

# School Newsletter 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2023



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CROISÍN, CO. AN CHLÁIR.



## Assembly

On Wednesday, October 25th all classes assembled in the school yard. Mr. Millane spoke to pupils about the importance of safety at Hallowe'en and he commended the pupils for their good behaviour for the first half term. Pupils who took part in the **Cross Country Running** in Lees Road were congratulated and the **u10 boys** received their team medals.

Pupils who were part of the **Community Games u11 hurling team** spoke about the competition and they showed us their medals for winning the Clare and Munster competitions as well their silver All Ireland medals. **Luke Hanrahan** was congratulated on receiving a Community Games All-Star in the 'Hurling' category. Luke played with the Crusheen/Ballinruan/Tubber team at the Community Games competitions this year.

Three of our pupils travelled to London at the weekend to take part in the **Great Britain Irish Dancing Competition** and they shared their experiences with the school - well done to **Donal Óg, Pearl and Hannah!**

Class teachers awarded 'Dalta na Míosa' certificates to pupils in each class.

Finally, Mr. Millane's class sang, "This is Me" and Ms. Hassett's class recited "Is Mise an Púca" for all who were gathered.

## School Closure

The school will be **closed** on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** to facilitate staff training in the new Primary Mathematics Curriculum.

## Daltaí na Míosa

**Juniors:** Freya Keane, Eric Hever

**Seniors:** Jake Kelly, Cian D'Arcy

**Seniors:** Hannah Collins, Jack Moroney

**1<sup>st</sup> Class:** Ava Dillon, Donnchadh Hassett

**1<sup>st</sup> Class:** Mia Fitzgibbon, Ellie Danaher

**2<sup>nd</sup> Class:** Manuela Bento Xavier, Donnagh O'Doherty

**3<sup>rd</sup> Class:** Cian Vaughan, Bianca de Victoria

**4<sup>th</sup> Class:** Ella O'Donnell, John Scully

**5<sup>th</sup> Class:** Clodagh Moroney, Dara O'Rourke

**5<sup>th</sup> Class:** Nadia Guilfoyle, Henry O'Shea

**6<sup>th</sup> Class:** Caoimhe O'Brien, Niall McGreal



## Clare FM visit to the school

The school had a visit from Colum McGrath of Clare FM on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of October. He was here to meet the pupils in advance of the Senior Hurling County Final which was taking place in Cusack Park that weekend. Everyone at school wore the Crusheen jersey or colours on the day and the school was festooned in red and white bunting. Our students sang their newly composed song 'Up Crusheen' written with the support of Ms Darcy to support the team in their endeavours on the pitch. Unfortunately, the Crusheen hurlers lost out on the day, but we hope that they will be back again next year!



### Beginning of Year Mass

Our beginning of year Mass took place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at St. Cronan's Church, Crusheen. We would like to thank Fr. Des for saying a lovely Mass. We are grateful to everyone who helped, especially Josephine Kearney. We were delighted that so many parents were able to attend the Mass which made it a memorable occasion for us all.



### Winners of Crusheen GAA County Final Art Competition

Many thanks to Crusheen G.A.A. for organising this art competition as well as the prizes for the winners in each class and overall winners. Well done to all our pupils who entered the competition and presented their best work!

**The winners are as follows:**

#### Junior Infants

1st Place: Dan Ryan  
2nd Place: Freddie Quinn  
3rd Place: Freya Ryan

#### Senior Infants

1st Place: Lucy Collins  
2nd Place: Ruth O'Grady  
3rd Place: Tadhg Wallace

#### 1st Class

1st Place: Mia Fitzgibbon  
2nd Place: Cian McMullen  
3rd Place: Pearl Drumm

#### 2nd Class

1st Place: Sarah Griffin  
2nd Place: Arwen Keane  
3rd Place: Sadie McMahon

#### 3rd Class

1st Place: Elsie O'Grady  
2nd Place: Ellie Horgan  
3rd Place: Faye Colleran

#### 4th Class

1st Place: Ella O'Donnell  
2nd Place: Michael O'Reilly  
3rd Place: Fiadh Hassett

#### 5th Class

1st Place: Nadia Guilfoyle  
2nd Place: Patrick Mulkere  
3rd Place: Sophie Guerin & Emily Griffin

#### 6th Class

1st Place: Ailbhe O'Brien  
2nd Place: Caoimhe O'Brien  
3rd Place: Emily Slevin

The overall winners of €35 sports voucher were **Elsie O'Grady (3<sup>rd</sup> class) & Ailbhe O'Brien (6<sup>th</sup> class)**. Congratulations to them on their achievement!



