



# Tubber N.S. Newsletter 2015

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## Recent Events and Activities Update!

Hello everyone! We have had a busy time since we came back to school on August 27th. I hope you enjoy reading about all our activities.

### Thank You



Thank you to everyone who has paid the contribution to cover their insurance money, arts and crafts, Photocopying. etc. Because of tight budgets we would be very grateful if the few remaining families who haven't yet paid could do so when we return after the Halloween break.. *Your co-operation is much appreciated.*

### Healthy Eating



We would like to thank both parents and children for their support of our healthy eating policy. It is great to see all the children having lovely healthy lunches. Please limit treats to one treat on a Friday.

### Road Safety.



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Road Safety Authority

Catherine Flaherty from the RSA came to visit our school on Thursday 15th of October. She reminded us all that children under the height of 150cm must have a booster seat. We would be very grateful that parents send in their child's booster seat each time we have an activity outside school where children are getting lifts in cars.

### Hurling/Camogie Blitz.

On Friday 9th of October the children from 5th and 6th, and some from 4th, took part in a hurling/camogie blitz which was ran by the transition year students of Gort CS. This was a very well ran event and we are already looking forward to next year!!

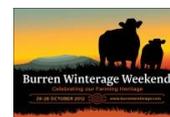
### Swimming



After Halloween break all the children will be going to the Lady Gregory Hotel for swimming lessons. Each year we have volunteers to help us and for this we are very grateful. The children had a letter going home with the swimming dates on it. We would appreciate it if each family could fill it out with whatever dates they are available to help out with lifts/dressing etc. Without you all we wouldn't be able to undertake this worthwhile activity.

### Burren Beo

On Thursday 22nd of October Áine Bird from Burren Beo visited our school to speak to us about the Winterage Weekend that is taking place this weekend. Áine was joined by Michael O'Donoghue, a local farmer, who told the children about his memories of moving cattle into their winterage for the winter months. A huge thank you to Burren Beo for all their hard work over the past few months with the children in our senior room. It is very important that we pass on the respect of our environment to the next generation.



### Halloween

We had great fun in school on our last day before the midterm. We had witches, skeletons, smurfs, soldiers, animals, school girls, and lots more characters come to school. Thank you to all the parents who were face painting at the crack of dawn





## Football



This year we had Eoin Murray from Clare GAA come to our school to teach the children some basic football skills. This was rounded off with a blitz in

Tubber GAA field with Boston. Everyone had great fun. Thanks again to all the parents who helped us out with transport.

## Fun Bingo



We held a fundraising fun bingo night on Friday 25th of September in Finnerty's bar, Tubber. A big thank you to everyone who attended. Thank you to all the children and parents who sold tickets and donated spot prizes. We raised €2300 on the night. This will be used by the school to purchase new books for the literacy lift-off programme and to buy some new maths equipment.

## Visit to Aillwee Caves

On Friday 16th October, the children visited the Aillwee caves as part of a prize we won in the Burren Rocks Festival by Tara Curran. We were delighted that parents were able to help us out by driving so this meant we were able to have a great day out at no cost to the children. We had great fun learning about how the caves were discovered and formed. We also had a trip to the woodlands where we learned about how people made drills long ago and to top our day off we got a chance to see and hold some of the fabulous birds of prey that are in Aillwee. Overall it was an experience we won't forget in a hurry!

## Cross Country Championship

Children from the school attended cross country running on Thursday 1st October in Kilnaboy. We were lucky enough to have a beautiful day and it was a great experience for the children.

## Confirmation and Sacrament of the Eucharist dates:

The Sacrament of the Eucharist will be on Saturday 16th April, and confirmation is on Sunday 15th May.



## After school Service

Can we remind parents to please **pre-book the afterschool service** so Kathleen knows how many children she is due to have each day. (Please contact Kathleen by text to let her know). There is often confusion at 3pm as to which children are staying or going and in the interests of **child safety this is a necessity**. Afterschool finishes at 5pm sharp so please ensure your child is collected by then. Fees will be incurred for any child left in afterschool after 5pm.

**Charge:** For children staying from 3pm to 5pm there will be a flat charge of €5 per child for that period. For two children in the same family, the charge for the period will be €8 (in total) and for 3 or more children from the same family the charge will be €10 (in total). After 5pm there will be an extra charge of €5 for the half hour (or part of) per child.

## Literacy Lift-off & Accelerated Reader

Ms Lee is continuing with literacy lift-off in the junior room since September. "Literacy Lift-Off", also known as "Power-Hour" or "Guided Reading", is an intensive programme of Reading and Writing, which gives the pupils lots of opportunities to read books at their own level of competency. Ms Kilkelly is going to be implementing Accelerated Reader in the senior room in the coming months. This is a powerful tool for monitoring and managing independent reading practice, motivating your students to read for pleasure. The implementation of these initiatives is quite costly so the current fundraising drive is being done to fund this programmes. The funds raised will also go towards the afterschool service and new math/science equipment for the whole school.

*Thank you all again for your continuing support,  
Don't forget our door is always open if you ever  
have any issues/concerns*

*Lisa & Patricia*