

November 2018 Newsletter

ENROLMENT

We are currently taking applications for enrolment for the school year September 2019. Application forms are available from the school office or to download from the school website.

Please read the school Enrolment Policy on our website and submit completed application forms by December 14th. Also, if you are aware of a child who hasn't siblings in the school already, perhaps you would let the family know. We appreciate your co-operation in this important matter.

PARENT'S ASSOCIATION (P.A.)

A representative of the National Parents Council will speak at an information meeting on **Wednesday, November 21st at 7pm.** She will explain the role of a P.A. in the school community and assist in setting one up. **All are welcome.**

We are indebted to members of past parent associations whose effort and commitment contributed greatly to school life. However, as you may be aware, we currently do not have an association.

All parents are automatically members of the P.A. but like any organisation, a committee is needed to steer activities. Many thanks to the parents who have expressed interest in participating in a P.A. committee. While you may not have time to be part of a committee, you may be able to volunteer your time or expertise at certain times throughout the year.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION PROGRESS

Plans for our extra classroom extension have now been completed by Gittens Murray Architects and the Board of Management has applied for planning permission.



HOPE FOUNDATION Once again the response to the appeal from the Hope Foundation resulted in one hundred and twenty shoeboxes being donated. These are now on their way to bring a little joy to less fortunate children in war torn countries. A sincere thank you to all the families who participated.



FRIENDSHIP WEEK Next week, as part of our Anti- Bullying policy, all classes will participate in friendship promoting activities.

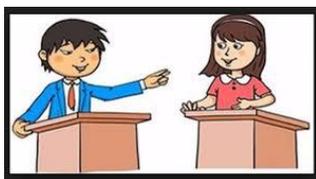


SPORT The boys and girls gaelic football competitions are drawing to a close after a busy season. The boys are through to the final of the Roinn B competition vs. Tullogher, following a close encounter with Muckalee in the North final on Nov 14th. The popular mini- leagues are in full swing with pupils from 3rd to 6th class involved. Many thanks to our dedicated teachers who volunteer their time to train and attend matches and, without whom, these activities could not take place.



As our 5K Fit training for the Stook run is nearing completion, we wish all participants, young and old, the best of luck for Sunday. Thanks again to the Gowran Athletic Club for providing the training plan to promote health and fitness in our community.

PRIMARY SCHOOL DEBATING



This year's competition continues with the 6th class team busy preparing for their outing vs. Rahealty NS, Thurles, where they are proposing the motion. "Today's children will inherit a better world."

SCHOOL CALENDAR FUNDRAISER



Don't forget to order our school calendar for 2019 which will have a photograph of each class, one per month, along with important dates for the school year. These will be on sale by the end of November at a cost of €10. A huge thank you to parent Michelle Ryan who has given so generously of her time to take the photographs. Thanks again to the local businesses and clubs whose advertising sponsorship will help defray the printing costs.

EMAIL/ MOBILE NUMBER

Please make sure we have an active email address and mobile number for you to receive newsletters, texts etc. Please keep us updated on any changes.

OCTOBER PUPIL OF THE MONTH AWARDS



Missing from the photograph is Eoghan Matthews from 1st class

December Diary



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

11am - Santa Walk through the village
(weather permitting)

1pm - Santa is returning on his sleigh to visit
Gowran in aid of Temple Street Children's
Hospital.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

Christmas Nativity and Carol Service

As December is just around the corner, the
children have begun preparing for their
Christmas celebrations.

These will take place on **Tuesday, Dec 18th**
with the Junior and Senior Infants in the
morning at 10.30am and the older children in
the afternoon at 1pm.

Leinster Schools Swimming Championships 2018

Congratulations to our 3rd class pupil who won
a silver medal in the 50m butterfly in the
Leinster Schools Swimming Championships at
the National Aquatic Centre, Dublin on
Sunday 21st October. He finished 6th in his
backstroke competition. Well done also to
Orlaith Carroll in 2nd class and Oran McCullagh
in 4th class who competed on the
day. Conor will represent Gowran NS in the
butterfly and backstroke at the All Ireland
School Swimming Competitions at the
National Aquatic Centre next February. We
wish him the best of luck in his preparations
for this prestigious competition

