

School Newsletter 23rd June 2023



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End of Year Graduation Mass

We would like to express our thanks to Fr. Damien for celebrating a beautiful end of year Graduation mass. In our mass, we prayed for our sixth-class students as they move on to secondary school.

We also gave thanks for the wonderful years of dedicated service and care from our dear colleague, Dolores O'Connor who leaves our school this year to start a new chapter in her life. We were delighted that Dolores's family were able to attend the mass and the presentation which took place after the mass.

Mr Millane thanked everyone involved in preparing the students for the mass. He also thanked Josephine Kearney and Catherine Brigdale for the support they have given to the school staff and pupils over the past year.

Mr Millane also wished Fr. Damien well on his appointment to a new parish and thanked him for his work with the school during his time in the parish of an Imeall Bóirne. Fr. Damien was presented with a gift on behalf of everyone in our school community.

Mr Millane also paid tribute to our colleague Dolores for her great commitment to the school over many years and wished her well in the future. One of our past pupils, Gavin Keehan presented Dolores with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of all the students of Crusheen N.S., past and present. Mrs Quinn then presented her with a gift on behalf of the Board of Management and school community.

To bring our presentation ceremony to a conclusion, the school choir sang the beautiful composition 'Clare, My Heart, my Home' for Dolores. This beautiful homage to County Clare was composed by Tim Collins. We would like to thank Tim for supporting the school choir and band with the performance. It was lovely tribute to a wonderful lady, and we all wish her well in the future!



6th Class Graduation Ceremony

A Graduation Ceremony for our sixth-class pupils was held at the school on Wednesday evening. Mr Millane wished the sixth-class pupils well as they move on to secondary school. He presented each pupil with a Graduation certificate. Refreshments including a delicious cake were served after the ceremony to mark the occasion. It was a lovely opportunity for the parents to meet and reflect on their children's time at our school. We would like to thank the sixth-class parents for their great support over the past eight years especially those who are finishing their time as part of the parent body of our school.

Killaloe Diocesan Clerical changes

We would like to thank Fr. Damien for all his work with our school over the past sixteen years and wish him every good wish as he moves to Sixmilebridge to be Co-Parish Priest in the Tradaree Pastoral Area.

We welcome Fr. Des Hillery as he takes up his new role as parish priest of the Imeall Bóirne Pastoral area. We look forward to meeting Fr. Hillery at school next September.



School Assembly

We had a lovely assembly gathering on Thursday 20th June. Mr Millane congratulated the boys' hurling team which was involved in the Cumann na mBunscol league. The team was commended for their performance in the Cumann na mBunscol Final which took place in Cusack Park last Wednesday. Despite a brave and spirited performance by the team, they were beaten on the day by a very strong combined team from Ruan and Toonagh. Mr Millane and Mr Gantley presented the team with their medals for being finalists in Division 3 of the competition. The Third and Fourth class Indoor Hurling Runners Up were also presented with their medals for the Indoor Hurling competition.

Mr Millane wished everyone well for the summer holidays and commended all the students for all they had accomplished at school this year.

After the presentation of the medals, the school assembly was entertained by four pupils from senior infants and 1st class who performed a lovely Irish dance for us. Hannah, Arwen, Erin and Katie are very accomplished dancers and they have won many medals and trophies at Irish dancing 'feiseanna'. After the dancing, Mr Millane's sixth-class pupils sang 'Time of Your Life' by Green Day which was very appropriate for this time of year! (See lyrics below)

To bring the final assembly of the school year to a conclusion, we played a game of 'musical statues' and some 'trains' puffed around the school yard which the pupils and staff really enjoyed!

Time of Your Life by Greenday

Another turning point,
a fork stuck in the road,
Time grabs you by the wrist,
directs you where to go.
So make the best of this test,
and don't ask why
It's not a question,
but a lesson learned in time
It's something unpredictable
But in the end, it's right
I hope you had the time of your life.



Dalta na Seachtaine certs

Juniors: Mairtín Curran, Alex Meehan

Seniors: Theo Zemba, Darragh Griffin, Ethan O'Rourke

1st Class: Donnacha McNamara, Ruairí Burke

2nd Class: Annie Murphy, Cillian O'Donnell

3rd Class: Ella O'Donnell, John Scully

4th Class: Lily Hassett, Henry O'Shea

5^h Class: Áine Maples, Hollie Keehan



Handwriting Certs

1st Class: Erin Noone, Jack Dillon

2nd Class: Landon Morrish, Cara Dillon

3rd Class: Michael O'Reilly, Ciara Wallace

4th Class: Nadia Guilfoyle, Ryan Vaughan

5^h Class: Sarah Jane Moran, Caoimhe O'Brien

GAA All Ireland Minor Championship

We would like to thank Joe Clancy, Tubber, member of the Clare Minor Hurling team, which recently won the Munster Minor Hurling and All-Ireland Minor Hurling Championships. Joe came to visit the pupils at school last week. He took time to answer the pupils' questions and pupils were also able to get their photos taken with Joe as well as hold the two winning Championship trophies.



