



## **Scoil Mhuire NS, Gortanumera Newsletter**



***EASTER 2017***

### **County Photos:**

County Photos visited the school on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January and took the children's school photos.

### **Musical:**

The senior room 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> classes went to see the musical "High School Musical" in Portumna Community School. We had a wonderful afternoon.

### **Students of the month for January:**

The students of the month for January were Niall Kiely, Cian Connolly and Adam Burke in the Junior Room and Oran Cox, Cillian Woods and Senan Harris in the Senior Room. Well done and congratulations to you all.

### **Connacht Rugby Team:**

On Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February, the senior room was invited by Derry Long, Principal of Portumna Community School to attend the Connacht Rugby Team coming to Portumna and John Muldoon's role as captain in winning the Pro12. As John was a past pupil of Gortanumera NS we were treated like royalty. Seats were reserved for us in the front rows. We really enjoyed the experience of meeting Pat Lam, John Muldoon and the Connacht Team.

John Muldoon spoke about Gortanumera and we felt very proud not only because he is from Gortanumera but that he acknowledged us.

Ms Ryan was presented with a picture of John Muldoon, Joe Canning, Ollie Canning and Damien Hayes which highlighted the great love of sport we as students have in the school. It is a day we will never forget.

### **Whole School Evaluation:**

The Whole School Evaluation took place in January and over 3 days in which the Inspector examined the schools learning, leadership and management. We got on extremely well in all of the areas.

**10@10:**

On Friday 10th February at 10am, we participated in the Operation Transformation initiative of every primary school taking part in an exercise session for 10 minutes.

At 10am for 10 minutes we danced and had a great work out and lots of fun!!

**Ancient Irish Music:**

Simon O'Dwyer came and brought the children through the musical instruments from The Stone Age. They learned about flutes and whistles, percussion, Bronze Age horn, bells and the great sheet bronze trumpets of the Middle Iron Age.

**Spar FAI 5 Aside Soccer:**

David Greenwood, Simon Madden, Nathan Canning, Adam Canning, Saoirse Hynes, Seán Geraghty and Samuel Madden went to Newbridge to take part in the Spar FAI 5 aside soccer tournament. They played really well and did the school proud. They were coached by Ms Watson. Well done to all on their great performances.

**Students of the week for February:**

The students of the week for February were Shaunagh Kiely, Oisín Kiely, Halle McKenna and Tara Madden in the Junior Room and Seán Geraghty, Andrew Canning in the Senior Room. Well done and congratulations to you all.

**Pancake Tuesday:**

We all enjoyed lots of lovely pancakes. We topped them with nutella, sugar and lemon....Yummy!

**First Confession:**

The First Confession was held in Church of the Ascension, Gortanumera on April 4<sup>th</sup> for the 2<sup>nd</sup> class children. Congratulations and well done to Tara, Adam, Jody, Cian and Robyn. Their First Holy Communion is on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of May.

**Gaelic Football:**

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> classes had Gaelic Football in Mountbellew on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April. Well done to you all and you did the school proud.



**Rugby:**

There was Rugby training on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> in conjunction with Connacht Rugby & Aldi. Eimear took 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> classes for Rugby Training and put them through their paces.

**Scholastic Book Fair:**

We held our annual Book Fair from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March. It was open to parents and the children to browse around or purchase books. It raised €300 worth of books for the school library.

**Courses:**

Ms, Madden & Ms Ryan attended a Child Protection course. Ms Watson attended a meeting on the New Special Education Model being introduced in September 2017.

**Clothes Collection:**

Our clothes collection is on-going. If you have any unwanted clothes they would be greatly appreciated.

**Students of the week for March:**

The students of the week for March were Max Madden, Brendie Scott, Eve Madden, Adam Burke and Allie Callanan in the Junior Room and David Greenwood, Lily Fahy, Oran Cox and Simon Madden in the Senior Room. Congratulations and well done to you all.

**Road Safety:**

We are continuing to try and make the road safer outside the school and we will keep you updated on the outcome.

**Website:**

Remember to check out our website on [www.gortanumerans.ie](http://www.gortanumerans.ie) for regular updates.

**Enrolments:**

Enrolments are now being taking for the school year 2017/2018.

**Easter Holidays:**

The school will be closed from April 10<sup>th</sup> and re-opens on April 24<sup>th</sup> for the Easter Holidays.



*We hope you & your families have a very Happy Easter  
From all in Scoil Mhuire NS, Gortanumera*

## Easter Word Search

G	E	G	G	S	B	F	H
B	A	S	K	E	T	O	I
U	S	G	H	G	R	T	D
N	T	R	G	E	A	L	E
N	E	A	H	U	B	F	B
Y	R	S	O	Z	B	I	L
D	E	S	P	R	I	N	G
C	A	R	R	O	T	D	M

Can you find these words hidden in the puzzle?

BASKET   EGGS   HOP  
BUNNY   FIND   SPRING  
CARROT   GRASS   RABBIT  
EASTER   HIDE

