**Annagh Hill Halloween Newsletter, 2017**

We were delighted to welcome back all of the children on September 1st last and it was marvellous to see them all back safely.

**Summer 2017 Update:** During the summer months, Philip and Martin carried out lots of work in the school. This included a big clean up and painting the outside of the buildings. Many thanks to both of them for their continued hard work.

**Celebration of 50 Years of Annagh Hill N.S:**

**Golf Am-Am:** A Golf Am-Am was held at Cregmore Park Golf Club on Saturday, September 9th to help to raise funds for our 50 year celebrations. It was a huge success and we are indebted to all our sponsors. Thank you very much to John O’Brien and Martin Collins who both worked so hard to make it a success and made it seem effortless.

**Family Fun Day - 24/09/2017:** Sincere thanks to all who came to our Family Fun Day on Sunday, September 24th. It was a fantastic day and we are very grateful to all those who helped out in any way to make it such an enjoyable occasion. Lots of photos from the day can be viewed in the photos section on our school website.

**50 Year Celebration Mass:** On Saturday September 30th, a very special mass took place in the school hall at 5 p.m. for parents, past pupils, members of the community and friends of Annagh Hill N.S. Sincere thanks to Fr. John D. Flannery who celebrated the mass which was a celebration of 50 years and 140 years of education in the area. Thanks also to the past pupils, parents, community members, children, choir and staff who all helped in making this a wonderful occasion. The school hall was filled with photographs for all to view from 3 0 clock that day and many past pupils were delighted browsing through these. Mass was followed by refreshments which included sandwiches and hot food. A celebration night was held in the Abbey Inn that night. We thank all who have made our 50 year celebrations so enjoyable and successful. The support and goodwill from all in our school, local and wider community is very encouraging and we look forward to a bright future for the next half century.

**Beginning of Year Mass**

**22/09/2017:** Thank you to Fr. Paddy Mullins who celebrated our beginning of year school mass in our school hall on Wednesday September 22nd. It was a lovely mass and the children sang beautifully.

**Sport**

**Cross Country Running - 19/09/2017:** The annual Galway Cross Country races took place in Renmore on Tuesday, September 19th. A number of children from 3rd to 6th class participated. Congratulations to Cormac Furey who qualified for the next round and represented the school very well.

**Mini 7s Hurling - 06/10/2017:** Well done to our hurlers who took part in the mini 7s competition in Carnmore on Friday, October 6th. It was a great experience for such a young team and they played very well.

**Mini 7s Football (Girls) - 11/10/2017:**  Well done to our girls who were in football action on Wednesday October 11th, in Belclare. They were taking part in the Corofin section of the mini 7s competition. We are very proud of their performance.

**Visit from Minor Hurlers - 19/10/2017:** A big thank you to Jeffrey Lynskey, Conor Walsh, Daniel Loftus and Seán Walsh who took the time to come and visit our school on Thursday 19th of October. They spent time speaking to the pupils, signing autographs and standing for photographs. We were delighted to welcome them into our school and congratulate them on their success of winning the All Ireland Minor Hurling Championship. Thank you to Susan Tarpey, Juvenile Secretary of [Turloughmore Hurling](https://www.facebook.com/Turloughmore-Hurling-662566063870351/?fref=mentions) Club, for organising the visit.

**Brian and Paul visit with Liam McCarthy - 20/10/2017:** On Monday October 20th we were delighted to welcome back two of our past pupils, Brian and Paul Flaherty, along with the Liam McCarthy, Bob O'Keefe, Allianz League and Irish Press Cups. Brian and Paul are fantastic role models for all the pupils in our school, proving that hard work and dedication will see great results and they thoroughly deserve their All Ireland medals. We are incredibly proud of them. Thanks also to Gerry Flaherty (Chairman of Abbeyknockmoy Hurling Club) and Declan Molloy (Secretary of Abbeyknockmoy Hurling Club) for accompanying the lads on their visit.

**Other Events**

**Cash For Clobber:** Many thanks to all who contributed to Cash for Clobber this term. The next collection will take before Christmas.

**€50 Contribution:** A big thank you to all who paid the contribution so far for this term. It is very much appreciated and it plays a vital role in the running of our school. Anyone who has not yet paid may do so on Tuesday, November 5th.

**Food Dudes:** The Food Dudes programme is an initiative that encourages children to eat more fruit and vegetables by letting them taste a variety of fruit and vegetables every day for 16 days. The Junior to Second class children will take part in the programme for 16 days while the senior children will begin on Day 8. Ms. Flynn is our in school Food Dudes coordinator. Food Dudes will begin on November 16th next.

**Sale of Work:** A meeting for the Sale of Work will take place in the school on Monday, November 6th at 8pm. A good attendance at this meeting would be much appreciated.

**County Photos:** Anyone who did not return the photographs from County Photos and wishes to, may do so on Monday, November 4th.

**Halloween Disco – 27/10/2017:** On Friday, October 27th, a disco was held in the school hall for all the children of the school. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed and the children danced their socks off. Thanks to Helen Rabbitte for providing the music for the disco.

**Facebook/Website:** A number of new photographs are available to view on the school website [www.annagh-hillns.ie](http://www.annagh-hillns.ie) and keep up to date with what happens here on our Facebook page.

**Karate:** Karate classes continue every Wednesday in the school hall.

**Zumba:** Zumba classes with Alex continue every Thursday in the school hall.

**Dates for your Diary:**

Sale of Work: Sunday December 2nd.

Christmas outing for the Junior children: Wednesday December 20thth.

**Wishing you all a very happy and safe mid-term break and thank you most sincerely for your continued support.**