



Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál, New Inn

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Dates to remember

- **Sunday 2nd April**

“Do this in Memory”

Mass @ 11am

- **Monday 3rd April**

@ 7.30pm

First Penance

- **Cake Sale**

Thurs 6th April

- **Easter Egg Raffle**

Thurs 6th April

- **Easter Holidays**

Closing Friday 7th
April. Re-opening
Monday 24th April

- **Sunday 30th April**

Confirmation Mass

2017/18 calendar
now available on
our website

Please note that we
will be closing @
12noon on Friday
7th April for the
Easter holidays.
Buses will run at
that time.

1st COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Preparation for the sacraments continues for pupils in 2nd, 5th & 6th class. 2nd class pupils have their next “Do this in Memory” mass on Sunday 2nd April and 1st Penance will take place on Monday 3rd April @ 7.30pm. First Holy Communion will be on **Saturday 20th May @ 11am.**

The next preparation mass for Confirmation for 5th & 6th class pupils “Called to Witness” will be on **Sunday 30th April** and Confirmation then takes place on **Wednesday 10th May @ 11am.**

Many thanks to the parents of those receiving 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation for their contribution in preparing pupils for the sacraments particularly the parents involved in the “Parish Team”

MS. SINEAD RYAN

A special word of thanks to Ms. Sinead Ryan who has contributed so much to our school community while she covered Ms. Kinane’s maternity leave. Ms. Kinane will be back to school just before Easter. We are delighted to have her back and wish Ms. Sinead Ryan every good fortune in her future teaching career. She will be a great asset to whatever schools she teaches in. Sinead’s morning madness dance routines will be missed by all the pupils!

READING CHALLENGE

Pupils from 4th to 6th class have engaged in a Reading Challenge from 16th march—23rd June. The girls have to read 10 books to be entered in a grand draw, for those who don’t manage to achieve the “10 Book Challenge” there will be a smaller prize for those who read 5 books! Please note books must have a minimum of 80 pages and be age appropriate. Parents and their teacher have to sign their “Reading Challenge Sheet” as each book is completed.

ACTIVE SCHOOL FLAG

We will be applying to renew our Active School Flag shortly. Surveys on what sporting activities take place in our school will issue after Easter. We would encourage you to please complete these surveys when they are distributed. Thanking you for your co-operation. Please note many of our activities are reported on our website and check out our photo gallery too.

JUNIOR TOUR

As our numbers in the younger classes are so high we have decided, in the interest of safety and for supervision purposes, to close the school on the day of the **Junior Tour** this year so that all teachers & staff are available to help with the supervision of junior pupils on their school tour.

The Junior Tour will take place on **Tuesday 6th June** and pupils will travel to Fota Island. Buses will depart @ 9.40am and we will return @ 4pm. The cost of the tour is to be €20 per pupil. No monies to be paid until after Confirmation and Communion is over please.

CAMOGIE

Camogie/hurling training has resumed for pupils from 1st to 6th class with Brian White Stephen Quirke.
Our u 13 girls will play in a blitz in **Cashel on Wednesday 5th April @ 12.30pm**. This year the girls will face tough opposition when they take meet Grange, Ayle, Rossmore & Moycarkey.
U 11 fixtures have yet to be given to us.
Please ensure that all pupils from 1st to 6th have their hurleys and helmets in school each Thursday for coaching.

A.S.A.P.

A.S.A.P. continues for 1st to 4th class pupils each Wednesday evening 3.10pm—4pm with outdoor games until Wednesday 5th April. Many thanks to Mary Collins and Michele Nugent who helped with A.S.A.P. this year. Also sincere thanks to Ms. Sinead Ryan & Ms. Karen Bailey for their great help with this initiative.

SPLIT THE POT

Congratulations to our recent winners!

3/3/17—Evan Moloney (J.I.) - €68
10/3/17—Kate Fogarty (2nd) - €70
16/3/17—Cara Cummins (1st) - €84
24/3/17—Parick O’ Reilly (J.I.) - €74

AISTEAR -Theme for March in Mrs. Harrington’s room was “Outer Space” and in Ms. Ryan’s room the theme was “Farming”

BOUNCE ZONE

On **Thursday 9th March** girls from 5th & 6th class went to Bounce Zone for an afternoon of bouncing and trampolining in Wilton, Cork. Girls had a great time and it was great to see that sports and being active can be such an enjoyable experience. It is hoped that as the girls go forward in their teenage years that they will realise that staying fit & active is both enjoyable and good for you. The girls were exceptionally well behaved on the day and were a pleasure to bring out for the afternoon. Thanks to Ms. Bailey for travelling with us to help with supervision on the day.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE will take place on **Thurs 6th April**. This raffle will replace our usual “Split the Pot” draw. All proceeds will go to Trócaire. Tickets €1 each or 3 for €2. Lots of Eggs to be won. Approx 25 prizes.

Wacky Wednesdays will resume after Easter from **Wednesday 3rd May**. Wacky Wednesday involves organised yard games during the lunch break run by our Active School Committee. Details of the games and activities will be on our Active School notice board.

Lunch time leagues will also resume on Thursdays from early May. There will be camogie, Gaelic, football and soccer leagues. Details in the April newsletter.

CAKE SALE

The Student Council are holding a cake sale on **Thurs 6th April** in aid of “Children Helping Children”. Buns, cookies, scones or slices of cake will be on sale at varying prices eg. 50c - €1. Please support this great cause.

SENIOR TOUR

The Senior Tour will take place on **Monday 19th June** to Castlecomer Discovery Park, Kilkenny Castle & Dunmore Caves. The tour will depart @ 8.45am for Castlecomer.
10—1.30 pm—Castlecomer Discovery Park
2—4.30 - Kilkenny Castle
4.30—5.45—Dunmore Caves
7pm—Return home

This tour will cost €32 (no monies please until after the Junior Tour is over). Please note school will be **open** for pupils from Junior Infants to 1st Class on Monday 19th June.

ACTIVE SCHOOLS WEEK

Active Schools Week will take place from 12th—19th June.

Mon 12th June: All pupils will participate in an Outdoor Adventure in Dundrum Woods with a nature walk around the Duck Pond.

Tues 13th: “The Marathon Run” and Parents penalty Shoot-out will take place in the G.A.A. field.

Wed 14th: **WOW** - (Walk on Wednesday) and “Wacky Wednesdays” busy breaks.

Thurs 15th: The final of our Thursday lunchtime leagues will take place.

Fri 16th: Sports day

Mon 19th: Senior Tour (2nd—6th class) to Kilkenny. Castlecomer Discovery Park will include activities such as Tree Top Adventure Walk, Leap of Faith, Climbing Wall and Orienteering.

Congratulations to the following who celebrated their birthday between 1/1/17—31/3/17

Junior Infants

Maria Durkan
Adele Fitzgerald
Elizabeth Julian
Evie Lawrence
Emily O’ Donnell
Rory Shanahan

1st Class

Seán Callery
Jack Donnelly
John Fitzgerald
Seán Fitzpatrick
Shóna Moloney
Cathal Moore
Leon O’ Dwyer
Charlie Pollard

2nd Class

Catherine Fitzgerald
Molly Lawrence
Sophie Lonergan

3rd Class

Cara Hennessy
Derry Matthia
Sienna O’ Dwyer

4th Class

Maeve Carroll
Ciara Fitzpatrick
Margaret McGrath
Freya McKenna
Emily McNamara
Anna O’ Donoghue

5th Class

Clara Matthia

6th Class

Christina R Longworth

Senior Infants

Saoirse Harnett
Méabh Lonergan