



Scoil Mhuire N.S. Gortanumera



SUMMER 2017



The Spelling Bee Competition:

The Spelling Bee is open to 5th and 6th class. Nathan Canning, David Greenwood and Simon Madden 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. Nathan was the winner and went through to the Galway heat of Eason's Spelling Bee in Galway on the 4th of April. Nathan 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. Nathan did very well and we are all very proud of his achievements.

First Holy Communion:

Second class celebrated their First Holy Communion in Gortanumera Church on the 21st of May. The school choir from 1st- 6th sang beautifully at it. Well done and congratulations to Adam, Robyn, Jody, Cian and Tara. A big thank you to Ms Madden for preparing them for this special day.

School Tours:

On May 4th the Senior Room went to Baysports in Athlone they did Chinese dragon boating, went on the pedal karting obstacle course, did bush craft survival techniques, pedal boat safari, stand-up paddling SUP, kayaking, land and water challenge course and they also went on Ireland's largest inflatable water park. They all had a great day.

Then on May 5th the Junior Room went to Glendeer Pet Farm and Jump4Joy, Athlone. They enjoyed indoor and outdoor play areas in Glendeer Pet Farm Fed, held, pet and learnt about the animals, they visited Jack's 1850s cottage and even had time for the children's play area. In Jump4Joy they went on the mega slides, go karts, played crazy golf, dressed in Sumo suits, played in the Inflatable play area went on the bungee trampolines and played in the soccer pitch. They too had a great time.

Clothes Collection:

Our recent clothes collection raised €105 for the school funds. It will be on-going and any unwanted clothes would be much appreciated.

Course Day:

The school was closed on the 30th of May as the teachers went on a new Language Curriculum course for Primary schools.

Graduation Mass:

The 6th class children had their graduation mass on the 31st of May. It was a very special occasion. We wish Nathan, David and Simon every success in the future.

Fleadh:

The children from 1st – 6th classes took part in the opening of the Fleadh in Portumna Workhouse on the 19th of May. They played three traditional pieces on their tin whistles. They were brilliant. Well done to all who took part.

Mini Sevens Hurling:

The boys in the senior room took part in two matches with Mullagh and Caltra. They did very well and enjoyed taking part. Well done lads!

New Entrants:

The 7 new Junior Infants came to visit the school on Wednesday the 7th of June. We are looking forward to seeing them all in September.

Hurling Friendly:

The senior room boys went to Moyglass for a hurling friendly again they really enjoyed taking part and had a great day out. Well done lads!

Rugby:

On the 2nd of May Eimear from the Connacht Rugby Club gave the Senior Room a training session. They all really enjoyed it and had a great day.



5K Fun Run/Walk:

The Board of Management held a 5k Fun Run/Walk on Sunday, the 11th of June. It was a great success and we are very grateful to all who supported it. Mark Cox was the first child back. Well done Mark. The children really enjoyed "Sponge the Teacher". We raised €1024.50 altogether. The money is going towards resources across the curriculum for the children, we are also saving for the painting of the interior of the school. THANK YOU to everyone for your support, kindness and generous donations it is really appreciated.

Sports Day:

We held our Sports Day on the 20th June. 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.

Swimming:

The children from 1st - 6th classes will be starting their swimming lessons on 7th 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, 30th 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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