



Scoil Mhuire N.S., Gortanumera



Halloween Newsletter 2017

Welcome back after the summer holidays, we hope you and your families enjoyed them. We re-opened on 30th August 2017

Junior Infants:

We extend a very warm welcome to our Junior Infants Emily Rose, Anna, Emma, Roko, Cailean, Brian and Ciarán. They have all settled in and are super.

Hurling:

The pupils from 1st to 6th class re-commenced hurling with Kevin Molloy and practise their skills every Wednesday from 2-3pm.

Swimming:

1st to 6th class have completed their 7 week swimming lessons in Birr Leisure Centre. They really enjoyed it and all progressed with their swimming techniques.

Shorelines Festival:

On September 14th Saoirse Hynes and Senan Harris from 6th class came in 2nd and 3rd places for their essays in the Barbara Kennedy Memorial Writing Project Award. Congratulations to them both and well done to all who participated.

All-Ireland Hurling Champions Visit:

On September 10th there was great excitement when Joe Canning, Jack Canning and Martin Dolphin brought the Liam McCarthy Cup and Irish Press Cup to the school. The children had their photos taken with their heroes. It was such an amazing day.

Design A Card:

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



First Holy Communion:

The First Holy Communion for the 2nd class children will be held on Sunday 20th May in the church of The Ascension, Gortanumera.

5k Fun Run/Walk:

The Board of Management organised a 5K Fun Run/Walk for the 24th September. It was opened by Joe Canning. Congratulations to Seán Geraghty who was the first child home. It was a great success and we raised €1300. A huge thank you to the children, parents, family members and locals you supported it. Congratulations to Roko Dillon and Gerry Rourke who won the hampers.

**Students of the Week for September / October:**

Congratulations and well done to all the children who got Student of the Week for September and October. They all received a homework free pass, a prize out from the prize box and a certificate as their reward.

Pizza Making:

Emma and Olivia Muldoon organised for the whole school to go to Supermacs to make pizzas. The children really enjoyed making and eating their pizzas! It was a wonderful way to spend a morning.

**Storm Ophelia:**

Thankfully we were safe during storm Ophelia. The Dept. of Education had ordered all schools to close for Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October.

Portumna Library Table Quiz:

Well done to the fourth, fifth and sixth class children took part in the Portumna Library Table Quiz they really enjoyed it.

Credit Union:

3rd to 6th classes took part in the Credit Union Art Competition. Their inspiration was "Set Your Imagination Free"

HSE Visit:

The Health Nurse came for sight and hearing screening for the Junior Infants.

Bizworld Ireland:

On the 20th of October Alan from Bizworld Ireland came to the school. The children from 4th - 6th classes took part in Bizworld. It is a workshop which comes to life when members of the community act as The Dragons in the Den with the classes when they competed against each other in the BIZ Factor competition. The children learned how the business world as Directors of their company. They communicated, negotiated and developed socially responsible business. The children loved the experience and were great up against the Dragons: Joe Canning, Gemma Costello and Gerard Bruder.

Portumna Library; Children's Book Festival:

The children took part in the Children's Book Festival under the following sections: *Senior Infants*: Design and Make a Mask of Your Favourite Animal, *1st Class*: Paint and Decorate a Stone, *2nd Class*: Decorate an Egg Carton, *3rd Class*: Make and Design a Birthday Card, *4th Class*: Decorate a Wooden Spoon. *5th Class*: Design and Make a Book Mark for "Children's Book Festival" *6th Class*: Paint, Draw or Make a Collage of a Poster for Your Bedroom, *5th & 6th Class*: Compose a Poem on "The Magic Pen" Best of luck to you all.

Team Hope:

If your child would like to fill a shoe box could they please have it returned to the school by Monday, 6th November

Halloween Fancy Dress:

The children can dress up in their spooky Halloween costumes if they so wish or wear their ordinary clothes. There will be a Halloween party with lots of fun, treats and games. School finishes at the normal time.

Website:

Don't forget to check out our website www.gortanumerans.ie for regular updates.

Mid Term Break:

The school closes today, 27th October and re-opens on Monday, 6th November. Enjoy the break.



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