

School Newsletter 1st December, 2023



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CRUSHEEN, CO. CLARE.

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CROISÍN, CO. AN CHLÁIR.

Acknowledgement of the Outgoing Board of Management 2019-2023

The 2019 to 2023 Board of Management completes its term on December 1st, 2023. The school would like to thank Shane O'Donnell, Keith Butler, Aoife Hassett, Mick Hickey, Josephine Kearney, John O'Malley and Mairéad Considine for their support for the school during their four-year term. They worked tirelessly to guide the school community through very challenging years, particularly during the Covid pandemic. Their unwavering commitment has also helped to develop the school infrastructure, increase educational resources and secure the future of our school in the years ahead. We would also like to express our gratitude to Ms. O'Connell, Ms. Brady and Ms. Darcy who also were involved in supporting the outgoing Board of Management during its term. We look forward to the formation of a new Board of Management in the coming weeks. When the process has been finalised and approved with the school patron, the new Board of Management for 2023 to 2027 will be ratified and can then be announced. I look forward to working with the new Board of Management in the year ahead. Buíochas, Mr. Millane



Dalta na Seachtaine

Juniors: Olivia Chernel & Jack Tuohey

Seniors: Ian O'Donnell & Aidan Dillon

Seniors: Donnacha O'Sullivan & Maccon Moloney

1st Class: Rita Mulkere & Kayla Dillon

1st Class: Oisín O'Dea & Hannah Forde

2nd Class: Arwen Keane & Jack Dillon

3rd Class: Elsie O'Grady & Conal O'Dea

4th Class: Jared Hudson & Fiadh Hassett

5^h Class: Emily Griffin & Oisín Collins

5^h Class: Charlie O'Connor & Sophie Guerin

6th Class: Makayla Lyons & Emma Scully



Welcome to new pupils

We would like to welcome Hubert and Mia Jasinski to our school. Hubert has joined Ms. Considine's third class and Mia has joined Mrs. Quinn's second class. We know that Hubert and Mia will make lots of friends and enjoy being part of our school community.

Change in Days for School PE Uniform

Pupils can wear their full school PE uniform from next Monday 4th December to Friday 22nd December.

Handwriting Certs

Senior Infants: Ruth O'Grady & Dylan O'Flaherty

Senior Infants: Tadhg Wallace

1st Class: Pearl Drumm

1st Class: Chloe Hassett

2nd Class: Siún O'Sullivan

3rd Class: Emily McMullan & Cillian O'Donnell

4th Class: Dara Donnellan & Eilí Hanrahan

5^h Class: Ryan Vaughan & Megan Glynn

5^h Class: Adah Brigdale & Nadia Guilfoyle

6th Class: Aine Darcy & Ellie Whelan



Christmas Show 2023

We are looking forward to our Christmas show. All of the pupils are enjoying the lead up and are busy in preparation for the evening.

We wish to extend an invitation to all our families to attend our Christmas concert this year. It is entitled 'Who's Got the Xmas Factor?' a nativity musical by Sheila Wilson. It will take place at St. Cronan's Church at 6pm on Thursday 14th of December. Our junior and senior infant classes certainly have the 'Xmas factor' and will be singing some seasonal carols to get us all into the Christmas spirit! The children are busy preparing for the performance and we are all looking forward to seeing everyone there on the night!



Christmas Raffle

Thank you to the Parents Association for organising the Christmas raffle this year. There are some excellent spot prizes on offer. The raffle will take place during the week of December 18th. Any families who fill a full card will be entered into a raffle for a €100 one4all voucher just in time for Christmas! All cards will then be re-entered into the full raffle where there are over 40 spot prizes on offer.

Once you have filled your card you can return it to the school with the money. If you would like to fill in another card, Olive will organise it for you.

Thank you to all the families for supporting the school to help fundraise for school resources.

If you have any questions feel free to contact the school or the parent's representative from the Parents Association. Best of luck everyone! *Mr. Millane*

School Assembly

We had a school assembly on Wednesday the 29th of December. Certificates for 'Dalta na Seachtaine' and Handwriting were presented to students. Mr Millane reminded the pupils that 'Advent' is coming. Advent is a time when we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas time. He asked everyone to be kind and nice to everyone at school and at home. Pupils are encouraged to perform 'random acts of kindness' in the coming weeks. This will make other people happy and will help us to prepare well for Christmas. In conclusion, Mr Gantley's 4th and 5th classes entertained us all with their singing of a Woody Guthrie song 'This Land is Your Land.'



