

Scoil Naomh Comhghall, Coininsi

St. Comgall's N.S., Connons, Clones, Co. Monaghan



April 2008

As we say goodbye to spring, we welcome another new summer term and look forward at St. Comgall's to the valuable insights about living life more fully that new experiences and individuals encountered may bring.



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New Staff Member: I would like to extend a sincere welcome to Sinéad McDonnell, our new substitute teacher in St. Comgall's. Sinéad comes from nearby Lisnaskea and expresses a keen interest in sport, particularly gymnastics and Gaelic football. In addition to teaching the junior classes she will also take the senior classes for Religion and P.E.. We wish Sinéad well as she takes up this new position, we hope her time with us will be happy and we look forward to working with her in providing continued enriched learning experiences for our children.

Future Happiness: Our thoughts and best wishes are with Mrs. Pennell and her family as they await with great anticipation the joy and excitement of new life.

Classes: Heartfelt thanks to Jeanette Coyle and Gerard McQuaid for providing the children with content varied and very enjoyable French and Irish dancing classes, respectively. While these two classes concluded prior to Easter, swimming lessons successfully commenced four weeks ago and will continue for another two. Tin whistle tuition with Fran McMahon has resumed until June. It goes without saying that all classes provide valuable opportunities for new learning and form strong threads in the fabric of our school life.

Altar Server Rota: We welcome our new altar servers who join the more experienced servers. The most recent rota, distributed to the children, is current up until and including Sunday 11th May. Once again, I would ask that you make suitable arrangements if your child is unable to serve on his/her allocated Sunday.

Quiz: Congratulations to our pupils on their participation in the Credit Union quiz. They did our school proud on the night. We thank the children for their wonderful enthusiasm and hard work in preparing for the quiz and we thank you the parents for ensuring that they arrived in good time and looking so well in their school uniform.

Confirmation: We keep in our prayers Rebecca Murphy who, on Wednesday, 30th April, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. As part of her sacramental preparations, Rebecca took the pledge on Temperance Sunday during 11a.m. mass in St. Alphonsus Church, Connons. And on February 11th Rebecca, with her parents and teacher, joined with all the other pupils for Confirmation in Clones Parish to take part in the Service of Light.

Enrolment Day: Our enrolment day will take place from 1pm to 5pm on Thursday, 8th May, 2008. Please remind all prospective parents from the locality that, on the day, they are invited to view the school with their children. We would be grateful if all parents would bring their child's birth certificate and PPS number with them.

Supervalu Tokens: Many thanks for all the Supervalu tokens collected; once again, we realised a total of 18,000 tokens. We are most appreciative of your continued support of this initiative. It offers us a unique opportunity of building our sporting equipment for P.E. We anticipate and are hopeful that the order will be dispatched early in the summer term.

Competitions: Heartiest congratulations go to two prize winners in our school; Rachel Maguire was awarded third prize in the colouring section of the local library competition while, recently, Sarah O'Connor received a gift token in recognition of her excellent handwriting in the INTO/EBS Handwriting Competition. Well done, indeed also, to all senior children, who enthusiastically participated in the Ribena Soccer Blitz in Monaghan. We may not have won on the day but we certainly had the opportunity to flavour a high standard of football from other schools!

21st Century Recycling: We are contemplating holding another recycling collection in the near future. To help the environment and raise money for the school we are looking for items such as clothes, sheets/fabrics, shoes, old mobile phones and used ink cartridges. We would ask you to fill these items into black refuse bags and drop them into us by 3pm on Wednesday, 7th May, 2008. On this occasion, as it is a summer collection, each bag filled will earn the school €3 towards school funds.

Garden Project: As part of our participation in the 4Home Garden Competition, we have, once again, embarked on a new outdoors garden project. In our efforts to further explore, with the children, the rewards of tending the garden, tasks such as simple seed-growing in vegetable plots, the nurturing of a wildlife area and the creation of a willow den are underway. Indeed, we are gaining valuable horticultural insights and are grateful for the help and advice offered to us by Mrs. Irene Rooney and the transitional year of Largy College. A record of our discoveries has to be compiled and presented to the store by the 14th of May and judging will take place from the 19th of May, onwards. So, green fingers crossed for this year!!!

May Weekend Break: St. Comgall's N.S. will close for the 'May Bank Holiday' weekend at 3:00pm on Thursday 1st May and will re-open at 9:20am on Tuesday 6th May.

ITEMS YOU MAY WANT TO INCLUDE

New appointment x

Recycling x

Handwriting competition win for Sarah x

Senior Classes – Football Blitz x

Confirmation – Rebecca x

Beginning garden project x

Supervalu tokens x

World Book Day – Largy College Pupils & Teacher

Swimming Lessons x

Tin Whistle x

Home time

Ann Marie x

Enrolment x