



Scoil Mhuire N.S., Gortanumera



Halloween Newsletter 2019

Welcome back after the summer holidays, we hope you and your families enjoyed them. We re-opened on Wednesday, 28th August 2019

Junior Infants:

We extend a very warm welcome to our new Junior Infants Iola, Seán, Ella, Aaron, Aoife, Rory, and Lily. They have all settled in and are super.

Hurling:

The pupils from 1st to 6th class re-commenced hurling with Liam Gordan 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.

Portumna Shorelines Writing Competition:

Congratulations to Robyn Callanan and Adam Burke for winning prizes for writing a poem on the theme "Going Green."

Credit Union Competition:

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

Table Quiz:

Thank you to the children, parents, grandparents, relatives and friends who supported the Table Quiz on Saturday, 5th October. We had a huge turn out and it was a brilliant night.

Thank you for your generosity in supplying the amazing prizes for the raffle. We raised €1600.00 for the school.



Portumna Library Book Week:

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: Colour and decorate a picture of the letter "A"

Senior Infants: Paint, draw or make a collage of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"

1st Class: Design and make a "Bug Bookmark"

2nd Class: Paint, draw or make a collage of your favourite pet.

3rd Class: Paint and decorate an old mug or a cup.

4th Class: Design and create an Autumn themed hat.

5th & 6th Class: Compose a poem with illustrations on "A Bad Dream"

Design A Card:

The children are preparing for Christmas early. They coloured and designed beautiful Christmas cards which have been sent off for printing.



Team Hope:

If your child would like to support Team Hope please return the shoe box to the school by Tuesday, 5th November.

Peace Proms 2020:

The children in the Senior Room will be taking part in the Peace Proms which will be held in the Kingfisher Hall, NUI Galway on Saturday, 22nd January 2020. It is a choral and orchestral production featuring the Children's Peace Choirs from all over Ireland, Northern Ireland and the U.K. The children will sing alongside The Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland - Ireland's most celebrated and award winning youth orchestra. It promotes of peace, unity, tolerance and understanding, and has performed all over the world. It will be conducted by internationally acclaimed UK music educator Greg Beardsell. Famous soloists, dancers and musicians are all taking part in the show.

Aldi Schools Competition:

Thanks to everyone who brought in stickers for the Aldi Schools Competition. We have entered two posters.

First Holy Communion:

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

Confirmation:

The Confirmation for 5th and 6th classes will be on Saturday, 23rd May in St. Brigid's church Portumna.

Board of Management:

The new parents elected to the Board of Management is Colm Fahy and Sinead Madden. We would like to thank the previous members of the Board for their support.

Sixth Class:

On Thursday, 17th October, Mr Shane McClearn, Principal of Portumna Community School came in to speak with the 6th class children. They had their enrolment evening in Portumna Community School on Thursday, 24th October.

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.

**Halloween Fancy Dress:**

The children dressed up in their spooky Halloween costumes. There was be 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 closed from 28th October and re-opens on Monday, 4th November.



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