'Team Hope' would like to say a big thank you to the pupils of Crusheen N.S. and their parents for their generosity this year. This Christmas there will be many children in countries across Africa and Eastern Europe who will enjoy receiving their 'Christmas Shoeboxes'. So well done to everyone who got involved in this wonderful project this year!



'Late Late Toy Show Treat Box'

Many thanks to those who supported the recent 'Late Late Toy Show Treat Box' school fundraiser. A total of €650 was raised which will be used to purchase school resources. Many thanks to Tasha for organising this novel fundraiser on behalf of the school community.



Christmas Annuals

The school will soon be ordering the 'Christmas Annuals' for 2023. Each annual is **produced in Ireland** by a team of primary teachers, editors and designers and printed in County Kerry.

If you would like to order a Christmas annual for your child, please log into your child's Aladdin portal and click on 'permissions'. The cost of each annual is €4 and it can be paid online to the school bank account. Please don't forget to put your child's initials on the line banking facility.



HSE Public Health update – Significant rise in RSV/Bronchiolitis infections in young children

A HSE memo issued on the 14th of November 2023 regarding RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) has been circulated to all families because of a significant rise in RSV/bronchiolitis infections in young children. The recommendation from the HSE is that parents should keep their children at home if they are feeling unwell.



County Photos

The County Photos proofs have been circulated to families. County Photos will return on the 8th of December to collect the orders. However, there is no obligation to purchase photos from County Photos.



Swimming

Swimming lessons have come to an end for the pupils in 1st to 3rd classes. However, they will begin for pupils in 4th, 5th, & 6th classes on the 6th of December and will continue on the, 8th, 13th and 20th December. It is important that our pupils are getting an opportunity to develop their abilities in what is an important life skill. They also get to have a lot of fun with their friends!



Trip to Planet

On Tuesday 28th December Ms Darcy's class went on a trip to 'The Planet' in Ennis. The class had great fun playing in the soft play centre there. They enjoyed going down the slides, bouncing on the bouncy castle and playing soccer. Thanks again to Olivia in Junior Infants whose winning entry in the recent art competition run by 'The Planet' won a great day out for her class!



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Student Council

The school Student Council will be promoting a fun Christmas card making competition for all pupils in the school. An A4 Card will be given to all pupils on Monday 4th of December and pupils will be invited to create their own Christmas card. We hope everyone will enjoy participating in this project! Christmas cards will be returned to pupils as we know they will be very special! We wish all our pupils well in their artistic endeavours and know that they will use their imagination and creativity to create beautiful Christmas cards for us all to enjoy! Christmas cards will need to be returned to the school on Monday 11th of December.

'Imeall Bóirne' Parish News

Families are invited to celebrate 'Bambinelli Sunday' at St. Cronan's Church, Crusheen on **Sunday 17th December at 9.30a.m.** The Blessing of the 'Bambinelli' (Baby Jesus) is a tradition which began in Rome many years ago. Each year on the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday), the Holy Father invites

children to bring the Baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from their family Nativity scene to Mass for a blessing. On this special day, the 'Imeall Bóirne' parish community will join with parishes around the world in celebrating the tradition of 'Bambinelli Sunday'. (Families are asked to label their baby Jesus so they can be returned after the ceremony.)

**IMEALL BÓIRNE
PARISHES
CHRISTMAS
FOOD APPEAL**

**ALL DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLES:
TEA, COFFEE, SUGAR, CEREAL, TINNED
FOODS, SWEETS, BISCUITS, PASTA,
RICE, JAMS etc....
ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED AND WILL
BE DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL FAMILIES IN
NEED OVER THE COMING WEEKS.**

"Working together we can improve each others lives."

Christmas

Imeall Bóirne Pastoral Area Christmas Food Appeal 2023

The 'Imeall Bóirne' pastoral area are delighted that local shops and schools have come on board to facilitate a collection again this year. They are collecting non-perishable food items (tea, sugar, tinned foods, cereals, rice, jams, pasta, biscuits, sweets etc.) Food Donations can be dropped off at the Christmas Food Appeal Boxes in the following locations: XL Store, Ruan, Clarke's Daybreak, Crusheen, Lakefield Service Station, Corofin, Minihan's Centra Corofin, the 'Imeall Bóirne' parish office as well as to participating national schools.

The parish of 'Imeall Bóirne' hopes that everyone will support this very worthy cause. "Working together we can improve each other's lives".

