

# School Newsletter 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2023



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## Nollaig Shona- Words of Appreciation

The pupils and staff have reached the end of a very busy first term of the school year. As everybody takes a break for Christmas, I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of the many people who have supported our school community this term.

Thank you to Fr. Des Hillary who is a regular visitor to our school. We would like to acknowledge his commitment to the school community and his pastoral work with the pupils who will be receiving the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation next year.

Thank you to Anne in the 'Imeall Bóirne' pastoral office for her support in organising the enrolment applications for our pupils in the sacrament classes.

Sincere thanks to Mary O'Donnell and the Pastoral Council for making the parish Church available whenever it is needed by the school.

Thanks also to Josephine Kearney and Nicola Johnston for facilitating 'Godly Play' and 'Children's Eucharistic Adoration' during the past term. Our pupils are looking forward to continuing their involvement in these wonderful spiritual programmes in the new term.

We are also very fortunate to have the use of the Community Centre and wish to thank Geraldine and the

Committee for facilitating the school's use of the 'Halla' when needed.

The staff and pupils are very grateful to the parents who have come to the school to coach GAA skills this term. The pupils have really benefitted from and enjoyed the coaching sessions and look forward to improving their hurling skillset again next term.

Thanks also to the parents who travelled with the pupils to swimming lessons in Ennis. We are always appreciative of receiving additional parent/guardian supervision for school trips. (If parents would like to support us with supervision on school excursions next term, a Garda Vetting form is attached to this newsletter. Please return the completed Garda Vetting form to the school office and we will be in contact with you.)

A final word of thanks to the school's Parents' Association for all their support during the first term of this school year. We very much appreciate their commitment to the school community especially regarding fundraising for school resources, excursions and other school related expenses.

On behalf of the whole staff, I would like to wish our pupils, families and school community a safe and happy Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you back in January 2024.

*Nollaig faoi Shéan agus faoi Mhaise Dhaoibh go léir!*

Mr. Millane



**Christmas Raffle**

**Many thanks to the Crusheen N.S. Parents' Association** who organised this year's 'Christmas Raffle' fundraising event for the school. It was a great success, and the school management would like to sincerely thank the sponsors and parents who supported the raffle in any way. **A total of €4,000 was raised.** The raffle took place at the Community Hall on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 3.15 pm. Many congratulations to all the winners and we wish them well with their prizes.

**Christmas Show 2023**

Our Christmas nativity musical took place at St. Cronan's Church on Thursday evening, the 14th of December. Many thanks to all the school staff who helped prepare the pupils for the performance. The Church venue was the ideal setting for our Christmas nativity, and we are very appreciative to Fr Des for allowing us to use the Church on the night. Thanks to Fr. Des for his lovely words of welcome and to the members of the Pastoral Council who had the Church looking lovely and ready for the celebration of Christmas.

Our pupils certainly had the 'Xmas Factor' as they put on a great performance on the night! Our junior and senior infants opened the concert and sang some beautiful Christmas carols which were full of joy and Christmas spirit! 'Jump if you love Christmas', Ralph the Reindeer' and 'Mary had a baby Boy' had everyone singing and clapping along! Next, the school band entertained everyone with a lovely rendition of 'Silent Night' and 'Oh Little Town of Bethlehem.'

Finally, we were reminded of the real meaning of Christmas as the children from 3<sup>rd</sup> class brought the story of the very first Christmas in Bethlehem to life! Pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes joined in the chorus to tell the story of Jesus' birth through song and showed us all that they also had the 'Xmas Factor'!

'Míle Buíochas' to Tim Collins who organised the sound system and microphones for the evening. Thanks also to the school staff for organising and displaying the children' Christmas artwork in the church for the occasion.

