

# Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál New Inn

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#### Dates to remember

- Oct 27th School Closed
   Presidential Election
- Oct 28th Shoe Boxes
- Oct 28th -Cake Sale (1.15 -2pm)
- Oct 31st Nov 4th
   Mid-term break
   Mon Fri. inclusive
- Wed 7th &Thurs 8th Dec
   -Christmas Concert -8pm
- <u>Dec 8th</u> School Closed
   Holy Day
- Dec 9th School open
- Dec 22nd Thurs
   School closing

12 noon - Christmas Hols

Don't forget to check out our

On **Tuesday 4th October** Sinead Phillips came to promote **basketball** coaching in Rockwell to the girls in 2nd to 6th class. They were lucky enough to receive 20 - 30 minutes of basketball coaching, giving them a great snapshot of all the different skills, drills and activities they would be doing.

On the same day, the girls in the senior room received a visit from **Thurles Presentation Secondary School**. Their teacher and 2 current transition year students gave a very comprehensive presentation, explaining the ins and outs of their school, and they finished with a powerpoint display of the building, it's rooms, and the various events and activities of the previous year. It was a very interesting morning and gave a lot of food for thought to the sixth class girls.

### Cake Sale/Irish Guide Dogs Association

We will be holding a cake sale on <u>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October</u> in the Convent Hall from <u>1.15pm - 2.00pm</u>. The proceeds of this sale will go to the I rish Guide Dogs Association. We hope to be able to sponsor a puppy for "The I rish Guide Dogs". This dog, when trained, will either be placed with a visually impaired person or a child with autism.

The I rish Guide Dogs Association have agreed to bring two dogs to our school to show the children and discuss the work that the association does. One dog is just a pup who is currently in training, the other is an older dog who regularly goes on visits to schools or other locations to do some P.R.O. work for "The I rish Guide Dogs".

Both dogs are very placid and used to dealing with people and will pose no threat to the children.

Donations of cakes/buns can be dropped into the lunchroom on Friday morning.

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## **Athletics**

Wednesday 28th September marked the beginning of the annual cross athletic events in South Tipperary, with the first, 800m & 1,000m race in Thurles. Over 1,500 students participated on the day, and every year the numbers seem to keep increasing. Overall the girls ran extremely well with 3rd & 4th class achieving 4th overall and 5th & 6th coming 10th place for their efforts. A big congratulations to Elma Casey who won an individual silver medal for her 800m race.

On **Wednesday 19th October** a team of 3rd/4th class girls and a team of 5th/6th class girls traveled to Marlfield for the next cross country athletics event. The sun shone brightly and the girls ran a great race each. 3rd & 4th achieved silver in their 600m and 5th & 6th received bronze. Congratulations to Elma & Caitriona who came 1st & 3rd in their race.









## **Board of Management**

Election of the Board of Management is currently underway. Two parents representatives will sit on this new board which will be in place for a 4 year period from 1st December 2011 - 30thNovember 2015.

- 10 Fathers were nominated to go forward for election to the board, 7 accepted nomination.
- 8 Mothers were nominated and 4 accepted nomination.
- Ballot papers were distributed on Tuesday 25th October 2011.

Please ensure all ballot papers are returned in sealed envelopes by 3.15pm on Friday 28th Oct.

A public counting of votes will take place in the Convent Hall @ 3.15pm on Friday 28th Oct. Anyone wishing to attend this count is welcome to do so. You will be notified in due course of the out come of the election

## Birthdays! 31/8/11 - 31/10/11

#### **Junior Infants**

Eoin Flanagan Nessa Moloney

#### **Senior Infants**

Lisa Blair Caitlin Clifford Aisling Fitzpatrick Niamh Perry

#### 1st Class

Emmet Lawless Mark O' Grady

#### 2nd Class

Aoibhe Bergin Davina Ryan

#### 4th Class

Éabha Burke Shanahan

