

DECEMBER DIARY 2015

The following are a few reminders of what's happening in the run up to Christmas.



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

11am - Santa Walk: All the pupils will don their Santa hats and walk up the village to the fountain (weather permitting). Come out and give us a wave if you see us passing by!

1pm - Santa is returning on his sleigh to visit Gowran. Once again, this is in aid of Temple Street Children's Hospital so we invite each family to donate €2 to this worthy cause. Each class will get to meet Santa and parents will have an opportunity to take photographs if they wish. All are welcome!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

Presentation of our national flag by members of the defence forces to commemorate 1916.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18TH 9.45.am

– Junior Infant Nativity in the school hall

10.45 am – Senior Infant Nativity

1.00pm – Carol Service with 1st – 6th classes in church

You are free to take your children home, if you wish, after any of these events, but please inform the class teacher on the day. School will remain open until 3pm as normal.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

School closes for the holidays at 12.30pm.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARDS

A sincere thank you to all who ordered cards. We hope you will enjoy sending them to friends and family. The venture will raise approximately €800 for school funds.

Finally, we wish you and your family a Happy Christmas from all the staff of Gowran N.S.

Don't forget! We return on Wednesday, January 6th 2016.





ROINN B GAELIC WINNERS!

Well done to the school's Ladies Gaelic Football Team who had a great victory over Piltown in the Roinn 'B' Final recently. The girls were beaten earlier in the League by this strong Piltown team, but came out on top in the Championship after a huge performance! Captain Sarah O' Donnell accepted the cup on behalf of the team and all enjoyed a well deserved trip to McDonald's afterwards. Well done girls! A sincere thank you to Ms. Miriam O' Keeffe and Ms. Emma Hayes who coached the team.



On December 2nd the pupils from 4th, 5th and 6th classes participated in an interactive workshop dealing with cyberbullying and internet safety. Ger Brick, a former computer engineer

with Microsoft, made the children aware of the dangers involved in the online world and gave them valuable tips on how to stay safe. In conjunction with this, a talk for parents was held that evening which those present found very helpful and informative. It was a pity there weren't more parents in attendance for this very important topic. Ger has kindly provided a link in the Parentzone on the website for those who would like to view or download the material covered. This is password protected so if you would like to access it, please ring Nuala for the password. The link will remain active for approximately three weeks.



SKIP-HOP

Lee Collinson James from Skip-Hop recently visited Gowran N.S. for a fun filled day of skipping. The children were busy learning lots of new skipping techniques throughout the day including individual skipping skills, partner skipping skills, double dutch skipping and long rope games. We all

had a very enjoyable day and got to see many children show off their skills in a whole school demonstration at the end of the day.

Check out the Active Flag section in Schoolzone on our website for photographs!

HEADLICE

Unfortunately, we have been informed by parents that headlice again appear to be a problem in several classes. Please check your child's hair immediately and treat if necessary. Your pharmacist will advise on appropriate products.

We would appreciate your cooperation in this matter as it is only going to be resolved when all the children infected are treated at the same time.