

## NUACHTLITIR - MÁRTA 2013

Newsletter – March 2013

### Questionnaire

For some families the availability of an after-school facility is important in determining where they enrol their children for primary school. A questionnaire is attached for parents of current pupils who will be listed on the roll in September 2013 and those who may consider enrolling a child from that date onwards. It will help inform the Board of Management if a need exists to provide a subsidised bus service for Gortskehy N.S. and/or change our school day to better facilitate parents who leave home early for work. Individual responses will be kept confidential.

### Primary Planet Magazine

Congratulations to the pupils in 3rd-6th class whose 90 second video advert for Primary Planet Magazine won an amazing prize for our school. The children came first amid stiff competition from primary schools all over the country to win the much sought after prize (reflected in the number of entries) of two laptops and a SONY Camcorder for our school, along with a laptop to be raffled for one of the participating pupils as well as a luxury weekend break away for the teacher! 😊

### Open Day

An Open Day for parents and children considering enrolling in Gortskehy in 2013 and 2014 will be held on Friday, March 15th between 1pm and 3.30pm. Parents who may have an interest in enrolling their child are being invited to take him/her to school and join the other pupils for some fun activities. Primary Planet will also join us to present the above prize and raffle the pupil's laptop. All welcome.

### Junior Spider Awards

The eircon Junior Spider awards are considered an important benchmark for distinction and excellence in promoting pupils' work on the Internet in primary, secondary and third-level institutions. We are delighted to have been shortlisted for the third year in succession as one of five primary schools nationally in the category of 'Best Primary School Website'. Pupils from 3rd, 4th and 5th class will represent the school at the awards ceremony in the RDS on March 5th.

### Trip to France

The Irish Embassy in Paris and European Parliament in Strasbourg have confirmed that they will welcome the sixth class pupils later in the month. As well as visiting our partner school in Strasbourg the pupils will also visit Versailles, the Louvre and Notre Dame. You can follow our journey via gortskehy.com and on facebook and twitter. The trip is fully funded under the EU Comenius programme.

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*Pádraig Ó Beirn*

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