#### Godly Play

We had 'Godly Play' in the Community Hall this week. Nicola is teaching us some lovely stories from the Bible. We also do fun art and craft activities.

#### Godly Play with Junior Infants

We are really enjoying Godly Play with Nicola this year. Last week we heard the story of Noah's Ark. After the story we chatted about it and then we each drew a picture of our favourite part of the story. Finally, we had the feast. Thanks Nicola and we look forward to our next session. *By Junior Infants.*

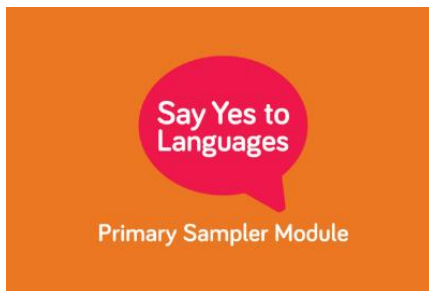
### Children of the Eucharist

Pupils in second and sixth classes had a special 'Children of the Eucharist' session facilitated by Antoinette Moynihan on Monday, October 23rd. This very special experience was organised by Josephine Kearney and the pupils benefitted greatly from it.

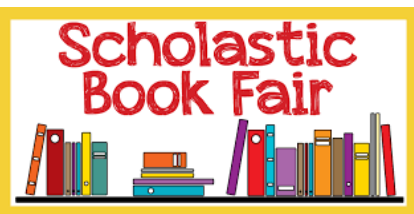


### Buddy Reading

We were all happy to hear the good news that 'Buddy Reading' has started again in our school! We are paired up with our older friends and we read together. They talked about the books they are reading and they read some of the 'interesting bits' to us! We read our books to the older boys and girls too! Sometimes we look at the pictures and talk about what is going to happen next in the story. We all have good fun and we have made some new friends!



The 'Say Yes to Languages' programme has resumed for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes this week. Our pupils are delighted to be participating in this programme and to have the opportunity to learn to speak French with their tutor Rhona.



### Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair at the school from October 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. There was a great variety of books for sale and the pupils enjoyed buying and reading their new books. The Book Fair was a

great success, and our school will now receive over €1,000 of free books for our pupils to enjoy.

### Visit from An Garda Síochana

Garda Lorraine and Garda Irene visited all classes on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October. They spoke to the children about the importance of staying safe at Hallowe'en. They advised pupils to bring lights with them when out trick-or-treating and to wear high visibility clothing. They also advised them to stay well away from bonfires. Younger children should always be accompanied by their parents or another adult. Thanks to Garda Lorraine and Garda Irene for a very important visit at this time of the year.



### Hallowe'en Fundraiser

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October our pupils dressed up in their Hallowe'en costumes. Pupils brought in €2 to support the Parents Association fundraiser! Prizes were presented to pupils with the most inventive and creative costumes and all classes enjoyed fun activities and treats on the day. Well done to everyone who got involved and we hope all our pupils have a lot of fun on Hallowe'en night!

### Hallowe'en Dress-up

On Friday we are having a Halloween dress up day. We are preparing our costumes and getting ready at home. We are really excited for Friday. Some of us are planning to scare our teacher!! *By Junior Infants*



County Photos will visit the school on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November**. Pupils are asked to wear their full School uniform on the day for class photo. Please note that there is no obligation to purchase photos from County Photos.



The 'Team Hope' leaflets have been distributed to all classes for the 'Christmas Shoebox Appeal.' Pupils and their families are invited to get busy over the Hallowe'en break and organise their Christmas shoeboxes in good time. All shoeboxes are to be returned to school **by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.**



### Student Council

Congratulations to the members of the new Student Council which was elected on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Thanks to all the pupils from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes who took part in the Student Council Election. The pupils put a lot of work into preparing their Manifestos and they all presented their speeches for their classmates before the voting took place. Thanks also to the class teachers who helped prepare the pupils for the Student Council Elections and who presided over the Student Council Elections in their classrooms on the day. The following students were elected to the Student Council:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Class: Erin Noone**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Class: Cian Vaughan**

**4<sup>th</sup> Class: Michael O'Reilly**

**5<sup>th</sup> Class: Luke Hanrahan**

**6<sup>th</sup> Class: Lia McAllen & Caoimhe O'Brien**

The newly elected Student Council will hold its first meeting after the Hallowe'en break. They will be assigned to roles on the Student Council, and we will have monthly meetings and other activities to organise

in the year ahead. We wish them well in their new roles as they represent the 'Student Voice' in our school in the year ahead.

