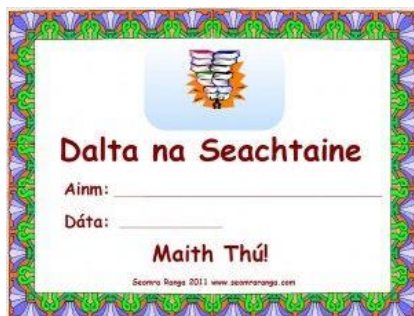


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Dalta na Seachtaine

Juniors: Annabelle Meaney, Máirtín Curran & Donnacha O'Sullivan.

Seniors: Hannah Forde

1st Class: Katie O'Donnell

2nd Class: Sean D'Arcy

3rd Class: Ciara Wallace & Andrew Farrell

4th Class: Nadia Guilfoyle & Oisín Collins

5^h Class: Sarah Jane Moran & Emma Scully

6th Class: Odhran O'Donovan & Lucy Whelan



Crusheen National School Parents' Association Bingo

The Parents' Association Bingo fundraising night for the school will now take place on Saturday 25th March at 7.30 p.m. This is as a result of Scór na nÓg taking place on March 11th. The doors will open at 7.00 p.m. in the Community Centre. The Parents' Association committee are accepting any spot prizes or raffle prizes for the event. The school are looking forward to your support on the night.



Assembly

On Wednesday the 1st of March we had a whole school assembly. The assemblies will now take place every second Wednesday. Mr. Millane spoke to us about different events coming up in the school. "Buddy Reading" is starting in the school again and it will be a great chance to read with our younger friends in the junior classes. He wished the various teams representing the school the best of luck in their upcoming games. Junior Infants sang a lovely song and played some instruments while they were singing. The awards were given out for Dalta na Seachtaine and Handwriting. We are looking forward to the next assembly. *By Sixth class*



Handwriting Certificates

Seniors: Liam Vaughan

1st Class: Arwen Keane

2nd Class: Elsie O'Grady

3rd Class: Michael O'Reilly & Ciara O'Connor

4th Class: Sarah Harkin & Patrick Mulkere

5^h Class: Lia McAllen & Áine Maples

6th Class: Shaun Woods & Ciara White Kelly



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School Transport Application Process for 2023/24 School Year

Please see information note below regarding the School Transport Application Process for 2023/24 School Year for families who wish to use school transport.

Bus Éireann will contact all existing applicants via email directly, and a wider media campaign will commence this week. Further information is available on www.gov.ie/schooltransport and buseireann.ie/schooltransport

Families are asked to note that the closing date for payment/registering medical cards has been brought forward so that Bus Éireann can process applications, arrange transport and issue tickets to families as soon as possible for the 2023/24 school year.

New Applicants – Apply By 28th April 2023

The Bus Éireann family portal is now open for new applications for school transport services for the 2023/24 school year. New applications are considered as:

- pupils who will be attending junior infants in primary school or first year in post-primary school for the first time in 2023.
- pupils that may move home address or will be attending a new school in the 2023/24 school year

Applications can be made by visiting www.buseireann.ie/schooltransport

The closing date for new applications is **Friday 28th April 2023**. Any new applications made after the closing date are considered late applications and families are not guaranteed a seat.

Seachtain na Gaeilge - 1 - 17 Márta

An fhéile Ghaeilge is mó in Éirinn agus ar fud an domhain!

Is féile idirnáisiúnta Ghaeilge í Seachtain na Gaeilge, atá ar an gceiliúradh is mó dár dteanga agus dár gcultúr dúchais a bhíonn ar siúl in Éirinn agus in go leor tíortha eile gach bliain. Crusheen N.S. are planning various activities this fortnight, practicing and learning new Irish songs, writing short stories, conducting fashion shows and planning quizzes as Gaeilge to name but a few. Táimid ag déanamh iarracht chun an teanga a labhairt gach lá freisin. Táimid ag baint taitneamh as na gníomhachtaí go léir. Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí!



Junior Infants Milanos Trip

As part of our Italy theme we went on a trip to Milanos. There we each got to make our own pizza. The chef cooked them for us and then we got to eat them. They were delicious! We all got certificates and stickers. We would like to say a big thanks to Nicole, Jake's Mam, for organising a great day out and thanks to Marian for accompanying us.



