



Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál New Inn

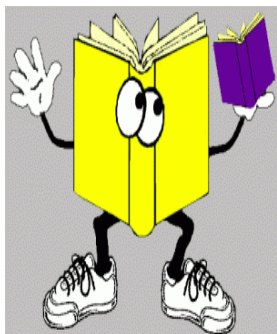
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Dates to remember

- **20th Oct - Monday**
 - Vaccinations
 - Junior Infants
- **24th Oct - Friday**
 - Closing Mid Term
- **3rd Nov - Monday**
 - Re-open
- **8th Dec - Monday**
 - Closed, Holy Day
- **19th Dec - Friday**
 - Closing **12 noon**
 - Christmas Hols
- **5th Jan - Monday**
 - Re-open



NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome back to school this autumn to one and all. At this stage we are all well settled into our school routine and getting on with the business of teaching and learning!

A special word of welcome to our new Junior infants, all 31 of them, who are like old pros at this stage and all very busy soaking up the new things they are learning. Many parents have been surprised at hearing the "cupla focal" at home among other things!

Welcome too, to the new members on our staff, Ms. Charlene Kinane our new teacher, who will be with us for a very long time we hope. Our numbers are secure and we should be able to maintain a 5th class teacher for the foreseeable future. Also, welcome to Ms. Karen Bailey who is covering for Mrs. McMillan who recently had a baby girl, whom she named Robin.

Another new face on our staff is Grace Landers who is here as a part-time S.N.A. We hope all our new staff members will be very happy here with us.

SCHOOL MASS. The boys and girls from both schools attended our "Start of Year" school mass on **Wednesday 24th September**, which was Mercy Day. Thanks to Fr. Kennedy for facilitating us and to the local mass goers who were happy to accommodate a late start (9.45am) to their usual mass.

A special word of thanks to Jayne McConnon who played keyboard for us in the absence of Mrs. McMillan.

Best wishes to Mary Hanley, the new principal in the Boys School. We hope she will be happy in New Inn and that we will have the same good working relationship with her as we had with Mr. Heffernan.

WEBSITE

Please check our website @ www.newinningirlsschool.ie for updates, school calendar, school policies, photos etc.

FEES

Thanks to all who have paid part of or all of their school fees, and a reminder to those who haven't paid yet that fees are now due.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER - JUNIOR & SENIOR INFANT CONCERT 1PM

WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER - 1ST - 6TH CLASS CONCERT 8PM

THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER 1ST - 6TH CLASS CONCERT 8PM.

ACTIVE SCHOOLS

Our "Active Schools" committee for 2014-2015 has been elected, we have 2 members from each senior class 4th, 5th, & 6th.

This year as part of our "Active Schools, we are having Golf lessons which are taking place on Tuesdays for 5 weeks. This is costing €2 per child per week. So far the feedback from children has been excellent and from Juniors to 6th class all pupils were really impressed.

Girls from 3rd to 6th class will be attending a Cross Country event in Thurles on **Wednesday 1st October**. Those participating are currently training Monday & Wednesday evenings with Mary Doyle in the G.A.A. field and with Mrs. Ryan & Ms. Bailey 3.10pm - 4pm in school on Tuesday evenings. A second Cross Country will be taking place later in the month in Clonmel.

We have entered the u13 girls football Cumann na mBunscol competition and will be playing in a blitz in Moyle Rovers on **Tuesday 7th October**. We will meet Ballyneale, Lisronagh, Knockavilla & Gaelscoil Carrick on Suir. We will be expecting some tough matches!



SHOEBOX APPEAL

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 under-developed 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 **Wed 5th Nov**

SCHOOL SELF EVALUATION

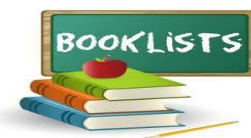
We are currently on Year 3 of our School Self Evaluation. In Year 1 you may recall we concentrated on English Comprehension skills and we will be continuing with the Building Bridges programme in English later in the year. Last year we focussed on "time" in Maths and this year we will be still keeping an emphasis on "time" and working on the area of length also.

Our new subject to focus on this year will be Gaeilge with the emphasis on Oral Irish we urge you all to encourage your child to have a positive attitude towards spoken Irish and if at all possible to respond to your child if they say something to you in Irish. Each week, each class will have a "Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine" to help promote the use of Oral Irish.

"Mól an óige agus tiocfaidh" sí ! "

BOOK RENTAL

Our thanks to the Parents Council for all their help in setting up the Book Rental Scheme, which has proved to be a great success



BUSES

We had a bit of a hiccup at the start of the school year with the school buses. Thankfully this seems to be resolved for most people. I am aware that others would like to avail of school transport but are either not on the current route or were concessionary ticket holders and didn't get a seat.

Please note it is vitally important to apply and pay as early as possible for your bus ticket, (the Bus Inspector has advised us that applications are accepted from January to April) and that the routes are changed to accommodate where the largest number of children are living. The routes are not set in stone and depend on the needs in any given year. So even if you are not currently on a bus route you could apply and the route may change if a sufficient number of pupils satisfy the criteria and are wanting school transport.

Please check out our website for updated details on school transport (under "About Us - School Booklet").