Starlight School of Performing Arts: €100 one for all voucher	Niall McGreal
Fogartys Bar: Hamper	Niall McGreal
Coast to Coast Hamper	Michael Gantley
Rituals Hamper by parent	Cillian O'Meara
Hamper by parent	Gearoid O'Donnell
Clare Bar Supplies €100 Dunnes Voucher	Joan McAllen
Leahys Farm: Family Pass	Geraldine O'Donovan
Saltillo Aquarium: Family pass	Aine D'Arcy
Aquadome Family Pass	Gerry O'Doherty
Fota Wildlife Park Day ticket for family of 4	Chris Morrish
Moher Hill Open Farm family ticket	Lauria O'lesevra
Burrenside Oil €100 voucher	Brian Keehan
West County Hotel – Dinner for two	Anthony Cronin
Glynns Coaches €50 Dunnes Stores Voucher	Mike Hudson
Templegate Hotel Voucher €50	Padraic Barrett
Zeus Logistics MACE voucher €75	Martina Moroney
Liffey Mills €50 voucher	Barry McMahon
Anne Drumm Voucher	Sinead O'Reilly
Emma Crochet Creations €50	Pearse Madden
D'Arcys Flooring – Chest of Drawers	Eilbhe O'Gara
Eason voucher €30	Michael Mescall
Ennis Swimming Pool voucher €30	Tadhg Meaney
Venture Out €50 voucher	Ethne Perrill
High Maintenance voucher	Dylan Flaherty
The Gallery Café voucher €25	Dylan Flaherty
Molloys Butchers €30 voucher	Betty Malone
Tony McMahon Electrical spot prize	Ann McGann
Fine Wine Gift set	Donagh O'Doherty
Bambinos voucher	Daryl McGlynn
Bottle of Jameson Whiskey	Seán O'Connor/
Kilkenny Shop Spot prize	Lottie O'Grady
Blackbird Jewellery Spot prize	Deirdre Clune
Salon Glow voucher	Orla O'Donnell
Le Cheile: 1 x €25 voucher	Brian Keehan
Le Cheile: 1 x €25 voucher	Orla O'Grady
Wix & Wax: Gift Set	Carmel Scully
Hurley Hut Voucher	Gerard Donnellan
Bumblebee Creations spot prize	Lia McAllen
Spot prize from Tommy O'Donnell	Mia O'Riordan
Clancy Hurley	Sarah Harkin
Blok & Mesh €30 Dunnes Stores voucher	Tiernan Kenny
Dunnes Stores voucher €30	Nollaig Barry
Temple gate voucher €25	Gerry O'Brien
Ennis Active Leisure Centre Voucher €30	Tadhg Meaney
Bottle of wine, chocolates & candle	Joanne Meaney
Carrig Donn Spot Prize	Aaron Coughlan
Bottle of Whiskey Shannon Airport	Edel Twomey
Grove €30 voucher	Chanelle Connolly
Teddy Bear & sweets	Arek O'Donnell



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### Christmas Card Competition

Our pupils were very busy over the past couple of weeks using their creativity and imagination to design wonderful Christmas cards for the special people in their lives. We hope these cards will be put on display at Christmas time for years to come!

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the competition and especially to the winners in each of the classes. **The winners are as follows:**

#### **Junior Infants:**

Freddie Quinn, Freya Keane & Olivia Chernel

#### **Senior Infants:**

Danny McMahon, Anabelle Meaney, Molly O'Doherty & Ruth O'Grady

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Class:**

Pearl Drumm, Brehon Moloney, Rían Murphy & Oisín O'Dea

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Class:**

Manuela Alves, Erin Noone, Sadie McMahon, Donnagh O'Doherty & Sarah Griffin

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Class:**

Ellie Horgan, Annie Murphy, Cillian O'Donnell, Bianca Alves, Emily Mc Mullen, Holly Hever.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Class:**

Ciara Wallace, Eilí Hanrahan, Fiadh Hassett, Michael O'Reilly

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Class:**

Patrick Mulkere, Nadia Guilfoyle, Sarah Harkin, Sinéad O'Reilly

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Class:**

Erin Curley, Ailbhe O'Brien, Caoimhe O'Brien, Lia McAllen, Aoibhe Donnellan, Leah White Kelly.

### Say Yes to Languages

We would like to say 'Merci Beaucoup' to Rhona the French teacher who has facilitated the 'Say Yes to Languages programme' in our school over the past eight weeks. Our senior class pupils ( 3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> class) received their certificates of completion for the course this week and really enjoyed learning French over the past few months.

For the past 8 weeks we have been learning French with Rhona Gomes. We learned lots of new vocabulary including numbers, colours, days of the week, hobbies, foods etc. We played different language games like Bingo, number clapping and different dances to help us learn. We also learned different French songs like "Champs Elysees", "Allez les Bleus" "Ramenez la coupe á la maison" and "Vive la Vent". On the last day of French on Monday, Rhona treated us to some lovely **French crêpes** with 'citron' and 'sucre'. Merci to Rhona for all her help and dedication to teaching us!

*By 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class*



Crusheen N.S. is now accepting enrolment applications for children who will be starting school in September 2024. Parents can download our enrolment from the school website <https://www.crusheenns.net/2024-25-enrolment-information.html> and email/post it to the school. Alternatively, you can contact the school at 065 6827183 or by email at [crusheen@crusheenns.com](mailto:crusheen@crusheenns.com) and request to have an enrolment form sent to you.



