



NEWSLETTER – EASTER 2012



Scoil Mhuire gan Smál, Green Lane, Carlow.

DIARY DATES

Communion:



Sunday, May 13th
at 10.30 a.m.



Confirmation: Saturday, May 26th at 2.00 p.m. SUMMER HOLS - closing 12 noon Fri Jun 29th

School re-opens after summer holidays on 30th August 2012

Staff Meeting Thursday 19th April 2012. All classes finish at 1.40pm

OFFICIAL OPENING 2012

Sincere thanks to all who joined in our Open Morning. It was great to welcome so many visitors to our lovely new school. There was a great buzz in school that day. Special thanks to the Parents' Council who provided refreshments for visitors on the day. The pupils were on their best behaviour that day and we are so proud of all of them, from Junior Infants to 6th classes.

PRIZEWINNERS -

Three pupils from our school worked on a Carlow Regional Youth Service community garden at their house in John Sweeney Park. These pupils are Caitlin Dooley, Amber Connolly and Rose Walsh. In November they were awarded an Ógra Award at the County Carlow Pride of Place Awards for the work that was done. At the awards they met Carlow/Kilkenny TD Pat Deering and they enjoyed a visit to Dáil Eireann in February.

Sasha Sergejeva, Ms McDonald's 2nd class was a prizewinner in Carlow Fairtrade Art Competition. She was presented with her prize at a ceremony in the Cathedral Parish Centre on 8th March. Well done Alexandra!

INTO/ESB HANDWRITING COMPETITION- Our school can boast three winners in this competition! Abbey Kennedy, Ms O'Leary's 1st class, Ciara Donohoe, Mrs Walshe's 4th class and Shauna Murphy Woods, Ms Griffin's 2nd class were all successful in this event. They were presented with their prizes at a ceremony in the Seven Oaks Hotel on March 21st last. Keep up the good work girls!

CARLOW LIONS CLUB Our school has been invited to take part in the Carlow Lions Club Annual Cycle Rally and Family Fun Day on 13th May next. This is a sponsored cycle event followed by a range of fun activities in Graiguecullen GAA grounds. We would like to give this event our full support. Please encourage your children to take part. The Lions club have been good to our school in the past and we would love to return the favour by supporting them. All moneys raised are used locally in Carlow. Times are difficult for many families but if everyone does a little it will help a lot! More details later.

Sarah Furey and Emily Kelly from 6th class participated in a Gaelic football blitz in Bagenalstown on March 27th.

DAFFODIL DAY Thank you to all who bought daffodils for this year's Daffodil Day. We raised €950 for the Irish Cancer Society. We appreciate your support for this worthy cause. Special thanks to Ms. Donna Byrne and Mrs Máirín Lambe who organised the collection of moneys and distribution of daffodils.

PARKING Adequate parking space is always an issue. However, we have been asked to request parents not to park in the bus bay.

THANK YOU to Colm O' Brien from Woodies DIY who donated beautiful bulbs for planting in the school grounds. Colm is Dad to Kate O'Brien in Ms Hayes Sen Inf class. Míle buíochas. Thanks also to Garda Eve Hyland who recently visited all classes in our school. Garda Hyland spoke to all the children about Road Safety and the role of the Gardaí. She also spoke to senior pupils about cyber bullying and internet safety.

REMEMBER

Please remember if you change your mobile number to let us know so you will receive all messages via Text -a-Parent.

OLD MOBILE PHONES We continue to collect old mobile phones for the Jack & Jill Foundation. If we collect 300 mobile phones we will receive an interactive whiteboard for our school. Please place phones in the box provided at the office.

REMINDER Please remind your daughters that if nobody arrives to collect them from school that they are to come back to the office and the secretary will ring home for them. Staff are always on the premises after school and we want the children to know that they will never be left behind alone!

GREEN SCHOOLS NEWS- Thanks to Michael, Brian and Ger for their contribution to our new school. All the odd jobs and loose ends as a result of the building programme have been finished off to a very high standard by this trio. You will notice six new raised beds on the school grounds. These beds will soon be blooming with vegetables, flowers and fruits planted by all classes in the school. We look forward to seeing the beds flourish and fill out in the coming months. Huge thanks to Ms Hourihane who is the driving force behind this garden. Her dedication and expertise are appreciated. Thank You.

PARENTS' COUNCIL Many thanks to our Parents' Council. This hard -working group of ladies are always willing to take on a task and complete it with success. This year is no exception. They were out-standing on the official opening day serving teas, coffees and goodies to our visitors. They have also prepared all the Easter Eggs for this year's raffle, sold the tickets and raised funds for our school. Míle buíochas libh go léir!

HEALTH AND SAFETY Parents' Council have raised concerns about children playing on the wall around the County Council's rose bed outside the front gate. Please encourage your daughter not to play on the wall so as to avoid the possibility of a nasty fall. Thank you for using the footpaths and side gates.

BOOK RENTAL SCHEME We received a very positive response from the parents' questionnaire. We hope to start collecting payment after Easter and a letter will issue with further details.

GAELIC FOOTBALL coaching for 2nd - 6th classes will start on Tues April 17th for 6 weeks.

ABC PHYSICAL FITNESS PROGRAMME Junior and Senior Infants will commence this programme, with qualified coaches, for 4 weeks commencing Friday April 20th.

CYCLING - We are delighted again to be able to offer cycle training to 5th classes, starting Monday 16th April. Last year's course was very successful and in our opinion it is a worthwhile undertaking, especially in view of the fact the Carlow County Council are currently planning the development of more cycle lanes.

AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES -

We are delighted to further expand the range of extra-curricular activities offered.

IRISH DANCING - We welcome Adeline Dargan as our Irish Dancing teacher. Lessons will begin Wed April 18th. Junior & Senior Infants 1.45p.m.-2.45p.m. and 1st - 6th classes 2.50p.m. to 3.50p.m. All queries and bookings to Adeline at 085 7259865.

GOLF - Golf pro, Tara Delaney, held a golf demo with 3rd to 6th classes. If you are interested in a 6 week after-school course for your daughter please see the accompanying letter.

GITAR-the guitar lessons have been extended to include 4th - 6th classes and are proving very popular.

SPEECH AND DRAMA - We are delighted to welcome back Keelin McDonald after Easter. She will be working with pupils from 4th - 6th class on Thursday afternoons, after school. Details will circulate to classes.

YOGA Thanks to Angela Doyle who has completed the yoga sessions for senior pupils. Classes will resume for 1st and 2nd classes after Easter. Details after the holidays.

Remember to visit the school's and blog to keep up-to-date with our various activities.

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