

SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Important Dates for your Diary:

School finishes at 12noon on Wed 17th Feb to facilitate New Language Curriculum

School closed for mid-term 18th & 19th Feb 2016.

School closing for St. Patrick's Day & Easter Holidays on Wed 16th Mar at 12noon
& re-opens Mon 4th April 2016.

School closed May 2nd 2016 for one week and re-opens May 9th

School closed June 6th Bank holiday

School closes for summer holidays at 12 noon on June 30th 2016.

Confirmation: Saturday 14th May 2016 . Time yet to be decided by the Parish office.

First Holy Communion: Sunday, 22nd May 10.30a.m.

Santa Goes Green Christmas Decoration Competition:

Junior Category Winners: 1st Keeva Nolan (JI)

2nd Maia Iovitoni (SI)

Middle Category Winners: 1st Olwyn Doran (1st)

Joint 2nd Hannah Dunne & Aoibhinn Nolan (2nd)

Senior Category Winners: 1st Doireann Broderick (6th)

2nd Shannen Nolan (6th)

All entrants received two pencils made from recycled CD cases and all the entries are on display in Carlow Library.

Thanks to everyone who took part, and to Ms. Hourihane who helped with the competition, to "Plant Pals" in St. Leo's (Alicia, Abbey & Julia- past pupils) who organised the competition and prizes.

1916 Centenary: As part of the 1916 Centenary celebrations, Carlow Tourism will be recreating what business and commercial life was like in Carlow town during 1916. The committee is hoping to involve Primary schools in Carlow by asking students to research extended family photographs to find pictures of Carlow or Carlovians during the 1916 period. Your pictures may be included in a collage that will go on show for the public. If you are interested, please contact 059 91304111 or e mail gholden@carlowtourism.com

Tráth na gCeist – Ranganna 3rd – 6th participated in an Irish quiz yesterday.

St Vincent de Paul is doing a collection of unwanted gifts/toys. They can be dropped into the shop on Tullow St. Vincent de Paul will also hold a Fashion Show in the Seven Oaks Hotel on Thursday 25th Feb at 8pm. Tickets available at Vincent's shop (beside Whites Chemist, Tullow St.) or from any member of the Society.

Afterschool Activities: All afterschool activities are back to their weekly slots. There are place still available in Playball (Fridays). Application forms available from the office.

Rules of the Road for Pedestrians: We have had some reports to school about children dangerously crossing the road when going to and from school. For your daughter's safety please ensure she knows a safe route home, whether walking or cycling. We need to keep our pupils safe!

Grandparents Day: A warm thanks to the grandparents who made Grandparents Day so special in our school. Thanks also to Ms. Rogers and Ms. O’Leary and their 2nd classes for a wonderful Prayer Service followed by a beautiful sing – song which all our visitors really enjoyed. It truly was a wonderful celebration.

Parents’ Council – Yet again, grateful thanks to the members of the Parents’ Council who were on hand on Grandparents’ Day to provide welcome tea and coffee.

Hospitality & Meet & Greet - Congratulations to the pupils of 6th class who formed the “Meet and Greet” and the Hospitality teams on Grandparents’ Day. They did themselves and their families proud!

Pancake Tuesday- Both Rang 3 made delicious pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. Mrs. Walshe and Ita cooked up a storm with the girls...with delicious results, and all while practicing their Gaeilge!

Coiste-

The girls on the coiste (committee) have been busy promoting Irish in the school. Maith sibh, a chailí. They take it in turn to introduce the Phrása na Seachtaine (Week’s Phrase) over the intercom. They also did great work in laminating the pages for parents!

Gentle Reminders:

In **June** we will be collecting Book Rental for the coming school year.

Swimming commences for 2nd, 3rd and 4th Classes on Friday, 8th April (the first Friday back after the Easter holidays) and continues for 10 weeks.

Bringing/Collecting your daughter: There is a notable increase of pupils arriving late to school on a regular basis. School start at 9am. It is disruptive to class constantly having pupils arriving late. Also, please collect your daughter promptly. Finishing times are 1.40pm for Junior & Senior Infants and 2.40 for all other pupils. Remind your daughter that if nobody arrives to collect her from school that she is to come back to the office and the secretary will ring home for her. Staff are always on the premises after school and we want the children to know that they will never be left behind alone!

Remember to let us know when you change your mobile number/ address. School reports will be posted out in June so please ensure we have the correct address.

Drinks/Lunches: increasing numbers of lunches/drinks are being delivered to school after class starts. Please have lunches/schoolbooks/musical instruments in school bags so as to minimize disruption to classes. It is not necessary to bring in forgotten drinks – all classes have drinking water.

Absences: It is not necessary to telephone the school when your daughter is sick. Please send a note explaining the absence on her return to school. Lateness and leaving early is recorded in school records.

Lost Property: There is a variety of items in the lost property box at school. If you are missing items, please check the box. We also have a number of jackets and coats. Please contact the office regarding these. **Remember to label everything for easy identification!**

Clothes Collection On Friday 8th April (the Friday after the Easter holidays) National Council for the Blind(NCBI) will have a collection of clothes, bed linens, and shoes (all in good condition) . This is a school fundraiser. School will receive cash for each filled bag.

Bernie Murphy

Principal