

# Weekly School Letter 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2019



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CROISÍN, CO. AN CHLÁIR.



## Dalta na Seachtaine

Junior Infants: Cillian O'Donnell, Cian Vaughan,

Faye Colleran & Moya Hanrahan

Senior Infants: Ella Hickey

1<sup>st</sup> Class: Oisín Collins

2<sup>nd</sup> Class: Ellie Whelan & Emma Scully

3<sup>rd</sup> Class: Reece Corbett & Tiarnán Collins

4<sup>th</sup> Class: Jane Farrell

5<sup>th</sup> Class: Ben Slevin

6<sup>th</sup> Class: Seán Hanrahan

## Reader of the Week

Senior Infants: Andrew Farrell

1<sup>st</sup> Class: Sinéad O'Reilly

2<sup>nd</sup> Class: Emily Slevin & Caoimhe O'Brien

3<sup>rd</sup> Class: Odhran O'Donovan & Lucy Whelan

4<sup>th</sup> Class: Conor McAllen

5<sup>th</sup> Class: Ava Guilfoyle

6<sup>th</sup> Class: Caoilfhionn Perill

## Halloween Celebrations in Junior Infants

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, Junior infants would like to invite parents/guardians to celebrate Halloween with lovely songs and rhymes in their classroom at 9.30 a.m. We look forward to meeting you.

## Internet Safety

Please find attached information regarding internet safety. It is important for all of us to be more vigilant in making sure that our children are safe on line at all times.

## Ennis Credit Union Art Competition

Please note that all art entries for the Ennis Credit Union Art completion have to be returned to class teacher by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Parents are asked to sign the Credit Union consent forms which were circulated to pupils.

## A hurling games for children

"A Hurling Games for Children" day took place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, at Tim Smyth Park Ennis. The aim of the initiative was to give every boy and girl in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class the opportunity to play small sided **hurling** games in a non competitive and fun environment. Teams were picked at random so players were not playing on a school team, instead players from all schools made up a 7 a side team. The total focus was on skill development and enjoyment. It was suited to all levels of interest and ability. Thank you to TY students at Coláiste Mhuire and teachers who were available to accommodate a large number of children. Thank you to Peter Casey, Games Development Administrator, Clare GAA for organising the blitz.

## Car parking near school

Due to the high volume of transport near the school at drop off times and collection times it is in the best interest of the school community that all parents adopt safe driving at all times. The school would like to insist that parents adopt a no reverse policy at all times.

## Pupil Safety entering and exiting the school

We encourage parents to execute caution when driving, walking, dropping and collecting their children at the school gateway, which is a high risk area for children. The school gateways gets highly congested, and it can be difficult for drivers to see children. With over 143 pupils plus 20 + pupils in the preschool walking through the school every morning it can be very dangerous.

## **Student Council Meeting Report**

Our first Student Council meeting was held on October 14th. We welcomed six pupils to our Student Council meeting. We talked about different positions and roles. Next, the voting took place for the various roles. Abaigeal O' Doherty was elected Chairperson, Lucy Keane as secretary, Paddy Harkin as the treasurer and Shaun Woods was elected as the P.R.O. Thank you to Tiarnán Collins, Éadaoin Barry and Paddy Harkin for designing and making our classroom Student Council Suggestion boxes. There will be a special notice board in the school foyer about Student Council information. All the class representatives gave an oral report of the first Student Council meeting to their classmates during the week. We look forward to the next Student Council meetings which take place at the beginning of every month!

*Lucy Keane*

*Student Council secretary*

## **Pupil Absences**

(Education Welfare Act 2000). All absences totalling more than 20 days in the school year have to be reported to the National Education Welfare Board. Written confirmation to your child's teacher is required for all absences, outlining the commencement date, the return date and the reason for being absent (please see note in back of school journals for pupils from Senior Infants to 6th). Phone calls to the school or verbal messages to the teacher are not sufficient.

## **Monthly Pupil Attendance**

Pupil attendance figure for September 2019 was 96.1%. Well done to everyone involved in attaining that figure for the month. Keep up the good attendance!

## **Aladdin Connect**

The school newsletter, parent teacher meetings and all communication to parents will be shared via Aladdin Connect from 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. Please note that all parents should have received their access code. Parents are asked to register for Aladdin Connect, download the app and validate their number to receive app messages. If any parent has not received an access code please contact the school office.

## **Crusheen School Recycling Clothes collection**

Please continue to support our annual clothes recycling fundraiser. All recyclable clothes can be bagged and dropped into the school from now until the end of January 2020.

## **Team Hope Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal**

A reminder to those who would like to take part in this year's Team Hope Shoebox Appeal. Please return your shoebox to your class teacher by **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**.

## **Head lice**

Parents are asked to check their child's hair for headlice regularly. Please let the teachers know if your child has headlice.

## **Parents Association News**

Parents representatives are needed for first class, second class, fourth class and sixth class. Please email The Secretary [parentsassociationcrusheen@gmail.com](mailto:parentsassociationcrusheen@gmail.com) if you would like to be a class representative for these classes.

## **Christmas Sponsorship Draw**

The main funding raised through the Parents' Association for this year will be directed towards school resources. This school is busy organising the annual Christmas draw. Pupils will be given a sponsorship card to fill out within the next few weeks. Thank you to all the spot prizes received by the school from parents, their employers and local businesses in support of the Christmas Draw in December 2019. We would be grateful if you can continue this year to collect spot prizes and donations for the Christmas draw. Your support is appreciated by the school. If you have any suggestions for the fundraiser please email the Secretary [parentsassociationcrusheen@gmail.com](mailto:parentsassociationcrusheen@gmail.com)

## **Hurleys & Helmets Order**

The hurleys and helmets order has arrived in the school. Parents/pupils who ordered hurleys/helmets can call to the school office to collect them

### The Sacramental Preparation Parents talk

The following are the new dates to the parents of pupils who will receive the sacrament of either First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

The First Holy Communion Parents Talk will be held on Monday 4th November 7:30pm in Ruan Community Hall.

The Confirmation Parents Talk will be held on Tuesday 5th November 7:30pm in Ruan Community Hall.

Enrolment Forms will be given out on the night of the talk. All pupils who are looking to receive the sacrament need to be represented by one of their parents/ guardian or a close family member.

**Please note previous dates for talks that were on Imeall Boirne Newsletter are no longer applicable.**

### HSE Immunisation

HSE is coming to the school on Tuesday 5th November at 10.00 a.m. for immunisation for Junior Infants. Parents of the Junior Infants are welcome to attend.



### Upcoming dates for 2019/20

- Every Tuesday until April 2020 visit of Dermot from Music Generation Clare.
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October, return Team Hope shoebox to class room teacher
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – last Swimming Lesson.
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1st November – School will be closed for Mid Term break
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 - The Sacramental Preparation Parents talk for First Holy Communion parents at 7.30 p.m. in Ruan Community Centre.
- Tuesday 5th November - Junior infants class HSE immunisation.

- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 - The Sacramental Preparation Parents talk for Confirmation parents at 7.30 p.m. in Ruan Community Centre.
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Yoga for the whole school.
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – County Cross Country running in Lees Road at 11.00 a.m.
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 – School Show with Christmas fundraiser Prize draw
- **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – visit of County Photos to school**
- **Confirmation** (Bishop Fintan Monahan as celebrant) **Thursday 23rd April 2020** Crusheen, Tubber & Boston at 3.00 p.m.
- **First Holy Communion** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020 Crusheen 11.00 a.m.

### Seanfhocal na Seachtaine - Irish Phrase of the week

*Giorraíonn beirt bóthar – Two people shorten the road*