

School Newsletter 26th April, 2024



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CROISÍN, CO. AN CHLÁIR.**



Assembly

We held a school assembly on Thursday 25th April. There was a lot of good news to celebrate this week! Mr Millane congratulated the following:

- The boys' soccer team who participated in the FAI Schools' Primary 5's blitz on Tuesday and won the Clare stage of the competition. They will now progress on to the Munster Finals which will take place next month at Cahir Park AFC, Tipperary.
- The Boston/Tubber/Ballinruan Community Games County winners who won prizes for draughts, running and hurdles.
- Makayla Lyons who will play with the Clare Primary Games Camogie team at half time during the Clare vs Cork hurling match on this Sunday 28th April in Supervalu, Páirc Uí Chaoimh, at 2.00 pm.
- Evan Wherrett who will play with the Clare Primary games team at half time during the Munster Senior football final Clare vs Kerry on Sunday 5th May in Cusack Park, Ennis at 1.45 pm.
- Ryan Vaughan, Elsie O'Grady and Cian Vaughan on winning medals in the Munster Athletics representing Ennis Track.

Finally, the teachers presented the 'Dalta na Seachtaine' certs to pupils in their classes. The recipients of the certs for this week are as follows:

Dalta na Seachtaine

Junior Infants: Eanna Dillon & Tadhg Johnston
Senior Infants: Christopher O'Haire & Tadhg Wallace
Senior Infants: Ruth O'Grady & Ian O'Donnell
1st Class: Liam Vaughan & Kayla Dillon
1st Class: Darragh Griffin & Ellie Danaher
2nd Class: Chloe O'Rourke & Sophie Murphy
3rd Class: Hubert Jasinski & Ellie Horgan
4th Class: John Scully & Fiadh Hassett
5th Class: CJ O'Doherty & Ryan Vaughan
5th Class: Adah Brigdale & Luke Hanrahan
6th Class: Mia O'Riordan & Evan Wherrett



Safety in the Sun

At this time of the year, we hope to enjoy some summer sunshine in the weeks ahead! We would ask parents/ guardians to ensure that children wear sun protection and a sun hat on sunny days. (labelled with child's name) Please ensure that all children have plenty of liquids to drink throughout the school day.

We would also remind parents to ensure that all children's school uniforms are clearly labelled. If a child brings home another child's school uniform, please return it to the class teacher as soon as possible.

Headlice Guidance

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

Standardised Tests

A reminder to parents that end of year assessments will take place during the two weeks of **20th May to 30th May**. Parents/guardians are requested to ensure that pupils attend school during this time if possible.



Bake Sale

On **Thursday next, the 2nd of May** the Student Council will hold a 'Bake Sale Fundraiser' at Crusheen Community Centre. All money received will go towards subsidising the cost of the buses for school tours this year. All baking and homemade goods can be left into the Community Centre that morning. Pupils from all classes will be given an opportunity to purchase some baked goods during the day. We would ask that pupils bring a small bag or lunchbox for any treats they buy at the bake sale. The Bake Sale will take place from 10.00 a.m to 2.30pm on the day or

until the shelves are emptied! Parents are also welcome to call to the Community Centre to purchase some baked goods and treats. We look forward to your support on the day! Parents can also donate online through the School bank account.

By: Student Council



Internet Safety & Cyberbullying Workshop

On Friday 12th April pupils in 4th 5th & 6th classes took part in an 'Internet Safety' workshop which was facilitated online by Ger Brick. Mr Brick has facilitated Internet Safety workshops with over 90,000 primary school children throughout Ireland.

Internet Safety Presentation

We had a very interesting presentation on Internet Safety' with Ger Brick. He explained all about cyberbullying and advised us to 'Stop, Block and Tell' if we ever had an experience of being bullied online. He also spoke about the security of passwords and how easily they can be 'hacked'. When using a password, he advised us to have a password with ten or more characters to ensure that it will be secure. We discussed what we can do if we or our friends are being bullied online. Hopefully, we will all be able to enjoy positive experiences when we are using the Internet.

By Emily Slevin, 6th class.



Crusheen N.S. from September 2024. Please feel free to contact us @ saferinternetcrusheen@gmail.com

More information for parents on this important topic is available online from the Dept of Education. ‘**Keeping Childhood Smartphone Free**’ A guide for parents and parents’ associations who wish to engage with their school community regarding internet safety and access to smartphones for primary school children is available online.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/ece25-keeping-childhood-smartphone-free/>

Online Safety Usage Initiative

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Internet Safety survey. We are grateful to all who took the time to engage with us, providing us with valuable insights and feedback. We received responses from 71 parents in total, representing at least 105 students. Here is a breakdown of responses by class groups:

- Infant Classes:** 29
- First/Second Classes:** 26
- Third/Fourth Classes:** 32
- Fifth/Sixth Classes:** 18

Findings:

The majority of families are eager to work together towards safeguarding our children online.

