

## April Newsletter 2018

We would like to update you on what's been happening in Gowran N.S.



Our annual school walk took place on Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> and a whopping €5,250 was raised. A sincere thank you to all the families and friends who contributed. We greatly appreciate your generous support at this time every year. A special word of thanks to the parents from the Gowran Athletic Club who provided refreshments on the day. So far, €1500 has been spent on Maths equipment and equipment for the Aistear programme in the infant classes.



### ACTIVE WEEK



Active School Week will take place from April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>. We are all looking forward to donning our tracksuits and engaging in lots of

activities throughout the week. Many thanks to the staff whose enthusiastic participation and organisation enable such activities to take place.

### Poetry Award

Congratulations to Finn Butler in 4<sup>th</sup> class who was a winner in the Kilkenny Education Centre 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Poetry Competition. Finn received his prize at a ceremony in the Watershed on April 26<sup>th</sup>.



### Scríobh Leabhar Project

Cómhghairdeas to all the pupils in 3<sup>rd</sup> class who recently participated in the Scríobh Leabhar project run by the Kilkenny Education Centre. They worked in groups, writing and illustrating stories "as gaeilge". These were then swapped with another school's stories and were read and rated by the children before they were returned. Each child received a certificate and a lovely pencil case for taking part and a lucky group of pupils from the class were chosen to represent their class at the awards ceremony on April 26<sup>th</sup> in the Watershed.



### Spelling Bee

Well done to Shane Simpson from 6<sup>th</sup> class who represented our school with distinction in the regional final of the annual Spelling Bee competition on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

### FAI Soccer Blitz

The pupils from 4<sup>th</sup> class recently participated enthusiastically in the FAI Soccer Blitz for Primary Schools which was held in Thomastown. Competition was tough with each team playing three matches. A great day was had by all involved.



### First Communion

The 31 pupils in First Class are busy with their teacher Ms. Nolan preparing to receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

We hope they have a lovely day with their families.

### UNIFORM

**N.B.** For Active Week and the remainder of the summer term, the children may wear their **school tracksuit** and white/ grey **polo shirt** throughout the week. Should the weather become very warm, **dark coloured shorts ( NOT GAA shorts or denim or beach shorts please ) with the polo shirt** are acceptable. We must insist, as stated in the School Uniform Policy, that the school tracksuit as described above is adhered to:

- **No sports jerseys of any kind**
- T-shirts with logos/ messages are **not** allowed
- **Plain navy tracksuit bottoms** without logos or stripes must be worn. These are readily available in local chain stores and much less costly than the branded pants being worn currently by many pupils.

*We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.*

### Collection at 2pm and 3pm

In the interest of Child Protection and Health and Safety, please do not enter the school grounds to collect your child before the time. This can be very distracting for the pupils indoors and can disrupt classes who are timetabled to do PE outdoors at that time. We would also appreciate your cooperation in leaving the school grounds promptly after collecting your child for the same reason.

Thank you.



### SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Please see separate attachment for activities during May and June, including details of school tours.**