

Scoil Naomh Comhghall, Coininsi
St. Comgall's N.S., Connons, Clones, Co. Monaghan

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Hallowe'en Greetings
to all our families.
Hope you enjoy a 'spooktacular'
holiday!

New Faces: It's lovely to see so many new faces in St. Comgall's. A warm welcome to Eoin Brosnan from Belturbet and also to Jade, Erin and Alesha Crudden from Scotshouse. And a huge 'fáilte' to Ethan Fitzpatrick, our youngest and newest pupil in junior infants.



Parent Association: Our parent Association AGM will be held in the school at 7pm on Wednesday, 6th November. On the night an 'Internet Safety Workshop' for parents will be facilitated by Eimear Murphy. Eimear's presentation aims to encourage parents to become more aware of and to be more proactive in keeping their children safe online through computer / Internet parental controls. It's certainly an important information evening to attend.

School Mass: Fr. Mohan, our new Parish Priest and school chaplain, will celebrate our annual school Mass at 2pm on Friday, 15th November. We extend a warm invitation to our families, friends and neighbours to join us for that occasion when we will also remember in a special way loved ones, sadly, no longer with us, yet not forgotten.

Sacraments: Two of our sixth class pupils, Chloe Maguire and Jade Crudden are this year preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. We wish them well as they continue on their faith journey and learn, as young adults, to articulate what it means to be Catholic.



Shoe Box Appeal: We thank parents and children for your generosity in supporting the Shoebox Appeal over the last number of years. We are asking you, once again, to take part in the project this Christmas. Ciaran & Nuala McBride of Gortnacarrow Tyre Service, are supporting Team Hope with the collection of boxes up to the 18th November. The leaflets provide all relevant details related to box contents and a reminder not to seal boxes when covering them in Christmas paper. An elastic band will suffice.



Hallelujah Concert: The senior pupils will participate in the Hallelujah Concert, 2013, in Citywest, Dublin at 7pm on Friday 6th December. Prime viewing seat tickets, are available on a first come, first served basis. On return from the midterm, I will be asking each family for confirmation of the number of family members interested in attending our selected concert. Tickets for an adult/child cost €26.50 and all tickets will have to be paid for the week we return. Further details will be available nearer to the date.

Christmas Play: It will be 'lights, camera action' when our annual Christmas school play takes place in our local community hall at 7pm on Thursday, 12th December. So, bring along family and friends and enjoy another beautiful and dazzling performance by the children.



Sporting Activities: The sporting schedule for the remainder of the year is as follows... Gaelic football with Anne McKenna will take place over a six week period, immediately after Christmas. This will be followed by Irish dancing with Gerard McQuaid for another six weeks. Then, the Easter to summer term will see the children travel to Monaghan for six week's of swimming coaching. The year promises lots of fun and games with plenty skills development in store!

Christmas Annuals: 'It's that time of year again!' You know Christmas is knocking at the door when the children are talking about the Folens Christmas Annuals. This year the annuals are available at the very competitive price of €2.70, if payment is made online by the school before the 8th November. So, send in the money after midterm, if you're interested in purchasing same.

Recycling: Our last clothes collection in June raised the impressive amount of €178, which helped to fund our music lessons. We certainly appreciate your on-going support of this initiative. Therefore, our first school collection for the coming term will take place on Wednesday, 13th November. Please remember that bags can be dropped into the school at any time and may include items such as clothes/sheets/fabrics and shoes.



Maths Week: Maths was brought to life through maths games, challenges and construction exercises during Maths Week, 14th - 18th October. We were also delighted to have Mr. Brendan Jenkins from Clones Credit Union speak to us on money matters. Indeed, he was quite impressed with the children's questions on how business was going for the Credit Union and what would be involved in taking out a loan 'Potential future customers,' he suggested!



School Trip: As part of Children's Book Festival we enjoyed a very funny and interesting story telling session with Billy Teare and Kathleen O'Sullivan, in Clones library last Friday, 18th November. It was highly entertaining and captivating and we all marveled at the couple's ability to retain and recall the poems so eloquently.

Safety at Hallowe'en: Monaghan County Council has asked schools to talk to the children about safety at Hallowe'en and to distribute a safety leaflet to children in all households. Discussing these safety tips nearer the Hallowe'en period would, I believe, be an important step in ensuring their awareness and safety around fire, at all times.

Hallowe'en Break: St. Comgall's N.S. will be closed from Monday 28st October to Friday 1st November. It will re-open at 9.20am on Monday 4th November 2013. Finally, we would like to wish you all a... spooky, happy and safe holiday.

Enjoy a happy and spooky Hallowe'en from St. Comgall's ghouls and witches!!!

