



## Halloween Newsletter 2015

*Welcome back after the summer holidays, we hope you and your families enjoyed them. We re-opened on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2015.*

### **Junior Infants:**

We extend a very warm welcome to our 2 new Junior Infants.

### **Hurling:**

The pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class recommenced hurling with Kevin Molloy and train every Wednesday from 2-3pm.

### **Swimming:**

Swimming started in Birr Leisure Centre on September 10<sup>th</sup> and ended on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Everyone from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class could take part. Learning to dive, improve swimming techniques and tread the water were all part of the lessons.

### **Gaelic Football:**

The pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes have recommenced Gaelic Football with Ms Watson on Friday afternoons.

### **Shorelines Festival:**

Leanne Hickey got a commendation at the festival for her essay. Congratulations Leanne and well done to all who participated.

### **Prayer Service:**

Fr. Brendan Lawless P.P. held a Prayer Service with the children for the year ahead.



**First Holy Communion:**

The First Holy Communion for the 2<sup>nd</sup> class children will be held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May in the church of The Ascension, Gortanumera.

**Confirmation:**

Confirmation will be held this year for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class children on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May in St. Bridget's Church, Portumna.

**Health Nurse:**

The Health Nurse visited the school on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September to check the Junior Infants sight and hearing.

**Clothing Collection:**

Lenrec Clothing Collection will be coming to the school Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> November. If you have any unwanted clothes, belts, handbags, paired shoes, bed linen, towels, curtains and mobile phones they would be greatly appreciated.

**Computer Technology:**

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, Matthew Kelly came to visit 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes. He explained the workings of a computer. He taught us about the tower case, keyboard, hard disc/drive and motherboard.

**Cycling Course:**

2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes took part in a cycling training programme on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. They learned about safety on bicycles. It was a wonderful day enjoyed by all.

**Nature Walk:**

The Junior Room children went to Portumna Forest Park, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October for a Nature Walk. They collected and looked out pine cones, different coloured leaves, twigs, tree bark and lots more.

**Design A Card:**

The children have designed their Christmas Cards and they have been sent off to be printed.



**Credit Union:**

3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes took part in the Credit Union Art Competition. Their inspiration was "Happiness is.."

**Portumna Library:****Book Week Completions:**

All classes took part in the various art competitions:

Junior Infants did a collage of Humpty Dumpty

Senior Infants designed a mask

1<sup>st</sup> class made animal and witches out of wooden spoons

2<sup>nd</sup> class designed a sock puppet

3<sup>rd</sup> class made photo frames

4<sup>th</sup> class made tea light holders

5<sup>th</sup> class did a collage of their favourite pastime

6<sup>th</sup> class redesigned the Irish Flag

**Table Quiz:**

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October children from the Senior Room took part in the Library Table Quiz. Well done to all who participated.

**Team Hope:**

Maria from Team Hope talked to the children about Team Hope and the Shoe Box appeal. If your child would like to fill a shoe box could they please have it to the school by Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

**Halloween Fancy Dress:**

We had a Fancy Dress day today 23<sup>rd</sup> October. The children dressed up in their spooky Halloween costumes and were very scary!! We had a Halloween party with lots of fun, treats and games.

**Mid Term Break:**

The school closes today 23<sup>rd</sup> October and re-opens on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

A stylized graphic of the words "HAPPY HALLOWEEN" in a bold, bubbly, orange and yellow font with a black outline and a slight shadow effect.

# HALLOWEEN word search



## Halloween Fun

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**Candy**  
**Trick**  
**Treat**  
**Costumes**  
**Party**  
**Monsters**  
**Vampire**  
**Princess**  
**Fairy**