



## Scoil Mhuire NS, Gortanumera Newsletter



### **EASTER 2019**



#### **County Photos:**

County Photos visited the school on January 10<sup>th</sup> and took the children's school photos.

#### **Fire Safety Talk:**

Anne and Cormac came to talk to us from Portumna Fire Station about the dangers of fire in the home. We learned many safety precautions. We received a Membership Certificate as we completed the fire safety day with the Fire & Rescue Service and completed the Safety Team safety homework.

#### **Grandparents Day:**

The children invited their grandparents to the school on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February for Grandparents Day. It was our way of saying "Thank You" for all the wonderful things they do. The children with Fr. Byrnes P.P. had a prayer service it was followed by a chat, tea and biscuits and a few songs. It was a very special day.

#### **Pancake Tuesday:**

We all enjoyed lots of lovely pancakes. We topped them with nutella, sugar and lemon. Yummy!

#### **Egg Challenge:**

The Senior Room took the egg challenge. Given certain items, they had to design a jacket for an egg. Ms Ryan then dropped each team's egg from a height. The successful team had to ensure their egg did not break. We had one team out of four that won the challenge.

#### **Scholastic Book Fair:**

We held our annual Book Fair from March 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. It was open to parents and the children to browse around or purchase books. It raised €304 worth of books for the school library.

### **Dance It Out Ireland:**

Angela from Dance It Out Ireland came to the school and did a 6 week dance class with all the children. They had great fun and really enjoyed it.

### **Cake Sale:**

The children of 6<sup>th</sup> class with Ms Watson held a Cake Sale to raise money for school resources. Thanks to the parents who brought in goodies to sell and everyone who supported the event. It was a great success and €520.00 was raised for the fund.

### **Spar FAI 5 Aside Soccer:**

Andrew Canning, Cian Cox, Lily Fahy, Seán Geraghty, Aisling Madden, Samuel Madden, Mark Cox, Oran Cox, Caoimhe Dermody, Melissa Finnerty, Ciara Gallagher, Kate Geraghty, Maeve Harris and Ruairé Kramer took part in the Boys Mixed Spar FAI 5 Aside Soccer tournament. It was held on April 3<sup>rd</sup> in Shiven Rovers FC Newbridge, Ballygar. They played really well and did the school proud. They were coached by Ms Watson. Well done to all on their great performances.

### **Spelling Bee:**

Sixth class took part in the Spelling Bee knock out round. They all did extremely well. Seán got represented the school in the Galway County Final which was held in the Gael Scoil Tuam on March 26<sup>th</sup>. He was knocked out on the 5<sup>th</sup> round and it went to 7 rounds. We are all very proud of him.

### **Scratch:**

The children in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> have started Scratch. The children are introduced to Scratch as an introductory computer language program. The skills learned can be applied to other programming languages such as Python and Java. The children can create animations, text, stories, music and more.

### **Food Dudes:**

The school has been taking part in the Food Dudes Healthy Eating Programme. We have received deliveries of fresh fruit and veg. to the school and won many Food Dude prizes for eating more fruit and veg. We are going to keep eating fruit and veg. at lunch time to win certificates.



**First Confessions:**

Congratulations to Emma, Shaunagh and Patrick in second class who made their First Confessions on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April in Church of the Ascension, Gortanumera.

**5K Fun Run/Walk:**

The Board of Management held a 5K Fun Run/Walk on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>. It was a great success and a very enjoyable day. Mark Cox, Seán Geraghty and Samuel Madden from the Senior Room and Patrick Madden from the Junior Room were the first children back. We had a great turn out from the parents, grandparents, locals and families. We are very thankful for all the support. €1050.00 was raised. It will go towards the floor covering for school which will be replaced over Easter.

**First Holy Communion:**

The second class children will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> @ 12pm in Church of the Ascension, Gortanumera.

**Enrolments:**

Enrolments are now being taking for the school year 2019/2020.

**Clothes Collection:**

Our clothes collection is on-going. If you have any unwanted clothes they would be greatly appreciated.

**Website:**

Remember to check out our website on [www.gortanumerans.ie](http://www.gortanumerans.ie) for regular updates.



*We hope you & your families have a very Happy Easter  
from all in Scoil Mhuire NS, Gortanumera*

## Easter Bunny Word Search

Can you find these words:

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EGGS

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