We thank those pupils in the outgoing Student Council, and we commend them for their commitment to their roles on the Student Council during the past year.

### Swimming Classes

Swimming classes will take place in Ennis Leisure Complex from 12.00. to 1.00 pm for pupils in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> classes **on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

Swimming classes will take place in Ennis Leisure Complex from 12.00 to 1.00 pm for pupils in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> classes **on 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023.** Details have been circulated to parents/guardians.

### School Policies

The **School Child Safeguarding Statement** and checklist is available to view on the school website.



### Clare County Cross Country Running

Best wishes to our runners who have qualified for the next stage of the Cross-Country Championships to be held on the **14<sup>th</sup> of November in Lees Road.** The following pupils will take part:

Tommy O Connor,	Under 8 Boys
Liam Vaughan,	Under 8 Boys
Elsie O Grady,	Under 10 Girls
Cian Vaughan,	Under 10 Boys
Ryan Vaughan,	Under 10 Boys
Oisín Collins,	Under 10 Boys
Cillian O'Donnell,	Under 10 Boys
L Morrish,	Under 10 Boys
C J O Doherty,	Under 10 Boys
Mia O Riordan,	Over 10 Girls



## Change to School Uniform Days for November & December

During the months of November and December, pupils are asked to wear their full school uniform on Mondays and Tuesdays and asked to wear their full school PE uniform on Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays.

## Hand towel for drying hands

Parents are asked to give their child a small hand towel for drying hands. This is to help reduce the amount of blue tissue being used in the school.

## 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.



## Parent Teacher meetings

The Parent teacher meetings will take place on the **14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2023**. Parents can book their time slots on the Aladdin Connect portal. Time slots will be released to parents/guardians after the October mid-term break.



## Ennis Book Festival bookclub workshop

Our senior classes have really enjoyed taking part in the Ennis Book Club Festival workshop series over the past few weeks. Two workshops have already taken place at our school, and another will take place next month. A final event for all schools taking part in the project will take place at Glór Theatre in Ennis on

**March 1<sup>st</sup> 2024.** The workshops were hosted by Sarah Moore Fitzgerald who is a writer and children's author. She is also 'Head of Creative Writing' at University College, Limerick.

## School Fees

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

IBAN - IE16BOFI 904210 76377090

BIC - BOFIE2D

It's 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.



## Boys Cumann na mBunscol Football

On the 28<sup>th</sup> September the boys from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes went to a football blitz in Gurteen. We played Doora, Corofin and Inagh/Cloonahagh. We were narrowly beaten by Inagh/Cloonahagh in a closely fought game. The next two games were tough games and we were narrowly beaten in both games. As football is not our primary game, we put on a good show on the day!

***Match Report by Niall McGreal in 6<sup>th</sup> class***

## Girls Cumann na mBunscol Football

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of October the girls from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> went to Crusheen GAA pitch to take part in a Gaelic Football blitz against Scoil Chríost Rí, Ennis and Ballynacally/Clondrinagh/Caherea. First we played Scoil Chríost Rí. It was good match and we won well. The final score was 3-5 to 1-1. The second game against the combined forces of Ballynacally, Clondrinagh and Caherea was a tough match. Unfortunately, we were beaten by a stronger team on the day. Nevertheless, we have advanced to the Semi-Final of this competition. We will be playing Clonmoney after the mid-term break.

***Match Report by Eadaoin and Caoimhe in 6<sup>th</sup> class***

## Sacraments Days 2023/24



### First Holy Communion 2024

The First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday 11th May** at 1:00 pm in St. Cronan's Church, Crusheen.

### Confirmation Ceremony 2024

The Confirmation ceremony for Crusheen, Tubber and Boston primary schools will take place on **Saturday 8th June** at 11.00 am in St. Cronan's Church, Crusheen.

