

School Newsletter 22nd March 2024



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**SCOIL NÁISIÚNTA ÍNSE CHRÓNÁIN
CROISÍN, CO. AN CHLÁIR.**



We would like to wish our staff, pupils, parents and guardians a peaceful and happy Easter.

The school will reopen for the new school term on **Monday 8th April.**



Seachtain na Gaeilge

We had a great week celebrating 'Seachtain na Gaeilge' in our school from 10th – 15th March. The pupils made an extra effort to use their Irish at school throughout the week. First & second classes enjoyed Storytime "as Gaeilge" each day. The whole school was decorated with Irish flags and shamrocks. All classes were treated to some traditional Irish music on Wednesday, 13th March. Local musicians Des Mulkere, Joe Feeny and Oliver O'Connell were joined by our own Ms. Considine and they played a variety of jigs and reels for the children. As everyone knows, we have no shortage of Irish dancers in our school! Some of them entertained us with beautiful Irish dancing during the performance.

Táimid an-bhuíoch do na ceoltóirí don cheol álainn, bríomhar a sheinn siad duinn! Bhaineamar an-taitneamh as! Pupils from all classes also danced the 'Siege of Ennis' in the school yard with the help of their teachers as part of 'Seachtain na Gaeilge.' It was wonderful to see Irish culture as strong as ever in our school! On Friday, we had our 'Lá Glas' and we all took part in the 'wearing of the green' in honour of St. Patrick and our National Day of Celebration.

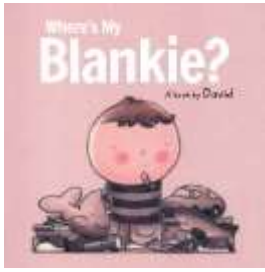
Assembly

We had a school assembly today Friday 22nd March. Mr Millane welcomed everyone to the gathering. He congratulated Makayla Lyons on getting a place on the Primary Games Camogie team. He also congratulated the Girls Mini 7s Football team on making it to the INTO Mini 7's Football Final. The INTO Mini 7's Boys Football team and the boys' soccer team were also congratulated on making it to the Finals in their respective competitions.

Mr Millane presented certs for 'Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine' and 'Dalta na Seachtaine' to pupils in each of the classes. Mrs Quinn then presented medals to the pupils who won the Community Games art and handwriting competitions. The winners of the Crusheen Tidy Village art competition were also presented with their prizes, so it was a very exciting assembly this week! To bring our assembly to a conclusion, Mr. Gantley's 4th and 5th classes sang a couple of Irish songs. 'Óró Sé do Bheatha Abhaile' which was a rebel song in the early twentieth century. In contrast their second song was an Irish translation of a contemporary love song, Coldplay's 'Sky full of Stars.' Maith sibh! Bhí an canadh go hiontach!

Finally, Mr Millane wished everyone a happy and safe Easter time!





Visit of David Condon for World Book Day

First & second classes were very excited to welcome Hannah Forde's grandad David, to our classroom to celebrate World Book Day. David has written many books, including a book of stories for children. David told us the stories of 'The Girl on the Bus', 'Foxy' and 'The Silver Chalice'. All the pupils were very inspired by David's stories and many said they would like to be authors when they grow up!

Visit of Mayor of Clare & Councillor

On Thursday Junior Infants, Senior Infants & 1st classes welcomed the Mayor of Clare, Joe Cooney, and Councillor P.J Ryan who is James and Dan's Grandad to our classroom. They spoke to us about their important roles as Mayor of Clare and Councillor. They told us that their favourite part of their work is travelling to other countries to represent Co. Clare. Mayor Cooney told us about his special chain of office he was wearing and he explained that the names of all the previous Mayors of Clare are inscribed on the brass plates of his chain of office. When they were leaving they gave us some treats for Easter!! We are very grateful to them for taking the time to visit us at school.



Library & Garda Station visit

Last Tuesday, Junior Infants, Senior Infants & 1st Class pupils went on a trip to Ennis. First, we visited Ennis library where we got to explore the library and read some books. Afterwards, Eilis a librarian working at the library, read us three stories. There was one very funny story about a bear!! Next, we went to visit Ennis Garda Station where we met Garda Lorraine, Garda Irene and Garda Albert. We got to see the cells and the interview room. It was a great day out.

Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine

Junior Infants: Freddie Quinn

Senior Infants: Ruth O'Grady

Senior Infants: Thomas McGann & Órán Johnston

1st Class: Ava Dillon & Liam Vaughan

1st Class: Hannah Forde & Cian McMullen

2nd Class: Katie O' Donnell & Manuela Bento Xavier

3rd Class: Elsie O'Grady & Ellie Horgan

4th Class: Ciara Wallace & Eilí Hanrahan

5th Class: Patrick Mulkere & Sarah Harkin

5th Class: Sophie Guerin & Nadia Guilfoyle

6th Class: Aine Maples & Evan Wherrett

Dalta na Seachtaine

Junior Infants: Tadhg Johnston & Holly Gallagher

Senior Infants: Dylan Flaherty & Alex Meehan

Senior Infants: Lucy Collins & James Ryan

1st Class: Rita Mulkere & Pearl Drumm

1st Class: Liam Meehan & Darragh Griffin

2nd Class: Donnagh O' Doherty & Sadie McMahon

3rd Class: Cillian Noone, Cara Dillon, Holly Hever

4th Class: Dylan Corbett & Joey Woods

5^h Class: Daragh O'Rourke & Saoirse Dillon

5th Class: Henry O'Shea & Charlie O'Connor

6th Class: Erin Curley & Leah White Kelly

Buddy Day

On Wednesday, 20th March, first, second, fifth & sixth classes took part in some 'buddy games' at the astro pitch. The aim was to let younger children and older children get to know each other and to work together at various tasks. They did a 'silent birthday line up', 'hula hoop games', 'ball relays' and they played other cooperative games together. It was a great success, and they are all looking forward to their next 'buddy day' together!



First Confession

Pupils from second class received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, 13th March in St. Cronan's Church, Crusheen. The pupils were very well prepared for the service, and they sang a song called 'I'm Sorry God.' They also listened to the story of Zacchaeus who changed his life for the better when he met Jesus. Our second-class pupils would like to say a huge thank you to Fr. Des and Fr. Pat for making the occasion so special for them. Thanks also to the parents for supporting their children as they take another important step on their faith journey.



Crusheen Ballinruan Tubber Community Games

Over the past few weeks, many of our pupils have celebrated successes by participating in Community Games events. Please follow Crusheen Ballinruan Tubber Community Games social media pages to keep up to date with upcoming events that children may be interested in participating in. Well done to everyone who entered the handwriting and art competitions. The standard was excellent. The following are the results:

Boys.

U/14 Art

2nd Evan Wherrett

U/12 Art

1st Michael O'Reilly

2nd Freddie Slevin

U/10 Art

1st Tommy O' Connor

3rd Landon Morrish

U/8 Art

1st Liam Vaughan

U/12 Handwriting

1st Ryan Vaughan

2nd Kayden Greene

3rd Cian Vaughan

U/10 Handwriting

1st Landon Morrish

2nd Donnagh O'Doherty

3rd Rían Murphy

Girls.

U/14 Art

1st Leah White Kelly

2nd Emily Slevin

Joint 3rd Lia McAllen

Joint 3rd Lily White Kelly

U/12 Art

2nd Bianca Alves

3rd Sarah Harkin

U/10 Art

1st Elsie O'Grady

2nd Natalie O'Meara

3rd Annie Murphy

U/8 Art

3rd Ava Dillon

U/12 Handwriting

1st Cara Dillon

2nd Clodagh Moroney

U/10 Handwriting

2nd Annie Murphy

3rd Natalie O'Meara

Standardised Tests



A little reminder to parents that the standardised tests will be administered to classes during the weeks of **20th May to 31st May**. Parents/guardians are asked to ensure that all pupils are available to sit their standardised tests during those two weeks.



