

June Newsletter 2017

Here is the latest update on what's been happening in Gowran N.S.

FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to the 32 boys and girls in Second Class who made their First Communion on Sunday, May 14th. It was a lovely, family occasion, greatly added to by the beautiful singing from the choir who were prepared by 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 and who had the children so well prepared for the day.



FÍS FILM PROJECT 5th class recently finished the filming of their blockbuster movie, '*Stranded*'. On Thursday 25th May they attended a showcase event at the Set Theatre in Kilkenny organised by Kilkenny Education Centre, to watch films created and produced by other schools as well as their own. Afterwards, a special guest from Young Irish Film Makers presented each school with their award and all the children received goodie bags. All classes have since enjoyed a viewing of the film and the pupils involved will take home a copy to entertain their families. Well done to the children who participated in this fantastic project and to Ms. Miriam O'Keefe for her expertise and patience!

GOWRAN JUNIOR ENTREPRENEUR PROJECT



A very successful showcase event took place on June 1st when the pupils from 6th class displayed two products for sale, personalised baseball caps and keyrings. From their profits, the children are celebrating with a Fun Day in their final week. They are also generously donating to charities of their choice and the school and funding a fun activity for the younger classes. It's good to see that, along with acquiring valuable entrepreneurial skills, they are also learning about contributing to others. Well done to all concerned, in particular Ms. Una Mulryan and our SNA Bridget for undertaking the project and a huge thank you to all in the community who supported the venture.



DEBATING REGIONAL FINAL WINNERS!

Our debating team had a wonderful victory in the Kilkenny area of the Concern Primary

Debating competition against Askea N.S. from Carlow. They successfully proposed the motion that, "Animal testing is a necessary evil". They followed this by representing Kilkenny in the regional final vs. Dunmore East where they were unlucky in opposing the mention that, "Water charges should be re-introduced in Ireland." Many thanks to the children for their hard work and commitment and to Ms. Mulryan who mentored them throughout the competition.

SCHOOL BOOKLISTS – these have now been issued.

SCHOOL REPORTS – These will be issued during the final week.

School Sports Day takes place on Thursday at 12 pm sharp. We are very grateful to the Parent's Association volunteers who, once again, will provide fruit and drinks on the day. The children have been practising and we are all looking forward to a very

enjoyable occasion. We hope all the mums and dads are in training for the parent egg and spoon races!



Best wishes to Ms. Emma Hayes and Mrs. Natasha O' Loughlin for the safe arrival of their new babies during the holidays.



We would also like to congratulate Ms. Una Mulryan on her forthcoming wedding. We wish her the very best for the future.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School closes on Friday, June 30th at 12.30 and re-opens on Thursday, August 31st, 2017.

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.



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Why not visit your local library and encourage your child to take up the popular **Summer Stars** Reading Adventure. Check out Binky and Zoink at your local library and join in the fun during Summer 2017!

Summer Stars is a free programme, open to all children. Each child who registers for the programme at their local library joins in the fun of reading lots of exciting books during the summer. Children will receive their own **Summer Stars Reading Card** to record their progress and the **Summer Stars Reward Stamp** will be added to their card at the library for each book read. Fun rewards will be provided along the way. At the end of the programme, all children who have participated will be invited to attend an awards event.

