



## e-ZINE May 2019

Please refer to the School Calendar section of this e-Zine for all school closure dates



**Election Day:** School closed on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May to facilitate upcoming European and local elections.

### School Self Evaluation

The school is currently engaging in the School Self Evaluation/SSE process. We have prioritised aspects of Wellbeing and SPHE as our primary focus. We will keep you informed of developments throughout this process.



### Cyber Bullying & Internet Safety Training Sessions

We had a very good turnout to the Parent talk held in the school recently; we have excellent feedback from parents, staff and children. One parent contacted us to say they thought that the speaker, Trish O'Sullivan, was a fantastic speaker and they found that she explained everything really well - definitely the best Internet Safety talk they have been to. A parent also rang into the Ryan Tubridy radio show the next morning to praise Trish and the presentation. Thank you to all the parents who attended for this very important subject. An Internet Safety handout for your reference will be posted to the school website shortly.

## Extracurricular Activities



### Football

There will be a football blitz on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at The Centre of Excellence, Began starting at 10am. Cost of this bus is €4 per child please.



### Hurling Blitz

The hurling team will participate in a Cuman na mBunscoil hurling blitz on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May starting at 11am at The Centre of Excellence, Began. Cost of the bus is €4 per child please.



## Athletics

Remaining classes will attend athletics in Claremorris as follows:

Senior Infants: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>(a) class: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May

2<sup>nd</sup>(b) and 3<sup>rd</sup> class: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Cost is €5.50 per child please, covering entry to the track and return bus fare.



## Cycling Safety

Our course application to Mayo School of Safe Cycling has now been approved and we are awaiting confirmation of cycling safety sessions for some classes; details to follow once we have confirmation. There is also a Cycling Safety Competition being held in Castlebar on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. All details to follow in due course.



## Kenny Folliard Memorial Cup

This will take place in Aghamore on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Further details of the event and training sessions will be advised in due course.



## Vinny Judge Memorial Hurling Tournament

The hurling team will participate in this tournament in Tooreen on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Details to follow.



**Handball Training:** For signed up pupils from 6<sup>th</sup> class, each Thursday from 3pm to 4pm. Group B training: continues for 3 more weeks.



## GAA Football Training

Tom Byrne (GAA Coach) will coach Ms Horkan's class for the next few weeks on Thursday mornings. Training for 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils also continues each Thursday during school (weather permitting). All participants must remember to bring their full training gear, including gum shields/mouth guards.

## Other Activities



## Fire Safety Talk

A Fire Officer from Kiltimagh Fire Station will visit and deliver a talk on fire safety to Ms Sarsfield's class on 30<sup>th</sup> April.



## Farm Safety Talk

All classes will attend free farm safety talks during school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.



Poetry Day Ireland is Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.



The children will attend workshops under the Heritage in Schools Scheme during school as follows:

Wildlife and Habitats study on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May for J1 to 3<sup>rd</sup> classes and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May for 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes.

Music through the Ages workshop on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May for 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May for 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> classes.

These workshops will take place during school at no cost to the children.



is Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Please check out [www.mayo.ie](http://www.mayo.ie) for events taking place around the county. On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> everyone may wear **Green** and **Red** to school in support of Mayo Day.



## Music for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils

Music lessons continue on (4) Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, (5) Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May and (6) Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May. Please remember to bring instruments on music days.



**Irish Dancing:** For all age group children, each Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm, €3 per child please, payable directly to the dancing teacher.



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### Sacraments

First Holy Communion: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 11am in the Parish Church.



Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 12noon

As always, parents, grandparents and family members are invited to join us.



## School Tours



Class tours will take place as follows:

**Ms Coyne's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and Ms Sarsfield's 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May to 'Let's Go' at Breaffy House Sports Arena.

**Ms Sarsfield's 3<sup>rd</sup> and Ms Gorman's 4<sup>th</sup>:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to Shannon River Adventure, Roscommon.

**Junior Infants:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Wild West, Westport.

**The Haven:** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June to Waterpoint and lunch at Maple Moose, Enniscrone

**Senior Infants:** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June to Turoe Pet Farm, Loughrea, Co Galway.

**Ms Gorman's 5<sup>th</sup> and Ms Horkan's 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June to Dublin.

Thank you to those who have paid deposits or made full payments for the above tours. However, there are some deposits still due for payment; we would be obliged if these deposits could be made immediately please, as the school has already paid out these deposits to the tour companies and for train fares in advance.



### New Infants

We welcome all newly enrolled Junior Infant children to attend school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Notification and details will be sent out to all respective parents nearer the time.



### Graduation Mass

Graduation Mass for 6<sup>th</sup> class will be held in school on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm.



### Cadbury Crème Egg Easter Chicks

We are delighted to announce we have so far collected €176 for the sale of these eggs on behalf of Kevin Concannon, Knock Shrine Sacristan, who is raising money on behalf of the Irish Pilgrimage Trust. Thank you all for your kind generosity. The eggs and chicks are still available for sale from the school office for a limited time at €3 each.



We are pleased to announce that we raised **€504.96** for this worthy cause, which came from the proceeds of our very successful Bake Sale and Easter Raffle. Thank you to everyone for your efforts and kind generosity in donating and buying. Special thanks go to Ms Horkan and her 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils, for all their hard work in the Bake Sale and all staff in their efforts with the raffle. Well done to everyone.



### Cash for Clobber

Our next Cash for Clobber collection will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> May. Again, we are collecting old but usable clothes, pairs of shoes (**in a separate bag please**), hats, bags, household linen, towels, etc. Just put any of these items in any refuse sack and bring it along to the school hall any day between 9.00am and 9.15am or 2pm to 3pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May **ONLY**. Ask your family and friends if they have any items to contribute. The money raised will go towards the purchase of new Chrome books.



### School Calendar 2018-2019

**May Bank Holiday:** School closed Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

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**June Bank Holiday:** School closed Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

**Summer Holidays:** School closes at **12noon** on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

### School Calendar 2019-2020

**Return to school:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 9.20am.

**October Mid-Term:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November. School closes at **3pm** on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October and re-opens at 9.20am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

**Christmas:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020. School closes at **12noon** on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December and re-opens at 9.20am on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January. **Children will attend Mass on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January for Feast of the Epiphany.**

**February Mid-Term:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February. School closes at **3pm** on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February and re-opens at 9.20am on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

**St Patrick's Day:** School closed on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**Easter:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April. School closes at **3pm** on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and re-opens at 9.20am on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

**May Bank Holiday:** School closed on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

**June Bank Holiday:** School closed on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

**Summer Holidays:** School closes for summer holidays at **12noon** on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

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 and class activities. Email queries should be directed to [admin@knockns.ie](mailto:admin@knockns.ie)