Children of the Eucharist

On Wednesday pupils in 3rd class went to St. Cronan's Church for 'Children of the Eucharist'. Josephine and Mary welcomed us into the Church. We blessed ourselves with Holy Water. We sang a hymn with Josephine while Mary took the Blessed Host from the Tabernacle and placed it on the altar. Mary told us a beautiful story about Joseph and Jesus when Jesus was a little boy. Josephine put on some lovely music and we had some reflection time. We would like to thank Josephine and Mary for inviting us to 'Children of the Eucharist'. We really enjoyed our visit to the Church.
By Cara Dillon, 3rd Class



Crusheen Tidy Village Art Competition

Many congratulations to the winners of the Crusheen Tidy Village Art Competition. The competition was organised to promote the work of the Tidy Village committee in Crusheen. Pupils had to draw their favourite flowers and the standard was incredibly high! One winner from each class was chosen and the winning entries were displayed on the Tidy Village float on St. Patrick's Day. The winners each received a prize of an Easter egg! Well done to everyone who entered the competition! The following pupils are the winners from each of the classes:

Junior Infants: Olivia Chernel

Senior Infants: Molly O'Doherty

1st Class: Mia Fitzgibbon

2nd Class: Manuela Bento Xavier

3rd Class: Annie Murphy

4th Class: Ciara O'Connor

5th Class: Lily Hassett

6th Class: Lia McAllen

INTO Mini 7s Football girls

On Wednesday 15th March, the 5th & 6th class girls went to the Tulla GAA pitch to play in a Mini 7s football match. We were playing against Tulla N.S. The Tulla girls scored an early goal and were in the lead at half time. We had to be strong and determined to take on the challenge. We started to play better as a team in the second half and scored 2:1 without reply and were delighted to win the match! We will now move forward to the Mini- 7's Finals after Easter.
By: Emily Slevin & Aoibhe Donnellan, 6th Class

On Friday 15th March, the 5th & 6th class girls went to Tulla and played a Mini 7s football match against Tulla N.S. In the first half we were losing by a goal! At half time we made a few changes to the team and when play resumed we scored two goals and two points. Tulla then scored another a point, but the match ended and we won! We were all very happy and we can't wait for the next round of the tournament.

By: Sarah Harkin, 5th Class

INTO Mini 7s Hurling

On the 15th March the 5th & 6th class boys travelled to Tulla GAA pitch to take part in the INTO mini 7s hurling. We had Flagmount/Dromindoora and Tulla in our group. We played the Flagmount/Dromindoora team, and we beat them. In the qualifier we played Doora and they were a very good side, but we came out on top. We are now through to the Finals, and we are looking forward to another day out.

By Ryan Vaughan, 4th Class





FAI Soccer 5's

Well done to the boys' soccer teams who travelled to Lees Road Astro on Friday the 14th March. The school had entered two teams in the competition Crusheen White and Crusheen Red. Crusheen White met Ruan, Doora and Caherea. Crusheen Red played Toonagh, Kilmaey and Kilnamona. The two Crusheen teams got through to the finals. Crusheen White played Gaelscoil Shannon and Ruan and won the two of the games. Crusheen Red beat Ruan but lost to Doora. We had a good day out and we are looking forward to the finals. *By C.J. O'Doherty, 5th Class*

The girls from 6th class travelled to Lees Road for the FAI 5 aside soccer. The girls had two teams Crusheen White and Crusheen Red. The Crusheen White team put up a good fight, but they were unlucky on the day! The Crusheen Red team drew against Clonmoney Black and won against St. Senan's of Kilrush, which led them to the next round. They drew against Newmarket and sadly lost against St. Tolas which meant they didn't get through to the finals. However, the girls had a great day and played very well. *By Caoimhe O'Brien & Emma Scully, 6th Class*



The following pupils have been representing our school in the Clare primary games trials at various venues and times over the past few weeks.

Primary Game Hurling – Niall Mc Greal
Primary Games Camogie – Makayla Lyons
Primary Games Boys Football: Evan Wherrett
Primary Games Girls Football: Emma Scully
Congratulations to Makayla Lyons who was selected to play for Clare Primary games camogie at half time during the Cork v Clare match in Supervalu Páirc Uí Chaoimh on Sunday 28th April, 2024. Best of luck to the other pupils as the selection process continues.



Trócaire – Lenten Campaign 2024

Families are asked to support Trócaire's appeal this year, Please return your Trócaire boxes to the school or alternatively give them to Fr. Des before or after Mass in the weeks leading up to Easter.

