



# April/May Newsletter

*Dear Parents/Guardians, we hope you enjoy reading our most recent newsletter.*

## **Perpetual Cup Competitions**

Our annual perpetual cup competitions were held recently in the school. The quality of entries was superb. Well done to all our pupils for their wonderful work. There were highly commended awards given to pupils in all classes in recognition of their fantastic participation and contribution. The overall Perpetual Cup winners are as follows:



- Infants – ***Thomas Magee Memorial Cup Colouring Competition*** - Amelia Cahill (Ms. E. McDonnell)
- 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Class – ***Gerard Judge Memorial Cup Handwriting Competition*** – Junior Nembot (Ms. C Brennan)
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> – ***Sean McCabe Memorial Cup Project Competition*** – Tess Hegarty (Mrs. E Conachy)
- 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> - ***Karen and Sean Craven Memorial Cup Essay Competition*** – Rugile Jurgaityte (Mr J Lyons)

Congratulations to our four overall winners and our highly commended winners.

## **Fís Film Storyboard Storytelling Competition**



As part of the national Fís Film Storyboard Storytelling Competition, Mr Ryan's 5<sup>th</sup> and Mr Lyons's 6<sup>th</sup> classes submitted an entry based on the life and times of Dundalk boxer, Tom Sharkey entitled, 'Don't Give up the Ship'. The students worked tirelessly on this project, creating a storyboard which formed the script for a movie. We are delighted to announce that the Scoil Mhuire na nGael finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall.

We also had an individual entry from 6<sup>th</sup> class pupil Carmen Rasandratana. Carmen's storyboard entitled 'Together we can make a Difference' looked at taking care of our environment as a shared responsibility. Carmen produced a brilliant piece of work and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in her category.

Samples of the outstanding work by our pupils can be seen at 27, 28 and 32 seconds respectively. <https://youtu.be/4QH40IFenrs>

The school received the fantastic prize of six Web 2.0 Lego Bots. Congratulations to all who participated on a wonderful achievement, directors and film makers of the future.

## 2021/2022 School Calendar

The 2021/2022 school calendar has been emailed to all families. The calendar highlights our return date to school for the coming school year, along with school closure dates and holidays. The calendar can be viewed on our website under the 'Parental Information' tab or by clicking [HERE](#).



## World Book Dress Up Day



We plan to hold our annual dress-up day to celebrate World Book Day on **Friday 18th June**. Children are encouraged to dress-up as a character from a book they have read, and perhaps there may even be some teachers who will celebrate this day too! There will be a number of medals for each class for the best-dressed / most creatively dressed characters. Keep an eye on the school website for photographs of the day!

## 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation

As this has been a year like no other, we plan to celebrate the graduation of our 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils with a week of fun filled activities commencing Monday the 14th June. It is so important for us to mark this wonderful occasion and let our pupils know just how special they are. For you, the parents, we will hold a virtual class graduation ceremony so you can be part of the celebrations too. We are so proud of our Sixth Class pupils and look forward to a fantastic week.



## Recycled Clothing Collection



Thank you very much to all the families who supported us with our recent clothing collection fundraiser. We raised €1548 for the school. Many thanks to everybody, we really appreciate the support. We hope to run our next clothing collection during the first term of the new school year, so we would love if you could hold onto your bags of unwanted clothes until then for us and we would be delighted to take them off your hands!!

## School reports

The end of year reports will be issued to all parents/guardians during the week starting Monday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of June. If any parents/guardians are seeking any clarification or wish to discuss their child's report with the class or special education teacher, please email the office at smgdundalk@gmail where the necessary arrangements will be made for you.



## Autumn Reopening



While we may still be in our current school year, it is important that families are made aware that the current safety measures put in place for managing and reducing the spread of the Covid-19 infection in the school are likely to continue for our reopening at the very end of August and for the coming school year. Full details of the safety measures for the new school year will be emailed out to all families ahead of our reopening.

## Active Schools Week

We are looking forward to our Active Schools Week and Sports Day in June this year. There will be lots of activities planned for all classes to enjoy with plenty of sports and games organised. Sports Day will take place during the school day with each class hosting their own races with their teacher (weather permitting). *Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, public health guidelines and direction from the Department of Education, we are unable to invite parents/guardians to their child's sports day or events this year.* Pictures of the events taking place during Active Sports Week will be posted on our school website.

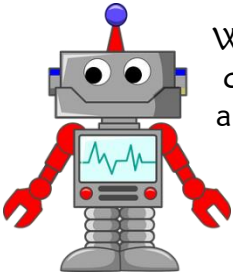


## Book Rental Payment Reminders

The closing date for book rental payments is the 4<sup>th</sup> June. Once this date has passed, payment for the book rental scheme will no longer be available to families. Taking part in this scheme is encouraged as the purchasing of the books individually can be costly. Please note that we have purchased a brand new literacy scheme for all our pupils which, for the most part, is also included in the scheme. A book list will issue before the end of June to all families.



## The Inaugural Robot Art Challenge



We are delighted to announce that our very own Rugile Jurgaityte was chosen as one of the Louth Winners in the Robot Art Challenge. This was a national competition for both Primary and Secondary level students. Rugile's design, 'Monsters Inc.' emerged victorious. Congratulations Rugile!!

## School Parking



We would like to remind parents/guardians of the importance of not blocking resident's driveways when dropping off or picking up children. All residents of the estate must have access to and from their house at all times. Please be courteous to all residents and parents alike.

## Sun Protection

We would like to remind parents/guardians that as the weather gets warmer and sunnier the wearing of sun protection is very important. We encourage that sun cream is put on pupils before they come to school. The children will hopefully be spending more time outdoors and their sun safety is important.



## Summer Holiday Closing



The school will close for the summer holidays on Thursday, the 24<sup>th</sup> of June at 12 noon. As with our closures at Christmas and Easter there will be staggered closing procedures for the dismissal of the pupils. The arrangements are as follows:

***11.50 a.m.: Junior Infants - 6th Class with surnames beginning with A – J***

***12.00 noon: Junior Infants – 6th Class with surnames beginning with K – Z***

