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Newsletter October 2018

Dear Parents,

The Halloween break is approaching and pupils and staff are beginning to engage with the seasonal activities that occur at this time. Pupils need to be reminded of the need to be safety conscious when out and about during Halloween and the winter period.

Ipad training: We had fantastic training on our iPads last week. We started with an after school session for teachers on Thursday and then on Friday @TeachTechJamie from Wriggle and his colleague Sean came and taught a variety of classes using the iPads so that they could be seen in action. Here are some pictures from the day, don't forget you can also follow us on Twitter @kinvarans We thank Jamie & Sean for the training with all the staff and all the pupils in the school.

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Camogie

Member of our camogie panel recently participated in the Cumman na mBunscol Mini 7s competition, which took place in Kinvara this year. The team on the day was; Aoibhín O'Donoghue, Clíona Byrne, Chloe O' Grady, Siobhan Geaney, Naoise Flatley, Riona O'Donoghue, Lucy Piggott, Michaela Magnetti, Sunny Fahey and Ava Kilkelly.

Our first match was against Kiltartan N.S and the girls came out fighting. An early goal from Ava Kilkelly gave us a great start with a long range point from Naoise Flatley giving the girls a comfortable lead at half time. Our pairing of Chloe and Cliona in the backs proved a very strong combination and our forwards clocked up two early scores in the second half. Naoise scored another great goal followed closely after by a goal from Siobhan Geaney. Lucy Piggott finished out the game for us with two excellent points.

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The girls didn't stop there, a superb performance in our second match against Lurga N.S ended on a score line of 3-1 to 1-0. Aoibhín had an excellent performance in goals for this game and was helped out by strong performances from Michaela, Riona and Sunny.

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Having topped our group we now faced a very strong Kiltiernan N.S in the final. We were dealt an early blow in this game when a goal slipped in but the girls rallied to hold off Kiltiernan for much of the game. Unfortunately following an injury on our team the girls were beaten by a very strong side. The girls had a great day and look forward to our next camogie match.

(Missing from photo; Siobhán Geaney)



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Garda 7's Tournament

On Friday 19th of October our school played in the annual Garda 7's Tournament in Gort. This Tournament invites all of the schools in the Gort Area to enter one team of 10 players. It was an excellent day and the students represented themselves and the school especially well. With 16 teams it was a great opportunity for students to lead themselves and all the students showed a great level of independence.

The team had a tough group, but they played with a positive attitude and work ethic as they always do.

We won all of the games in our group defeating Northampton, Gort and a very tough battle against a formidable Craughwell team.

All of the boys worked hard and displayed wonderful sportsmanship throughout.

We were now through to the semi-final against our neighbours and always tough adversaries Labane. Once more our team were very resilient and fought all the way to end to overcome a very strong Labane Team.

We were through to the final after a very tough passage to get there. Our boys fought all the way to the end but were beaten by a better team on the day. Congratulations to Killeeneen on their victory.

Our boys can be proud of all of their efforts and were a pleasure to coach.

Thanks to the Gardai in Gort for organising this wonderful event. I'm sure that our boys enjoyed their day and hopefully have developed their footballing skills by playing at such a high level.

Thanks to our drivers and supporters Anne Marie Shaughnessy and Deirdre Moriarty.

Panel:

Donnacha Ward, Ciaran MacAndrew, Cian O Shaughnessy, Shane Moriarty, Luca Danjou, Charlie Conneely, Shane McDonnagh Flanagan, Pdraig Conole, Donnacha Ganly, Lucas Sheedy and Éanna Droney

Meeting with parents: The annual Parent/Teacher meetings will be held on **Wednesday 21st of November**. The parents /teacher meetings provide a great opportunity to exchange information. If there is any particular talent or interest area that your child has, please let the teacher know about it. If you have a particular concern regarding any aspect of your child's progress and wish to meet your child's teacher outside of the usual parent/teacher meeting, you are asked to contact Hilary, our school secretary, and a mutually convenient appointment will be arranged with your child's class teacher. The co-operation of parents in maintaining the appointment protocol is much appreciated. As parents will understand, it is not possible on health and safety grounds for teacher to leave their class unsupervised. Please note that the Parent teacher's meeting will commence at 2pm and last appointments are 5.30pm.

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Please note that the school will close at 1.50pm for all pupils on this day.

Meeting with the principal:

I am always happy to meet parents and to work with them in addressing any concerns they might have. However, in the best interests of everyone, I would appreciate it if parents would arrange a specific appointment through the school secretary to facilitate such a meeting. In this way all matters can be dealt with thoroughly and professionally.

Party Invitations:

I would ask parents/guardians and children to be judicious and discreet when giving out invitations to birthday parties during the school year. Some children may feel excluded when omitted and parents should not feel that they have to invite entire classes or large groups of children to these celebrations. Please give out invites outside of school. Also the school will not give out the phone numbers of parents.

Seamount Musical: This year's production is "**All Shook Up**" Thursday 15th of November in Kilcornan Community Hall. Classes from 3rd to 6th classes will attend. More about this after the midterm break.

School Fees: See below the school fees for this school year. These fees are now due at school. Online link has been emailed to all families.

Booklists from 1st to 6th classes are on the school website.

Dates to remember: Confirmation will take place on **Tuesday 12th of March 2019** in St. Joseph's Church at 11am and First Holy Communion will take place in St. Joseph's Church on **Saturday May 18th 2019 at 11.00am in St. Joseph's Church.**

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Swimming lessons for 1st class: this will commence in January for 6 weeks-more details nearer the time.

Time changing: 28 Oct 2018 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, 28 October 2018, **02:00:00** clocks are turned **backward** 1 hour to Sunday, 28 October 2018, **01:00:00** local standard time instead.

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on 28 Oct 2018 than the day before. There will be [more light in the morning](#).

[Winter Time](#) begins.

Hurling/Camogie: for all pupils in 4th class Ms Harrison Monday 5th of November- please have your gear in school with you.

Guitar Lessons: Lessons will resume on the 12th of November.

The school will reopen on Monday 5th of November.

I wish you all a happy and a safe holiday.

Is mise,

Dominic Gallagher

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