Fr. Des would like to thank all the parents/guardians for their work at last weekend's gathering at the masses for the pupils preparing for Communion for the First time and the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Second Gathering is scheduled for November and the schedule is as follows:

#### **Saturday Nov. 25th**

6.30 p.m Boston Church – Boston NS & Tubber NS  
8pm Ruan Church – Ruan NS & Toonagh NS

#### **Sunday Nov. 26th**

9.30 a.m Crusheen Church – Crusheen NS  
11am Corofin Church – Corofin NS & Kilnaboy NS



### 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.



### Crusheen National School Parents' Association

The 2023/24 Parents' Association committee has been formed. Thank you to following parents for taking up the following positions.

Chairperson: Caroline Dillon

Secretary: Amanda O'Donovan

Treasurer: Celina Forde

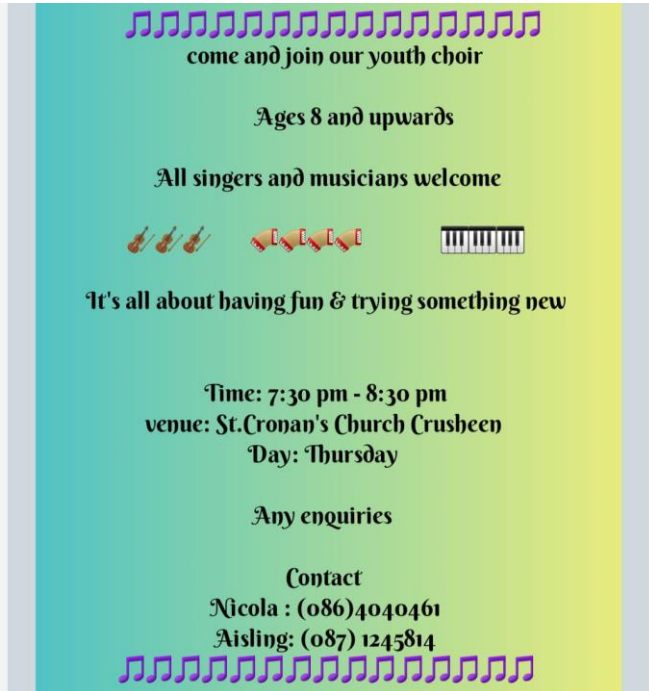
The school is looking forward to working with the committee. The Parents' Association email is [parentsassociationcrusheen@gmail.com](mailto:parentsassociationcrusheen@gmail.com)

### Class Parents' Representatives

The names and contact details of this year's Class Parents' Representatives will be forwarded on Aladdin at a later date.

## Youth Choir

Young people invited to join Youth Choir on Thursday evening in St. Cronans Church, Crusheen.



come and join our youth choir

Ages 8 and upwards

All singers and musicians welcome

It's all about having fun & trying something new

Time: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
venue: St. Cronan's Church Crusheen  
Day: Thursday

Any enquiries

Contact  
Nicola : (086)4040461  
Aisling: (087) 1245814

## Headlice

Please find attached a useful link on how to deal with lice. <https://www schooldays.ie/articles/Dealing-with-head-lice>



