



## e-ZINE May 2016

### New Developments:

Knock NS recently received approval from the National Council for Special Education (NCSE) to open an ASD class, commencing August 2016. This will be a special class for children with autism. We look forward to welcoming all our new students at the beginning of next term.



### Workshop on Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying

John Dwyer will facilitate an Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying workshop for children in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May. There will be an information meeting for ALL parents on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. Up to 2013 John was a Senior Detective in An Garda Síochána based in the South East tasked with investigating organised crime. Upon leaving An Garda Síochána he commenced working with children, parents and teachers on the subjects of Bullying, Cyber bullying and Internet Safety. John will focus on issues such as Bullying, Cyber bullying, Online Dangers and Age Limitations, in addition to other areas. We strongly encourage **ALL** parents to attend.

### Latest News:

#### Enrolment 2016

The deadline for returning completed Enrolment Registration forms and signed Acceptance Confirmations has now passed. Any parents, who have not yet done so for children they wish to start school next term, must return them to the school office urgently, please.



#### Scór na bPáistí

Well done to all the children who represented Knock NS in the County Finals of Scór na bPáistí. Sincere thanks to Ms Conlon and Gráinne Kelly Frayne for their work preparing the children over the past few weeks.



Well done to the boys from sixth class who represented the school recently at the FAI Soccer Tournament in Milebush Park, Castlebar. The team reached the semi-final stage of the competition where they were narrowly beaten. Again, sincere thanks to Ms Conlon for training the children over the past few weeks.



#### Parents' Association Elections

The current term of the Parents' Association Committee is coming to an end; therefore we are hoping to hold elections for new members in the coming weeks. Details and information will be sent home with the children shortly.



#### Cuman na mBunscol

Well done to the girls and boys football teams who played against Tooreen NS and Began NS earlier this week; unfortunately they did not progress to the next round, but all played and represented their school very well. Sincere thanks to Ms Coyle, Ms Horkan, Ms Tansey and Ms Sarsfield for training the teams over the past few weeks.



#### Sacraments

First Holy Communion: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 11am in the Parish Church. The Communion class children attended a Retreat on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April, during which they also visited the Carmelites to make their own Holy Communion bread. **The Parents' Association will hold a short meeting in the school for Communion class parents on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm. Details have been sent home with the children.**



#### SNAG/Indoor Golf

This continues on **alternate** Tuesdays; on the following dates: May 3<sup>rd</sup>; 17<sup>th</sup>; 31<sup>st</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup>, (it was not on this week Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Apr). The cost is €10 for the full course, or €2 weekly for those who have yet to pay. Any absences already paid for will be refunded at the end of the course.

## Forthcoming Events:

### **Talent Show** 'Knock's Got Talent'

Our bi-annual talent show will take place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Please refer to the school website for the order of performers. Part 1 is from 10.00 to 12.00; Part 2 is from 12.30 to 14.00. We ask that all parents attending to enter the hall by using the back door; there will be no admittance through the main door of the school. Children performing in the show are allowed to wear their own choice of clothing on the day. Parents of children who are performing may take their child home at the END of part 1 or part 2, if they wish to do so. Refreshments will be served in the Library between both parts of the show for those parents who may be attending for the day.



is Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Please check out [www.mayo.ie](http://www.mayo.ie) for events taking place around the county. On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April (day of Talent Show) everyone may wear Green and Red to school and/or their Talent Show costumes.



### The 'Mini-Mini' Fun Run

Mayo Sports Partnership  
Comhaltáiríochtaí Spóirt Mhaidhín  
An Irish Sports Council Initiative

Mayo Sports Partnership along with Davitt College Transition Year Students & Castlebar Sports Forum are pleased to announce the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 'Mayo Sports Partnership Mini Mini' Fun Run for Primary School Children. The Mini Mini takes place on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May (Bank Holiday Weekend)** and is run in conjunction with their flagship event the 'Western People West of Ireland Women's Mini Marathon'. Suitable for boys and girls of all ability 'Kids run for fun' is the theme. The 'Mini Mini' will take place at 12.10pm directly after the start of the Women's Mini Marathon. This year a special Centenary Commemoration challenge is being set down; for children to run 1916 meters (1.9km). Further details are available on the school website and [www.mayosports.ie](http://www.mayosports.ie).



### Choral Festival

A specific group of children will attend a Choral Festival in GMIT, Galway on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Details to follow.



### Book Fair

We will be running a book fair during the week commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May; details to follow. The children will receive book tokens which they can use towards the purchase of books at the Fair. We will be issuing leaflets/order forms shortly.



### Assembly

Our end of term assembly will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 12noon, lead by Ms Coyle's and Ms Sarsfield's classes. As always, parents, grandparents and family members are welcome to attend.

