

January Newsletter 2017

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

Enrolment Sept 2017



Those who have applied to enrol for the school year 2017/2018 will shortly receive a letter confirming enrolment. If you have a child who is eligible to start school this September and haven't yet enrolled or know of a child locally, please submit your application immediately.



5th and 6th classes are busy preparing for their upcoming Confirmation on March 5th. Both classes will shortly be attending a retreat in St. Mary's Cathedral Chapter House with Fr. Brian Griffin and are about to begin a series of group meetings as part of the "You shall be my Witness" parish preparation programme on four Tuesday nights. A sincere thank you to the twelve parents who volunteered to be leaders of the programme and who will be working in pairs with small groups of children each night. We hope the experience will prove to be a positive one for all involved.

**Catholic
Schools
Week**



School Mass:

This year's theme for Catholic Schools Week is *Catholic Schools: Learning with Pope Francis to Care for Our Common Home*

. As part of our activities, a school mass will take place on Thursday, February 2nd at 1pm. Parents, grandparents and parishioners are most welcome to attend. You are free to take your children home after mass if you wish, but please inform the class teacher on the day. School will remain open until 3pm as normal.

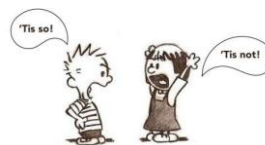


Internet Safety Day - February 7th

Internet Safety - As part of the SPHE curriculum, the children from 1st to 6th classes will shortly be taught lessons from the Webwise Primary School Programme which is about safe and responsible use of the internet. You might take this opportunity to discuss the issue with your child as we try to help our children develop the skills to become independent, effective and safe users of the internet for life. There are excellent resources for parents on www.saferinternetday.ie Further information for parents available on www.webwise.ie

Credit Union Quiz

Best wishes to our Junior (U 11) and Senior (U13) quiz teams who will compete in this annual event in Goresbridge on Saturday, January 28th at 4pm.



Concern Primary School Debating Competition

Having won their second round against Mullinavat N.S., our 6th class team are now preparing for Round 3 against Scoil Móin

Ruadh, Hugginstown in February. They will be opposing the motion that, " *Child Labour is a Necessity of Life in the Developing World*". We have been taking part in this competition since its inception five years ago and the children's debating skills are going from strength to strength. We wish the pupils and their teacher the best of luck going forward!



Board of Management Reminder:

Many children are dropped off at the school well before 9.20am, some as early as 8.45 am. The Board of Management or staff members do not accept responsibility for the supervision of these children before 9.20am, neither are the staff responsible for children outside the school at the end of the school day. Please remember also that it is the responsibility of the adult who brings or collects a child by car, to personally see the child safely inside the school gates in the morning and back to the car in the afternoon.



Children staying indoors:

Children must have a note requesting permission to stay indoors at playtime. If your child has an injury or is recovering from a severe illness we are happy to let them stay inside. However, supervising a large number of pupils indoors is not an option so if a child simply has a cold, we would encourage them to put on coats and hats and get some fresh air. If you consider your child unable to join his or her friends outdoors, perhaps they aren't fit for school and need to remain at home a little longer. Many thanks for your cooperation.



Dates for your diary:

Catholic Schools Week

January 29th to Feb 3rd, Mass on Thurs, Feb 2nd at 1pm

Midterm Break

Thursday and Friday, February 23rd and 24th

Sacrament of First Penance

Wednesday, March 15th

Annual Book Fair

Thurs, March 9th and Friday, March 10th