



Scoil Naomh Feichín Termonfeckin



School Newsletter – October 2017



PARENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We encourage as many parents/guardians as possible to go along to the AGM of the Parents Association on **MONDAY NEXT, Oct 23rd at 8pm**. The Parents Association makes a very important contribution to the effective operation of our school and the work of the parents on the committee is very much appreciated. We would like to thank the current committee members for their wonderful support.

Midterm Break: Oct 30th – Nov. 5th

School Closes at 3pm on Friday Oct. 27th

Parent-Teacher Meetings:

Wed & Thurs. Nov. 15th & 16th (2pm-5pm)

Christmas Holidays Dec 22nd – Jan 9th 2018

School Closes at 12.30pm on Friday Dec 22nd

Spring Term starts on Monday Jan 8th 2018.

School Closure: Thursday Mon. Dec 14th

The Department requires all teaching staff to attend full day training in Navan Education Centre for the implementation of a New Primary Language Curriculum.



School Extension Update

The good news is that the school extension project is well under way. The main contractors, CJ Callan Ltd., Ardee are making steady progress with the help of good weather so far this autumn. We have been given an undertaking by the builders that there will be no deliveries to the site at times when the pupils are entering and exiting the school grounds. We would ask that parents continue to take extreme care when dropping off and picking up children from school. It's good to see that more parents are using the drop off facility in the staff parking area as this helps traffic flow. Thank you all for your patience and understanding so far this term.





GARDA SPORTS DAY – OCT 18th

The pupils in both 6th classes had a wonderful day at the annual Garda Sports Day which was held in the Gaelic Grounds, Drogheda this week. The children competed in a variety of events including the 100m, 200m 500m and 4 x 100m races. There was also a tug of war competition, sack, wheelbarrow and three-legged races and a penalty kicking competition for boys and girls.

Our pupils performed really well in all of the events especially Aaron Walsh who finished 3rd in the Penalty Kicks and Jake Fahy who was the runner up in the Boys 100m Sprint Race.

Many thanks to Mrs Hurley, Mrs McCluskey, Ms Ann Marie and Ms Fitzpatrick who took the children to Drogheda and managed the team.

Also well done to the local Gardaí who once again organised a brilliant day for local primary schools.



Jake Fahy - 2nd in the 100m Race
Aaron Walsh - 3rd in the Penalty Kicks Competition



Preparing for the Sacraments

The Enrolment Mass for 2nd class pupils who are preparing for First Penance and First Communion will take place on this Sunday, Oct 22nd at 11am in Termonfeckin.

The Enrolment Mass for pupils in 6th class who are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday, Nov. 26th at 11am in Termonfeckin Church.



CHESS CLUB

Pupils in 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th class will have the opportunity to join the school chess club after the midterm break in November. A note about this will be sent out to parents early next week.

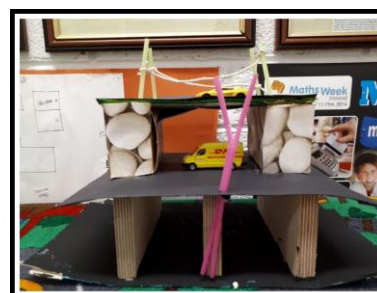


FAI FUTSAL TOURNAMENT

Mr McCann and Mrs Fahy will be managing both a boys and girls team from the school in the upcoming FAI Futsal Tournament in Dundalk. Our school has participated in this competition over the last few years and it's a great day for the players. Teams will be selected over the next few days.



Designing & Constructing Bridges in Mrs McCluskey's 6th Class



Art Project with the Highlanes Gallery

The pupils in Mrs Hurley's 6th class have been involved in an interesting project with the Highlanes Gallery already this term. The first part of the project involved a visit to the gallery where the children were given a guided tour of the exhibition "Bristle: Hair and Hegemony". A visual artist, Claire Halpin, visited the school over the next few weeks to work with the pupils on an art project which was inspired by what they had seen.

Some pictures of the work can be seen on the 6th class page on the school website.

The TEXACO Children's Art Exhibition runs until Nov 4th in the Highlanes Gallery and is well worth a visit.



TAG RUGBY COACHING & BLITZ

Boyne Rugby Club have provided us with a coach over the last 5 weeks to teach the skills and rules of Tag Rugby to the pupils in 5th & 6th classes in our school. The children in these classes have had a dedicated coaching session each Friday where they played the game under the direction of Peter Kerr. The classes were also invited to participate in a tag rugby blitz in Drogheda along with a number of other primary schools. It was an enjoyable morning with all of the pupils participating in fun games.



5th & 6th Class boys at the Tag Rugby Blitz



More pictures in the gallery of the school website.



5th Class girls having fun at the Tag Rugby Blitz

HURLING STARS



Congratulations to our young hurling stars in the school who have brought home county shields to Termonfeckin over the last few weeks. Well done to all of our players who play on club teams with St Fechins. Well done also to our boys and girls on the Gaelic school teams who have played in their primary schools leagues already this term. Thank you to the teachers who look after these teams and the parents who come to support on match days.

SPINAL INJURIES IRELAND FUNDRAISER



"Go Green on Friday for Mrs Sheil" - Oct 6th 2017

Thank you to all of our school families, pupils and members of staff who supported the **"Go Green for Friday"** fundraising day for Spinal Injuries Ireland. Former teacher, Mrs Shiel really appreciated the support and generosity shown by everyone in our school community. We also had a visit from the LMFM outside broadcast unit during the day and they carried out interviews with some of the pupils and other people involved in organising the event.

In all, a total of **€750** was raised for the charity during the day. The money raised will go towards the cost of crucial services such as Community Outreach Programmes which provide support and information to people living with spinal cord injuries and their families. Thank you all, most sincerely, for your wonderful support.

