



Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál New Inn

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Dates to remember

- **Thurs 1st June**
Book Rental Agreement forms—return
- **Monday 5th June**
Bank Holiday
- **Thurs 8th June**
Induction Day
New entrants
2-3.30pm
- **12th—19th June**
Active School Week
- **Fri 16th June**
Sports day
- **Tues 20th June**
Book Rental money due (€45)
- **Tues 20th June**
End of year Mass @ 11.30am
- **Friday 23rd June**
Closing 12noon—
Summer Holidays

BAD NEWS & GOOD NEWS!

Mrs. Catherine O' Dwyer has announced that she intends to retire at the end of this school year. Mrs. O' Dwyer has been here for 17 years. She spent most of her time in Learning Support and for the past two years has been a class teacher. Mrs. O' Dwyer has been a huge asset to our school and we very much appreciate all the hard work she has done over the years. She will be remembered as a very dedicated and excellent teacher. Mrs. O' Dwyer is a particularly talented artist and we thank her for all the great artwork she has done especially all the back drops for our Christmas concerts over the years and also for all the baking she did with the pupils. We wish her every health and happiness in her retirement.

However, every cloud has a silver lining and Mrs. O' Dwyer's retirement leaves a vacancy on our permanent staff which has been filled by Ms. Karen Bailey who has been subbing with us for the past 3 years covering 4 Maternity leaves in a row! We are delighted to formally welcome Ms. Bailey as a permanent staff member from next September

June is a very busy month in school even though it may appear as if we are winding down as children complete their textbooks and workbooks. We are busy revising and preparing for both class tests and standardised tests. Pupils from 1st to 6th class will sit standardised tests in both Maths and English, the results of which go to the Department of Education. Parents will receive their STen scores in their summer reports which will be due before the school holidays.

The month of June is also when we have our Active Schools Week. This year our Active School week will kick off on Monday 12th June when the whole school will go to Dundrum Woods for a nature walk, as part of our Outdoor Adventure strand in P.E.

Tuesday 13th June—Welly Throwing competition & poc fada

Wednesday 14th June—"Marathon" & penalty shoot out

Thursday 15th June—Teddy Bear picnic

Friday 16th June—Sports Day

SCHOOL TOURS

Both our Junior & Senior Tours take place this month also.

Our Junior Tour for Juniors - 1st is on **Tuesday 6th June** when these pupils will travel to Fota Island. The bus departs @ 9.35am, so children may come to school as normal on the regular school bus. The tour will cost €20 per pupil (due Friday 2nd June). **Please note that there is no school that day for 2nd to 6th class pupils, as all the teachers will be needed to supervise the younger pupils on their trip.**

Our Senior Tour for 2nd to 6th class will be on **Monday 19th June**, when pupils will go to Castlecomer Discovery Park, Kilkenny Castle & Dunmore Caves. This tour will cost €32. Please have money paid by Thursday 15th June if possible (as Friday 16th is Sports Day)

Other activities in June include our Induction day for new entrants on **Thursday 8th June**, 2pm—3.30pm and our end of year school mass is proposed for **Tuesday 20th June** @ 11.30am in the Parish Church.

COUNTY CHAMPIONS!

On **Thursday 25th May** our u11 B team played in a County Final in Semple Stadium. The girls faced local rivals St. John the Baptist School, Cashel. While New Inn were slow to get their first score, once they started all the goals kept coming!! Despite a comfortable lead our backs and goalie were determined to keep a clean sheet and ferociously defeated any attempt Cashel made to break their duck. On the day the girls were a far superior team and were crowned County Champions. The team was as follows: Ciara Collins, Hannah Dalzell, Catherine Fitzgerald, Aisling Fitzpatrick, Ava Harnett, Cara Hennessy, Niamh Marnane, Ciara McCarthy, Emily McGrath, Margaret McGrath & Cathe Richardson,

Thanks to Brian White, our coach, for all his hard work preparing three teams for the Cumann na mBunscol competitions.



BOOK RENTAL

At this stage you have all received the book rental agreement form. Please return same by **Friday 2nd June** so that we can begin calculating and correlating the books required for September 2017. We have managed to keep the Book Rental fee at €45 despite a plan to introduce a new Irish book from 3rd to 6th class and a new religion book in 2nd & 3rd class. Parents are getting great value for money with this scheme as workbooks and copies are provided and in the infant class colours and pencils etc. are also included in this cost—not to mention the fact that parents don't have to shop for or cover the books. Great credit is due to the Parents' Council for all the terrific work they do in organising the Book Rental Scheme—many, many thanks.

NEW INN FESTIVAL

Takes place this year on **10th & 11th June**.
Please support your local annual fundraiser

W.O.W.....

Continues every
Wednesday
morning until
Wednesday
14th June.



Kindly ensure that no child is dropped off very early and is left unsupervised.

SPLIT THE POT

Congratulations to our recent winners!

30/4/17—Clara Matthia (5th) - €72

5/5/17—Clara Matthia (5th) - €57

12/5/17—Aliyah (6th)& Freya(4th)McKenna - €66

19/5/17—Rory Shanahan (Jun) - €56

26/5/17—Brianna O' Rourke (2nd) - €53

Bonus Prize: Free Book rental—Louisa McConnon (3rd)

Next Friday's draw (2nd June) is the final one for this year



UNIFORMS

Please note that our crested school sweaters are available in Mr. Mister, Cashel & Uniform World, Clonmel this year. However, after this year Mr. Mister have informed us that they intend to discontinue supplying school uniforms.

ATHLETICS

On **Wednesday 17th May** two teams from 3rd & 4th and one team from 5th & 6th class went to Clonmel for a Track & Field event. Unfortunately the weather was atrocious and the girls got soaked to the skin and to make matters worse we didn't win any medals on the day!



We would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest sympathy to the Doyle family on the recent death of Mary Doyle.

Mary had been a trail blazer for athletics for many many years and she had previously come to the school to train children for running events and in more recent times trained them after school in the local G.A.A. field. We are all deeply saddened by her untimely passing.

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