



A Thuismitheoirí agus a pháistí,
Please take some time to read our October newsletter.

Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome our new school Secretary Mrs Mary Stewart. Mary will be available in the office daily from 9.30am – 1.30pm. Also welcome back to Mrs Cathy Collins. Cathy is presently on teaching practice, in fifth and sixth class. Finally we would like to welcome Ms Caroline Walsh who is presently on teaching practice in first and second class. We wish both Cathy and Caroline well in their future careers in teaching.

Meet the Board of Management...

The Board of Management is made up of our Chairperson Fr Edward Stankard, Secretary Mrs Lorraine Burke, Treasurer Mrs Denise Campbell, Mrs Claire O' Brien, Mrs Siobhán Horkan, Mr Michael Treacy, Mr Pat McHugh and Mrs Mary Gormley.

Fun Run in Loughrea



Pictured here some of our pupils who took part in the recent Fun Run in Loughrea. Well done to all involved.

GAA

Football coaching has resumed in the Senior classes with Mr Séamus Cook. Hurling training has also resumed for the children in first and second class with Mr Kevin Molloy. Children from 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th will join the training schedule after midterm break when swimming has finished.

Mini 7's

The Mini7's Camogie competition was on the 01/10/'14. We faced Gortanumera/Moyglass in our first match and won. After that we played Brackloon and also won. We got through to the final and faced Portumna. Portumna were a very strong team and unfortunately we lost.

By Saoirse Goldrick

The boys played a Mini7's hurling blitz on the 25th of September in Moylough. Our first match was against Moylough. It was a close match but we managed to win. Next we played Ballygar, it was a tough game and it ended in a draw. After extra time we finished the job. Our next match was against Ballaghlea and we won. In the final we played Castle Fohenagh. We won by 6 points in the end.

The final will be held in Carrabane on the 9th of October.

By Cian Treacy

Parent Parking

The safety of your children is our primary concern, therefore we request that parents park safely outside the school in the designated parking areas. Please avoid blocking the school gate and staff parking in the mornings/evenings. When collecting Infants at 1.30pm, parents are requested to come to the front door to meet them. Thank you for your support and co-operation in these matters.



Swimming for Senior Classes

Swimming resumed on Tuesday 9th September in the Kingfisher Club, Ballinasloe and will run for 7 weeks until Tuesday 21st October. Children from 3rd - 6th classes are enjoying the lessons and learning a lifelong skill which will benefit them greatly for years to come.

Child Protection

In Cappataggle N.S., we value and protect every child in our care. In line with our Child Protection Policy, we have dedicated and trained staff to assist you with concerns you may have regarding the protection and welfare of any pupil.

If you wish to discuss a concern, please contact the Designated Liaison Person, Lorraine Burke, School Principal, or the Deputy Designated Liaison Person, Carmel Coen, Deputy Principal.

Green Schools - Lenrec Recycling 9.10.'14

Clothes Recycling Drive: A new & used clothing collection will take place in Cappy NS on Thursday Oct 9th 2014.

All donations of clothing, shoes, handbags, textiles, stuffed toys etc. in large plastic bags will be gratefully accepted at the school door up to the morning of Thursday 9th. Old mobile phones in separate bags will also be accepted. Many thanks for your support.

Mrs C O'Brien

2014 Health Behaviour in School-aged Children

(HBSC) Survey

Last Spring the teachers and students took part in the HBSC survey in conjunction with NUI Galway. The time and effort that the teachers and students put into the survey was greatly appreciated by the Health Promotion Research Centre and was recognised recently by a letter of thanks and a certificate of participation.

Mullagh U8 Camogie Blitz

Well done to the girls who recently took part in the Camogie Blitz in Mullagh.



National Education Welfare Board

Schools are obliged by law to report on school attendance since the inception of the Education (Welfare) Act 2000. The school must tell the National Educational Welfare Board (NEWB), if your child has missed 20 days or more in the school year or if it is concerned that your child is missing too much school. This obligation exists to protect children's educational welfare. Under the Education (Welfare) Act, 2000 parents and guardians are responsible for ensuring that their children attend school. If your child cannot be in school please give the school a note to explain why your child was out. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Hallow'een Fancy Dress Fundraiser

Following on from the success of this event over the last few years we will have a school fundraiser on Thursday 24th October, the day before the Hallow'een Midterm break. Children can come to school dressed up as ghosts or goblins, witches or wizards. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help fund match buses for the coming school year. Each child is asked to bring a voluntary contribution. There will be a prize for the most creative costume!

Dates for your diary..

- ✚ Thursday 9th October - Lenrec Clothes Recycling/Mini 7s Hurling Final
- ✚ Thursday 23rd October - Hallow'een Fancy Dress
- ✚ Friday 24th October - Midterm Break
- ✚ Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th November - Parent Teacher Meetings
- ✚ Monday 8th December - School Closed Holy Day of Obligation
- ✚ Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Concert (matinee and evening performance - times to be confirmed)
- ✚ Friday 19th December - Christmas Holidays 12 Noon
- ✚ Thursday 14th May 2014 - First Confession Mass 7.30pm
- ✚ Sunday 17th May 2014 - First Communion Mass 11am
- ✚ Monday 22nd June 2014 - 6th Class Graduation Mass (time to be confirmed)