Some upcoming parish events!



Crusheen 2024
Christmas
Fair &
Santa

Crusheen
Community
Centre

- Crafts
- Raffles
- Vendors
- Xmas Carols
- Timber/Turf
- Mulled Wine
- Cake Sale
- Wreaths

December 10th
2-5 PM

Visit Santa €10 per child, €15 for 2, €20 for 3
Book your slot on
<https://calendly.com/crusheengaa/santa>

Jersey Sponsorship: Clarke's Shop Crusheen

A big thank you to Clarke's shop for their sponsorship of a set of school jerseys. Their sponsorship is much appreciated by the school. The pupils love the jerseys and they will wear them with pride over the coming years.



CCE CROISÍN
Invite you to join us for an evening of
ceol agus craic at our annual
CEOLCHOIRM NA NOLLAG

Dé Satharn
9ú Nollaig
Cois Na hAbhna
@7pm

All Welcome
Adults €10 (CASH ONLY)
Children Free
Raffle & Spot prizes on the night

CCE Croisín is hosting its annual Christmas Concert on 9th December in 'Cois Na hAbhna', Ennis at 7.00 pm. CCE Croisín are looking forward to seeing everyone there. Raffle with spot prizes on the night. Entry fee €10 Adults (kids free) Cash only.

School Fees & Swimming fees

Thanks to parents who have transferred fees. The school bank details are as follows;

SCHOOL BANK OF IRELAND DETAIL

INCHICRONAN CENTRAL NS

IBAN - IE16BOFI 904210 76377090

BIC - BOFIE2D

It's very important that parents add the child's initials in the detail/message line of the bank transfer as the school will not know who the payment is received from.

Reminder: Arrival and Home Time

Arrival at school is between 9.10 a.m. and 9.20 a.m. We ask that children do not arrive in the classrooms before 9.10 a.m. A staff member will supervise the yard and gate area. All pupils go home at 3.00 p.m.



Keeping children safe at the school gate

Some simple things you can do to help keep children safe around the school gate are as follows:

- Drive safely and obey the speed limits.
- Park so that your child can leave the car on the footpath side away from traffic.
- Pay attention to other children at the side and behind your car when parking, dropping off or setting off.
- Park so you don't block the flow of traffic or access for emergency vehicles (don't double park).
- Do not stop or park where there are yellow zig-zag lines along the edge of the road
- Do not park in a way that would block the school entrance or exit, residents' driveways or junctions.
- Do not park at bus stops or private parking spots.



Support Crusheen Community Centre

Please consider buying a brick, www.crusheecc.ie

Thank you for supporting the Crusheen Community Centre weekly lotto draw. Your contribution will help towards making necessary improvements to our halla.

Please support Crusheen Community Centre.

This link will allow you to purchase tickets for yourself or a friend, <https://bit.ly/310v1kX>

Up Coming Events in the school in December

- **Monday 4th December French classes for 3rd to 6th classes 12pm 1 pm and 2 pm**
- Wednesday 6th – Swimming in Ennis Leisure Complex – 4th, 5th, & 6th
- Thursday 7th – Godly Play – 9.30 JI & SI, 11.00 SI & 1st.
- Thursday 7th December 3rd class. Seniors & 1st GAA hurling
- Friday 8th December – Godly Play – 1st & 2nd class
- Friday 8th December – Swimming in Ennis Leisure Complex – 4th, 5th, & 6th
- Friday 8th December 1st & 2nd class GAA hurling
- **Monday 11th December French classes for 3rd to 6th classes 12pm 1 pm and 2 pm**
- Wednesday 13th – Swimming in Ennis Leisure Complex – 4th, 5th, & 6th
- Thursday 14th December - School Christmas concert in St. Cronans Church at 6.00 pm
- **Monday 18th December French classes for 3rd to 6th classes 12pm 1 pm and 2 pm**
- Wednesday 20th – Swimming in Ennis Leisure Complex – 4th, 5th, & 6th
- Thursday 21st – Godly Play – 9.30 JI & SI, 11.00 SI & 1st.
- Friday 22nd – Godly Play – 1st & 2nd class
- School will finish on Friday 22nd December at 12:30pm.

May – – Saturday 11th May, The sacrament of First Holy Communion at 1.00 pm in St. Cronan's Church, Crusheen
 June – Saturday 8th June, The sacrament of Confirmation - Crusheen, Tubber & Boston Schools at 11:00 am in Crusheen Church