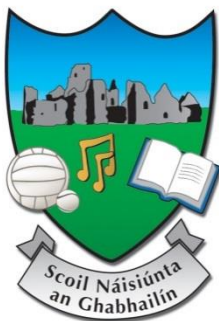


Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí



Golden National School

Golden, Cashel, Co. Tipperary.

Tel. 062 72164 **Email** goldenns@yahoo.ie **Web** www.goldenns.ie **Roll No.** 17114J

NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2017

NUACHTLITIR – NOLLAG 2017

Happy Christmas!



It has been a very busy term here in Golden N.S and the school has been hive of activity! This newsletter should give you an insight into all that has been happening since Hallowe'en and I hope that you enjoy browsing through it.

Wishing you and your family a Peaceful Christmas and a Prosperous New Year! – Ms. Corbett

Christmas Carol Service

A Christmas Carol Service took place in the hall on Wednesday night, 20th December. The children worked extremely hard during rehearsals and performed with gusto on the night.

We would also like to thank Pat Griffin, Declan Donnelly and the Parents' Association for helping to set up the hall, which was beautifully decorated. Many thanks also to the children for a stellar performance!

Goodbye

This past term, we had a student teacher, Ms. Ciara Slattery, on a two month placement from Mary Immaculate College in Limerick. Ms. Slattery taught the children in 5/6th class and was an extremely popular member of staff during her time here in Golden N.S. We wish Ms. Slattery continued success with her studies and thank her for all her hard work during her time with us.

School Mass

Our school Christmas mass took place on Thursday 21st December in the church. It was, as always, a lovely mass and we would like to thank Fr. Coffey for making our school masses so special and meaningful to the children. A special mention to our readers, servers, choir and all the boys and girls from Juniors' to 2nd Class for their contribution to this special Christmas celebration.





Active School

The Active School Committee is as active as ever and has been keeping the school on its toes since our return last September! This past term, the committee has introduced 'Playground Leaders' to the yard at break-times. The leaders help to organise playground games for the younger children in our school and so far, it has proved to be a great success.

On Monday, December 18th, the children participated in 'Zumba' classes in the hall. The children had fantastic fun and thoroughly enjoyed the class! Many thanks to Clodagh O'Dwyer, who is a parent of one of our Senior Infants, for the class!

On Thursday, December 21st, our 'Fun-Filled Festivities' took place in the hall. The children participated in games and races such as 'Penguin Waddle', 'Nosey Bauble', 'Tinsel Trio Race' and 'Musical Jack Frost'. The aim is, as always, to promote activity and exercise in a fun way and Ms. O' Brien and Ms. Ryan have certainly been doing just that! Many thanks to them and to their committee for all of the thought and effort that goes into organising Active School activities in our school.

Swimming

Our annual swimming lessons will take place in **May** this coming year. As 'Swimming' is one of the strands on the P.E curriculum, all children from 1st to 6th are required to attend.

More information as regards cost and dates to follow after Easter.

School Uniforms

The school uniform is **compulsory**, not optional. Parents are asked to ensure that their child is wearing the correct uniform each day in school. It is the children's responsibility to look after their uniform in school. Could parents please ensure uniforms are labelled with your child's name. The school uniform is available from Mr. Mister (formally O'Dwyer's) in Cashel and Uniform World Outlet Store in Clonmel.





Visit to Athassel Abbey

On Tuesday, the 14th of November, the children from 3rd to 6th took part in a walking tour of Athassel Abbey. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn more about a local historical landmark and the children showed great enthusiasm and had many questions. Huge thanks to Carmel O' Donnell, local historian and a past teacher here in Golden N.S, for sharing her knowledge and expertise with us!

School Musical

On the 8th of November, the children from 3rd class to 6th class attended a matinee performance of Disney's 'Beauty and the Beast' in Cashel Community School. It was a fantastic production and certainly gave both students and teachers alike, food for thought as regards our own upcoming production in April!

Rehearsals for our production of 'Beauty and the Beast' will kick off in earnest in January. To avoid using too much class time to rehearse, we will be organising some rehearsals to take place after school. More details to follow in January.

School Access

The door at the end of the senior corridor is for **pupil access only**. Should you need to access the school, we would ask that you do so by the main door buzzer system. We would encourage parents to make an appointment through the office should they need to speak to their child's teacher. Also, we remind parents (or anyone collecting a child) that they may only use the pedestrian gate when entering or leaving the school grounds. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

School Website

We are currently in the process of updating the school website. A more colourful and user friendly website will be up and running from the end of January approx. All parents will be notified when the new website goes live.





Attendance and Punctuality

Please be reminded that it is obligatory for your child to attend and be punctual for school every day. Any child who reaches 20 days absence in the school year must be reported to TUSLA.

Should your child be absent for any reason, please send in a note of explanation. These notes can be found at the back of your child's homework diary. Parents of Infants are asked to send a note directly to the class teacher.

County Champions

Huge congratulations to our U13 panel of footballers who won the U13 Football County Final in Burncourt on November 20th. It was a hard fought match and we took the title, thanks to a last minute penalty from Jack Bergin.

Well done to each and every member of the panel and a special word of thanks to our principal, Thomas Lyng, for all his work in training and preparing the children.

The panel are:

Tyler Barry	Jack Dalton
Padraig Dalton	Gavin Dalton
Ciaran Byrne	Jack Bergin
Aaron Colohan	Daniel Queally
Ryan McKnight	Mikey Taylor
Conor Ryan	Lauren Dalton
Adam Doheny	Harry Fogarty
Jamie Moloney	Conor Smith
Cillian Burke	Eoghan White

GAA Quiz





We have a long tradition of success in the Primary Schools GAA Table Quiz here in Golden N.S. and this year was no different. Four students from 6th class took part in the West Final, in the hall in Golden and went on to take 3rd place in the County Final on November 21st.

