



SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

June 2014

Dates to Remember:

School closes for Summer Holidays on Fri 27th June at 12noon for all classes.

School re-opens for the new school year for all classes on Monday 1st Sept. @ 9am.

THANK YOU

A special word of thanks to all who have contributed so much to Scoil Mhuire gan Smál this year.

Claire Dunne – Piano, **Adeline Dargan**- Irish Dancing, **Majella Swam** – Music, **Donough O'Brien** – Art. **Marion Gaynor, Gavin Barr & Paula Phelan**- Music Generation. **Ali, Bernie & Judy** –Swimming Instructors, **Ramona Iovan** – Gymnastics **Mary O'Neill** – Tin Whistle, **Fr John Cummins** –Chaplain, **Fr. Rory & Sr Dolores** – Church Services, **Keelin McDonald** – Speech & Drama, **Michèle & Helen** - Secretaries, **Murt** - Caretaker, **Donna Byrne & Ita Jones**, Special Needs Assistants, **Bridget Edwina & Besnik**- Cleaners, **Rita**-Breakfast Club. **Leo McGough** , **James Doyle & Sinead** who taught camogie skills to 1st and 2nd classes. **Brendan Hayden & St Leo's Transition Year Students** who coached 3rd – 6th classes in Gaelic football skills. **Mark Carpenter** and coaches from **O' Hanrahan's FC**. **Ms. Balfe** – Computer tuition, **Ms. Griffin**: Basketball, **Ben Parameter & Jimmy Dooley** – Carlow Cricket Club. **The Cycling Safety School & Carlow Co Co.** - cycling skills. **Joe Byrne & team** - Playball Coaches from the **I.T. Carlow** – Soccer skills in conjunction with the FAI. **Wes Whitten** - Rugby. **Presentation Band Committee, Parents' Council & Board of Management** for their continued support.

BOOK RENTAL All pupils' text books, folders and copies will be bought by the school and distributed in September.

So no more queuing in book stores during the Summer holidays!

STAFF CHANGES: Unfortunately, two of our teachers will not be with us for next year. Mrs. Healy will be moving to Dublin for the year and we will be joined by Ms. Kirwin from Dublin. Ms. Darcy will be based in Bagenalstown next year and will be replaced by Ms; Shore. We wish both Mrs. Healy and Ms. Darcy well for the year ahead. We also congratulate Ms; Griffin who has been appointed as a permanent teacher in our school.

Easter 2014 Draw:

Class	Junior Winners	Senior Winners
1 st prize	Lily McCormack S. I.	Rachel Holden 5 th
2 nd prize	Ellie Kennedy J.I.	Aoife Graham 3 rd
3 rd prize	Michaela Alcock 1 st	Katie Quinlan 6 th
4 th prize	Winnie McDonagh S.I.	Lauren Nicholl 4 th
5 th Prize	Ally Slattery 1 st	Rebecca Clarke 6 th
6 th prize	Akasa Roarty 2 nd	Lauren Doyle 4 th
7 th prize	Mary Joyce	Sheila Doyle 3 rd
8 th prize	Olywn Doran J.I.	Leagh Cullen 4 th

Other Winners were: Saoirse O'Sullivan, Isobel Fortune, Emma Hogan and Sarah O'Gorman.

Each class had a prize winner too! Thanks to the Parents' Council once again for a successful Easter Raffle and also to all who sponsored prizes of Easter Eggs and more!

SCHOOL TRACK SUITS – available from Jason Farrell's Sports, Tullow St. from mid July.

Blog: Please log on to our school blog on smgscarlow.scoilnet.ie/blog/ for up-to-date information on various activities in the school.

Congratulations to Katie Brennan Nolan (Ms McCarthys 6th class) who was recently successful in her audition to become a member of the MGC Young Outstanding Musician Club. Katie will now work with professional musicians in her chosen field (piano) once a month and with the MGC Young Composers Club. As part of her award, she also received a bursary which will be used to further her studies at the RIAM. Well done!