Feedback:

- Enhanced internet safety education for parents and children requested.
- Suggestions for information sessions and signposts to other platforms for additional support.
- Concerns raised about pressure on children (and parents) due to peers having smartphones.
- Advocacy for more local activities as alternatives to screen time.

Our Aim:

Establishing a voluntary agreement regarding smartphone usage and offering resources and support to parents are two key components of this initiative.

Over the coming weeks, Norah and Dermot will seek consultation on the final voluntary Charter, with the aim of implementing the Safer Internet Initiative in



FAI Schools’ Primary 5’s Soccer

On Tuesday 23rd April our boys’ soccer team participated in the FAI Schools’ Primary 5’s blitz at Lees Rd, Ennis. After playing in some very competitive games, they were the eventual winners of the Clare stage of the competition. They will now progress on to the Munster Finals which will take place next month at Cahir Park AFC, Tipperary. We wish them all the very best of luck in the next stage of the competition.

FAI Soccer 5's- Match Report

On Tuesday 23rd April 5th and 6th class boys travelled to Lees Road in Ennis for the Primary 5s schools Clare finals. In our group we had Doora N.S. and Kilmihil N.S. In our first game we played Kilmihil N.S. and we won 1:0. In our second game we played Doora N.S. and we won 1:0. These wins allowed us to qualify for the final group. In the final group we had to play Coore N.S. and Liscannor N.S. We played Coore N.S. first and we were unlucky to lose the game 1:0. We then needed to win against Liscannor N.S. to get into the finals.

We rose to the challenge by winning this game 4:0. Then it went to a three-way penalty shoot out between the three schools.

In the final penalty shootout, there was great excitement with some great penalty saves from our goalie Odhran Hassett. After a great effort by our team players, we won the penalty shootout. We were all so excited! We are now looking forward to the Munster stage of the primary 5s schools' competition which will take place on Thursday 16th of May.

By CJ O'Doherty and Oisín Collins



CLARE

Cumann na mBunscol Girls Camogie

Match Report

The girls in 5th & 6th class played in a camogie blitz in Crusheen. We played two teams Boston/Tubber and Flagmount. We beat both teams. On the 2nd of May we will travel to Eire Og GAA pitch in Ennis to compete in the Finals of the Mini 7s Camogie competition.

By: Mia O'Riordan and Áine Maples

Cumann na mBunscol Girls' mini-7's Football

On Wednesday 17th April the girls in 5th & 6th classes travelled to Clarecastle to take part in the 'Cumann na mBunscol' mini-7s Football competition.

The schools involved were:

Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire, Newmarket N.S.
Kilnamona N.S.
Knockanean N.S.
Ballyea N.S.
Crusheen N.S.
Miltown N.S.
Lissycasey N.S.
Carraigaholt/Moveen/Kilbaha N.S.

Match Report

The first game we played was against Newmarket. They were a strong team, and it was a tough match! We were disappointed to lose in the end 1:3 to 2:3. After a short break we played Miltown Malbay. They were also a very good team and despite our best efforts we could not beat them. The final score was 3:3 to 1:1. In our final match we played Ballyea. They were very strong also. We kept it very close and nearly had them. However, in the end we were beaten 1:3 to 1:1. Our three captains for the day were Makayla Lyons, Caoimhe O'Brien and Ellie Whelan. We had a very enjoyable day and we have enjoyed representing our school in the INTO mini 7s over the years. We are looking forward to the Championship matches in the next few weeks.

By Éadaoin Barry & Emily Slevin

INTO Mini 7s Hurling

On the 10th April the 4th, 5th & 6th class boys went to Sixmilebridge to play the Mini 7s hurling finals. We played Ogonnelloe and Sixmilebridge. We drew with Ogonnelloe and we lost by a point to Sixmilebridge. Even though we lost we still had a great day! We have had lots of hurling over the past few weeks and we are looking forward to more games in the Championship.

By: Ryan Vaughan & Patrick Mulkere

St. Flannan's Super 8s Hurling Blitz

On Wednesday 17th April the boys in 4th, 5th & 6th travelled to St. Flannan's College to take part in the St. Flannan's Super 8s competition. In our first match we played Ennis National school and we won 3:5 to 1:0. In our second match we played Stonehall and after a close match we won by a few points. In our last group stage match we played Kilmaley and we also won that match by a few points. So that took us to a Semi Final and after a tight game, Newmarket came out on top. We had a great day of hurling and we are looking forward now to the Championship.

