

SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE

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New Students

Our new Junior Infants for 2019-20 visited the school this month.

We look forward to welcoming the children when we return to school after the summer break. They are:

Caolán Agnew, Ellen Agnew, Violet Butler, Lucy Cluskey, Kai Crawley, Zack Cruise Crosbie, Tomás Fee, Seán Fegan, Jack Gernon, Adam Griffin, Cali Heffernan, Ella Heffernan, Ella-Rose Looney, James Madden, Sarah McCreesh, Harry McElroy, Sienna McFadden, Amelia McGuill, Michael Mulholland, Conall Ó Máirtín, Malachy Óg O'Rourke, Ava Rose Rafferty, Logan Scales, Brendan Short, Katie Woods

We will also welcome Daire Foley and Niamh Lawrence to 5th Class!

Sports Evening

Our annual Sports Evening on June 11th was a great success. Many thanks to Adrian and Jennifer Conlon of 'The Brew Crew' who provided refreshments on the night and donated the proceeds of **€255.75** which contributed towards the cost of the sound system and medals.

A total of **€315** was raised at the HB Ice cream Down Syndrome Ireland event. Thank you to Ciara Tennyson and all who helped out.

5th Class Fun Day

5th class, using their profits raised through the sale of their 'Party in a Pot' for their Junior Entrepreneur Programme, hosted a 'Fun Day' in school on Tuesday 25th June. Well done to 5th Class and their teacher Mrs Kelly for organising this event.

Sophie Lynch

You may have spotted Sophie Lynch in 3rd Class in local newspapers recently. She and her sister Emma, a past-pupil, have taken to the streets armed with litter pickers and black bags in an effort to clean up their community. They are now considering the idea of organising a monthly community litter clean-up. Sophie, we are so proud of you and of Emma!



Attendance Medals

Attendance medals will be awarded on the last day of term. Gold medals will be presented to those who missed no days, while those who missed 1-2 days will receive silver medals. Congratulations!



STEM Award

We are so proud to be one of the first schools in Ireland to receive a Badge of Excellence from the Science Foundation Ireland for all of the excellent STEM teaching and learning that happens in our school.



Ambulance Visit

Thank you to Edel Gorman who organised a visit from the Ambulance Team this month. Each class was able to see the inside of the ambulance and find out about the important work of the emergency responders.

Marty's Tea Party

A celebratory tea party was held on Wednesday 5th June in celebration and in recognition of the artist **Marty Tracey**, mother of Isabelle in 6th Class.

Marty volunteered her time and talents on many projects over the years, including the Myths and Legends Outdoor Classroom, the Dinosaur Sandpit, our Frogbog, the Science Courtyard, the Elements Courtyard, the Butterfly and Bee Garden, and others. These areas are a wonderful asset to our school and will be enjoyed for years to come. Heartfelt thanks to Marty from all of us at Scoil Mhuire gan Smál.

Summer Stars

Dundalk Library will once again run the Summer Stars Reading Adventure for children from 15th June until the end of August. Each child is invited to register free of charge at their local library and enjoy reading many books as part of the adventure during the summer holidays.

You can access fun reading activities on www.summerstars.ie or access further information at www.louthcoco.ie/libraries



Kilkerley Emmets Lá na gClub

1st-6th Classes enjoyed Lá na gClub which was held at the Emmets pitch on the 13th June.

We are proud to support our local club and would like to extend our thanks to all of the organisers.



Internet Safety

The Zeeko website has an Internet Safety Guide for parents and children. You can find out how to set safety settings, protect against cyberbullying and stranger danger, and defend against excessive internet

use. https://zeeko.ie/internet_safety_guide/

The Webwise website has eight interactive lessons available about the responsible use of the Internet and Internet safety, aimed at 7-10 year olds and their parents.



Care Programme

Our final Care Programme theme for this school year is "What Have I Learned?". This month the children had the opportunity to reflect on the nine previous modules and to discuss how they are using what they have learned in everyday life at home and at school.

KiVa Programme

The launch of the KiVa Anti-Bullying Initiative in our school will take place in September. There will also be a **Parents Information Evening** which will take place on **4th September**.



Dates for your Diaries

School will be closed on **25th September** 2019 to facilitate a Primary language Curriculum Day. Our annual sponsored walk is scheduled to take place on Saturday **28th September**.

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And finally, we wish our 6th class of 2019 every joy and blessing as they head into secondary school. We know you have bright futures ahead of you.

We celebrated this wonderful group of children at a special Graduation Mass with Fr Gerry on Wednesday 19th June:

Josh Aspin-Dermody

Cillian Clarke

Mia Clarke

Christopher Conway

Holly Conroy

Mai Anh Crawford

Odhrán Fee

Muireann Harmon

Michael Kirby

Ruby Mulligan

Cian McElroy

Oisín McKeown

Stephanie Ntemuse

Andrew Rosbotham

Ellen Tumulty

Ádh mór libh!



Glen Hoey

Cathal Maguire

Devin Murphy

Brígh McEnteggart

Oran McMahon

Kate Rice

Isabelle Tracey

Naomi Winters



A special thank you to the families that are now leaving the school, they are the Clarkes, Conroys, Crawfords, McEnteggarts, McKeowns, Ntemuses, and Traceys.

You have been a great support to us over the years. We wish your family health and happiness into the future.



Wishing you all a wonderful summer break! School re-opens on **Wednesday 28th August**.

