



SUMMER 2016

LD Golf Programme:

The LD Golf Programme ran over a 5 week period. This year we had Bart who took us through our paces with golf. We practiced putting and chipping skills at various targets. There were games and mini-competitions.

Community Games Art Competition:

Congratulations to Nathan Canning who came third in the Connacht Community Games Art Competition.

The Spelling Bee Competition:

The Spelling Bee is open to 5th and 6th class. Nathan Canning, Clodagh Hickey and Leanne Hickey competed in the school round. They were seated at the top of the room and were asked questions of various difficulty. The three candidates were excellent and they were asked tricky spellings. Leanne was the winner and went through to the Galway heat in the Galway Bay Hotel on the 26th of April. Leanne did a superb job representing the school and was up against 60 other schools in the county. Each of the students had to sit up on stage and face the Bee Master. When they were asked the spelling they had to stand up and call out their spelling. Leanne got through to the second round. We are all very proud of her achievements.

Cake Sale:

The 5th and 6th class children held a cake sale on Friday 15th of April they raised €385 and out of this money the children have decided to buy snake seats and bean bags for the middle room which has now being made into a library.

Irish Guide Dog Visit:

Justin came to visit the children with his dog "Quizzer". The Irish Guide Dogs help people with visual impairment and they are also used as assistance dogs. They are trained and not all dogs are chosen. A dog usually stays for approximately nine years with their family. We presented Justin with €70 to go towards the Irish Guide Dogs Charity.

Confirmation:

Fifth and Sixth classes celebrated their Confirmation in St. Bridgid's Church, Portumna on May 8th. Well done and congratulations to David, Nathan, Simon, Clodagh, Leanne and Josh. A big thank you to Ms. Ryan for preparing them for this special day.

First Holy Communion:

Second class celebrated their First Holy Communion in Gortanumera Church on May 22nd. The school choir from 1st- 6th sang beautifully. Well done and congratulations to Maeve, Mark, Kate, Melissa, Ciara and Caoimhe. A big thank you to Ms. Madden for preparing them for this special day.

School Tours:

On June 3rd the Junior Room went to the Aquarium in Galway and Busy Bees in Oranmore they did: Climb, Navigate and explore, Slides, Ball pools, Mazes, Bouncing castles, Indoor basketball, Roller Skating and dancing. There was also a soccer court. Then on June 13th the Senior Room went to the Let's Go, Kingfisher Club, NUIG for their school tour they did the High energy Assault Course, Disco Dome, Climbing Wall, Zorbee, Ball Roll, Wrecking Ball, Wobbly Ladder, Air Mountain, Super Slide, Roller Racers, Speed Stacking, Unihoc, Fling Sock Games and Handball. Everyone had a brilliant time.

Connacht Rugby Captain John Muldoon Visit:

John Muldoon gave us a surprise visit on June 2nd bringing in the PRO12 Cup to show the children. The students, staff and Board of Management would like to congratulate him and the Connacht Rugby team on their great success in winning the PRO12 title. John is a past pupil of Gortanumera N.S.

Clothes Collection:

Our recent clothes collection raised €200 for the school funds. It will be ongoing and any unwanted clothes would be much appreciated.

Sports Day:

We held our Sports Day on June 17th. There were many fun novelty races. The children had ice cream to cool them down at lunchtime. They all got a gold medal for their participation. Everyone enjoyed the day.

5K Fun Run/Walk:

The Board of Management held a 5k Fun Run/Walk on Sunday, June 19th. It was a great success and we are very grateful to all who supported it. Andrew Canning was the first child back in an amazing time of 26 minutes. Well done Andrew. The children really enjoyed "Sponge the Teacher". We raised €1092.00 altogether for the school funds. THANK YOU to everyone for your support, kindness and generous donations it is really appreciated.

Graduation Mass:

The 6th class children had their graduation mass on Tuesday 22nd June. It was a very special occasion. We wish Clodagh, Leanne and Josh every success in the future.

Swimming:

The children from 1st - 6th classes will be starting their swimming lessons on 8th September. We will give you more details when the school re-opens.

Website:

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

Summer Holidays:

The school re-opens **Wednesday 31st, August** after the summer break.



*We hope you & your families have an enjoyable summer break
from all in Scoil Mhuire N.S. Gortanumera*

At the Beach



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swimming suit

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