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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

You are very welcome to our October Newsletter. October has been a busy and enjoyable month in Crosskeys National School. The month finished up with a really spooky Fancy Dress Party on Friday 28th. Have a look at some of the pictures later in the Newsletter and on our Instagram!!

Some Quick Reminders:

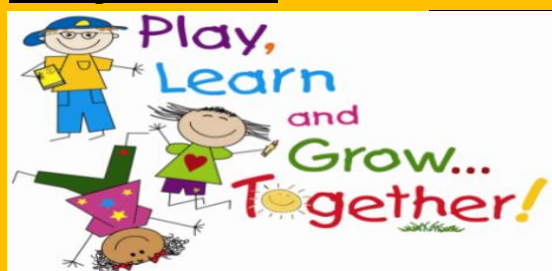
We ask that parents/guardians please continue to send absence notes to: notescrosskeysns@gmail.com

If possible, please try to notify the school on the first day of an absence with a reason.

Parent/Teacher Meetings: will take place on **Thursday 10th November**.

School Uniforms: A reminder that the full school uniform (including school jumper, shirt and tie) is required to be worn by all children. Full PE uniform on Fridays.

Punctuality: Overall punctuality is excellent in Crosskeys N.S. Please ensure that your child is on time for school each morning. We know anyone can be late occasionally but regular late arrivals are disruptive for all concerned and learning time is lost.



Junior and Senior Infant News:



We were busy playing with the Blue Bots and making Shape Faces



We got to enjoy football with Dan and in art we mixed red and yellow paint. Look how it turned out!!





Junior Infants FINALLY cut out our gingerbread men!



We got to complete a jigsaw relay for maths week. In science we got to experiment with mud. It got messy!!

Check out our amazing art work!

We blew the paint all over the page using straws! When it dried we stuck eyes and a mouth on our picture. We think they turned out really well!



Thank you, Mrs Keogan

First and Second Class News:

We had a very busy month in October. From Maths week to Halloween we had lots to look forward to. We also started football coaching with Dan this month. We love going out to learn all sorts of ball skills and team work. We took part in the Credit Union art competition. We created some fantastic posters. During Maths week we did lots of fun things together. We figured out a problem with a fox, a goose, a farmer, a bag of grain and a boat. We also had fun joining up with junior and Senior Infants to plant daffodil bulbs in the car park. We did lots of estimating, counting and dividing together. We also had a fun relay race in the yard together. The weather was great some of the time during the week so we used our Maths Eyes to have a nature walk over in the car park of the Carrick Springs. Ms McGrath came with us too. The Student Council organised a whole school maths quiz in the hall. It was brilliant fun and really well organised. Thanks to all those involved. There were lots more activities too. We also got to do a super soil experiment with Ms McGrath. It was brilliant to see all the different layers in soil and see how they separate out. We are really looking forward to our Halloween fancy dress on Friday and to the Halloween holidays.