Thank you to Phoebe for organising the Outreach Education Programme visit to our school. <https://www.nationalparks.ie/burren/learn/>

On Monday 6th March National Parks & Wildlife Service staff Karen, Jenni and Liz visited all classes in our school. 3rd and 4th classes were given a nature themed Powerpoint presentation followed by a show and tell segment with stuffed animals and other props of the Burren National Park Wild life. We learned about native Irish birds, what they eat and where you would find them. We listened to the noises each bird makes. We also learned about the extinct birds such as the Great Awk. We heard about native animals as well. We got to see that animals that had been stuffed such as the Irish Hair, hedgehog, pine martin and a Stoat. We had a question time about the animals. We were very thankful that they came in to talk to us. It was very interesting.

By Emily Griffin & Adah Brigdale



Gymnastics

Gymnastics will take place in the community centre this year. We look forward to welcoming our gymnastics instructor, Monika to our school in April. The lessons will commence on April 20th and run for six Thursdays between April 20th and June 8th. The cost is €15 per pupil. Please transfer the €15.00 into the school bank account and refer to it as 'GYM' with the Pupils initials. The school bank details are Bank of Ireland:

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Standardised Tests

The standardised tests will take place from May 8th to May 19th for all classes. It is very important that the children are present during these two weeks to ensure they complete these tests.

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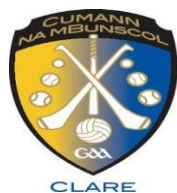


Thank you to all the pupils for continuing to support Lent 2023 and give generously to the Trócaire boxes in their classrooms. <https://www.trocaire.org/>



Jersey Day

Crusheen N.S. will host a 'Jersey Day' on the 16th March. Pupils are asked to wear their favourite jersey if possible and donate €2 on the day with all proceeds going towards Turkey/Syria earthquake relief funds. Many thanks for your support.



Indoor Camogie

The 5th Class girls competed in an indoor camogie blitz on Monday the 6th of March. The blitz was played in Cratloe Hall. The girls played Feakle National School in the first game and were victorious on a score line of 6-2. The girls played a very strong Broadford National team in the second game of the day. The girls were 3-0 down at half time and fought back in the second half but were unable to get the win.

All the 5th class girls played their part in the games and improved their skills over the two games. Well done girls.

Indoor hurling

The 3rd and 4th class boys also played in Cratloe on the same day. The boys were up against Iniscealtra National School and Killaloe Boys National School. The boys played Iniscealtra in the first game and were always in control. They scored some great team goals and were excellent in defence all game. They played Killaloe in the second game in a winner takes all. The boys started off very well but Killaloe came back strong and the game was very tight all the way to the finish. A mixture of great goalkeeping, excellent defending and expert goal taking was key to getting over the line. The boys will now progress to the finals which will take place next week. Well done to all the boys in 3rd and 4th class.

Football boys

The boy's football mini 7's took place in Tulla on Tuesday, March 7th. The team was made up of 5th and 6th class boys and all the boys played an active role in the competition. The boys played Raheen Wood Community National School in the opening game and played really well as a team to win the opening match. The second game was against St. Mochulla's National School Tulla where the winner would progress to the next round. The boys didn't get off to the best of starts conceding an early goal but soon found their form and began getting their scores. The boys were down by 2 points at half time but they fought hard to go ahead in the closing stages. Tulla scored a late equaliser to bring the game to extra time. Extra time was extremely tense and both teams worked hard to get their scores. After a period of 10 minutes

extra time the teams couldn't be separated and the game was to be decided on penalties. It came down to the last penalty which Tulla scored to get the win. The boys fought hard throughout the game and should be very proud of their performance.

Girls Mini 7's Football

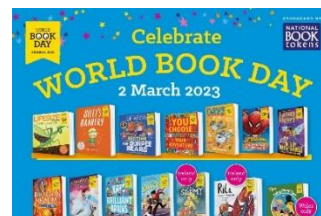
On the 7th of March last Tuesday 5th & 6th girls competed in the Mini 7's football in Tulla GAA grounds. The girls had a good win over Raheen Wood in the first game but lost out narrowly to Tulla in the second game in a very hard fought out encounter. Well done to all the girls on the day, who played brilliantly. Unfortunately we got knocked out but it was a great day out.

By Éadaoin Barry



Food Dudes

From Monday 20th- Friday 24th February all classes took part in the Food Dudes initiative. Each day pupils watched special videos and conducted activities based around healthy eating and its benefits. Pupils got a chance to sample a wide range of fruit and vegetables such as apples, bananas, peppers, tomatoes, carrots, blueberries, oranges, cucumbers and courgettes. We enjoyed the initiative and hope to keep up the healthy eating! *By Caoimhe O' Brien*



World Book Day

World Book Day was held on the 2nd of March with all classes dressing up as their favourite book characters. There were lots of wacky characters about with the Cat in the Hat and Mario to name but a few. We all had a really fun day and look forward to next years festivities already!

