

School Newsletter 31st March, 2023



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Scoil Náisiúnta Ínse Chrónáin
Croisín, Co. An Chláir.



Dalta na Seachtaine

Juniors: Jake Kelly & Fionn O'Grady

Seniors: Liam Meehan

1st Class: Sarah Griffin

2nd Class: Emily McMullen & Kayden Greene

3rd Class: Ella O'Donnell & Michael O'Reilly

4th Class: Patrick Mulkere & Meaghan Glynn

5th Class: Caoimhe O'Brien & Ailbhe O'Brien

6th Class: Ciara White Kelly & Joseph Mulkere



Our Class Book

All classes are busily writing and editing their stories for our class books this year. We are practising the different genres of writing and it is giving us all a great opportunity to engage in self-correction and self-assessment. Our books will be available for families to purchase at the end of the school year. More details will be circulated to parents via Aladdin.

6th Class

6th Class are writing their very own stories which will be published in Our Class Book. We have chosen to write about people that we admire. Everyone in the class has picked a person that has inspired us and have written a nice piece about their life when they were a child, how they became famous and their lives today. We are looking forward to seeing the finished product.

By 6th Class

Junior Infants

We are very excited to be authors and illustrators. We are creating a book called "When We Grow Up". We are nearly finished and we cannot wait to see the published book! *By Junior Infants*

5th Class

5th class are busy with their class book of 2023 entitled 'People that Inspire Me'. We have researched, drafted and re-drafted the writing pieces of our heroes and we are learning a huge amount on these amazing people.

4th Class

Our Class Book is a project when pupils writing a book that gets published. Each class picks a title for their book, pupils have to contribute to writing and drawing a picture for their class book. The titles of the books for our class are 'My Life' and 'What if...'

Our book, 'My Life' has stories about life as an elderly person and life as a professional footballer. Our other book, 'What if' features a story about What if the Titanic sank in 2023. Writing a class book is really fun and I really recommend it. *By 4th Class*



Primary Games Camogie

Huge congratulations to Aimee Glynn 6th Class who will represent the school in the upcoming Primary Games. These games will take place at half time of the upcoming intercounty games so be sure to give her a great cheer! Aimee will be part of the Primary Game team to play at half time during the Clare Vs Tipperary match in Cusack Park, April 23rd. Well done Aimee on a fantastic achievement.



FAI Soccer 5's

Well done to the boys and girls FAI soccer teams who endured torrid conditions in a very wet and windy Lees Rd Astro on Friday the 24th of March. The girls had great games with Inch, Caherea and Corofin winning 1 game and losing the other 2 resulting in our ultimate exit from the competition. Although failing to qualify the girls gave a great account of themselves, showing a never say die attitude and really enjoyed the games.

Congratulations must go however to the boys team as they secured qualification following 2 epic games with St Tola's of Shannon. Special mention to Riquelme Alves in particular who scored 2 great goals to rescue victory from the depths of defeat in the closing minutes! The boys had great performances all round and look forward now to the next round after Easter.

Book Buddies – Junior Infants

We love when 3rd and 5th class come down to us for book buddies. We really enjoy listening to their books and stories and we love to read our books to them. We hope this will continue in term 3! *By Junior Infants*



Crusheen National School Parents Association Bingo Night

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Parents Association Bingo night in the Community Centre on Saturday March 25th. There was a great turnout in the Community Hall and everyone enjoyed the night. A very big thank you to the Parents Association who organised the event. Over €2000 was raised on the night which will go towards improving the literacy resources in the school. *By: Mr. Millane*



CLARE Mini 7's Hurling & Camogie

The first round of the Mini 7's Hurling and Camogie Mini 7s competition will take place on the 18th of April in Tulla at 11am. The Camogie Mini 7's will also take place after Easter with a date yet to be fixed. We look forward to the games and make sure to keep up the practice over the holidays!

Godly Play

Many thanks to Josephine Kearney for conducting Eucharistic Adoration in the church and continues to do the wonderful Godly Play with the children in the Halla. These have been really positive experiences in the last number of weeks that the pupils have greatly enjoyed.

Visit of Eddie Lenihan

As part of our school celebration of World Book Day at the beginning of March, we were delighted to welcome local seanchaí Eddie Lenihan to our school. Eddie visited all classes and he told us wonderful stories that had us enthralled. Thank you Eddie! *By 2nd Class*

Eddie Lenihan, Story Teller

On the 2nd of March, Eddie Lenihan came to our school. We had a great time listening to his stories of old. Junior and Seniors came together to listen to Eddie and he told them some fabulous stories. 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes joined together to listen to Eddie and then 4th, 5th and 6th were treated to more stories. Eddie's stories were great and he told us about banshees, fairies and all sorts of mischief.
By Fiadh Hassett and Ciara Wallace 3rd Class.



