

# Cornamaddy Newsletter

**October 2015**

## **Dates for your Diary**

### **Christmas Holidays:**

School closes on **Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec**  
Return: **Wed 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016.**

**Confirmation: Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016**

**Communion: Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

Both ceremonies will be in Our Lady  
Queen of Peace Church in Coosan

### **Parent Teacher Meetings:**

**Thurs & Fri 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> November**  
Details after the mid-term break.

**Full Calendar on school website**

## **Board of Management**

The term of a new Board of Management will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> December. We will circulate Ballot Papers for the election of Parents' Representatives to all families after the midterm break.

## **Autumn Walk in the Woods**

Junior and Senior Infants took a bus ride to Portlick on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October to see the autumn colours and feel the rustle of leaves under their feet. The weather obliged with a lovely fine autumn day and everybody had a great time.





### **Presentation of Flag**

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October, our trumpeters sounded a fanfare to welcome Sgts Poynton & Scally who presented the school with the national flag and a copy of the Proclamation. Ali Kayyim Khan from 6<sup>th</sup> Class read an excerpt from the Proclamation and the flag was received on behalf of the school by Rebecca Duddy. The tin-whistle players from 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> classes played Amhrán na bhFiann to close out a very important ceremony. The flag will be raised in March 2016 to celebrate the centenary of the 1916 Rising.

### **All Shook Up**

Many thanks to Athlone Community College for staging a matinee of their wonderful show "All Shook Up" which our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils attended on 6<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Christmas Cards**

Recently all the children in the school got the opportunity to design their own Christmas Card. A sample of each card will be sent home in early November and parents will have the option of purchasing packs of cards based on your child's design.

### **Food Dudes**

Over the last three weeks, all children in our junior classes have received samples of fruit and veg every day as part of the *Food Dudes* programme. Pupils in 3<sup>rd</sup> class and higher classes were treated to weekly samples over the same period. Hopefully children have developed a taste for some of the new vegetables and fruit they tried.

### **Sports**

Boys and Girls from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> classes took part in "Athlone Olympics" on AIT track on 25<sup>th</sup> September.

Our Girls football team played their first game against Coosan NS on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October, which ended in a draw. Football training has begun on Thursday evenings after school for both boys and girls. Thanks to Mr Harte who is training the teams.

### **CORNAMADDY NS PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm. The following officers were elected:

Chairperson:	Somesh Kumar
Vice Chairperson:	Jiafan Zhou
Secretary:	Katrina Jameson
Asst. Secretary:	Bernie Devery
Treasurer:	Severine Parker
Asst. Treasurer:	Sheila O'Connor

### **Non Uniform day:**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October is going to be a non-uniform day. We expect great fun on this day as the children love to dress up and celebrate Halloween.