Visit to Crusheen Garda Station

On Friday 9th June our pupils went to visit Crusheen Garda station to learn about the work of the Gardaí and the emergency services. It was a very interesting presentation with a Garda motor bike, Garda van, sea and water rescue boat, ambulance, and a drone on display. The pupils engaged very well with the presentation and learned a lot about what the work of 'An Garda Síochána' and other emergency services. We would like to thank Garda Lorraine for organising the event.

Pupil Report

On Friday 9th of June, the whole school was very fortunate to visit the Garda Station here in Crusheen. We were able to see all the equipment the gardaí use in their work- a Garda motor bike, a rescue boat, a Garda van, a Garda bike as well as a drone. We learned all about how the Gardaí use them in their work. We had a great day at the Garda station.

By Emily and Clodagh



Active School Flag Ceremony

Our school renewed its Active Flag in 2022/23. Many thanks to Mr Gantley and the pupils involved in the Active Schools Committee as well as all the pupils who participated in the activities. The new Active School flag was raised during our Sports Day last Friday. It was a proud moment for everyone involved!



Sports Day

Our pupils enjoyed participating in our annual Sports Day which was held at the GAA pitch on Friday 9th June. We had novelty races, sprinting, the long puck, relay races, parachute games and lots of other fun activities. In the afternoon, the rain came down and some classes had to head back to the school to do some fun indoor activities. Nevertheless, it was an enjoyable day for all the pupils, and everyone enjoyed being active outdoors (and indoors) with their friends.

Dance with Caroline Dillon

All our pupils enjoyed a very energetic dance session with Caroline who put everyone through their paces and taught us some new dance moves. We would like to say thank you to Caroline for facilitating the dance sessions for all the classes as part of Active Week at our school.

Community Games

Many congratulations to the Crusheen/Ballinruan/Tubber boys hurling team who won the Munster Hurling Final in the U11 Division last

Sunday. It was a huge achievement for them, and the team were very excited to show their friends their lovely medals. We wish them all the best in the next stage of the competition!

Words of Appreciation

We would like to Catherine Brigdale, Minister of Pastoral Care, Imeall Bóirne cluster for her support in preparing the sixth class for their Confirmation. Thanks also to Mrs. Kearney for supporting the school with Godly Play again this year. We look forward to working with you in the next school year.

Thanks to the Parents' Association for their work in supporting the school throughout the year. Thanks also to the parents who provided and served the food and refreshments at the First Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremonies.

Thanks also to all the parents who helped on the swimming trips, school tours and other school excursions.

Finally, we would like to express our appreciation to Ms Griffey and Mrs Kearney for all their wonderful work in our school this year. We wish them all the very best with their teaching career.



GAA Coaching

Many thanks to all the coaches who came to the school to facilitate a programme of GAA training with our pupils this year. Our pupils benefitted so much and enjoyed learning new skills and getting an opportunity to play hurling at school every week. Thank you to Gerry O'Grady, Thomas Vaughan, Niall Griffin, Paudge Hanrahan, Barry Murphy, Ciaran O'Doherty, John Hanrahan, Marian O'Donnell, Ross Hayes and Padraig Woods.



School Booklists 2023/24

Thanks to those who have returned the book rental schoolbooks from last year. Schoolbooks will be provided free of charge to primary school pupils this year. A list of stationery needed by pupils has been forwarded to parents via Aladdin.

Rory's Miles to Mayo

Many thanks to everyone who supported our School Jersey Day fundraiser recently. The total raised was €310.00. This sum has been transferred to Rory's Miles to Mayo fundraising account and we are happy to have been able to help support sick children and their families in a small way.

Classes for 2023/24

The classes and class teachers for 2023-2024 are as follows:

Junior and Senior Infants – Ms Darcy
Senior Infants & 1st Class: Ms Hassett
1st & 2nd Classes: Mrs Quinn
3rd Class: Ms Considine
4th and 5th classes: Mr Gantley
5th and 6th classes: To be confirmed.



School Reports

The End of Year School reports have been released to parents on Aladdin. Please log in to Aladdin to view the reports.



Supporting Crusheen Community Centre ... has never been easier!

Thanks to everyone who has supported the Crusheen Community Centre weekly lotto draw this year. Your contribution will help towards making necessary improvements to our Community Centre. Further details about the draw available online at www.crusheencc.ie and on Facebook. The following link will allow you to purchase tickets <https://bit.ly/3l0vIkX>

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023/2024

The school will re-open to pupils on **Thursday 31st August 2023**

Halloween Closure 2023

The school will close on Monday 30th October 2023 and re open on Monday 6th November 2023.

Christmas Closure 2023

The school will close on Friday 22nd December 2023 at 12:30pm and will re-open on Monday 8th January 2024.

Mid Term Closure

The school will close on Monday 5th February 2024
The school will close on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th February 2024

March & Easter Closures

The school will close on Monday 18th March 2024

The school will close on Friday 22nd March 2024 at 12:30 pm and re-open on Monday 8th April 2024.

May Closures

The school will close on Monday 6th May 2024
The school will close on Friday 31st May 2024

June Closures

The school will close on Monday 3rd June and Tuesday 4th June 2024

Summer Closures

The school will close to pupils on Wednesday 26th June 2024 at 12:30pm.

Please note that the school calendar may be subject to change as part of any contingency arrangements.

