



Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál New Inn

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Dates to remember

- **2nd Oct** - Wed
Cross Country Event
in Thurles (3rd - 6th)
- **4th Oct** - Friday
School Closed -
Referendum
- **8th Oct** - Tues
Football blitz
in New Inn
- **23rd Oct** - Wed
Cross Country Event
in Clonmel
- **28th Oct - 1 Nov**
(Mon - Fri inclusive)
Closed Mid term
- **4th Dec Wed 12.30pm**
5th Dec Thurs 8pm
Concert
- **20th Dec** - Friday
Closing
Christmas Hols

Another School Year Begins!

Welcome back to all our pupils for another year of learning and work and hopefully a bit of fun and enjoyment too! Everyone is settling into their new classes and new teachers at this stage. A special welcome to our Junior Infants. This year's class is the largest ever in our school. All 26 are seasoned campaigners now and getting on with the job of being in "big school". They are:-

Ella Brophy, Will Burke, Shane Cummins, Catherine Fitzgerald, Niamh Fitzgerald, Maeve Fitzpatrick, Kate Fogarty, Conor Hally, Elizabeth Houlihan, Kate Hennessy, Molly Lawrence, Sophie Lonergan, Tadhg Lonergan, Jack McGonigle, Emily McGrath, Alex McNamara, Ronan O' Carroll, Louis O' Donoghue, Grace O' Dwyer, Sean O' Neill, Brianna O' Rourke, Lee O' Sullivan, Sean Reilly, Darragh Ryan, Gavin Ryan, Breda Tarrant



ACTIVE SCHOOL FLAG

On **24th September** Tommy Lanigan, (Active School Accreditor) came to visit our school to see what activities and sports we are doing in school. He talked with the Active School Committee, with some parents who help out with A.S.A.P. and camógie, and members of the Parents Council who help out and walk with us on our W.O.W. (Walk on Wednesdays).

He was really impressed with the number of sports that the children here are exposed to and could see from our busy breaks and school laps that the pupils of Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál are indeed very active. On **Friday 27th Sept** we got a phone call to say our flag was finally awarded! Hopefully we will have a flag raising ceremony near the Halloween break. Well done to all involved!

Active School Committee



ATHLETICS

On **Wednesday 2nd October**, 20 pupils from 3rd to 6th will travel to Thurles to compete in the 2013 Primary School Cross Country Championships. Best of luck to all our runners. Thurles is a tough course but the girls have been in training now for a number of weeks and are ready for the challenge! Thanks to Mary Doyle for her help in getting the girls ready for this event. After school athletic training will continue in school until the Halloween break but will be changing to Thursdays from Thursday 10th October.

We will be competing again in Marlfield, Clonmel on **Wednesday 23rd October**



FOOTBALL

This year we have entered the Cumann na mBunscol u13 Ladies football competition. We are due to play our first blitz on Tuesday 8th October here in the GAA field, New Inn @ 12 noon. We will meet teams from Loughmore, Rossmore & Bansha. This is a knockout competition so we need to win the blitz to further our chances in the competition! Maybe we will have beginners luck?

OPENING SCHOOL YEAR MASS

On **Wednesday 25th September** we celebrated our beginning of school year mass in the Parish Church with the pupils and staff from the Boys School. Hopefully all pupils will have a happy, healthy and productive school year.

We remember the Sisters of Mercy at this time as the 24th September was "Mercy Day" and while they are gone from New Inn, their influence and the Mercy tradition still lives on in our school.

A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS

A special word of thanks goes out to all those who helped so much during the summer to keep our school looking well and making preparation for our return in September.

A group of parents under the guidance of Deirdre O' Connor did a wonderful job in power washing and painting Sr. Maureen's building, and touching up the school's window sills, plinths, and down pipes.

Paul Perry & Taylor Ryan (B.O.M.) kept the grass cut and weeds down! Paul also did several other jobs and kept our repair bills down! Thanks also to Pat O' Connor, Cyril Fitzgerald and John Ryan who were busy in the camógie field keeping it in order. Mary O' Connor and Esther Boland spent many an evening watering our flower beds and keeping the place in splendid colour over the summer months. The recent Tidy Town report showed an increase of 8 points from the previous year and specifically mentioned the good appearance of both schools.

Well done everyone!

We will be organising our annual shoebox appeal shortly. For those of you not familiar with this appeal here is a brief synopsis:-

"This year share your Christmas with a child in need... Children living on the margins of society, victims of war, disease or poverty, in some of the world's most underdeveloped countries. For families living on less than €1 a day, Christmas is just like any other day, with not much hope for tomorrow".

We ask you to get an average size shoe box and wrap it in Christmas paper. Choose whether you'd like a boy or a girl to receive your box and what age. Fill your box with a selection of appropriate gift ideas. (A list of which is available in the accompanying leaflet). Boxes may be dropped into the school anytime between now and **Tuesday 5th November**.

