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Co. na Gailimhe*



*St. Joseph's N.S
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Newsletter May 2011

Dear Parents,

First Holy Communion: Congratulations to all the pupils in 2nd class who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 14th of May. The children were a credit to their parents and teacher in the way they were turned out and in how they participated in the ceremony. I would also like to thank the school choir. They played a huge part in making the day most enjoyable. Great credit is due to all the children who helped throughout the school year by turning out in great numbers to help in Sacrament Preparation. I would also like to thank the parents of the choir members who drop off and collect the pupils for all of the events. The school participated in the "Do this in Memory of me programme". It was a great success and helped make First Holy Communion more meaningful to the children and adults involved. I would like to thank all of the parents who helped to make the programme so successful. I would also like to thank the Parents Association and the parents of the 3rd class who hosted a party for the relatives and children of First Holy Communion. Everybody was made feel most welcome and a great time was had by all.

The school community appreciates all of the hard work that was carried out in the preparation of refreshments and reception area and the huge workload involved catering for so many people.

The goodwill and warmth shown on the day is a massive asset to our community. Sincere thanks to all.

Choir: I would like to compliment the pupils in the school choir who sang so beautifully for the First Communion ceremony. I would also like to thank Mrs Deirdre Murphy for her help in preparation and accompaniment on the day. We are deeply indebted to teachers who take time out to come and assist on school religious occasions.

6th Class Graduation Mass: 6th class will finish their Primary Education on Tuesday June 21st. A special mass will take place for pupils and parents at 10am in St. Joseph's Church. Refreshments for pupils and parents will take place in the school after mass.

Warm Weather: On warm sunny days it is advisable that pupils have sun block on them before coming to school. Children are permitted to wear shorts to school on these days.

School Security: In the interest of safety all visitors must report to the **office** before proceeding to any classroom in the school. **Reminder:** an appointment must be made with school secretary to arrange meetings with teachers.

Punctuality: It is important that we develop, promote and maintain the habit of being punctual for school, events and appointments. I would ask everyone to make a special effort to be in time for school for 2011. Teachers are required to keep punctuality records in relation to children who are frequently late for school.

Parent Information Evening: This will take place at the school on Wednesday 22nd of June at 8.30pm for parents of new infants in September 2011.

Also the new Junior Infants are invited to the school on Thursday 23rd of June from 9.30am-11.30am to meet their teacher's and settle into school life.

Soccer Tournament: This will take place on Thursday June 16th with Dooras and Northampton schools.

Féile na nGael: Galway will host Féile na nGael for the fifth time this year and takes place from June 24th-June 26th. The Féile organising committee arranged a visit to our school on May 18th to inform all of our pupils of the history and the upcoming events that will be happening in Kinvara in relation to the féile. The visiting party was led by Joe Byrne Chairman of the Galway Hurling Board. Joe introduced us to Cyril Farrell former Galway hurling manager and now TV pundit for R.T.E., David Burke current midfielder for Galway Senior Hurling team, Sandra Tannian Galway Camogie player, Seán O'Connor from All Ireland Handball, Ger O'Connor and Ollie Bergin from Kinvara Juvenile Club and Brian Connolly Bus Éireann sponsors of the féile 2011.

This was a great benefit to us all and to our young aspiring sports people who gained a wealth of knowledge in relation to the upcoming féile and development of good practice for all sports.

I wish everyone a great weekend. Kinvara will host hurlers from Carlow, Kerry and Ardrahan on June 25th.

Kinvara girls will play host to a combination of the best of Sligo camogie. Kinvara will play Sligo at 2pm in Kinvara on Friday 24th.

This is a very prestigious event for Kinvara and I urge you to go and support our U14 Hurlers on the 24th at 3pm and on 25th at 10am.

I wish everyone a great weekend and also would like to wish our local team the best of luck in the competition.

School Reports: Could pupils please bring in a stamped addressed envelope before the school year finishes for school report.

Voluntary Contribution: The Board of Management would like to express its sincere thanks to all families who have contributed to this collection. If you have books to return please do so before the summer holidays.

Defibrillator Course: If you wish to become a First Responder please let Hilary know at the school as courses will commence shortly. There are a number of First responders' in the Kinvara area at the moment but we would like more to participate in this course.

There are currently 3 Defibrillators set up in Kinvara –at St. Joseph's N.S, Northampton school and Dooras school. The three phones numbers are 087 3589383 (Kinvara Area), 087 3589383 (Northampton Area) & 087 35893789 (Dooras Area).

We would encourage you to think about this course as it would benefit our community.

School Closures: The school will close at **12 noon** on 17th for a staff meeting. Also please note the last day of term is Tuesday 28th of June and the school will close at **12 noon**.

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