



Scoil Naomh Feichín Termonfeckin



School Newsletter – June 2017

Congratulations to the 33 pupils from Mrs McCluskey's 6th class who were confirmed by Archbishop Eamon Martin on Saturday last in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Termonfeckin.



June Bank Holiday Weekend

The school will be closed on this Friday June 2nd and next Monday June 5th.

Summer Holidays

The school will close at 12.30pm on Tuesday, June 27th for the summer break.

2017/18 Calendar

The school calendar for 2017/18 will be available next week. Teacher allocation for next year is currently being finalised.

Enrolment of New Pupils

The school is still accepting enrolment applications for the new school year as there are places available in some class groups.

Sad Family News

It was with great sadness that we received the news recently of the untimely death of Edith, the loving mother of Joy (4th class) and Favour (3rd class). The school friends of both girls have been very supportive of Joy and Favour over the last few weeks and we will continue to remember their beloved mum in our prayers at school.



First Communion - May 13th 2017

The pupils in First Class received their First Communion from Fr Aidan on Saturday, May 13th.



Spelling Bee County Final

A few weeks ago, sixth class pupil, Dorota Rusin, represented our school at the Louth County Final of the Easons All-Ireland Spelling Bee Competition. This year 13 primary schools from County Louth nominated their school champions to compete in the final which was held in Dundalk Grammar School. Even though Dorota didn't win on the day she represented our school brilliantly. Here she is pictured with her school friends Sara and Neda who travelled to Dundalk to support

Spelling Bee Class Winners 2017

6th Class (Mrs McCluskey) - Dorota Rusin
 5th Class (Ms McAuley) - Lybah Hafeez
 5th Class (Mrs Hurley) - Kartal Yildirim Martin
 4th Class (Ms Campbell) - Ellen Feeney
 3rd Class (Mrs Ryan) - Dylan Sheridan
 3rd Class (Mr Casey) - Favour Chuks
 2nd Class (Ms Clayton) - Laoise Jordan
 1st Class (Ms Campbell) - Tadhg Kelly
 1st Class (Ms Carroll) - Emily McNulty



Thank You St. Fechin's GAA Club

*Thank you to all of our school families who contributed to our Jersey Day collection. As a thank you to our local GAA club, St Fechin's, who arrange coaching for pupils throughout the year in our school, we are delighted to present the sum of **€350** to the club to help fund junior development in hurling and football.*



Spelling Bee Class Champions 2017

Tennis at our School

Over the last three weeks, professional tennis coach, Margaret Drew, has been coaching for one day a week at our school. She has been teaching basic skills to the pupils in 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes. The children also had the opportunity to do some of their coaching at the courts of Termonfeckin Tennis Club in An Grianán.

On June 20th a mini tennis tournament has been arranged between three local schools, St. Peter's NS, Drogheda, Scoil Mhuire gan Smal, Cartown and Scoil Naomh Feichín. This will be held in An Grianán.

Thank you to all at Termonfeckin Club for your support.

SCHOOL BOOK RENTAL SCHEME

Many thanks to Mrs Hurley who organises the Book Rental Scheme in our school. This is a huge undertaking and takes a considerable amount of extra time and effort. The Book Rental Scheme has been running successfully for many years and is a very effective way of controlling school book bills for families. The vast majority of our school families participate in the Book Rental Scheme. This year for the first time we have introduced the facility for parents to pay the fee in one lump sum or in instalments directly into the school bank account via internet banking.

Over the next few years we hope that more and more families avail of this option.

Please remember that most of the most expensive school textbooks and workbooks are covered by the Book Rental Scheme. Included also in the €95 fee is a contribution towards Art & Craft supplies and photocopying / printing expenses.

Parents are not requested to make any VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION to contribute to the costs of running our school even though the Capitation Grant from the Department of Education & Skills amounts to only 92c per pupil per day. We do, however, encourage parents to support and get involved in the Parents Association who do terrific work to support everything we do here in the school.

Scoil Naomh Feichin Chess Team

This year we had 60 pupils playing chess in our school chess club on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. From these players we selected the top five players to represent the school in the Drogheda Area Primary Schools Chess League. At the presentation of prizes in St. Peter's Church Hall, Drogheda, last week we were delighted to be awarded the runners up trophies for finishing just behind a very strong team St. Joseph's CBS who were the league winners.



SCOIL NAOMH FEICHIN SCHOOL CHESS TEAM
 RUNNERS UP IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHESS LEAGUE 2017



Some pictures from the recent coaching session with Ms Clayton's 2nd class – also in the picture are Ms Niamh Gorman and tennis coach Margaret Drew.



Class	Teacher	Date	Destination	Depart / Return
Junior Infants	Mrs Cassidy	Monday, June 19 th	Pudden Hill	9.30am / 1.45pm
Senior Infants	Mr McCann	Wednesday, June 21 st	Sonairte	9.30am / 2 pm
First Class	Ms Carroll	Tuesday, June 6 th	Tayto Park	9am / 2.45pm
First Class	Ms H. Campbell			
Second Class	Ms Clayton			
Third Class	Mrs Ryan	Tuesday, June 6 th	Celtic Adventures Clogherhead	9.20am / 2.45pm
Third Class	Mr Casey			
Fourth Class	Ms R. Campbell			
Fifth Class	Mrs Hurley	Monday, June 19 th	National Aquatic Centre	9.30am / 3.30pm
Fifth Class	Ms McAuley			
Sixth Class	Mrs McCluskey	Wednesday, June 14 th	Tanagh Outdoor Adventure Centre, Co. Monaghan	8.30am / 5.30pm



Marine Life Project on the Ballywater River, Termonfeckin



The fifth classes of Mrs Hurley and Ms McAuley are working on a project at the moment where they are looking at the marine life in the River Ballywater, Termonfeckin. Last week two local fisheries officers came to the school and gave a very interesting talk to the children in both classes. They then brought the classes down to the local river for a field study.



The children were fascinated when one of the officers went into the river and managed to catch a number of small fish. The children then looked more closely at the fish under magnifying glasses and the fisheries officers answered all of the questions the children had for them.

The highlight of the day was when the children were taught how to “tickle a fish” – a lasting memory of a great day.

As well as working on their current project, the pupils have also been invited to present their work at the **Forum on Biodiversity** which will be held in the Boyne Valley Hotel on Friday June 23rd. The official opening will be by President Michael D Higgins and also in attendance will be HSH Prince Albert of Monaco.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for the pupils to display their work and show all that they have learned during their project.

