

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

If you heard shouts of “TIMBER...” over the summer break, it was most likely coming from the school as the long standing evergreens around the pitch were felled. A recent survey of the trees deemed them to be unsafe and so their fate was sealed. The trees were cut and the roots mulched. The timber was chopped and removed to storage. Fear not however, you will have an opportunity to purchase some of the timber either as a souvenir or to keep you warm over the winter (**see over**)!

Other noteworthy improvements:



-  The tarmac around the school was power washed.
-  The outside of the school was painted.



Photo courtesy of Ger Doyle.

Talk - “Transition from Primary to Post Primary”

The Tipperary Branch of the National Parents Council will hold a talk on this topic on **Thurs 15th October at 7:30pm** in the **Templemore Arms Hotel**. This talk is aimed at parents whose child is in 5th or 6th class or has just moved/is moving from primary to post primary school.

THIS TERM



JUDO ongoing

All pupils in the school have been taking part in a six week judo programme. This is proving to be very beneficial and is due to finish before Halloween.

CLAY coming soon

A six week clay programme is due to begin straight after Halloween. Our last clay programme two years ago was a great success. The two colourful clay flowerpots at the main door were made by the pupils at that time.

DEFENCE FORCES VISIT THE SCHOOL

A member of the Defence Forces presented us with the National Flag and a copy of the 1916 Proclamation recently. The flag is to be raised on 15th March next in all Primary schools.

MASS CHOIR – SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER

The pupils from second to sixth class will be singing at Mass in Toomevara Church on Sunday 18th Oct @ 11:30 AM as part of the First Holy Communion Programme.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Our annual Parent-Teacher meetings will take place on **Friday, 23rd October**. The school will close at **2:30pm** on that day.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

The rain held off for our Social Evening on Friday, 12th June. With face painting, bouncy castles and novelty activities, the children seemed to have fun. We hope the parents enjoyed the refreshments and the chance to catch up!

Thanks to all who came down, helped out, gave donations and entered the draw for the load of timber. The winner on the night was Tom Fogarty of Latteragh. While the focus of the event was on having fun, it also raised €403 for the school.

- FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES 2015-2016 -

The following activities and events will take place over the coming months. All proceeds from fundraisers go to the school – costs are kept to an absolute minimum.

Activity/Event	Date
<p>1. Timber Sale (unseasoned) Large bags for sale (€70). Free local delivery. Contact Gerard Ryan on 086 3717967.</p> 	Available immediately October 2015
<p>2. Clothes Collection Please hold on to your old or unwanted clothes and turn them into cash for the school.</p>	25th – 27th January 2016
<p>3. Poker Night Building on the success of the 2015 event, another chance to try your hand at poker.</p>	Date tbc (Mar/Apr 2016)

If you would like to join or get involved in the work of the Parents Association Committee, please contact any member: Orla Hartnett, Sandra Harford, Sylvia Conway, Ger Doyle, Gerard Ryan, Fintan Ryan, Breda O'Brien (Treasurer), Mary O'Dwyer (Secretary), Deirdre Hogan (Chair).



ON THE PITCH

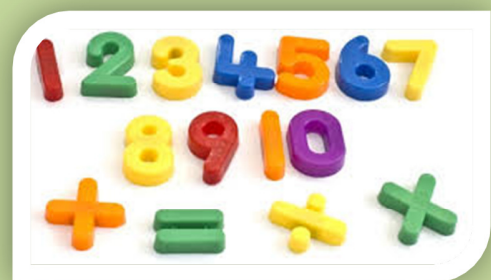
The school Gaelic Football team has qualified for the North Final. After a titanic struggle against Aghlish and Ballinaclogh we eventually emerged victorious. The final will take place before Halloween.



A FOCUS ON MATHS

Maths Week takes place in all primary schools around the country from the 10th – 18th October. The children will be engaging in lots of maths activities and games. <http://www.mathsweek.ie/>

Last month the junior room used their mathseyes to identify 2D and 3D shapes inside and outside of the classroom.



A WARM WELCOME

A special warm welcome to the first time families both at junior infant level and throughout the school. Welcome to *****
***** - our new junior infants, and to ***** who has joined first class. We hope you will all be very happy in our school.