By Emily Slevin

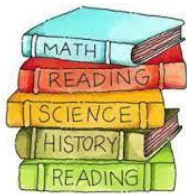
Sign in and Out Book

The school has re-introduced the practice of signing out pupils when they leave school during the school day for any reason. Parents/guardians are asked to go to school office and sign out pupils when they are collecting pupils



Bake Sale

On Thursday 30th March we will hold a 'Cake Sale Fundraiser' at school. All money received will go towards subsidising the cost of the school tours this year. The cost of school tours especially bus transport has increased significantly over the past few years. All baking and homemade goods can be left into the portacabin that morning. Pupils from all classes will be given an opportunity to purchase some baked goods during the day. We will post a little reminder of the date each week and we look forward to your support on the day. *By Niall McGreal*



Book Rental & School Fees

Thank you to parents who have paid the book rental and school fees for 2022/23. Parents can view their monies paid on the Aladdin portal. Please check that you have paid and it has been logged on Aladdin. The school bank details are Bank of Ireland:
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Swimming for 1st & 2nd Classes

Swimming lessons will take place on the following dates:

Monday 13th March

Monday 20th March

Monday 27th March

A notice has been sent out to parents of 1st and 2nd class. A follow up date will be arranged due to the cancellation of the swimming lessons on Monday 6th March.

Reminder: 1st to 6th Classes Home Time

From Monday 6th March to Friday 31st March the following will apply for home time collections:

Pupils with surnames A – L: 2.55 p.m.

Pupils with surnames M – Z: 3.00 p.m



First Confession Ceremony

Pupils in second class received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, March 1st. The children sang a special song "I'm Sorry God" and they said all their prayers which they had been learning. Thank you to Fr. Damien, Fr. Pat and all the parents for helping to prepare the children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The next Mass for second class pupils will take place on Sunday 12th March.

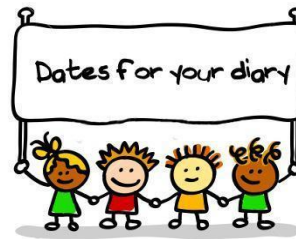
Headlice

Please find attached a useful link on how to deal with lice.

<https://www schooldays.ie/articles/Dealing-with-head-lice>

Clothes Recycling Collection – Monday 13th March

Thank you to parents who continue to drop bags to the school for recycling. The current lot of recycling bags will be collected on Monday next. If any parents is busy spring cleaning and has more bags to give to the school we would be delighted with any support.



Upcoming School Events

- Monday 13th March – 1st and 2nd Class Swimming in Lady Gregory Gort - 1.15 - 2.00 p.m.
- On Thursday the 16th March – Jersey Day at Crusheen N.S.
- Seachtaine na Gaeilge
- Friday 17th March, 2023 – St. Patrick's Day -School closed.
- Monday 20th March – 1st Class and 2nd Class Swimming in Lady Gregory Gort - 1.15 - 2.00 p.m.
- Monday 27th March – 1st Class and 2nd Class Swimming in Lady Gregory Gort - 1.15 - 2.00 p.m.



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.

April

- The school will close on Friday 31st March 2023 at 12:30 pm and re-open on Monday 17th April 2023.
- Gymnastics in the Community Centre for the whole school Thursdays 20th & 27th April
- Thursday 27th April – Godly Play
- Closed Friday 28th April 2023

May

- Gymnastics in the Community Centre for the whole school -Thursdays 4th & 11th May
- Saturday 6th May – First Holy Communion at 1.00 pm in St. Cronan's Church, Crusheen
- Saturday 27th May–Confirmation at 1.00 pm. in St. Cronan's Church, Crusheen
- Closed Monday May 1st 2023 Bank Holiday

June

- Gymnastics in the Community Centre for the whole school Thursdays 1st and 8th June.
- Closed Friday 2nd June 2023 -
- Closed Monday 5th June 2023 Bank Holiday
- School will finish on Friday June 23rd 2023 at 12:30pm.

**Please see the following
information attached to this
newsletter**

**Crusheen/Tubber Ruan
Community Games information**

Crusheen Patricks Day Poster

**Starlight School of Performing
Arts**

**Flyer for school fundraiser
Cake Sale**