



Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál

New Inn

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Dates to remember

- **Tues 2nd Oct**

U13 Football blitz in Golden
@ 11am

- **Sun 7th Oct**

Fun Run/Walk @ 12noon
Registration @ 11.45am

- **Wed 24th October**

Athletics, Clonmel
(3rd—6th class)

- **Extra school closure**

Friday 26th October
(Presidential election)

- **Mid-term**

Monday 29th Oct —
Friday 2nd Nov inclusive

- **Christmas Concert**

Monday 10th December &
Tuesday 11th December
(Details later)

- **Christmas Holidays**

Friday 21st December
(Closing at 12noon)
Re-open Monday 7th Jan '19

Welcome back to school to one and all and a special word of welcome to our new Junior Infants. At this stage all are well settled in and becoming accustomed to school life here in Scoil Mhuire gan Smál.



We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that they can check out our website newinngirlsschool.ie for regular updates of school events, for photos and a number of our school policies can be viewed there also.

We send a newsletter monthly to all families and we also use textaparent to update you of many events during the year. Please ensure that we have your up to date mobile number and if you are using a smart phone please download the textaparent app to your phone, as it saves on our costs.

We would also like to remind you that the Board of Management only accepts responsibility for your child on the premises from 9.20am—3.20pm.

We would also like to thank those who have paid school fees (€79) already and remind anyone who has yet to do so that they now fall due.

Wishing everyone a happy and productive school year ahead.

Move More....

Mrs. Harrington & Ms. Bailey will be attending a Move More.. in-service in W.I.T. on **Thursday 18th October** and I'm sure they will bring back some ideas for us to keep us moving and active in the year ahead The accreditors were so pleased with our efforts at promoting activities in our school that we have been asked to speak to other schools, who may be starting out on their Active School journey.

Ms. Bailey will be speaking on our behalf at an in-service for other teachers in Thurles on Monday 1st October 18th.

PARENTS COUNCIL

Our Parents Council will be holding a Family Fun Run on Sunday **7th October @ 12noon**. Registration from 11.45am. This will be a 5K Fun Walk/Run. Adults €10, Children €2, Family €20.

The proceeds of this event go towards sporting events, coaching and activities for your children during the year. We hope you will all support and participate on Sunday 7th October. Light refreshments will be served in the school hall after the run. Volunteers should contact Irene Fogarty 087 6629438.

ACTIVE SCHOOL

This year our newly elected Active School committee are: Maeve Carroll, Kate Fogarty, Cara Hennessy, Elizabeth Houlihan, Lucy Mai Longworth & Anna O' Donoghue, . The committee are currently organising yard games for Wacky Wednesdays from now until the mid term.

We were also selected as one of the schools that the County Camogie Board are providing extra coaching for. We will receive 8 weeks extra coaching which has already begun with Brian White. Many thanks to our local camogie Club and the Board of Management who have agreed to part pay for this coaching too.

LADIES FOOTBALL

We have entered the Cumann na mBunscol Ladies Football competition and our u13 team will play in a blitz in Golden on **Tuesday 2nd October**. We wish the girls the best of luck in this blitz as the competition will be stiff with some very strong teams to be played.

ATHLETICS

Pupils from 3rd to 6th class took part in a Cross Country event in Thurles on **Wednesday 26th September 2018**. Well done to Anna O' Donoghue & Cara Hennessy who won individual medals and well done to everyone who participated. Congratulations to our 5th & 6th class team who won silver medals in the "Large School" category. Medals for all 5th & 6th class team members to follow shortly. See website for photos.

Please note:

Mrs. Ryan will be changing the time of running after school (3.10pm to 4pm) to Thursdays for the month of October as teachers stay for Croke Park hours on Tuesday evenings. Please note that there will be no running after school on Thursday 4th October as Mrs. Ryan has another engagement that evening. Our final two sessions will be on **Thursday 11th October and Thursday 18th October**.

ROOTS OF EMPATHY

Pupils in 3rd and 4th class will be participating in an initiative called "Roots of Empathy". They will follow the growth and development of a baby throughout the school year. The programme is designed to help child develops a caring nature and to learn to empathise with others. Studies have shown that the programmes helps to reduce school yard bullying. We would like to extend our thanks to Breda O' Connor and baby J.P. who have agreed to help facilitate this programme in our school which is run by the Spafield Resource Centre, Cashel. We would also like to Spafield Resource Centre for offering this service to us.

HEATING UPGRADE

During the summer we had a heating upgrade in the original section of the school, so that all rooms are now run off the same system and are of the same standard

SEATBELTS

Sergeant Ray Moloney from Cahir Garda Station recently called to the school to check that children were wearing seatbelts in both cars and buses and that those travelling by car were in the appropriate booster seats in the back of the car.

All children 12 years and under should be properly restrained in the back of a car, unless they they meet the correct height and weight restrictions see [www. RSA.ie](http://www.RSA.ie)—seatbelts.

Sergeant Moloney will be conducting another spot check in October and those not compliant may be subject to prosecution

SHOE BOX APPEAL

Once again we will be holding the annual shoebox appeal in October. 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 would 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 **Thursday 25th October**, before the mid-term break.