**Last Two Months at a Glance!**

**August 29th** : Teachers in school from 9:00am to 3:00pm re Croke Park hours

* **August 30st** : Pupils returned to school – 190 pupils and the breakdown is as follows
* Junior Infants 26 Senior Infants 27

First Class 26 Second Class 22

Third Class 20 Fourth Class 21

Fifth Class 27 Sixth Class 21

* **Staffing** : 7/8 mainstream class teachers (Job-share in Senior Infants), 2 Special Education Teachers (SET) and administrative principal. We also have two SNAs, full time secretary and part time caretaker.
* **Sept**. **4th** : Beginning of year letter/pack sent home to all parents – beginning of school year letter, list of school policies and calendar of closings for the year.
* **Sept. 5th** : Photographer from People Newspapers took photos of Junior Infant pupils – oh, what a handsome group of pupils appeared in our local newspaper!
* **Sept**. **6th** : Gary, from Wexford Rally Club, gave informative presentation to pupils on safety during upcoming rally in the area. There was a display of two rally cars and a recovery vehicle following the presentation – pupils were afforded an opportunity to sit in vehicles etc.
* **Sept. 11th** : GAA coaches, Nigel Morrissey and Nicola Fortune, returned after summer break
* **Sept**. 14th : BOM meeting
* **Sept. 20th** : Girls played in Mini-Sevens football blitz against Curracloe and Screen – they qualified for the next ‘round’
* **Sept**. **21st** : Boys played against Crossabeg and we won! – first game of Rackard League
* **Sept. 22nd**  : Boys played in Mini-Sevens football blitz against Curracloe and Crossabeg – they beat Curracloe but Crossabeg beat us.
* **Sept**. **26th**  : Boys played second match of Rackard League football against Barntown – we won!
* **Sept. 26th** : Girls played football match against Ballindaggin – we won!
* **Sept. 28th** : Pupils in Sixth class went on field trip to the Raven.
* **Sept**.**29th** : National Fitness Day : All classes enjoyed an autumnal walk, followed by a basketball ‘shoot-out’. The pupils’ team beat the teachers’ team – well done pupils!!
* **Oct. 2nd** : Girls played second round of ‘Mini-sevens’ – they played well, but unfortunately, didn’t qualify for next round
* **Oct. 3rd** : Colorific photographer took photos of all pupils
* **Oct. 3rd** : Boys played football match against Kilmore – we won!
* **Oct**. **4th** : Annual General Meeting of the Parents’ Association
* **Oct 5th :** Stephanie Allen, Education Welfare Officer, presented Attendance Certificates to pupils .Congratulations to the 9 pupils who missed no day during school year 2016/2017, 14 pupils who missed only one day and 14 who missed only two days. Well done to 5 pupils whose attendance really improved during the year.
* **Oct. 5th** : Fr. Nolan celebrated Mass to mark the beginning of the school year
* **Oct. 9th** : Girls played football match against Cushinstown – we won!
* **Oct.12th** : Girls played football match against Adamstown – Adamstown won!
* **Oct. 12th** : Boys played football match against C.B.S. Wexford – we won!
* **Oct**. 16th/17th/18th and 20th : School closed due to Storm Ophelia/ no electricity
* **Oct. 23rd** : Boys played Rackard League Roinn A Football Quarter Final against Gorey – boys played really well against a very strong team. Gorey won!
* **Oct. 25th** : We all headed off on our Annual Sponsored Walk – the junior pupils enjoyed a trip to the local playground, while the rest of the pupils ‘stepped it out’ up the school hill, down Kippeen Lane and back through the village. Many thanks to all who have returned their Sponsorship Cards to date. We would be grateful if the outstanding cards would be returned as soon as possible.

**Congratulations to all the boys and girls who showed great determination and sportsmanship throughout the leagues – you were great ambassadors for the school and we are very proud of you. A special word of thanks to Mr. Moran and Ms. Torpey who trained the girls and to Mr. Foran who trained the boys. We are very grateful to our loyal parents who give of their time, so generously, to transport the players to the matches – go raibh maith agaibh!**

**This year, once again, our school has signed up to take part in the ‘Christmas Shoebox Appeal’. Our gift-filled shoeboxes will be brought to needy children in Eastern Europe or Africa. The leaflet, regarding same, is self explanatory. If you wish to be associated with this project, we ask that your child would bring in filled shoebox on or before November 9th  – Go raibh míle maith agaibh!**

***Please check school website re draft copy of revised Code of Behaviour – please inform office of any comments or observations you wish to make – revised Code of Behaviour will be discussed/ratified at BOM meeting in November.***

**Have a Spooooooktacular Halloween break !**