### Dalta na Seachtaine

Junior Infants: Freddie Quinn, Alex O'Connor

Senior Infants: Ian O'Donnell, Aidan Dillon

Senior Infants: Lucy Collins, Thomas McGann

1<sup>st</sup> Class: Liam Vaughan, Theo Zemba

1<sup>st</sup> Class: Caleb Williams, Liam Meehan

2<sup>nd</sup> Class: Erin Noone, Katie O'Donnell

3<sup>rd</sup> Class: Theresa Mulkere, Cillian O'Donnell

4<sup>th</sup> Class: Joey Woods, Ciara O'Connor

5<sup>th</sup> Class: Patrick Mulkere, Sarah Harkin

5<sup>th</sup> Class: Adah Brigdale, Sinéad O'Reilly

6<sup>th</sup> Class: Aoibhe Donnellan, Sarah Jane Moran

### School/Swimming Fees

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

SCHOOL BANK OF IRELAND DETAIL

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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.



### Swimming

Swimming lessons for pupils in the senior classes ended this week. The pupils all enjoyed the lessons, and have improved their skillset and confidence in the water. We would encourage them all to continue to practice their swimming skills over the Christmas holidays and in the months ahead.



### Imeall Bóirne Pastoral Area Christmas Food Appeal 2023

We would like to thank all our pupils who with the support of their parents donated to this year's 'Imeall Bóirne' Christmas Food Appeal. Thanks also to Anne in the 'Imeall Bóirne' parish office for her work in organising the annual Food Appeal. Hampers will be organised by a group of volunteers in time for Christmas. The community Gardaí Lorraine Higgins and Deidre Scanlan will help to deliver the Christmas hampers to families, individuals and groups who may need an extra helping hand, especially at this time of year.



### Christmas Recital

We were delighted to welcome Tamas Chernal, music teacher and father of Olivia in Junior infants, to the school this week to play some festive tunes on his keyboard for the pupils and to teach them about the different genres of music. Pupils really enjoyed hearing him play and they sang and clapped along to many of our favourite Christmas Carols and other songs. Jared Hudson from 4th class who is one of Tamas' music students also entertained us with his playing of 'Carol of the Bells' also known as 'Ukrainian Bell Carol' Jared also played the beautiful Christmas hymn 'Joy to the World! Well done to Jared for such great playing and for entertaining everyone so well!

To end the session, Tamas played some well-known classics and the pupils had to name the title of the song! We are very grateful to Tamas for entertaining us so well this Christmas and we look forward to another music session with him in the New Year!



### Godly Play

Children really enjoyed their Godly Play sessions this month. They learned all about Advent and listened to a beautiful rendition of the Christmas story. The children drew lovely pictures in response to the story. Nicola prepared a wonderful feast of the children as a special Christmas treat. Thank you Nicola!

*By: Seniors & 1<sup>st</sup> Class*



### Travelling Christmas Crib

Families are invited to take part in the 'Travelling Crib' this Christmas. Local families are welcome to bring 'Mary and Joseph' into their home for one night as they look for a place to stay before the birth of Baby Jesus. On the following day the 'Travelling Crib' is passed on to the next home. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Josephine at 086 8810889.



### 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.crusheencc.ie](http://www.crusheencc.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/310vIkX>



## Important Dates for your Calendar

- Catholic Schools Week 21st – 27th January 2024
- The First Holy Communion Mass will take place at 1.00 pm in St. Cronan's Church, Crusheen on **Saturday 11th May 2024.**
- The Confirmation Mass for Crusheen, Tubber & Boston Schools will take place at 11:00 am in Crusheen Church on **Saturday 8th June 2024.**

## School Calendar January – June 2024

- **Christmas Break 2023**  
The school will close on Friday 22nd December 2023 at 12:30pm and will **re-open on Monday 8th January 2024.**
- **St. Brigid's Day Bank holiday**  
The school will close on Monday 5th February 2024
- **Mid-Term break**  
The school will close on Thursday 15th February and Friday 16th February 2024
- **March closure- St. Patrick's Day**  
The school will close on Monday 18th March 2024 for the St. Patrick's Day holiday.
- **Easter Holidays**  
The school will close on **Friday 22nd March 2024 at 12:30 pm and will re-open on Monday 8th April 2024.**
- **May Closures**  
The school will close on Monday 6th May 2024  
The school will close on Friday 31st May 2024
- **June Closures**  
The school will close on Monday 3rd June and Tuesday 4th June 2024 and will re-open on Wednesday 5th June 2024.
- **Summer Holidays**  
The school will close on **Wednesday 26th June 2024 at 12:30pm.**
- Please note that the school calendar may be subject to change as part of any contingency arrangements.

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