

## *February 2016 Newsletter*

### *Congratulations!*

Well done to the pupils from First Class whose project about 1916 was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in their category of the "Decade of Commemoration History Project" run by the Kilkenny Education Centre. Representatives of the class will receive the prize in an Awards Ceremony in County Hall on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Well done also to Luke Phelan from Fourth Class who was selected as one of the Education Centre winners for his entry to the All Ireland 2016 Art Competition. Luke will receive his prize at the same event.

### *Credit Union quiz*

Four Gowran teams participated in this year's local Credit Union Table Quiz which was held on Saturday, January 30th. One of our U13 teams took 1st place. We wish Brogan, Jimmy, Julia and Alicia the best of luck as they proceed shortly to the regional finals.



### *Parents' Association*

#### *"Come Dine with Scoil Mhuire"*

A fantastic night was enjoyed by all at this recent fundraiser. A huge thank you to the organising committee for their considerable effort and to all who attended, donated or sponsored items for the raffle and auction. We are extremely grateful for the huge support from our local community and the children will benefit directly from the proceeds which are in excess of €5000!

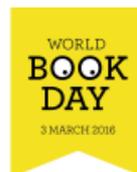
#### *Parents' Association Cake Sale*



Many thanks to all who organised, baked and bought the delicious fare at the recent P.A Valentine's cake sale. There wasn't a crumb left on the day but the children were happy!



#### *Annual Book Fair*



As part of World Book Week, our annual Book Fair will take place with a display from Khan's Bookshop on

Tuesday, March 8th from 2pm to 3pm and all day Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. You will have an opportunity to browse and buy great value books with your child.

Remember that a large percentage of the money spent is returned, in books, to the school, so everyone benefits. In addition, all classes will enjoy visiting Dubray Bookshop throughout the week to meet visiting authors and partake in many school book-related activities including dressing up as characters from books on World Book Day, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### *Hurling and Camogie*



It's that time of the year when the boys and girls are taking to the field again in preparation for this season's matches. Hopefully the weather will improve as training schedules get underway. A sincere thank you to the teachers and the volunteers from our local clubs, without whom these activities could not take place.

**N.B. In the interest of safety, pupils can only play hurling during organised training times and helmets must be worn at all times.**

### *Early Collection Arrangements*

We would like to remind you if you are collecting children early for any reason e.g. a dental appointment, please call to the office and sign them out before calling to the classroom. (This will not apply to pupils leaving early on match days.)

Also, if you need to call to the school during class time, please communicate with Nuala first and, if necessary, she will contact the class teacher for you. Similarly, if your child has forgotten lunch, gearbag etc. please leave it with Nuala in the office and she will see that they get it. We would really appreciate your co-operation in order to minimise disruption during the school day.

**TUSLA**

An Ghníomhaireacht um  
Leanaí agus an Teaghlach  
Child and Family Agency

*Tusla* ( The Child Welfare Agency )

As you know we are bound by law to report absences totalling 20 days

or more to Tusla. It is important that you inform the class teacher in writing of any absences and the reason why. A note in the pupil's Homework Diary is sufficient. Also please let us know in advance if your child will be arriving late. Otherwise, due to the new electronic roll system, your child will be marked absent for that day.

### **Dates for your diary:**

Gowran Pantomime, Rapunzel, begins on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

Parents' Association Clothes Collection – Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

**Midterm Break** - The school will be closed on Thursday and Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

**General Election** – The school will be closed on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

Sacrament of Reconciliation for 2<sup>nd</sup> Class – Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

Khan's Book Fair – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> of March

Proclamation Day – Raising the tricolour and Céilí Mór – Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

Easter Holidays – Closing Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Re-opening Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

May 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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**N.B.** There is a change in the calendar for May/ June. **The school will be closed on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> and open on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.** This is to facilitate the wedding of a staff member.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.