

NUACHTLITIR - MEÁN FÓMHAIR 2012

Newsletter – September 2012

School Holidays 2012/13 (also available on gortskehy.com)

October 29th – November 2nd: Mid-term break. Classes resume Monday, Nov. 5th.

December 21st, 2012: School closes for Christmas holidays. Re-opens on January 7th.

February 14th & 15th, 2013: Mid-term break.

March 18th, 2013: Bank Holiday – St. Patrick's Day.

March 22nd – April 5th, 2013: Easter holidays. Classes resume Monday, April 8th.

May 6th, 2013 – Bank Holiday.

June 3rd, 2013 – Bank Holiday.

June 21st, 2013: Summer holidays.

EU Comenius Project

In early 2011 Gortskehy N.S. was invited by project coordinator Mr. Gerald Grammer from Austria to take part in the EU Comenius School Partnership Programme. An EU Comenius project involves all member schools cooperating on common projects across various aspects of the curriculum.

Following a preparatory meeting in Romania, in June 2011, eight primary schools from Italy, France, Ireland, Romania, Hungary, Turkey, Estonia and Austria submitted detailed plans for funding under the programme. In July of this year we were notified that our application was successful and that significant funding is to be made available to the school for joint EU projects during 2012-2014.

Gortskehy will host the first project meeting of our Comenius group. Twenty teachers from the other participating countries will visit between October 4th - 8th. They will meet on Saturday 6th with Independent MEP, Marian Harkin, who will unveil a plaque at the site of the old school which was established one hundred and twenty five years ago in 1887. All are welcome to attend at 12.00 and join us for light refreshments afterwards. On that morning, I would be grateful if all sixth class pupils could help demonstrate the itslearning platform to our Comenius visitors at the school between 10:00-12:00.

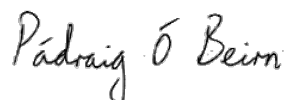
Trip to France

As part of the Comenius programme our sixth class pupils will make a fully-funded trip to France next Easter, visiting Paris, our French partner school and the European Parliament which meets once a month in Strasbourg. We are the only school in our group whose children will make a trip abroad so it really is a very special opportunity. Parents should ensure now that pupils have valid passports for next year. Further details on the trip will be available after our October Comenius meeting.

Pupil Personal Accident Insurance

All pupils on the roll participate in the Allianz Pupil Personal Accident Insurance scheme. The fee for the school year 2012/13 is now due: €7 per pupil for 24-hour cover.

Le meas,



Príomhoide