

## June Newsletter 2016

### ROINN B and COUNTRY CUP HURLING



#### CHAMPIONS 2016!

After a fantastic display by the school's hurling team in the Roinn B hurling final, Gowran NS came out on top on a scoreline of Gowran 3-9 to Graigue Ballycallan's 1-05. Gowran's Patrick Langton graciously accepted the trophy on behalf of his team-mates. This victory was followed by a superb performance in the Country Cup final where they emerged winners against a strong Graignamanagh/Skeogh side. Well done to teachers Ms. Murphy, Mrs. O' Loughlin, and Mr. O' Gorman along with parents Ciarán Phelan and Martin Carey who helped make history on the double this year!



### CAMOGIE SHIELD WINNERS

Well done to the school's camogie team who beat Urlingford in the shield final. The girls put in a gallant effort to overcome a strong Urlingford team who had beaten them earlier in the league. Joint captains Mollie Hennessy and Méabh O'Neill accepted the plaque on behalf of the school team. A huge thank you to volunteer parents Ursula Brennan and Sinéad Keating for training the team throughout the term.



### MINI-LEAGUE FINALS

The school's mini-league finals were held on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. The girls' final was contested by Peig Keating's team vs Emma Farrell with Peig's team proving the stronger on the day. Many thanks to Ms. Miriam O' Keeffe who organised the camogie league.

The boy's final was a hotly contested affair with David Drennan's team emerging victorious over Brogan McAviney's on the day. Well done to all the players who didn't let the thundery downpours affect the standard of hurling.

### TENNIS

Mrs. Joan Kennedy recently ran a very competitive tennis league in which pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> took part. Callum Lee and Max Simpson played Andrew Corbett and CJ Delaney Tobin in the final with Andrew and CJ winning out on the day.





### **COMHAIRLE NA nÓG**

Congratulations to 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils Brogan McAviney and Charlie Fitzgerald who represented our school this year on the Kilkenny Comhairle na nÓg. Comhairle na nÓg are local youth councils which give children and young people the opportunity to be involved in the development of local services and policies. The focus of Kilkenny Comhairle for 2016 was on youth friendly spaces: meeting spaces for young people in rural areas, and the lack of youth groups, public space, parks and walk ways. Brogan recently attended a function at Áras an Uachtarán at which the President acknowledged the commitment and enthusiasm of our young people for getting involved.

**WATERSHED SWIMMING GALA** The country schools swimming gala took place in the Watershed on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Well done to the boys and girls who participated from Gowran NS.

### **SCHOOL WALK**

Our annual school walk took place on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and €5,130 was raised. A sincere thank you to all the families and friends who contributed. Some fencing has been erected for safety between the school yard and the community hall at a cost of €1350 and the remainder of this money will go towards

other necessary projects as they arise. We greatly appreciate your support at this time every year.

### **FIRST COMMUNION**

Congratulations to the 23 boys and girls in Second Class who made their First Communion on a sunny Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. It was a lovely, family occasion, greatly added to by the beautiful singing from the choir with Deirdre and Paul. Many thanks to them and to Claire Delaney, to the Parents' committee who organised the masses throughout the year, to Nuala for preparing the mass booklet and above all, to Mrs. O' Loughlin who had the children so well prepared for the day.

### **GOWRAN JUNIOR ENTREPRENEUR PROJECT**

A very successful regional showcase event took place on May 13<sup>th</sup> in Lyrath Hotel, when the pupils from 6<sup>th</sup> class displayed the two products they had successfully made and marketed, personalised mugs and "Gowran's Gourmet Recipe Book". The organisers were very impressed and the children got the opportunity to visit the stalls of participants from other schools in the region. From their profits, the children are celebrating with a Fun Day in their final week. They are also generously making donations to the school, the Day Care Centre and a number of charities of their choice. It's good to see that, along with acquiring valuable entrepreneurial skills, they are also learning about contributing to their community. Well done to all concerned, in particular Mrs. Olivia O' Keffe and Mr. Derek O'Gorman for undertaking the project.



**SCHOOL BOOKLISTS** these have now been issued and will also be available on the website.



**SUMMER READING CHALLENGE** – Why not visit your local library and encourage your child to take up ‘Be a Summer Star’ reading challenge from July 1<sup>st</sup> to Aug 20th , to develop their reading skills in an enjoyable way! See [www.kilkennylibrary.ie](http://www.kilkennylibrary.ie) for more details.

Finally, a sincere thank you for your co-operation during what has been another very successful year for Gowran N.S. We hope you all have a lovely holiday.



**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS** - School closes on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 12.30 and re-opens on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.



We would like to congratulate Ms .Máire Reddy on her recent marriage and Ms. Laureena Murphy on her forthcoming wedding. We wish them both the very best for the future.