By: Oisín Collins & Daragh O'Rourke



Open Evening

A Parents' meeting was held in the school on Monday 15th April. Parents of children enrolled for September 2024 were given an opportunity to meet each other and to learn more about our school. Mr Millane facilitated the presentation and parents received an information pack on all aspects of school life in Crusheen N.S. After the presentation refreshments were served and everyone had a chance to meet and talk. We are all looking forward to meeting our new Junior Infant pupils later this term. Thanks to everyone who attended the presentation.

enrolment-information.html and email/post it to the school. Alternatively, you can contact the school secretary at 065 6827183 or by email at crusheen@crusheennns.com and request to have an enrolment form sent to you.



Please note that the parents' representatives for the classes this year are:

- Junior Infants:** Olivia Hever 089 2113078
- Senior Infants:** Caroline Dillon 083 3591440
- First Class:** Celina Forde 087 7720970
- Second Class:** Norah Wallace 083 8444882
- Third Class:** Amanda O'Donovan 087 9798259
- Fourth Class:** Norah Wallace 083 8444882
- Fifth Class:** Claire Harkin 087 7582063
- Sixth Class:** Carmel Scully 087 7840894

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We are still accepting enrolment applications for children who will be starting school in September 2024. Parents can download our enrolment form from the school website <https://www.crusheennns.net/2024-25->



Treasure Hunt fundraising event by Crusheen N.S. Parents Association

The Parents' Association is always looking for new and innovative ways to raise funds for our school. We would like to thank Natasha Bourke and the Crusheen N.S. Parents Association for organising a 'car treasure hunt' which took place on Sunday 14th April 2024. It was a great success and everyone who participated enjoyed the day! Many thanks to everyone who came out on the day to support this fundraiser. A total of €700 was raised on the day which will be used to fund the bus costs for the school tours. Well done to the winners of the Car Treasure Hunt and they are as follows::

1. Tina & Joanne Meaney,
2. Celina & David Forde
3. Rachel & Michael Dillon.

Trócaire – Lenten Campaign 2024

Thank you to all the families who supported Trócaire's Lenten appeal this year.

Important Dates for your Calendar

Dates for the sacraments of **First Holy Communion and Confirmation.**

- The sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place at 1.00 pm in St. Cronan's Church, Crusheen on **Saturday 11th of May.**
- The sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Saturday 8th of June** at 11am in St. Cronan's Church, Crusheen.

Other events taking place include:

- **'Spring into Storytime'** facilitated by Ennis Library. A zoom call to Juniors, Seniors & 1st classes will take place on **Tuesday 30th April.**
- **Bake Sale** school fundraiser will take place at 10am on **Thursday 2nd May** at the Community Hall.
- Wednesday 1st May – girls camogie in Crusheen GAA pitch
- Thursday 2nd May INTO girls camogie Final in Eire Og
- Thursday 16th May Boys FAI Primary 5s soccer in Cahir, Co. Tipperary
- School Assessments – 20th May to 30th May
- Food Dudes week of May 20th

School Closures

- The school be closed on **Monday 6th May** 2024.
- The school will be closed on **Friday 31st May** and on **Monday and Tuesday the 3rd and 4th of June.** It will reopen on **Wednesday 5th June 2024.**
- The school will close for the **summer break** on **Wednesday 26th June 2024 at 12:30pm.**

School Tours

- **Junior and Senior Infants will travel to the Burren Nature Centre, Ballvaughan on Tuesday 14th May.**
- **1st and 2nd classes will travel to Bunratty Folk Park on Tuesday 11th June.**
- **3rd to 6th classes will travel to U.L Sports Adventure Centre, Killaloe on Wednesday 15th May.**

Support Crusheen Community Centre

Please consider buying a brick, www.crusheenc.ie
Thank you for supporting the Crusheen Community Centre weekly lotto draw. Your contribution will help towards making necessary improvements to our hall. Please support Crusheen Community Centre. This link will allow you to purchase tickets for yourself or a friend, <https://bit.ly/3I0vIkX>



Slevin School of Irish Dancing Summer Workshop 2024

22nd July to 26th July in Tubber
5th August to 9th August in Ennis
10.00 am to 2.00 pm

Limited spaces so first come basis
€70 per child, sibling discount available
To register please contact 083 3591440



STAR LIGHT SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER CAMP 2024

1st July to 5th July in Tubber
 29th July to 1st August in Ennis
 TIME: 10.00 am to 2.00 p.m.

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