

Newsletter February 2020

Credit Union Quiz

We are delighted to report that our school did very well at the recent Credit Union Quiz. The Junior Team competed well and the Senior Team came in 2nd place overall. What a great achievement! The Senior Team won a voucher and were presented with a plaque also. Well done to all the pupils involved who worked hard learning relevant facts and reading up about current affairs.

Enrolments for 2020/2021

Enrolment forms are available for pupils starting in Junior Infants next year. Please contact the school if you require a form. If you know of anyone who would be interested in enrolling in Gort NS it would be much appreciated if you could ask them to make contact with the school.

Confirmation Preparation Mass

The pupils from 6th Class who are making their Confirmation on the 28th of April will have another preparation Mass on Sunday 22nd of March at 12 noon.

Evaluation Day Gort Community School

1st year students enrolling in Gort Community School in 2020 are invited to the school on Saturday 21st of March as part of the transition process. Each pupil will complete a standardised test called the CAT4. Students are asked to be in attendance from 9:00 am to 12 noon. A letter in relation to this was sent to each student's parents. If you did not receive this letter please make contact with Gort Community School.

Church Gate Collection

The Annual Church Gate Collection takes place over the 14th and 15th of March. (Please note date change from the permit organisers) If anyone is free to help over that weekend at Mass times 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 phone 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. This is in line with DES policy.

Coronavirus

Please find the most recent update for schools in relation to the Coronavirus attached. Further information is available on www.hse.ie.

School Closures

St Patrick's Day	Tuesday 17 th of March 2020
Staff Training	Wednesday 25 th of March (half day – see BOM report below)
Easter Holidays	Monday 6 th of April to Friday 17 th of April 2020 (inclusive)

Sacraments

First Confession	Thursday 12 th of March @ 1:15 in St Colman's Church Gort
Confirmation	Tuesday 28 th of April @ 11:00 in St Colman's Church Gort
First Holy Communion	Saturday 9 th of May @ 11:00 in St Colman's Church Gort

Board of Management (BOM) Agreed Report

A Board of Management meeting was held on the 27th of February 2020. As you are aware from the last BOM report the new school building is currently at Stage 1 Preliminary Design Stage. At the moment a number of ground investigation surveys are being carried out in the Tubber Road site. The Board of Management would like to congratulate Ms Ruth O'Driscoll on the recent birth of her baby daughter. The BOM is asking parents to adhere to the parking in the Convent School Building. Please park on Queen St. Please do not drive into the Bank of Ireland car park or the school staff car park. The annual Child Protection Review was completed at last night's meeting and will be emailed to each family next week. Gort NS will close for a half day for Primary Language Curriculum training on Wednesday 25th of March 2020. The Tubber Rd School Building will close at 11:50 am and the Convent Building will close at 12:00 noon. The annual Church Gate Collection is coming up and the Board of Management would be delighted if people could help out.