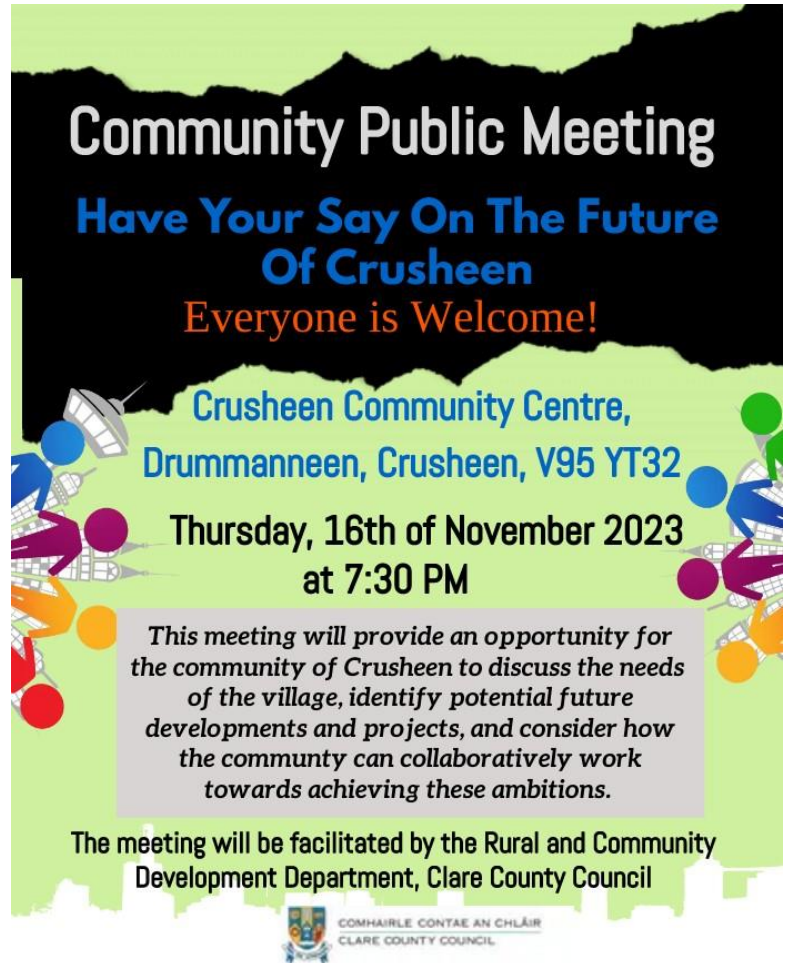
## Support Crusheen Community Centre

Please consider buying a brick, [www.crusheecc.ie](http://www.crusheecc.ie)  
Thank you for supporting the Crusheen Community Centre weekly lotto draw. Your contribution will help towards making necessary improvements to our Community Hall. Please support Crusheen Community Centre.

This link will allow you to purchase tickets for yourself or a friend, <https://bit.ly/3l0v1kX>

## Have Your Say on the Future of Crusheen

Please join us on Thursday, 16th of November at 7.30pm at the Community Centre for a Community Public Meeting.



Community Public Meeting

Have Your Say On The Future Of Crusheen

Everyone is Welcome!

Crusheen Community Centre,  
Drummanneen, Crusheen, V95 YT32

Thursday, 16th of November 2023  
at 7:30 PM

*This meeting will provide an opportunity for the community of Crusheen to discuss the needs of the village, identify potential future developments and projects, and consider how the community can collaboratively work towards achieving these ambitions.*

The meeting will be facilitated by the Rural and Community Development Department, Clare County Council

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## Youth Celebration Mass

A youth celebration Mass will be held on Friday 3rd November 2023 at 7.00 p.m. in St. Cronan's Church, Crusheen. This Mass is a special and joyous celebration of the gifts and talents of all our young people and their contribution to community life. All youth in the parish are invited to be present at this Mass. Everyone is welcome as we celebrate our young people together. Please contact Helen (086) 1545620 or Riona 087 2410819 for any further information. Food and refreshments will be served on the evening. We welcome any food contributions. Please contact Helen if you would like to provide food for this event.



## Youth Celebration Mass

Venue: Crusheen Church

Date: Friday 3rd November

Time: 7.00pm.



This is a special and joyous celebration of our young people's achievements, gifts, talents and contribution to community life.

All organisations in our parish will be represented.



**YOUTH CLUB**



If you would like to be recognised at this Mass or would like further information please call Helen 086 1545620 or Riona 087 2410819.

- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November French classes for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes 12pm 1 pm and 2 pm**
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Swimming in Ennis Leisure Complex – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>
- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November French classes for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes 12pm 1 pm and 2 pm**
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> – Swimming in Ennis Leisure Complex – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

### *December*

- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December French classes for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes 12pm 1 pm and 2 pm**
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Swimming in Ennis Leisure Complex – 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Swimming in Ennis Leisure Complex – 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup>
- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December French classes for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes 12pm 1 pm and 2 pm**
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Swimming in Ennis Leisure Complex – 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup>
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December French classes for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes 12pm 1 pm and 2 pm**
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Swimming in Ennis Leisure Complex – 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup>
- School will finish on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 12:30pm.

### *November*

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – All boxes to be collected for TEAM HOPE shoebox appeal
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November French classes for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes 12pm 1 pm and 2 pm**
- Wednesday November 8th Ennis Book Club – Ennis Book Club Festival visit of Sarah Moore Fitzgerald to 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> classes 12.00 to 1.30
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Swimming in Ennis Leisure Complex – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> School Closure
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Clare Cross Country Running in Lees Road.
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Swimming in Ennis Leisure Complex – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November – County Photos will visit the school