

May Newsletter 2017

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



Our annual school walk took place on Friday, March 30th and a whopping €5,711 was raised. A sincere thank you to all the families and friends who contributed. We greatly appreciate your generous support at this time every year. €1000 has been spent on Maths equipment and equipment for the Aistear programme in the infant classes, a set of hurdles has been bought for athletics and a badly needed new set of jerseys for the school teams is on order. The remainder of this money will go towards new fencing to improve health and safety in the play areas.



ACTIVE WEEK



Active School Week took place from April 3rd to 7th and we had great fun with 10@10 outdoors every morning led by 6th class, followed by lots of class activities throughout the week which included running laps, doing circuits, basketball, volleyball, hurling, soccer leagues, obstacle courses etc. Many thanks to the staff whose enthusiastic participation and organisation enable such activities to take place.



CONCERN PRIMARY SCHOOL DEBATING COMPETITION

Congratulations to our 6th class team who had a very close victory in Round 4 against Moyne National School, Co. Tipperary. They successfully proposed the motion that, "Zoos should be shut down for good." They are now preparing for the semi-final of the competition on May 8th when they are opposing the motion that, "Charity begins at home." We wish Rory, Stephanie and Matthew along with their teacher Ms. Mulryan, the best of luck against The Model School from Kilkenny. Well done also to panel members Aaron, Alicia and Leanne who have acted as Chairperson and Timekeeper throughout the competition.

GOWRAN JEP Following on the amazing success of last year's project selling personalised mugs and "Gowran's Gourmet Recipe Book", the pupils of this year's Sixth Class, along with their teacher, are currently working hard on their Junior Entrepreneur Programme. They will have two products for sale, personalised caps and keyrings. They are holding a Showcase Day on Thursday, June 1st, when everyone can come and see their work.



HEADLICE:

Some parents have recently reported the occurrence of headlice and these classes have been notified. This is very disappointing following on the easter holidays when there was ample opportunity to treat any existing problem. If you haven't checked your child's hair recently, we urge you to do so now and treat if necessary.

Infant Collection at 2pm:

A growing number of infants, accompanied by younger children are remaining to play in the school grounds at 2 o'clock. This can be very distracting for the pupils indoors and disrupt classes who are timetabled to do PE at that time. It is also a health and safety concern. We would appreciate your cooperation in leaving the school grounds promptly after collecting your child.

Thank you.



USE OF MOBILE PHONES

Unless it's absolutely necessary for contact after school, please ask your child to leave the phone at home. If they have to bring it, it must be turned off before entering the school grounds, handed up to the teacher and not turned back on until they leave the school grounds in the evening. Using the camera on the phone to video or take photographs of other pupils is completely prohibited. Prevention of opportunities to cyber bully is in all our interests so we strongly ask for your co-operation in this matter during the remaining weeks of the term.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

N.B. Please see the sheet attached for the important dates for the remainder of the year and for school tour information.

UNIFORM

N.B. For the remainder of the summer term, the children may wear their **school tracksuit** and white/grey **polo shirt** throughout the week. Should the weather become very warm, **dark coloured shorts (NOT GAA shorts or denim or beach shorts please) with the polo shirt** are acceptable. We must insist, as stated in the School Uniform Policy, that the school tracksuit as described above is adhered to:

- **No sports jerseys of any kind**
- T-shirts with logos/ messages are **not** allowed
- **Plain navy tracksuit bottoms** without logos or stripes must be worn. These are readily available in local chain stores and much less costly than the branded pants being worn currently by many pupils.

We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.