

SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE

NEWSLETTER AUG-SEP 2019

Fáilte Romhaibh Ar Ais

We are delighted to welcome the following students to our school:



Junior Infants: 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

5th Class: Dáire Foley

Teaching Staff 2019-20

Principal—Mrs Lambert

Deputy Principal—Ms Fahy

Assistant Principal II—Mrs Donnelly

Assistant Principal II—Mrs Kelly

6th Class—Ms Condrón

5th Class—Mrs Kelly

4th Class—Mrs Halpin

3rd Class—Mr Loughran

2nd Class—Mrs Cumiskey

1st Class—Ms Mulholland (Ms O'Hanrahan currently on maternity leave)

Senior Infants—Mrs Curran-Butler

Junior Infants—Ms Tansey

SET—Mrs Donnelly, Ms Fahy Mrs Johnston

Inclusion Support Assistants —Mrs Cath Turnbull, Mrs Sarah Mulligan



Annual Family Sponsored Walk

We had a great turn-out for our annual family walk this year which took place on **Saturday 28th September**. Thank you to all who attended.



Please return your sponsorship cards as soon as possible.

New Sensory Path

You may have seen a short video on our Twitter feed showing our new sensory path, donated and installed by Vicky McGauley and Anita Ramsbottom. Sincere thanks to Vicky and Anita for this lovely addition to our school environment.



Mud Kitchen



Thank you to William Butler, father of Violet in Junior Infants for building our fabulous new Mud Kitchen. Having a mud kitchen in our developing Forest School means children can work together and get creative with mud whilst responding to the natural resources around them such as the leaves, seeds, grass, wood, berries, grass and water. Planning, collaborating, creating, problem-solving and turn-taking; these small steps are our future architects, artists and scientists in training.

Parents Association Flag Day

Thank you to all who organised and volunteered for our Parents Association Flag Day held on 13th September. A fantastic sum of €2,745.38 was raised.



Parents Association AGM

The Parents Association AGM was held on Tuesday 3rd September. Thank you to all who gave up your time to attend. The following officers were elected:

Chairperson: *Fionnuala Cunningham*

Vice-Chairperson: *Leona Burgess*

Secretary: *Gemma Browne* and

Treasurer: *Nicola McElroy*

Thank you for volunteering and we wish you the very best in your new roles.

Thank you to our outgoing Chairperson Gillian McEntegart, our outgoing Secretary Vicky McGauley, and our outgoing Treasurer Deirdre McBennett.

Please make an effort to attend the PA meetings. A thriving Parents Association is vital for our school. We fully appreciate all those who lend a hand with our Parents Association activities throughout the year.

Reminder of School

Procedures:

We would like to take the opportunity to remind you of school procedures.



- **Absences**

All absences need to be noted in your child's homework diary from 1st-6th and a via a note to teacher in Infants.

- **Leaving School during the day**

Please come to the front door and sign your child out if s/he has to leave school during the day. It is also important to sign your child back in.

- **Roll Call**

Children arriving at school later than 10:30am will be marked absent on our system, but will still be counted for attendance when giving out medals in June. No days missed merits a gold medal, and 1-2 days missed merits a silver medal.

- **Nut Free Zone**

Nuts and peanut butter are not allowed at school due to the number of children with allergies.



Sports

This term, 3rd-6th classes are enjoying 8 weeks of tennis coaching. Junior Infants-2nd class will have 8 weeks of tennis in May/June 2020.



Our girls and boys football teams already have a few games under their belts in the inter-schools competitions. Well done to all of the children and to Ms Fahy, Mr Loughran and Tommy Kirk our caretaker.

After School Activities

Mondays—**Music** with Lisa Knox-Kelly of Musical in the GP Room (2-3pm for Infants and 3-4pm for older children) contact Lisa 087-6764118



Thursdays—**Speech & Drama** with Caoimhe Duffy in the GP Room (2-3pm for Infants and 3-4pm for older children) contact Caoimhe 086-0673678

Fridays—**Art** with Fergus Maguire in the Community Centre (2-3pm for Infants and 3-4pm for older children) contact Fergus 086-0559760

Student Council

We welcome our new Student Council who have been elected by their classmates to represent them. They are:

3rd Class: *Cain Murtagh*
Karly Ryder

4th Class: *Oisín McGee*
Zoë Corrigan

5th Class: *Dáire Foley*
Isibeál McGuinness

6th Class: *Tadhg Fitzgerald*
Aoibheann Kirby



2nd Class Enrolment Ceremony



Mrs Cumiskey's 2nd class are preparing for their enrolment ceremony on **Sunday 6th October** which will be incorporated into 10am Sunday Mass. Please make an effort to attend this mass to wish the children well in preparing for the sacrament of First Holy Communion on **23rd May** next year.

Fire Safety Programme

Louth County Fire and Rescue Service visited our 3rd class on Friday 20th Septmeber. Every child received a "Safety Team" pack. Kevin Cormican (Abbi's Dad) and Paul McEaney delivered the fire safety message in a fun and interactive way. Thank you to Kevin and Paul for the visit.



Visit from David Gough



On Friday 27th September, we were delighted to be visited by sporting legend, David Gough, who refereed the first All Ireland Senior Football Final game this year between Kerry and Dublin. David spoke to the children from 1st-6th classes at a special assembly where he answered their questions and gave them an insight into what it is like to referee an All Ireland final. He even had time to referee a few mini-games! Huge thanks to David for his visit.

Labels on Uniforms

A reminder to please label your child's uniform and other items **clearly**. Already we have a number of jumpers and coats with no identifiable labels!

New Chaplain

We welcome Fr Brian Mac Raois back as our new chaplain. We are blessed to have both Fr Gerry and Fr Brian supporting our school.