



Scoil Mhuire N.S., Gortanumera



Halloween Newsletter 2016

Welcome back after the summer holidays, we hope you and your families enjoyed them. We re-opened on 31st August 2016.

Junior Infants:

We extend a very warm welcome to our Junior Infants and new entrants who 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.

Gaelic Football:

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

Shorelines Festival:

Simon Madden of 6th class was a winner of the Barbara Kennedy Memorial Writing Project 2016 Shortlist Award. Congratulations Simon and well done to all who participated.

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 21st May in the church of The Ascension, Gortanumera.

Hot Air Balloon:

On the 27th of September we were fortunate to have the Balloon Team that was taking part in the Irish National Hot Air Ballooning Championships in Loughrea visit the school. They showed us the workings of the Hot Air Balloon. Thanks to Cllr. Ivan Canning for organising the visit.

**NUIG Scientists Visit:**

On Monday 18th of October, fantastic Cell Explorers from NUIG came to the school. The children in 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th did two DNA preparations. Firstly, they did a DNA preparation from a banana and secondly, they built a DNA Model Building. The children really enjoyed their hands on Science morning.

The Students of the Week for September were as follows:

Emma Heenan and Kate Geraghty for the week of September 9th
Karly Cox and David Greenwood for the week of September 16th
Daragh McLaughlin and Caoimhe Dermody for the week of September 23rd and Jody Canning and Aisling Madden for the week of September 30th. Congratulations and well done to you all. They all received a homework free pass, a prize out from the prize box and a certificate as their reward.

Portumna Library Table Quiz:

Well done to the fourth class children took part in the Portumna Library Table Quiz on Tuesday 25th of October.

Credit Union:

3rd to 6th classes took part in the Credit Union Art Competition. Their inspiration was "Dreams are made of this...."

Clothing Collection:

The next clothing collection will be on Wednesday, 9th November. If you have any unwanted clothes or paired shoes they would be greatly appreciated.

**Cake Sale:**

The Cake Sale this year was a huge success. Thanks to Ms Watson, Simon, David and Nathan who managed to raise an amazing €466. A big THANK YOU to all the parents for their generosity and support.

Team Hope:

If your child would like to fill a shoe box could they please have it returned to the school by Monday, 7th November.

Halloween Fancy Dress:

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.

Website:

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

Mid Term Break:

The school closes today, 28th October and re-opens on Monday, 7th November. Enjoy the break.

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Halloween Fun

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