



St. Comgall's N.S.

Connons, Clones, Co. Monaghan

'Enjoy a spook-tacular Hallowe'en, with spine-chilling treats that are healthy to eat!'



New Faces – A special word of welcome to all our new pupils. Welcome to Donnchadh, Kayla, Gareth, Dáire, Ava Marie and Fionnán in Junior Infants. We also welcome Mrs. Elaine Hagan, our new mainstream teacher, onto our staff. We wish you all success, inspiration and happiness in the year ahead.



Our Parent Association held its AGM on Tuesday, 24th October for the new academic year 2017-2018! Thanks to John Connolly (Chairman), Siobhan McQuaid (Secretary) and Michelle Cadden (Treasurer) who have very kindly agreed to stay on in their committee roles for another year.

* To ensure the smooth and efficient running of upcoming P.A. events and to make life easy for Siobhan, I would ask all parents to reply promptly to her text messaging.

* I would like to thank parents for your generous fundraising last year. The possibility of purchasing a new sound system for upcoming school events was discussed and is presently being researched.

* The P.A. Committee has asked me to remind parents that they are collecting [€20](#) per household for the Christmas Raffle, which will be held after Mass on Sunday, 10th December in the school. Tickets will be sent home shortly with the children and parents are also asked to bake some treats or donate some baking delights for sale on that day.



Parents Association



School attendance is essential for academic success. So going to school matters!

We will continue to monitor and recognize full attendance each term. Well done and congratulations to Ethan, Matthew, Luke, Dean, Tara, Oisín and Michael in the senior classroom and congratulations also to Gareth, Donnchadh, Kayla, Ava Marie, Caoimhe, Ryan, Robyn, Caoimhe, Saoirse and Noah in the junior classroom for their excellent attendance since September. Thank you to parents for your continued support.

A prayer service to mark a new school year was held on Wednesday, 27th September. Our thanks to Fr. Mohan for his kind words; it was lovely that so many families could attend on the day.

* We wish our second class well on their faith journey as they prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. A date for First Holy Communion will be confirmed after the midterm.

During our first term of 2017-2018

Birds of Prey: On Friday, 20th October, Ian Patterson visited our school with his birds of prey. His visit was very informative as he taught us many interesting facts about owls and falcons.

The 'Birds of Prey' visit is a really engaging topic. Seeing and holding the birds was an amazing experience. Even the teachers were brave and held the birds!!



Maths Week Ireland 2017 took place from 14th October – 22nd October. We registered and participated in this event! Numerous math activities were enjoyed, including number games, puzzles, construction exercises, ICT programmes and much much more! Although the week was shorter, due to weather factors, Maths Week was another way of promoting, awareness, appreciation and understanding of maths through a variety of activities.



Gaelic football coaching with Anne McKenna took place during our first term. Thanks again to Anne and Monaghan GAA for continuing to instil in the pupils a passion and enjoyment of our Gaelic football and well done to all pupils for their enthusiastic and positive participation in the P.E. classes.



The Active Schools Flag is central to our plans for this academic year. The Active School Flag (ASF) is awarded to schools that strive to achieve a physically educated and physically active school community. The process aims to get more schools, more active, more often. It will help us celebrate our strengths, in terms of physical ability and address areas in need of improvement. An active year ahead...



Calendar of Events



November 10th 2017

The Shoe Box Appeal continues to be successful due to all our families who continue to support it. We are asking you, once again, to take part in the project this Christmas. Boxes will be collected on the 10th November. Leaflets (which will follow shortly) will provide all relevant details related to box contents. A reminder not to seal boxes when covering them in Christmas paper; an elastic band will suffice.



November 13th – 17th 2017

Cavan & Monaghan Science Week will offer primary schools a 'Primary Schools Programme' (*free of charge*) during their festival week. Subsequently, on Friday 17th November, all pupils will attend a 'Science is Magic' show in Clones Library. An exciting and engaging session awaits...



November 16th 2017

Parent / Teacher Meetings will be held after school on Thursday 16th November. As always we will endeavour to facilitate meeting times that are convenient for both parent and teachers. Appointment times will be sent out after we return from midterm.



November 17th 2017

County Photos will return to the school to take a group photo of all pupils and staff. We'll all have to be looking our best on that day!



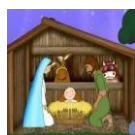
November 20th 2017

Whole-school professional development on the 'Primary Language Curriculum' will take place in the Monaghan Education Centre. School closure has been sanctioned by the DES for this full day's seminar.



November 23rd 2017

The Folens Christmas Annuals for each class level (optional purchase by parents), is available at the very competitive price of €2.80, if payment is made online by the school before the 23rd November. I would be grateful if you would send in the money after midterm, if you're interested in purchasing same.



December 12th 2017

Our Christmas play will take to the stage in our local Connons Community hall, at 7pm on Tuesday, 12th December. So, bring along family and friends and enjoy another beautiful and dazzling performance by the children.



End December 2017

Recycling: Sincere thanks to parents for continuing to generate school funds through the recycling initiative. Our October collection credited our account by €90 and as always these funds will help to pay for our music lessons. Bags will be collected again, before Christmas.

Hallowe'en Break ~ St. Comgall's N.S. will be closed on the following days; from Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November, 2017. It will re-open at 9.20am on Monday 6th November 2017. Finally, we would like to wish you all a... **spooky**, happy and safe holiday!



Catriona Donnelly (Principal)

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





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