Huge congratulations to Gavin Dalton, Daniel Queally, Aaron Colohan and Jack Dalton.

Enrolment for 2017/2018

We are accepting enrolments for September 2018. If you wish to enrol your child, you are invited to contact the school on goldenns@yahoo.ie or call directly to the school office.

Notes from the classes

Infant Room:

The girls and boys in the Infants classroom have been busy since Hallowe'en. We learned a lot about science, such as things that need electricity, push and pull forces, Outer Space and how day and night happen. We also learned about the Post Office, how to send letters, what happens the letters once we send them and we even wrote some letters, cards and postcards of our own. As it's Christmas we learned all about the very First Christmas, when Baby Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem. We looked at what is most important at Christmas with our kind deed Advent Calendar. This helped us to spread Christmas cheer in our classroom and homes in the run up to Christmas, which was lucky as we discovered that we were under Elf Surveillance! On December 1st, we received a very special package from the North Pole; a mischievous little elf called Figgy Sparkle. Figgy got up to all sorts of hijinks these last few weeks, but our lovely class must have rubbed off on her as she seems to have been more nice than naughty, always rewarding us on Fridays with a





sweet treat. We are really going to miss her as she embarks on her journey home today! Slán agus go raibh maith agat, Figgy! – Ms. O' Brien

1st/2nd Class

As the 1st term draws to a close, I would like to commend 1st and 2nd class children for their hard work and participation in all activities in school. Since Hallowe'en, the topics of Caitheamh Aimsire (hobbies) and An Nollag have been covered with the children making a huge effort to converse in Irish where possible and sing their numerous songs and rhymes to correspond with each theme.

In SESE, they especially loved learning the old Irish legends of The Children of Lir and The Salmon of Knowledge. They created beautiful class story pictures to show their understanding and appreciation of, these legends. Learning all about Our Teeth was of particular interest to the children as was the topic of Lighthouses in Geography.

1st class explored all the dynamics of 3D shapes in their environment and 2nd class worked hard on the topic of Money. They really benefitted from a free online game called "Change Please", where the children had to practise calculating change from given amounts. If parents would like to use this resource at home, the website is called teachingmoney.co.uk and the game is called "Change Please". I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all the children and their families and very Happy and Peaceful Christmas– Ms. Kelly

3rd/4th Class

The last term has been full to the brim with various events and a hive of activities have kept the 3rd & 4th class boys and girls as busy as bees!





They were taken back in time to the 1200's to discover what life was like in Golden all those years ago when Athassel Abbey was at its prime. It was a fantastic experience to walk around these local ruins, full of history and stories from long ago. We owe Mrs. O' Donnell a great big thank you for sharing her wealth of knowledge and expertise with us.

Also in SESE the children spent more time outdoors undertaking science experiments! They had a ball wrapping pockets of air in a soapy film to create a myriad of bubbles around the playground!

During Gaeilge lessons, the children used all their new “éadaí” and “ag siopadóireacht” vocabulary to produce their very own fantastic dramas and sketches to perform for their fellow classmates. Bhí gach duine go hiontach agus bhain siad an-taitneamh as!

“Maths Stations” was also a big hit this term and something we hope to do more of in the New Year. Every child got a chance to move from station to station to experience all the different games and activities. Each station incorporates a different mathematical concept:

- Interactive tables game
- Shopping catalogues
- Mental maths
- “Brain Snack” problem solving
- Card games
- Tablets – maths apps

Just in the nick of time, we finished our first novel of the year “Kensuke’s Kingdom”. It was a thrilling adventure story which finds a young boy washed up on a desert island struggling to survive. The whole class, Miss





Ryan included, were enthralled by this gripping story and couldn't wait to find out how it would all end for "Michael" & "Kensuke". Another top class novel by Michael Morprougo!

Finally, well done to all the children in 3rd & 4th class for their consistent hard work this term! Looking forward to another successful year in 2018, which is sure to be full of fun and excitement!

Nollaig Shona Daoibh go Léir!! – Ms. Ryan

5th/6th Class

Children in 5th and 6th class have enjoyed learning about lines and angles in Maths. Children learned how to measure and draw angles using a protractor. During this term we also learned how to add and subtract fractions and how to do long division. In Gaeilge, we studied the themes of 'Bia' and Ag Siopadóireacht'. We enjoyed writing stories on the topics 'An Unexpected Surprise' and 'The Fire I'll Never Forget'. We learned about the USA in Geography, Heat in Science and the Aborigines in History. We enjoyed practising for the Christmas Carol service and completing Christmas Art work – Mr Lyng





Calendar 2017-2018

2nd Term

- ❖ Re-opening Monday January 8th 2018
- ❖ Teachers In-service day Closed Wednesday 17th
(training day for new language curriculum)
- ❖ Parent-Teacher meetings 29th & 30th January
- ❖ Mid-term Closed Thursday 15th and Friday 16th February
- ❖ St Patricks Day School Closed 19th March
- ❖ Easter Holidays School closes on Friday 23rd March at 12.30p.m.

3rd Term

- ❖ Re-opening Monday 9th April 2018
- ❖ Bank Holiday Closed Monday 7th May
- ❖ Communion Saturday, 19th May
- ❖ Bank Holiday Closed Mon 4th June
- ❖ Summer Holidays School Closes on Friday 22nd June at 12.30 p.m.

