

February Newsletter

Peace Proms

The school choir (3rd to 6th classes) participated in Peace Proms in the Kingfisher NUIG on the 20th of January. It was an excellent experience for the children. Many thanks to Mrs Grehan and Mrs Gantley who prepared the choir. Thanks also to the teachers who accompanied the children on the day.

Clothing Collection

Mrs Tuohy is organising a clothing collection. Please donate any unwanted clothes to raise funds for Gort National School before 21/02/2018. We are very grateful for your support.

Credit Union Quiz

The school teams did very well in the Credit Union Quiz held recently. Our senior team were leading the scoreboard coming up to the 10th round and finished in the top five. Well done to both the Junior and Senior teams. They worked really hard in the run up to the quiz.

Confirmation Enrolment Mass

The pupils from 6th Class who are making their Confirmation on 20th April had their enrolment Mass on 21st of January last. The next Mass in preparation for Confirmation will take place on the 25th of February and the third Mass will be on 11th of March when the children will bring their baptismal candles with them for the Ceremony of Light.

Hip Hop Day

What a great bunch of hip hoppers we have in the school! Junior Infants to sixth class were given a taster session with Angela last Thursday. The children were very enthusiastic and enjoyed the opportunity to learn some hip hop moves. Thanks to Mrs Gantley for organising the day.

JEP

This year 6th Class are doing a business project called JEP (Junior Entrepreneur Programme). We have designed a children's high-vis vest with our school crest and our motto "Be safe, be cool wear your high vis to school" on it.

Please support our business venture as any profit made will go back in to the school funds. The jackets cost €5.50 each and come in a range of sizes 4-6 yrs, 7-9 yrs and 10-12 yrs. Our sales teams will be calling to each classroom soon so be sure to buy yours while stocks last.

Enrolments for 2018/2019

Enrolment forms are available for pupils starting in Junior Infants next year. Please contact the school if you require a form.

Church Gate Collection

The Annual Church Gate Collection takes place over the 10th and 11th of March. If anyone is free to help over the weekend Masses please contact the school. Your help would be much appreciated.

Attendance

A gentle reminder for all pupils to be on time coming to school every morning. It is very disruptive for everyone when children are late arriving for school. Please also ensure a note is sent to the class teacher if your child is absent from school. The school attendance policy is as follows: When a child has reached 5 days absent the class teacher will make a call to the parents. A letter will be posted to the child's parents at 10 days absent. At 15 days absent a meeting will be arranged with the Principal. At 20 days absent a referral will be sent to the Educational Welfare Officer.

Book Fair Vouchers

New resources have been purchased for the class libraries with the money raised from the Bookfair last December. Picture books, sets of novels, dictionaries and thesauruses have been distributed to the classrooms this week. Thank you for your continued support of this and other events in the school as it provides us with a means to purchase resources for the children.

School Closures

Mid-Term Break	Thursday 15 th and Friday 16 th February 2018
Bank Holiday	Monday 19 th of March 2018
Easter Holidays	Monday 26 th of March to Friday 6 th of April 2018 (inclusive)

Sacraments

First Confession	Friday 9 th of March @ 1:15 in St Colman's Church Gort
Confirmation	Friday 20 th of April @ 11:00 in St Colman's Church Gort
First Holy Communion	Saturday 5 th of May @ 11:00 in St Colman's Church Gort