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WELCOME BACK FOR THE FINAL TERM IN THE YEAR.

It is very important to keep up good attendance and to arrive on time for class daily. The majority of pupils arrive on time in the morning, unfortunately, a small number arrive late some mornings. Late arrivals are disruptive for other pupils and the class teacher.

STANDARDISED TESTING

Classes from First to Sixth will begin their standardised tests in English and in Maths from the 17th to the 19th of May. A standardised test is a test that measures a child's achievement compared to other children in all schools at the same class or age level. We will send out end of year reports in early June. The report card will be the same as the one used last year. It will include the results of the standardised tests which will be described as a 'STen score'. STen scores go from 1 to 10. About one third of children have scores in the average range of STen score 5 and 6. A STen of 7 means that the child is a high average and a STen score of 8-10 mean that the child is well above average. A STen score of 4 means that the child is a low average and a STen score of 1-3 is a score well below average.

It is important to remember that no matter what score a child gets one score taken in isolation is not a complete picture of a child's learning in that particular subject.

We will send an information leaflet for parents in relation to standardised testing and STen scores with each child's report. Parents are welcome to make an appointment to discuss the reports with the relevant teachers if they wish.

NEW ENTRANTS

A meeting for parents of New Junior Infants for 2017/2018 will take place in Scoil Mhuire on **Thursday the 18th May at 2.15 pm.** It is important for all the parents to come to the meeting as important advice, rules as well as paperwork will be handed out on the day. The meeting should be finished before 3 pm. This meeting is for parents ONLY.

SWIMMING

First and Second classes have started their swimming lessons in the Station House. All the children are enjoying the classes and making good progress. We remind you that hats are compulsory to get in to the swimming pool.

DAFFODIL DAY 2017

The Clifden Branch of Irish Cancer Society wish to thank the **children of Scoil Mhuire** for their generous donation of **€350.**

SCIENCE FAIR

Today the Annual Connemara Science Fair took place in the Town Hall, Clifden. Niall McCormack has been visiting our School since last November giving workshops in Science, Robotics and Engineering.

The emphasis this year was put on the process of developing an idea through to prototype stage.

Our class was split into 4 groups. The four teams worked on areas as such as engineering, marketing, design & testing. This showed us students that a broad range of skills is required when it comes to making a product or putting into service.

DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

Monday 1st May: Bank Holiday

Wednesday 3rd May: 3rd class tour

Monday 15th May: Standardised Testing Week

Wednesday 17th May: Intergenerational Day

After much deliberation we settled on creating an all in one wheelchair system. We called it the "Weel-Care".

Our 4 teams each had a different responsibility and the system was built using Lego and Little Bit electronics.

We had a fantastic day showcasing our creation and we really enjoyed viewing the other projects from the other schools.

SEA WEEK SOCCER

The Sea week soccer tournament was eventually brought to a close with our Fifth class boys narrowly losing the final. It bodes well for next year!!

SCHOOL BAND

Our school band embraced the opportunity to strut their stuff in a parade to open Tradfest. A big thank you to Marie Walsh and all Tradfest committee for inviting us.

CONFIRMATION

Well done to the boys and girls who were confirmed on the 6th of April



FRIDAYS ON FOOT BUS

Where and when we meet every Friday this term

Market Square (EJ's corner)

- ⇒ Coordinator Kevin Gavin.
 - ⇒ Footpath to Chris Shanahan's petrol station.
 - ⇒ Cross at pedestrian crossing
 - ⇒ Follow footpath to bottom of Hospital Hill.
- All 3 groups meet there to walk up the hill to school.

St Joseph's Church Carpark

- Coordinator Eileen Burke.
 - Footpath to Galway Road.
 - Meet Market Square group.
- All 3 groups meet there to walk up the hill to school.

Aldi Car Park.

- ♦ Coordinator Aine O'Neill.
 - ♦ Footpath to Hospital Hill.
- All 3 groups meet there to walk up the hill to school.

Award Winners	Student of the Week	Best Effort	Best Person
Junior Infants	Lily Shanahan-Óisin O'Sullivan-Ruth Abraham-Jakub Gdynia-Carla Carrol-Milo O'Flaherty-Rory Ashe-Aoibhin O'Malley		
Senior Infants	Kyle Gavin	Benjamin Waligorski	Olwyn Conroy
	Oisin Gavin	Devna Das	Benjamin Waligorski
First class	Roisin O'Toole	Ibrahim Bankole	Tom Mansfield
	Rachel Dooley	Ellen Conneely	Evan O'Malley
Second class	Tiernan Lee	Lucas O'Halloran	Leah Shaughnessy
	Ella Prauer	Matthew Freeman	Mihal Wysocki
Third class	Tracey Annabelle Conroy	Maia Barry	Clodagh O'Toole
	Laura Malone/Elleann O'Toole	Caoimhe McLoughlin	Oisin Foyle
Fourth class	Jack Kennington	Max Baylis	Seamus King/Jack Weesjes
	Angela Thornton	Mikey Conroy	Eoin Griffin
Fifth class	Cillian Gannon	Paddy Atkinson	Ronan Mannion
	Emilia Jarosz	Eoin Mannion	Alan Atkinson
Sixth class	Holly Baylis	Sam Carey	Breffi Barry
	Kamila	Annie Sweeney	Ciara Brennan
Seventh class	Faye Walsh Noe Mc Loughlin		
Eighth class	Luke Walsh		
Special Awards	Arfin Chowdory Faye Walsh Meibh Dickinson Noe Mc Loughlin Aiden Tevlin Oliver Birmingham Ellen Conneely Line of the week: 1st & 2nd class Best class attendance: 4th class		