



## St. Comgall's N.S.

Connons, Clones, Co. Monaghan

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

**School Hallowe'en:** St. Comgall's will celebrate a **spooky** day tomorrow, Friday 26<sup>th</sup>, to see us into our midterm. As we have our final Gaelic football session with Anne McKenna, I would ask all pupils to come to school wearing their PE tracksuits. As soon as PE is over we will make our termly attendance presentations and then dress-up time will begin!! Fun and active activities will be enjoyed and pupils are permitted to bring in some treats to share in a **ghostly Hallowe'en party**.

*During our first term of 2018-2019 ....*

A **school Mass** to mark a new academic year was held on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September. Our thanks to Fr. McKenna for celebrating the Mass with us; it was lovely that so many families could attend on the day.



**Maths Week Ireland** 2018 took place from 15th October – 19th October. On the Friday we dedicated the day to one filled with numerous Maths activities that included number games, puzzles, construction exercises and ICT programmes. It was most enjoyable and proved to be a wonderful aid towards further promoting awareness, appreciation and understanding of Maths.

**Achieving the fourth 'Green Schools' Flag** will be our aim during the next two academic years. Travel is the fourth theme of the Green-Schools programme. The ultimate aim is to increase the number of pupils walking, cycling, scooting, carpooling, using public transport or using park 'n' stride instead of the private car on the school run. By promoting these sustainable transport modes, schools will also improve pupils' safety, health and fitness. As a first step, we were visited by Sorchá from 'An Taisce', on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, who undertook a travel survey with the children. Using Google Maps, she also helped us create a map of our local catchment area, marking in the bus route and the homes of all our pupils. A really interesting task...



**The Active Schools Flag** is again very much 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 pupils in 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...



### November 9<sup>th</sup> 2018



**The Shoe Box Appeal** continues to be successful due to all our families who continue to support it. As discussed at the recent Parent Meeting, we are asking you, once again, to take part in the project this Christmas. Boxes will be collected on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> 2018



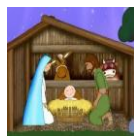
**Cavan & Monaghan Science Week** will offer primary schools a 'Primary Schools Programme' (*free of charge*) during their festival week. Subsequently, on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, all pupils will attend a 'Spaghetti Engineering' show in Clones Library. An exciting and engaging session awaits...

### November 15<sup>th</sup> 2018



**Parent / Teacher Meetings** will be held after school on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### December 11<sup>th</sup> 2018



**Our Christmas play** will take to the stage in our local Connors Community hall, at 7pm on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December. So, bring along family and friends and enjoy another beautiful and dazzling performance by the children.

**Hallowe'en Break** ~ St. Comgall's N.S. will be closed on the following days; from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2018. It will re-open at 9.20am on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Finally, we would like to wish you all ...

**spooky thrills**, during a happy and safe holiday!



Catriona Donnelly (Principal)

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