

Easter 2019



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Dear Parents,

School Inspection: A written report on the Curriculum Evaluation of Science carried out by Cigire Niamh Quinn from the Department of Education & Skills on Tuesday, 22nd January, can now be viewed on the Department of Education & Skills website, www.education.ie. We are pleased that it reports positively on the quality of pupils' learning in Science, the quality of their learning experiences and the high quality of teachers' practice evident in our school, in progressing pupils' learning.

Junior Achievement: This programme recently ran in the senior classroom for 40 minutes weekly for five weeks. It was co-ordinated by Adriana from Combilift, Monaghan and explored areas such as business ownership, producing a product using different methods of production, looking at the costs associated with running a business, taking charge of their own businesses to make a profit! A school visit into Combilift on June 18th will be the final step of this programme. Indeed, we hope the whole experience will inspire 'entrepreneurship' thinking into the future!



FAI Soccer Blitz: Another sporting performance by our boys in the soccer blitz, organised by the FAI, which took place, on Tuesday 2nd April 2019, at the pitch of Monaghan Utd FC, Gortakeegan, Monaghan. Spirits were high, the boys showed tremendous skill on the day, but were gracious in defeat. We'll keep practising to be ready for the next challenge!

Active School Flag: As we strive to achieve the Active School Flag, well done to the children on their participation in fun, inclusive activities on the yard. A particular focus of the 2019 Active School Calendar is the 'Mile a Day Challenge'. We ensure that this challenge is carried out when the pupils' participate in the running of a mile every day during their weekly Active School Activities. Thanks to Mrs. Pennell for coordinating the effort.



Green Schools: Our participation in the Green Schools has produced very promising results. The suggestions made by children during a 'Walkability Audit' that was carried out with Sorchá Brophy of An Taisce earlier in the year, is going to lead to major improvements to the road surface and road markings at the front area of the school during summer '19. So well done pupils and Mrs. Hagan!

School Transport Application 2019/2020: Bus Éireann's on-line application system for school transport is **now open** for the 2019/20 school year. The closing date for School Transport Applications is **Friday, 26 April, 2019.**



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Calendar of Events

May 1st 2019

Confirmation Retreat: Fr. Mohan contacted the school to invite our Confirmation pupils to Lough Derg for a one day religious retreat with the pupils from other parish schools on Wednesday 1st May, 2019. He is organising a bus for the journey. More details will be furnished on our return from the break. I would be grateful if parents would sign the permission slip below and return it to the school after the holidays.

May 19th 2019

First Communion: Saoirse McCaffrey, Caoimhe McCaffrey, Robyn McCaffrey, Luke Kelly and Ryan Parker, will receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion at 11a.m. Mass on Sunday 19th May in St. Alphonsus' Church, Connors. I would be grateful if, all children singing in the choir, could be in the church earlier. This is a very special occasion for the girls and boys and our school/parish community. I would like to thank parents for your willingness to bring your child/children to sing at the Mass. After the ceremony a photograph of the whole school and the five Holy Communion children will be taken. Once taken, all children will be free to leave with their parents. Children may dress in their own smart, casual clothes for the Mass.

Until May 28th 2019

Gymnastics: Five weeks of gymnastics coaching for all pupils will commence on **Tuesdays** after Easter and will continue until Tuesday, 28th May 2019.

Until May 31st 2019

The Stay Safe Programme: We will revisit the personal safety education programme, Stay Safe, with pupils in all classes in May. A reminder to parents to read and discuss programme handouts that the children may bring home. As highlighted previously, the programme has been updated and lessons may be viewed online on www.staysafe.ie/teachers/resources.htm

April 13th – 28th 2019

School Closure: St. Comgall's N.S. will be closed Saturday 13th to Sunday, 28th April, for the Easter Holidays. We look forward to seeing all pupils at 9:20am on Monday 29th April. Enjoy all the Easter treats!!

Catríona Donnelly (Principal)

I allow my child to go on the Confirmation retreat to Lough Derg

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I do not allow my child to go on the Confirmation retreat to Lough Derg.

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Date: _____