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## **Newsletter October 2017**

Dear Parents,

The Hallow'een 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 Hallowe'en and the winter period.

## **Gaelic Football Sevens**

This year's Cumann na mBunscoil Gaelic Football 7's took place in Clarinbridge in late September. We were grouped with Killeeneen, Ballindereen and Ballyglass. We played Killeeneen in our first game and lost out narrowly following a solid start. We re-grouped to produce an excellent performance in our second game against Ballindereen resulting in a comprehensive win for us. In our third game we again played some exciting and controlled football to defeat Ballyglass. However, our first match loss to Killeeneen consigned us to the runners-up position in our group. Our panel for the day was: Dylan Corcoran, Luca Danjou, Shane Moriarty, Osgar Dunford, Matthew Meares, Pdraig Conole, Stephen Connolly, Oisín Keegan, Donnacha Ward, Jamie Molloy, Charlie Conneely and Cian O'Shaughnessy.

## **Hurling Sevens**

Our hurling sevens panel travelled to Clarinbridge in early October to participate in the annual Cumann na mBunscoil Sevens. Our group comprised of teams from Northampton, Ballyglass and Ballindereen. We played Ballindereen in our first game and produced some excellent passages of play to win by five points. Our next game was against Ballyglass and our boys again played very well to win comfortably. In our final group game we came up against near neighbours

Northampton. This was a closely contested game with very little between the teams. Our boys kept their composure to eek out a three point victory. This qualified us for the final against Labane. This again was a close run affair with both teams having spells of dominance. Labane led by the minimum at half time but St. Joseph's persisted and gained parity as the game entered the dying minutes. However, a long clearance by the Labane goalkeeper was doubled on and ended up in the back of the Kinvara net to secure a narrow victory for Labane. Our boys played very well on

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the day and with a little bit more fortune could have won the competition outright. Our panel on the day was: Dara Burke, Luca Danjou, Donnacha Ward, Matthew Meares, Osgar Dunford, Pdraig Conole, Donnacha Ganly, Stephen Connolly, Shane Moriarty, Shane McDonagh, Cian O'Shaughnessy, Dylan Corcoran, Charlie Connolly, Jamie Molloy.

### **Garda Sevens Gaelic Football**

On Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> October our senior sevens gaelic football team took part in the annual Garda Sevens Competition in Gort. This is a very well structured tournament and guarantees every team plenty of game time and opportunity to experience success at their own level. Tynagh provided the opposition in our first game. We settled into our stride very quickly in this game and built up a healthy lead by half time. The second half afforded us the opportunity to introduce a number of substitutes and these boys also stood up to the plate to play extremely well. In our second game we were pitted against another winner, namely Kiltartan. After a tough opening, our team upped the ante and took control of the game. They defended tigerishly and attacked with abandon. In the end we ran out deserving winners. This meant that we had now qualified to play a winner from the other half of the draw. Labane were our opponents. Our senior boys really applied themselves from the off in this game and though fairly even at half time we pulled away in the second half to win with conviction. We had succeeded in reaching the 'A' final! Bullaun had been setting the world alight in the other semi-final in defeating Ballyglass after extra-time. Having watched the end of this game we restructured our line-up and every player took on board their instructions to produce a masterful performance of power, pace and skill aplenty. Though the contest was very balanced throughout, our lads exhibited that extra drive to win the game and thus the tournament outright. This was a fantastic achievement by the panel of players in question and we look forward to future gaelic football competitions later this academic year.

The panel for the day was: Dylan Corcoran, Luca Danjou, Niall O'Donoghue, Kai Hayes, Osgar Dunford, Lorcan Heavey, Jamie Gunning, Pdraig Conole, Joe Corless, Stephen Connolly, Sean Malone, Conor Martin, Shane Moriarty. We would like to thank the parents who provided transport and support on the day for all the aforementioned activities.

**Connacht School Swimming** : well done to John Durkan and Hugh O' Shaughnessy who represented the school last weekend at swimming. Both swam very well and John was just pipped at the post but Hugh will represent the school at the All Ireland Finals at another date. Well done boys!

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**Meeting with parents:** The annual Parent/Teacher meetings will be held on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> of November**. The parents /teacher meetings provide a great opportunity to exchange information. If there in 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.

**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.

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**Seamount Musical:** This year's production is "**Grease**" Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of November in Kilcornan Community Hall. Classes from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes are on the school website.**

**Dates to remember:** Confirmation will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of **March 2018** in St. Joseph's Church at 11am and First Holy Communion will take place in St. Joseph's Church on **Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 11.00am in St. Joseph's Church.**

**Time changing: 29 Oct 2017 - Daylight Saving Time Ends**

Sunday, 29 October 2017, **02:00:00** clocks are turned **backward** 1 hour to Sunday, 29 October 2017, **01:00:00** local standard time instead.

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on 29 Oct 2017 than the day before. There will be **more light in the morning.**

**Winter Time** begins.

**Hurling/Camogie:** for all pupils in 4<sup>th</sup> class Ms Harrison/Ms Purcell Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of November- please have your gear in school with you.

**Guitar Lessons:** Lessons will resume as normal after the midterm.

**Milk bottles tops:** Ms Kelly first class teacher is collecting milk top bottles for a project, please keep them if you have them and they can be dropped into the school office.

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**The school will reopen on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of November.**

I wish you all a happy and a safe holiday.

**Is mise,**

**Dominic Gallagher**