

# School Newsletter 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024



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



**Beannachtaí na Féile**  
**Pádraig oraibh**  
**We would like to wish**  
**everybody a Sappy St.**  
**Patrick's Day**

## Godly Play

Godly Play resumed last week for Junior Infants to second class. We had a lovely session with Nicola. She told us a story all about getting ready for Easter. We learned that purple is the colour for Lent and it changes to white for Easter. After the story we discussed it and then we drew pictures based on it. Then we had the feast! To finish the lovely lesson Nicola played some music and we all had quiet time. We are looking forward to the next day already!

*By Ms. Darcy, Junior Infants*



## Ennis Book Club Festival – Children's Event

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils travelled to Glór in Ennis to attend a Children's Book Club event with Sarah Moore and Ellen Ryan, award-winning children's writers who spoke to the pupils about Ellen's new books *Gods Don't Cry* and *Girls Who Slay Monsters*.

Ellen talked about the different gods and goddesses of all shapes and sizes from Ireland's ancient myths, their adventures and what type of heroes they were. At the end of the session we did a personality test to see which god or goddess we would be. It was an enjoyable day and very interesting. We are very grateful to Brid Hayes, in Ennis Book Club festival for inviting our class to be involved in the workshops with Sarah Moore last term and also for inviting us to Glór for Ennis Book Club Festival. The pupils in 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> really enjoyed the whole programme.

*By: Emily Slevin & Aoibhe Donnellan 6<sup>th</sup> Class*

## Crusheen Tidy Village Art Competition

The committee are running an art competition to promote the work of the Tidy Village committee in Crusheen. Pupils have been busy drawing their favourite flowers. One flower from each class will be chosen and displayed on the Tidy Village float for the St. Patrick's Day parade. Winners will receive an Easter egg.

## Online Safety Usage Initiative

Following on from Safer Internet Day, our school is proposing to introduce an initiative to enhance online safety for our school children. Research highlights the risks for children of online access to social media platforms on smartphones and other devices. Parents often underestimate online dangers. Inspired by a successful model at Portlaw National School, Co. Waterford, two of our parents Norah Wallace and Dermot O'Sullivan together with the Parents Association, Board of Management and staff aim to create a voluntary agreement on children's use of devices and other technology.

We are looking for the school community's support with this initiative and invite all parents/guardians to participate in an anonymous survey on the use of smartphones and other devices in their homes: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LC2YF2S>  
Please contact Norah & Dermot at [saferinternetcrusheen@gmail.com](mailto:saferinternetcrusheen@gmail.com) for further information on this initiative.



## Heritage Presentation

4th & 5th classes have been partaking in the Heritage Keepers initiative. This is a place based programme. Students have been investigating various geographical and historical aspects of the Parish. We will also be doing a field trip around the Parish with local historian and story teller Eddie Lenihan in May. This is something we are greatly looking forward to.  
*By 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> class pupils*



## Standardised Tests

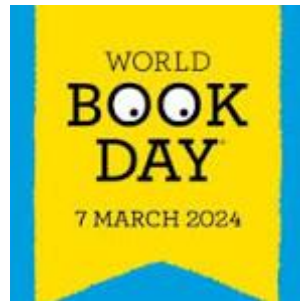
The standardised tests will be administered to classes during the weeks 20<sup>th</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May.

Parents/guardians are asked to ensure that all pupils are available to sit their standardised tests during those two weeks.



## Whole School Gymnastics Programme 2024

The children from Junior Infants to Sixth class are enjoying five weeks of gymnastic classes. This is a wonderful learning experience for all our children. They have been learning techniques to perform cartwheels and tumbles. Today the children practised strength and conditioning exercises. They worked on upper body strength. We are excited to have Monika work with us over the coming weeks to develop our knowledge and skills in gymnastics.



## World Book Day

All classes participated in a variety of activities for World Book Day. Pupils dressed up as their favourite book characters or authors, and they spoke about their costumes. The younger classes enjoyed being 'book buddies' with pupils from the older classes. Some classes had book character parades, book reviews and they drew their favourite book covers. Prizes were given to pupils who had made a great effort with reading, especially with the Accelerated Reader programme.

They were:

**Junior Infants:** Eric Hever

**Senior Infants:** Dylan Flaherty & Donnacha O'Sullivan

**1<sup>st</sup> Class:** Ava Dillon & Brehon Moloney

**2<sup>nd</sup> Class:** Donal Óg Dillon

**3<sup>rd</sup> Class:** Kayden Greene

**4<sup>th</sup> Class:** Ciara Wallace

**5<sup>th</sup> Class:** Sinéad O'Reilly & Clodagh Moroney

**6<sup>th</sup> Class:** Aoibhe Donnellan

## School Closures

The school will be closed on the following days:

- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** as the school will be in use as a Polling station.
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March** for the St. Patrick's Day Bank holiday.
- The school will close on Friday 22nd March 2024 at **12:30 pm** for the Easter break and will re-open on Monday 8th April 2024.



## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Pupils from second class will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Wednesday March 13th at 6.30 p.m.** in St. Cronan's Church, Crusheen.

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:crusheen@crusheenns.com) and request to have an enrolment form sent to you.



**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



## Trócaire – Lenten Campaign 2024

This year Trócaire will focus on supporting the people of Malawi, a country in Africa. Fetching water is a daily struggle for many people in this country. The time it takes for children to gather water for the family means being late for school or sometimes missing it altogether. If you would like to support Trócaire's appeal this year, you can 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.



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### Cumann na mBunscol Mini 7s Gaelic Boys

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of March the boys in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> classes travelled to Gurteen for the mini 7s Gaelic football competition. In the first game we played Tulla NS. It was a tight game but we came out on top. Next we played Doorra NS. This was another tight game but we won 4:3. We got through to the semi-finals and played Barefield NS. This was a challenging game and we lost by 2 goals. However, it was a good day out and we are looking forward to lots more sporting games in the coming weeks.

By CJ O'Doherty & Ryan Vaughan



### School Transport

#### Applications for School Year 2024/2025

Applications for the upcoming school year will open towards the end of this month. Further details will be advised on our website in due course.

Customers are advised that no further school transport applications for the current School Year 2023/24 can be made after February 19th 2024.

Only applications for the new school year will be accepted when the Family Portal re-opens.

<https://www.buseireann.ie/inner.php?id=256>



### 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](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 halla. Please support Crusheen Community Centre. This link will allow you to purchase tickets for yourself or a friend, <https://bit.ly/3I0vIkX>



## Upcoming school Events

- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Junior/senior/1<sup>st</sup> visit to Ennis Library & Ennis Garda station
- Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 p.m. in St. Cronan's Church, Crusheen – First Confession ceremony for 2<sup>nd</sup> Class First Holy Communion candidates.
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Boys FAI Schools Primary soccer / Lees Road/ 10.00 to 2.00 pm
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March Whole School gymnastics in Crusheen Community Centre
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Mini 7s hurling – Tulla Astro Turf at 11.00 am
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Mini 7s camogie Tulla Astro Turf at 1.00 pm
- The school will close on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Girls FAI Schools Primary soccer /Lees Road/10.00 to 2.00 pm
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Whole School gymnastics in Crusheen Community Centre

## Important Dates for your Calendar

- 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.**





**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](http://www.facebook.com/starcampireland)  
<https://www.instagram.com/starcampireland/?hl=en>  
[www.twitter.com/starcampireland](http://www.twitter.com/starcampireland) and  
[www.youtube.com/user/StarcampIreland](http://www.youtube.com/user/StarcampIreland)