

Cornamaddy Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

May Bank Hol:

School Closed Fri 4th May (Staff CP Training)
Mon 7th May

Communion: Saturday 21st April, 11am

Confirmation: Saturday 28th April, 11am

June Mid Term:

School Closed Monday 28th May to
Monday 4th June.
(Reopens Tuesday 5th June)

Summer Holidays: Friday 29th June



These lads were amongst the runners. They were glad of the water afterwards!



5th Class girls look like they enjoyed the walk!

Sponsored Walk

On Saturday 10th March, Cornamaddy NS held a Family Walk which was a great success, with at least 110 people taking part. The early morning rain cleared up for 10.30 and there was great chat and banter as people gathered round before setting off on the walk. Ms Naughton and Ms Barrett led the more energetic on a run. Congratulations to Christy Joyce who was first back.

Thank you to everyone who went out and asked for sponsorship, to all the families who contributed, and to everyone who took part on the day.

We want to extend a special "Thank you" to **SPAR Garrycastle** who provided water, bananas, twix bars and sweets for everyone after the walk.

The total raised from the walk is €3,482 almost half of the estimated cost of our walking track.

Well done to everyone!

Child Safeguarding Statement

Cornamaddy NS has produced a new Child Safeguarding Statement which has been approved by the B.O.M. The statement can be downloaded from the Information section of our website <https://www.cornamaddy.com>

There are several useful documents for parents at the same location.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

To celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge, all classes from 1st to 6th performed their favourite Irish tune in a school concert on Friday 16th March. Well done to everyone for the sweet music and thanks to Mrs Rafferty for her work in its preparation.

Visit to St Mel's Cathedral

6th Class Confirmation pupils travelled to Longford on Tuesday 20th February to visit St Mel's Cathedral. They also met with Bishop Francis Duffy ahead of their Confirmation Day. Many thanks to Fr Turlough for organising this visit.

Confirmation and Communion

Second class pupils will receive their First Holy Communion in Our Lady Queen of Peace church on Saturday 21st April, while pupils in sixth class will be confirmed on Saturday 28th April. We ask God's blessings on them all.

Modern Dance

We plan to have dance classes for the pupils of 3rd to 6th classes again after Easter this year. Ms Trisha McDermott will again provide these lessons.

Board of Management News:

Board of Management Meeting 6th March 2018

Board Members:

Stan Fallon, Fr Turlough Baxter, Joe Connaughton, Karen McMorrow, Aidan Barry, Doron Harte, Cepta Brougham, Pat Fox.

1. Pupil Attendance:

Pupil attendance figures for January, February were reviewed by the BoM.

2. Child Safeguarding Statement

The new Child Safeguarding Statement was approved by the BoM.

3. School Enrolment Sept 2018:

The BoM reviewed our enrolments for September 2018.

4. Pedestrian Crossings:

BoM has contacted Westmeath County Council regarding the pedestrian lights at the school. Repairs have now been carried out.

AIT Sports

Continuing our school's cooperation with the AIT Sports Department, Ms O'Meara and Ms Casey's classes travelled to AIT on Friday 16th March, and will go again tomorrow for a very active and exciting morning of varying sports activities run by AIT Sports Diploma students. Ms MacCarthy's class are looking forward to a similar opportunity after Easter

Soccer: Cornamaddy 5 aside soccer team played in the Spar 5's blitz Willow Park sports field on Thursday 15th March, and played very well, winning two of their four matches. Well done to all!

Swimming: Next term, pupils from 3rd to 5th classes will again have swimming lessons at the Regional Sports Centre on Thursday mornings from 11am to 12 noon.

Parents Association News:

Easter Raffle: Thursday 22nd March was the date for the Easter draw this year.

Prize Winners as follows:

1st Prize: Lenovo Tablet

Winner : Sinéad Earley, Cornamaddy

2nd Prize: €100 Voucher sponsored by SPAR Garrycastle

Winner: Andressa Ottero, Woodville Drive

3rd Prize: €70 Dinner Voucher part sponsored by Glasson Village Restaurant

Winner : Renaud Chapel, Retreat Ridge

4th Prize: Hamper sponsored by Seery's of Athlone

Winner : Norman Johnson, Ballydangan

5th Prize: €25 Voucher & Hamper sponsored by Supervalu

Winner: Michael O'Sullivan, Cornamaddy

6th Prize: Hamper sponsored by Cunningham Pharmacy

Winner: Ciaran Noone, Churchhills Road

A Huge "Thank You" to all who supported this fundraising event