Celebration of Family Masses

A Family Mass for pupils receiving the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year will take place on **Sunday 24th March at 9.30 am** at St. Cronan's Church, Crusheen.



Crusheen N.S. is now accepting enrolment applications for children who will be starting school in September 2024. Parents can download our enrolment form 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 secretary at 065 6827183 or by email at crusheen@crusheenns.com and request to have an enrolment form sent to you.



Whole School Gymnastics Programme 2024

The children from Junior Infants to Sixth class participated in five weeks of Gymnastic classes. We would like to thank Monika who worked so well with the pupils to help develop their knowledge and skills in gymnastics.



Crusheen GAA girls football

U8/U10/U12 girls football training resumes on Sunday 7th April at 11.00 am at the Astroturf in Crusheen.

New members are always welcome!

If you have any queries or if you would like to be added to the WhatsApp group, please contact Paula at 086 8964809 or James at 086 6063949.

Crusheen GAA Lunchtime hurling

Crusheen GAA will also run lunchtime hurling in the new Astro for boys and girls from infants, seniors and first class during the Easter holidays on Wednesday 27th March and Wednesday 3rd April at 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm.



CRUSHEEN GAA CLUB

Straight Poker

POKER



Saturday March 23rd @9pm SHARP
Fogartys & Clarkes, Crusheen

Prize Money €1,500 Pro Rata
Bonus for players in before 9pm
ENTRY €20

Please support Crusheen GAA Club
Contact Shane O'Rourke 087-6330551
for further information



Please note that the parents' representatives for the classes this year are:

Junior Infants: Olivia Hever 089 2113078

Senior Infants: Caroline Dillon 083 3591440

First Class: Celina Forde 087 7720970

Second Class: Norah Wallace 083 8444882

Third Class: Amanda O'Donovan 087 9798259

Fourth Class: Norah Wallace 083 8444882

Fifth Class: Caroline Dillon 083 3591440

Sixth Class: Carmel Scully 087 7840894



Fundraiser for Crusheen National School.

Car Treasure Hunt.

Sunday 14th April from 10.30am.

**Treasure Hunt Departing and Returning to
Crusheen National School.**

**Prebooking Essential to Receive a Time Slot By
Texting The Number Below.**

€20 Per Car.



For Further Information and to pre book your time slot, Please Contact

087 1250232

1st Prize €100, 2nd Prize €75 and 3rd Prize €50

Safer Internet Crusheen

Norah and Dermot would like to say a big thank you to all who responded to the survey on 'Smartphone usage in the home'. We had a great turnout with 72 responses. Norah and Dermot will analyse the responses given and will present the results of the survey in our next school newsletter.



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
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/3l0v1kX>

Important Dates for your Calendar

- **Tuesday 9th April** – INTO mini 7s camogie blitz, Crusheen GAA pitch at 10.00 a.m.
- **Wednesday 17th April** - Cumann na mBunscol an Chláir Mini 7s Girls Football Finals 2024.
Time: 10 a.m sharp.
Venue: Clarecastle Astroturf Pitch.
- **Monday 15th April** – Information meeting at school with parents of new junior infants starting in September 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.**





Slevin School of Irish Dancing Summer Workshop 2024

22nd July to 26th July in Tubber
5th August to 9th August in Ennis
10.00 am to 2.00 pm

Limited spaces so first come basis
€70 per child, sibling discount available
To register please contact 083 3591440



STAR LIGHT SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER CAMP 2024

1st July to 5th July in Tubber
29th July to 1st August in Ennis
TIME: 10.00 am to 2.00 p.m.
INCLUDES, DANCING, SINGING,
DRAMA AND LOTS OF GAMES
TO REGISTER
PLEASE CONTACT 083 3591440



Star Camp - Easter Egg-Stravaganza 2024

Open to all boys and girls aged 4 – 12.
9.30am – 2:30pm Tuesday to Friday (4 Days) for the
midterm 25th – 28th (Mon-Thurs) & 2nd – 5th April
(Tues-Fri).

Check out <https://starcamp.ie/easter-camps/> and
updates and many fun competitions are on
www.facebook.com/starcampireland
<https://www.instagram.com/starcampireland/?hl=en>
www.twitter.com/starcampireland and
www.youtube.com/user/StarcampIreland