

# School Newsletter 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021



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## Message from Ms. O' Connell

I hope you all continue to keep safe and well.

Thank you for all you are doing ensuring your children's engagement in remote learning again this week. Trying to juggle it all a challenge and you can only do what you can. Some of the tips included in the newsletter may help.

Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

The most important thing at this time is your well-being and your children's well-being.

We hope that the weeks and months ahead will be a more positive time for everyone and we look forward to seeing all the pupils in school again soon.



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## Remote Learning

As we find ourselves taking part in remote learning again this year, we would like to share some tips from last year.

As a parent you are the primary educator of your children. There are, however, a few tips that might make it easier for you.

- The importance of routine. Set a time to start, plan your child's breaks and finishing times for certain activities. You decide those to suit your own family situation.
- Communicate clearly. Discuss the routine with your child. Give them some input in deciding the routine. Visual timetables are particularly useful.
- Set targets for the week. Your teacher will have work assigned but your child should have input into creative pursuits and extra-curricular activities. Agree on a reward system for successfully ticking off the list of chosen tasks for the week. 'If we get 'x' done by Friday we will get/do....' Be sure to praise effort rather than just output.
- Remember if a child is not feeling safe or happy they cannot learn. Try and 'know' the time to encourage further work but also identify when continuing with something will not be productive.
- Physical activity. Lots of it.
- Reading for enjoyment. Lots of it. If you are busy all day and can't attend to school work, don't worry. It can always be rectified with paired reading in the evening.
- Let kids play/explore and work outside as often as possible.
- Don't presume everyone is doing more at home. They are not. Doing your best is good enough



## Welcome

We are delighted to welcome two new pupils to our school. Oscar O' Shea has started in 4<sup>th</sup> Class in Ms. Quinn's room and his brother Henry has started in 2<sup>nd</sup> Class in Ms. Brady's room. We hope that they have a great school life with us here in Crusheen.

We welcome Ms. Hassett to our staff who has been teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> classes until Ms. Considine returns in February.

## Artefacts Week

This week, all classes took part in Artefacts Week. Pupils brought a historical artefact to their Zoom class and explained a little bit about their item. It was very interesting to see items from the past and to guess their uses.



## Enrolling for September 2021

We are now enrolling pupils for September 2021. Application forms for enrolment can be requested by contacting the school by email at [crusheen@crusheenns.com](mailto:crusheen@crusheenns.com)

The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

The school admission policy and enrolment forms are accessible at the following links or available on the school website [www.crusheenns.net](http://www.crusheenns.net)  
<https://www.crusheenns.net/information-for-parentsguardians-of-junior-infants.html>  
<https://www.crusheenns.net/policies.html>

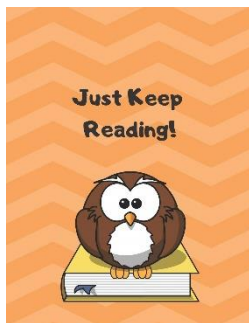
## Clare County Library Delivery Service

Clare County Library service providing a delivery service library books and other materials. This service is part Clare County Council's #InThisTogether campaign. This campaign encourages everyone to stay connected, stay active and look after your mental health.

Members of Clare County Library can ring one of thirteen libraries Monday to Friday from 10.00 am to 5.30 pm to avail of this service.

This free service is available through any one of the thirteen libraries around the county.

De Valera Library, Ennis 065-6846353 / 065- 6891317 or email [devalera@clarelibrary.ie](mailto:devalera@clarelibrary.ie)



## Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day takes place on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. All classes will have lessons on Internet Safety over the week and we encourage parents to look at the Webwise website and Cybersafe Ireland website to keep informed about your child's online safety.

<https://www.webwise.ie/category/videos/videos-for-parents/>

<https://www.cybersafeireland.org/>

## Online GAA Sessions

Clare GAA has started a new initiative where Rob Mulcahy is hosting a live session on YouTube focusing on fundamental movement skills that children will be able to take part in. The sessions are on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If someone can't make the session they will be able to watch it back and take part by finding it on the Clare GAA Coaching & Games YouTube page. All sessions start at 10.00 a.m. and they last 30 minutes. Subscribe to the Clare GAA Coaching & Games YouTube Channel and turn on notifications to get updates of when the sessions are due to start or fill out this form to get the links for the sessions emailed directly to you.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx...>

## Perimeter of Clare Challenge

From 18<sup>th</sup> November until the 18<sup>th</sup> of

December, pupils in our school took part in a Perimeter of Clare

Challenge to raise funds

for our school. We were delighted to raise €1820 and we thank everybody who kindly donated money to the school.



## School Calendar

A huge thanks to the Parents Council for organising the school calendar this year. It looks fantastic. Thank you to Dermot O'Sullivan and Caroline Dillon for taking the photos and putting the project together. It was a lovely Christmas present this year. Total raised was €655.

Mile buiochas to our sponsors

- Bumblebee Creations
- Clarkes Daybreak
- Burrenside Oil
- Gearoid O'Donnell Construction

### Update on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Classes

As you know, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes have been in the Halla while we were awaiting the installation of the portacabin on the school grounds. The portacabin is now on site.

The classes will merge next week from February 1<sup>st</sup>, with Mr. Gantley as their class teacher.

We would like to offer a sincere and huge thanks to the Halla Committee who allowed us the use of the Halla while we were in school in the first term this year.

Thank you so much to Ms. Cowman who loved teaching 5<sup>th</sup> class in recent weeks and months. We will be sorry to see her go and we wish her every success in the future.

### Clare County Council

Keeping active is important to help physical and mental health and wellbeing. Find resources that will help you keep as active as you can while adhering to the social distancing guidelines and travel restrictions.

<https://www.clarecoco.ie/together/stayingactive/>



### Cúla 4

This fortnight CÚLA4 AR SCOIL will focus on the theme, 'An t-Earrach'. Múinteoir Orla will look at the flowers of spring and she will go through the steps of how to plant a seed with us. She will also show us how to make a Saint Brigid's Cross.

Múinteoir Mícheál will look at the ancient Celtic festival Imbolg that used to be celebrated this time of year in the past and he will give us an insight into the life of The Celts in his history lesson. He will also show us how to draw a Celtic knot.

In Maths, both teachers will focus on Time. Múinteoir Orla will look at how to make and tell half-past, a quarter past and a quarter to on the analogue clock. Múinteoir Mícheál will focus on time-zones and the digital clock.

Scoil airs Monday to Thursday at 10am on TG4, and is repeated at 4pm. Catch up anytime on TG4.ie or Cula4.com and watch individual lessons on Cúla4's YouTube channel.

### Wildlife of Ireland Map

Libraries Ireland have launched a new online learning resource for primary school children - the Wildlife of Ireland Map!

Children can learn how to spot wildlife within their 5km and take a virtual nature walk across Ireland. Check it out at <https://nature.librariesireland.ie/>



### School Website

Keep up to date with school news and work in the classrooms through our school website, [www.crusheenns.net](http://www.crusheenns.net).

