

Cornamaddy Newsletter

October 2017

Dates for your Diary

Midterm Break: Fri 27th Oct 3pm
School reopens: Mon 6th November

Curriculum Training Day: School will be closed on Thursday 9th November

Christmas Holidays:

School closes on Fri 22nd Dec
Return: Mon 9th January 2017.

Communion: Sat 21st April 18 -11am
Confirmation: Sat 28th April 18-11am

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

Parent Teacher Meetings:

Thurs & Fri 23rd & 24th November
Details after the mid-term break.

Full Calendar is on school website

Primary Language Curriculum

Training Day: School will be closed on Thursday 9th November, to facilitate staff training for the Primary Language Curriculum

Planting in our School Garden

Ms O'Meara led children from all classes in planting bulbs that will flower in Spring-time in our new school garden. Some flowers are blooming nicely now to get the garden started.

Rose of Tralee at Cornamaddy

The 2017 Rose of Tralee, Jennifer Byrne visited Cornamaddy NS on Tuesday 24th October to launch the *Be Safe Be Seen* Road Safety message for children



Rose of Tralee, Jennifer Byrne, with pupils from 5th & 6th Class

Sports

Boys and Girls from 4th, 5th & 6th classes took part in "Athlone Olympics" on AIT track on 29th September and brought back several medals. Well done to all!

Boys and girls from 3rd and 4th classes attended a Gaelic football blitz in Garrycastle GAA on Wednesday 25th October. This was a fun blitz to increase participation in the sport and children from Cornamaddy joined teams with pupils from St Mary's, Mount Temple & Ballymore schools and St Peter's NS.

6th Class boys took part in a Gaelic football blitz organised by Athlone Community College on Friday 6th October. Great fun & good food was enjoyed by all!

Active School

Children in every class are very excited to be participating in our "Run Around Europe Challenge". Each week the aim is to reach a different capital city in Europe. To reach this target, pupils must run or walk laps of the court yard or school. They are learning lots of fun facts about the destination before they run.

This week the target is Madrid, here's hoping we get there!

Non Uniform day

Friday 27th 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. Imaginative costumes are very welcome, but we ask children not to wear masks as they can be frightening to the younger children.

Bootcamp

On Friday 13th October, 6th Class went to Cuckoo Hill Bootcamp. Despite the inclement weather, they had a very exciting day on the course and came back tired but happy.



Milan, Molly, Sai and Rihanna from Junior Infants enjoy the sunshine while planting bulbs in our new garden

Board of Management Meeting Wed 27th Sep 2017

Board Members

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

Enrolment

Total Pupil Enrolment for 2016/17 is 254
123 Boys and 131 Girls

Child Protection

A review of our Child Protection policy took place at the meeting.

School Attendance

New Attendance Strategies have been agreed to improve school attendance and new measures agreed to inform parents of school absences

Next Meeting will be on 21st Nov

CORNAMADDY NS PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The Parents Association AGM was held on Wednesday 20th September. The following officers were elected:

Chairperson:	Somesh Kumar
Assistant	
Chairperson:	John Jeffries
Secretary:	Lydia Hogan
Asst. Secretary:	Dearbhla Gayson
Treasurer:	Severine Parker
Asst. Treasurer:	Anne-Marie O'Donnell

**More information and photos on
our school website:**

www.cornamaddy.com

