APPEAL

Just a reminder that the "Team Hope" shoe box appeal is ongoing. Anyone who has a shoe box ready to send to children in needy circumstances may drop in the shoe box, covered with Christmas paper, anytime from now until **Tuesday 5th November.**

Spare "Team Hope" leaflet are available in the office should you need them. Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile charity.

