

Newsletter

December 2023

Anti-bullying week

We celebrated Anti-Bullying week in GNS during the week of the 6th to the 10th of November. The boys and girls took part in an Anti-Bullying poster competition as part of this week and we shone a light on friendship and kind behaviours during the week. We also had our annual Odd Sock Day during this week highlighting that 'It is ok to be different'.

Aquarium

5th class have been very lucky to get an aquarium from Galway Marine Institute. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about marine life and are looking forward to more visits from the Marine Institute again next term.

Science Week

Congratulations to all the boys and girls on their participation in Science Week which took place from the 16th – 20th November. As part of this week all classes participated in 'Science Experiments' and 3rd to 6th had Lego Workshops with a Lego Tutor. Such fun was had throughout the investigating, discovering and experimenting activities across the school.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Parent Teacher meetings in mid-November. It was great to see everyone.

Book Fair

We had a great week with our Book Fair which took place from the 20th to the 24th of November. The children really enjoyed browsing through the books and we will have many busy book worms over the next few weeks. A huge thank you to everyone who helped out and also to parents and past pupils for supporting it. As a result of this week, we will be able to get €1,122 worth of books free for our class libraries. The children will enjoy reading all these beautiful books. Well done everyone.

Hip-hop Dance Classes

All classes had the most wonderful 4 weeks of Hip-Hop dancing classes during the month of November. Through their dance activities they practised using their coordination skills, upped their activity levels and grew in confidence in this area. They really enjoyed dancing and singing along to the dance music. Well done to all involved.

Rugby

A big thank you to Gort Rugby Club for organising a coach to facilitate training sessions for the boys and girls in 5th & 6th Classes in GNS. They really enjoyed taking part in the weekly tag rugby sessions for the month of November.

Art & Crafts Workshops

Well done to the children in Senior Infants, First, Second and Third Classes and their parents, who took part in our Art & Craft Workshops. Also a big thank you to GRETB who provided us with our very talented tutor and lots of Arts and Crafts materials. It was a wonderful opportunity and everyone who took part in it had a most enjoyable experience. Keep an eye out for further information about upcoming events and all parents are welcome to attend. Our Home School Community Liaison teacher Mrs. Lynda Cummins will have all the details and is delighted to welcome parents into the school.

Music Generation

5th and 6th Classes are taking part in whole class weekly instrumental sessions as part of the Music Generation programme. They are learning how to play songs on the ukulele. They are really enjoying this wonderful experience. We have great musical talent in the school and are looking forward to hearing more about their sessions and indeed, their finished pieces.

One Book one Community

6th class are really excited to have been invited to join the One Book, One Author/Galway initiative this year. The children will read " Lost Girl King" and share their experience with other schools around the county. Some children met the author in Galway City Library on Wednesday 6th Dec. It is a super initiative which encourages reading in young people and the wider community. We look forward to getting started.

Christmas Celebrations in Gort National School

As Christmas is fast approaching we have decided that we will have our Christmas Jumper Days on the 20th, 21st & 22nd of December.

We will also be having our Christmas Celebrations in Gort National School on Thursday the 21st of December.

We would like to invite the parents of the **Junior and Senior Infant** students to attend our Christmas **Junior Room Performance at 9:30 am** on Thursday the 21st of December in the **Junior Infant prefab**.

We would like to invite the parents of **First and Second Class** students to attend their performance at **10:15am upstairs** in the **Convent Building** on Thursday the 21st of December.

We would also like to invite the parents of the students in **Third to Sixth Classes** to attend a **Christmas Celebration** that will take place in Gort **Church at 1pm on Thursday the 21st of December**.