

Cornamaddy Newsletter

Enrolment

Enrolment for September 2018 was completed last week, 5th to 9th February. We are happy to welcome a number of little brothers and sisters to the school in September.

If you have missed the enrolment week, and have a child who should start Junior Infants in 2018, it is important that you contact us as soon as possible.

Board of Management News:

Board of Management Meeting 31st Jan '18

Board Members:

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

1. Pedestrian Warning lights at the School:

BoM members are concerned that several of the traffic warning lights on the approach to our school are not working. The BoM has written to the District Engineer at Westmeath County Council to rectify problems with the lights

2. Pupil Attendance:

Pupil attendance figures for September to December were reviewed by the BoM.

3. New Child Protection Guidelines

An overview of the new Child Protection Guidelines was presented to the BoM.

4. School Enrolment Sept 2018:

The BoM reviewed our Enrolment policy and updated it for 2018. Preparations were arranged for Enrolment week in February.

Next Board meeting will take place during the week of 5th March

Dates for your Diary:

Mid Term Break:

Thur-Fri 15th-16th February (2 days)

St Patrick's Weekend:

School Closed Monday 19th March.

Easter Holidays: Friday 23rd March,
(School closes at 12pm)

School Reopens: Monday 9th April

First Communion:

Saturday 21st April at 11am

Confirmation:

Saturday 28th April at 11am

Fun with Numbers

All classes in the school took part in a wonderful Maths Fair on Monday 12th & Wednesday 14th February. The GP Room was transformed with games & puzzles aimed at providing enjoyment while developing maths skills.

Shape Puzzles, Battle Ships, Ring Boards, Hopscotch and many more games were enjoyed over the two days.



Victoria & Chanelle enjoying Number Fun!



Mary & Holly love Maths

Grandparents' Day

On Wed 31st January, Cornamaddy N.S. held its first ever Grandparents Day. Children from 5th & 6th Classes prepared a lovely afternoon and invited their Grandparents to come and have a cup of tea and visit their classrooms.

They then gave a musical performance to finish. Thank you to all the Grandparents who attended, and to those who wrote letters to their grandchildren to remember the day. Lots of photos are displayed on the school website www.cornamaddy.com

Cornamaddy NS Walking Track

Mr Harte has been developing plans to provide a walking track around our school field. This will be a wonderful amenity all our pupils and will allow them greater variety in their walks and runs as part of our Active School participation. It will also allow us to make better use of our grounds during the wetter part of the year. We have organised a Sponsored Walk (see below) to raise funds for the track.

Family 5K Sponsored Walk

We hope that you will all get involved in our school's Sponsored Family 5K Walk/Run on Saturday 3rd March. Sponsorship cards have been given to the oldest child of each family today so that children can begin looking for sponsorship over the midterm break. 3rd March is fast approaching, so hopefully the training is going well!

Sam Maguire & Brendan Martin Cups

There was great excitement on 15th January when members of Garrycastle GAA brought the Sam Maguire Cup and the Brendan Martin Cup to Cornamaddy NS. Boys and girls were delighted to try holding the cups aloft and imagining their own future sporting prowess! Have a look at our website, www.cornamaddy.com for photos.



Naysa & Mykyta take turns at Hopscotch

Parents Association News:

Non-Uniform Day: Wednesday 14th February is a home-clothes day to raise funds for School Activities.

Donation €2 per child, or €5 per family of 3 or more children

As always, *Thank You* for your support

Pancake Day:

Thanks to all parents who helped us provide pancakes for the children again this year.

Upcoming Events:

Easter Draw: We will hold a raffle before the Easter Holidays again this year to raise funds for School activities. Lovely Easter Hampers to be won!