



Scoil Mhuire N.S., Gortanumera



Halloween Newsletter 2018

Welcome back after the summer holidays, we hope you and your families enjoyed them. We re-opened on Thursday, 30th August 2018

Junior Infants:

We extend a very warm welcome to our new Junior Infants Freya, Katie, Sarah, Harry, Kaison, Josh and Éanna. 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.



Mini Sevens Hurling:

The boys in 4th, 5th and 6th class represented the school in the Mini Sevens hurling competition on the 28th of September in Portumna GAA grounds. They played Eyrecourt N.S., Woodford N.S. and Duniry N.S. The boys represented the school very well and we are very proud of them.

Outdoor Teambuilding Activity Day:

All the children took part in a fun form of exercise with Tommie Costello from Cuckoo Hill. They played lots of games and they were kept on their toes all day.

Credit Union Competition:

The children in the senior room have entered the Portumna Credit Union Art Competition with their theme being "Forces of Nature." Best of luck to you all.

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.



Portumna Library Book Week:

The children from 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th class were invited to take part in Jenga and a Table Quiz as part of the Portumna Library Book Week.

The children that took part had a great time and done very well.

As part of the library's book week the children also took part in their art competition. It was broken down under the following sections:

Junior Infants: Paint, colour or make a collage of a gingerbread man,

Senior Infants: Paint, colour or make a collage of a rainbow,

1st Class: Design and decorate an owl using paper plates,

2nd Class: Decorate and make a Halloween bookmark,

3rd Class: Decorate a tissue box,

4th Class: Design a picture of your choice using dried fruit, seeds or pasta,

5th Class: Design and make a photo frame,

6th Class: Design a picture of what you wish your school uniform would look like.

5th & 6th Class: Compose a Poem on "The Magic Pen." Best of luck to you all.

HSE Visit:

On the 12th of October the health Nurse came did sight and hearing screening for the Junior Infants.



Blue Star Programme:

The children in the senior room have started the Blue Star Programme. It is an initiative that aims to foster better knowledge and understanding of the European Union and how it affects our lives. The historical, geographical, cultural and creative and institutional are the four key areas in the EU that will be examined in detail. The programme is supported by the office of the Minister of State for European Affairs, the Dept. of Foreign Affairs and Trade and various other state bodies. If the students are successful with this programme the school will receive a blue flag and there will be a special day in the school to celebrate.

Design A Card:

The children are preparing for Christmas early by producing beautiful Christmas cards which have been sent off for printing.

**Team Hope:**

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

First Holy Communion:

The First Holy Communion for the 2nd class children will be held on Sunday 19th of May in the church of The Ascension, Gortanumera.

Sixth Class:

On the 17th of October, Mr Derry Long, Principal of Portumna Community school came in to speak with the 6th class. On the 25th of October 6th class will have their enrolment evening in Portumna Community School.

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, 25th October and re-opens on Monday, 5th November. Enjoy the break.



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