### Mayo Community Games



Please see the following message from Mayo Community Games' secretary regarding forthcoming events.

*"The area **swimming** competition will take place at 10am on **Sunday May 1st** in Claremorris Leisure Centre. This year, the area event will be part of a larger organised competition in the pool, which will include the Claremorris area swimming competition. Please contact Gráinne at [grainne.treanor@hotmail.com](mailto:grainne.treanor@hotmail.com) before 27th April if you wish to enter.*

*The Mayo Community Games **gymnastics** competition will take place on **Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup>** at 10 am in Nadia Gym, Ballina. The competition will begin with the area finals followed by the County Final. Competitors need to be registered online by Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be a fee of €2 per child on the morning to compete. Please contact Gráinne at [grainne.treanor@hotmail.com](mailto:grainne.treanor@hotmail.com) before that deadline if you wish to enter.*

*The area **sports day** (athletics) requires substantial organisation and supervision, and no date has yet been set. It will take place this year only if at least 8 parents volunteer in advance for specific duties. Please contact Gráinne at [grainne.treanor@hotmail.com](mailto:grainne.treanor@hotmail.com) by April 30th if you are available to help organise and run the event. If there are insufficient parent volunteers by that date the event will not go ahead.*

*Last year saw Knock enter the Community Games **talent competition**, with solo singing and music, and one competitor from the area brought home a national medal. If children are interested in entering these events again this year, and would like to see what other aspects of talent are possible (e.g. group music, group singing, group dance, recitation), please take a look at [www.communitygames.ie](http://www.communitygames.ie) to find out more and contact Gráinne at the above email address as soon as possible if you wish to enter any of the talent events. There is plenty of talent in the area, so why not give it a go?!"*



## Athletics

Ms Horkan's class will attend athletics in Claremorris on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May and Ms Tansey's class will attend on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May. The cost is €5 per child please; this covers entry into the track and return travel.



## Class Field Trips

The remaining class field trips are as follows:

**Ms Sarsfield's class** will visit Claremorris on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June. They will have a tour of the Garda Station; playtime in Pots of Fun and a picnic at Clare Lake. They will leave and return during school time; the cost will be €10 per child please.

**Mrs Tansey's class** will visit the Céide Fields outside Ballycastle on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Departing school at **9.30am SHARP**, they should be back to school by 3pm. The cost will be €9 per child please.

**Ms Coyle's class:** Due to unforeseen circumstances the trip planned for Westport House will not now go ahead. We are currently making arrangements for an alternative trip. Date, details and costs will follow as soon as arrangements have been made.

**Please ensure full payment for each trip is made no later than the day BEFORE the trip.**

## Kenny Folliard Memorial Cup



This will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June; details to follow.



**SPORTS Week** will take place from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June. A different activity will be arranged for each day and any relevant details will follow.



## Community Day

Knock Community Futures Group will be holding a Community Day on **Saturday 18th June**. Knock Community Futures feel that the participation of everyone connected with the school on the day is absolutely essential as our pupils are, indeed, the very future of the community, so please try and keep this day free for the Community Day, where possible. Further details will be advised later.



## Graduation Mass

Graduation Mass for 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 7.30pm. All 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils and their families are invited to join us in this very important celebration.

## School 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



The Board of Management intend to hold a celebration in September 2016 in honour of the school's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on its present site. Details will follow in September.

## Fundraising:



## Tesco Community Fund

We will advise the amount raised during this campaign once we have heard back from Tesco.

## Miscellaneous/General:

### Uniforms



Reminder that uniforms should be worn by all children from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class everyday other than PE days, when school tracksuits should be worn.



## Payments

Most lodgements are now made via the lodgement machine at the bank; therefore we please request that all bank notes sent into the school, where possible, are not crumpled and are kept as flat and straight as possible. Notes with crumpled corners etc are usually rejected by the machines. Please make any cheques payable to Knock National School (unless advised otherwise); it is a bank requirement that staples are NOT used on cheques please. Payments for families can be made together in one envelope, should you find it more convenient; if making family payments, **please ensure the envelope is clearly marked with children's names and reason for payment**, not just addressed to class teacher.



## **School Closure Dates**

The school will be closed on the following dates:

May Bank Holiday: School closed Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016.

June Bank Holiday: School closed Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Summer Holidays: School closes at 12noon on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

As always, we would invite you all to refer to the school website, [www.knockns.ie](http://www.knockns.ie), for news and regular updates from the school, including pictures, videos etc from our various events.

[office@knockns.ie](mailto:office@knockns.ie) is a non-reply email address; should you have any email queries, please direct them to [admin@knockns.ie](mailto:admin@knockns.ie)