School Tour -2nd to 6th Class

2nd to 6th Classes will visit Derg Isle Adventure Centre for their school tour on Tuesday, June 6th. We are looking forward to lots of fun activities on the day! Further details will be made available to parents via Aladdin.

School Tour - Junior Infants

On Tuesday June 13th Junior Infants are going on our school tour. We are going on a big bus to Turoe Pet Farm. We are looking forward to seeing & feeding the animals, playing in the sand area & playground as well as bounding on the enormous bouncy castle. We might even get to play some soccer!



Crusheen Ladies football

Crusheen Ladies football would like parents to know that U8, U10 & U12 girls football training continues this Sunday from 11 - 12 on the astro turf Crusheen GAA pitch. New members welcome. Registration is through www.foireann.ie
<https://apps.apple.com/ie/app/foireann/id1636862480>



Swimming 1st & 2nd Classes

First and second classes have completed three weeks of swimming in the Lady Gregory Leisure Centre in Gort. We will have one final week of swimming on Monday, 17th April. All children are really benefitting from the lessons and it is great to see their enjoyment of swimming every week.



Accelerated Reader

Pupils in 1st to 6th classes have been doing great reading all year. The Accelerated Reader programme is a great way for them to record their reading progress throughout the year. All pupils will get new targets after Easter for the final term and we would encourage all pupils to try to reach their targets before the summer break.

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

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.

Traffic Management – Car Parking

Car parking spaces are limited outside the school. At the busiest times motorists are parking inadvertently in front of local residents' driveways. Please exercise care and do not parking in a way that would restrict residents access to exit and enter their driveways.



Trócaire

The pupils have been very generous over the past number of weeks donating money to Trócaire during lent. The money raised will go towards helping Somalia in a time of drought and hunger. €400 was raised throughout the school. Thank you to Catherine Brigdale, Imeall Boirne Pastoral Council for organising and collecting the money for the school. Thank you Catherine for keeping this tradition going in our school. <https://www.trocaire.org/>



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: IBAN IE16BOFI90421076377090



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.



Crois Dhearg na hÉireann
Irish Red Cross

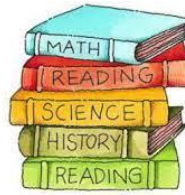
Earthquake Appeal

On March 16th the pupils in the school were invited to dress up in their favourite jersey and to bring in €2 for the Turkey- Syria Earthquake appeal. The students raised €247.50 which will go towards helping those affected by the disaster.

<https://www.redcross.ie/>

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



Reminder: 1st to 6th Classes Home Time

From Monday 17th April to Friday 29th April the following will apply for home time collections:
Pupils with surnames M – Z 2.55 p.m.
Pupils with surnames A – L: 3.00 p.m

Headlice

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



Bake Sale

Well done and huge thanks to all the parents, pupils, teachers, and all the school community who helped to make our latest Bake Sale a roaring success. The school raised a grand total of €1,070.00 which will now go towards reducing the costs of the buses in our upcoming school tours after Easter.

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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Recycling Clothes Collection

Thank you to parents who contributed clothes for our recent clothes recycling collection. A total of €117.50 was collected. This money will be used for our school library resources.

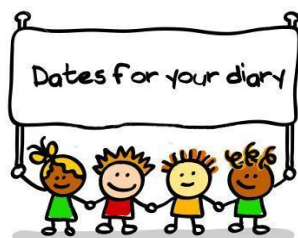




Keeping children safe at the school gate

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.



Upcoming School Events

April

- The school will close on Friday 31st March 2023 at 12:30 pm and re-open on Monday 17th April 2023.
- Tuesday 18th June – Mini 7s hurling and Camogie finals in Tulla (4th, 5th & 6th Class pupils)
- Wednesday 19th April – Open Evening for parents of Junior Infants commencing in September 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
- Monday 8th May to Friday 19th May Standardised Tests
- Tuesday 23rd May – Clare GAA coaching and games 3rd4th class hurling and Camogie in Fairgreen, Ennis
- 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
- Tuesday 6th June – 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th classes School Tour to Derg Isle
- Thursday 8th June – 1st class and Senior Infants class School Tour to Busy Bees Activity Centre, Oranmore
- Tuesday 13th June – Junior Infants School Tour to Turroe Farm.
- School will finish on Friday June 23rd 2023 at 12:30pm.



CRUSHEEN GAA CLUB

Straight Poker



Saturday April 1st @9pm SHARP
Fogartys & Clarkes, Crusheen

Prize Money €1500 Pro Rata
Bonus for players in before 9pm

ENTRY €30

Please support Crusheen GAA Club
Contact Paddy Harkin 086-8325771
for further information