Cyber Bullying Poster Competition Winners

<u>Class</u>	<u>First Prize</u>	<u>Second Prize</u>
1 st	Amy Murphy Woods	Lily Higgins
2 nd	Laila Dowling Callinan	Derbhla Dowling
3 rd	Tanya Elizabeth Ksipolita	Caoimhe Glynn
4 th	Julia Zasada	Sasha Alexander
5 th	Eimear Long	Béibhinn O'Brien
6 th	Ciara Glynn	Alex Fortune

6th Class Fun Day was a huge success this year. Thank you to those who baked and donated items for the day. A total of €1450 was raised for charities and the 6th class pupils divided it between, Éist, Cuan Mhuire and our own Breakfast Club. Mile buíochas a chailíní.

TO THE PARENTS' COUNCIL-- Your continued generosity and support are hugely appreciated. In the past year you have raised MANY funds for our school through the Easter raffle and many other events. This was spent on Raffle Prizes, & buses to some events. Thank you for your help in organising Confirmation and Communion parties. Your contribution is invaluable. Our children continue to benefit from your hard work and support. Go raibh mile maith agaibh go léir. Special thanks to Nancy Kennedy, Catherine O'Toole, Anne Fahy and Debbie Robinson, out-going members of the Parents' Council who have contributed so much to our school.

MUSIC EXAMS Congratulations to all of Claire Dunne's piano pupils who performed so well in their music exams. Special congratulations to Kirsten See who sat the Bronze Medal category but actually was awarded the Silver Medal! Super work!

LOST PROPERTY There is a selection of coats, hats scarves etc in the lost property box. Please have a look if you are missing any items. Any item not collected by 27 June will be either disposed of or given to charity.

SCHOOL REPORTS. School reports will be issued by the end of the week of 27th June. If a teacher has pointed out an area to be worked on, please discuss with your child and encourage them to do their best in the new school year.

JUNIOR ENTREPRENEUR Congratulations to Ms. Shore's 5th class, winner of the Innovation Award. The girls have received great praise for their product – the J-Mitz. They made a profit of €683. which they have donated to the Children's Hospital in Crumlin. This week the girls enjoyed Pizza Day, funded by their winnings.

SPORT DAY All pupils enjoyed a wonderful Sports Day in the sun. Grateful thanks to Mrs. Woods for organising the event.

MATHLETES Congratulations to Maedhbh Broderick(6th) who is the Co. Carlow winner in the on-line Maths Challenge.

GOOD LUCK to all our pupils who are taking part in the National finals of the Community Games this Summer. Best wished also to Katie Brennan, Doireann and Meadhbh Broderick in the Leinster Fleadh.

TEXT-A- PARENT Please remember to inform us of new mobile numbers for the text-a-parents service. Also please note that if your mobile is not switched on at the time the text is sent from the school, it cannot be delivered!

RAPUNZEL HAIR FOUNDATION Well done to Kirsten See who also raised €291.51 for Éist by donating 14 inches of her hair.

GRADUATION Congratulations to both 6th classes and their teachers, Ms. Balfe and Ms. McCarthy, who presented a wonderful Graduation evening. It was a beautiful and emotional evening. You have been two wonderful classes and we wish you only the best as you embark on the next phase of your life!

AISTEAR ROOM Grateful thanks to all the families who donated items for our new Aistear Structured Play Room. Ms. Brennan and Ms. McDonald have done a wonderful job in setting it up and it's all ready for September. A special word of thanks to one of our parents, Deirdre Kennedy, who came in to help wash and sterilise the toys.

SPEECH AND DRAMA 22 pupils excelled in their Speech and Drama examinations this year. All received First Class Honours and four received distinctions. Alicia Premkumar received the bronze medal for the third year running which is a tremendous achievement. Congratulations to all the girls!

Happy Holidays to one and all from everyone in Scoil Mhuire gan Smál!

Remember school reopens Sept 1st for all pupils!

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Kind regards,

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