

**Gortaleam National School**  
**Dunmore,**  
**Tuam,**  
**Co.Galway**  
**Roll Number: 18686N**  
**Gortaleam Family Newsletter October 14th 2022**

**Dates for your diary**

October 18<sup>th</sup>: Deadline for County Photos order.

October 28<sup>th</sup>: Mid-Term Break.

November 8<sup>th</sup>: Collection of Team Hope Christmas Shoeboxes.

November 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>: Parent Teacher Meetings (details after the mid-term break)

November 23<sup>rd</sup>: Community Card Games based in the school.

November 24<sup>th</sup>: Open day for prospective families.

**Junior Room Update**

**Senior Room Update**

The Senior Room have been busy working on Long Multiplication in Maths, learning about the history of Northern Ireland, how our circulatory system works and how Tectonic Plates caused natural disasters around the world.

The children have enjoyed building clay houses and painting spooky houses in Art lessons.

**Swimming:** Children from 2<sup>nd</sup> class-6<sup>th</sup> class have two more weeks of swimming lessons. They have been progressing very well over the past 6 weeks.

**Music:** Mary-Joe Fitzpatrick has been teaching the children from 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Tin Whistle and signing over the past four weeks. This will continue right through the school year. This will cost 4 euro per pupil after the mid-term break. The school has covered the cost of the first 6 lessons.

**Ladies Gaelic Football:** Well done to our girls who competed in the mini-7s blitz last week. We played with 5 girls from our school combing with 5 girls from Ballinlass. They performed very well and won all of their games.

**School Books Fees:** Thank you to those who have paid for your child's school books. 110 euro per pupil. Payment is accepted via cash, cheque or bank transfer.

**Rugby:** Niall Doherty has begun coaching 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class Rugby lesson every Thursday. We are grateful for this being provided for us by Dunmore Rugby Club.

**Card Games:** The Community card game taking place on November 23<sup>rd</sup> in our school is an important fundraiser for the school. We will be asking parent to contribute in both the organising of the event and

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**Before and After School:** The BAS has been a success thus far. The children have really enjoyed using it. Thank you to the families who are using it, it is available to all children. We hope this will be a service that can continue long into the future.

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support in helping your children to have such a positive start to the school year. It has been a very busy seven weeks; two weeks remains until the mid-term break, it is important to continue doing their best in this time. We hope that children have enjoyed the return to school and have established good routines before and after school each day.

We look forward to connecting with you all in your child Parent -Teacher meeting in November.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards,

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