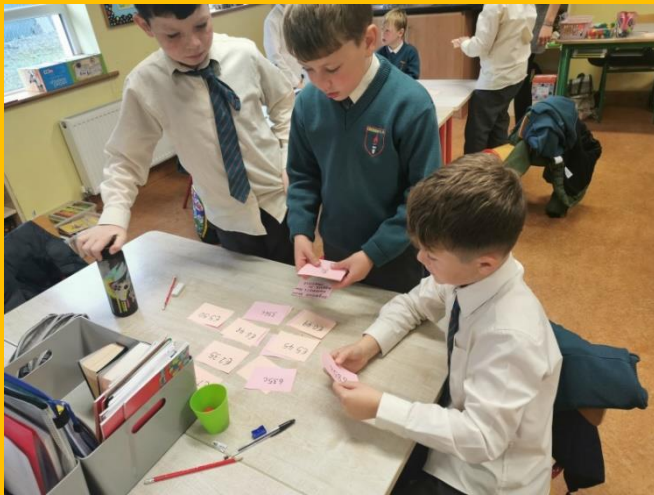




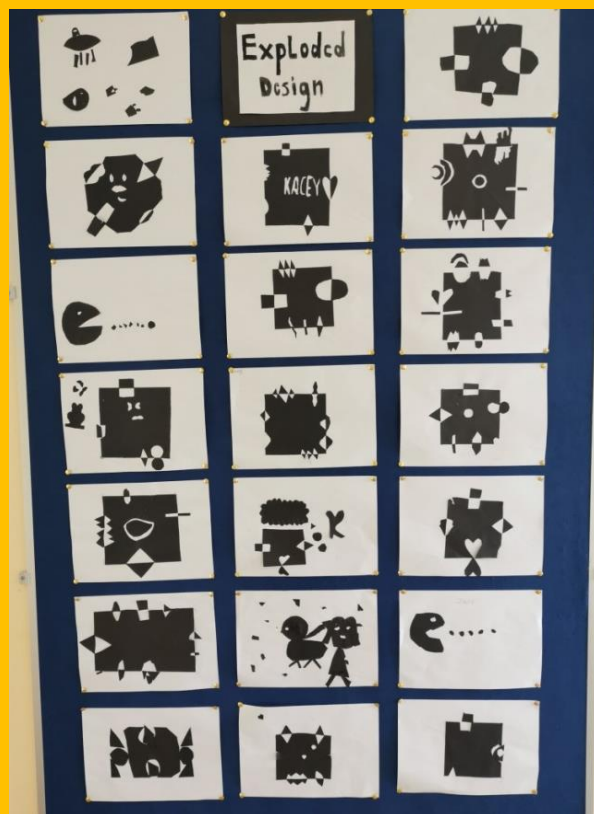
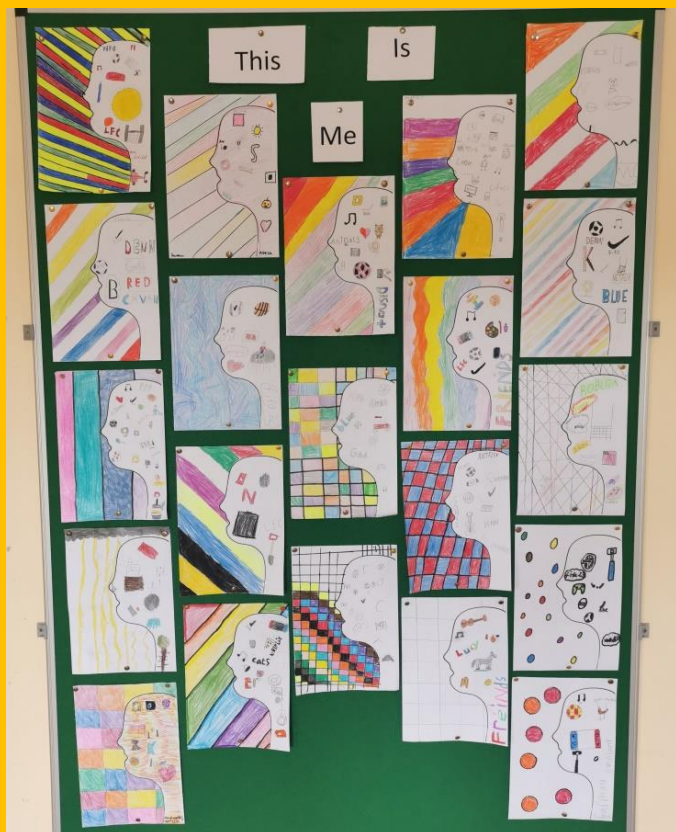
Thank you, Mrs Armstrong

3rd and 4th Class News:

We had lots of fun this month in 3rd and 4th class. One of the highlights of October was celebrating Maths Week. We got to put our Maths books away for the week and we completed many fun Maths activities instead, including a Car Trail, a School Trail with 5th and 6th class and a whole school Maths quiz organised by the Student Council. We said goodbye to Miss Kinsella in the middle of October and we were sad to see her leave. The 4th class girls played 2 camogie matches with the school team. We won our first game against Bruskey N.S but we lost against Kill N.S. We had great fun though taking part in the Cumann na mBunscoil league. We have been busy learning French this month with Marie O'Shea, and we were lucky that she prepared a Kahoot quiz for us this week, testing our French knowledge so far. We have also completed some lovely art work this month and have been doing PE with our G.A.A coach Dan Wharton. We are looking forward to our Halloween holidays and hope that everyone has a lovely break.



Some of our beautiful, recent art work:



Thank you, Mrs O'Reilly

Board of Management Report: The Board met on Monday 24th October. The Board conducted an annual review of the Anti-Bullying Policy and its Implementation as well as reviewing the Child Safeguarding Statement. The Board also made an application recently for funding from the Emergency Works Scheme for the school roof- an update was given to the Board on this matter. The Board also approved the Annual Admissions Notice. Both updated policies and the Annual Admissions Notice can be viewed at www.crosskeysns.ie Enrolments for the 2023-2024 school year will begin from January. Admission Application forms are on the school website or can be collected from the office. The Board's next meeting will take place on Tuesday 13th December at 7.30pm.

Crosskeys N.S. on social media:

Crosskeys National School are on Twitter and Instagram. Search 'Crosskeys National School' on Twitter or search our username, '@Ckeysns.' On Instagram, search Crosskeys National School or by our username, crosskeysnat_school. Thanks to Mrs O'Reilly for her work on the social media accounts.



School Lunches: school staff will be developing a healthy eating policy in Crosskeys N.S. in the coming weeks. We will provide an opportunity for parental input; this is something we very much welcome. The Student Council will also have their say! Please note that **NUT BASED FOODS are NOT allowed** as there are children in the school who have allergies related to nuts.



Camogie: Well-done to our Camogie team who represented the school with distinction in recent weeks. The girls played two highly entertaining and competitive games, one against Bruskey National School and the other against Kill National School.

Thanks to Mrs O'Reilly and Mrs McCabe for organising.



5th and 6th Class News

Sixth Class pupils had visits from teachers from Breifne College and St Pat's College. The girls took part in the Cumann na mBunscol Camogie playing Bruskey and Kill. The U12 Castlerahan/Denn girls won their Final. Dan the GAA Coach is back on Fridays. Terry Leddy, the Diocesan Advisor came to visit us. Confirmation is on the 11th March 2023. Marie is teaching us French again. We used the ipads to take part in French activities and a French Kahoot Quiz. The Students Council organised a School Quiz for Maths Week. We went on a Maths Trail with 3rd and 4th Class. Sixth and Fifth Class coloured Dean Russo skulls and a witch collage for Halloween. We also wrote Autumn Acrostic poems and a Halloween story. We dressed up for Halloween on Friday 28th October.





Thank you, Mrs McCabe

School choir:

The school choir continues to meet every Thursday in the 5th/6th classroom. Thanks to Mrs Keogan for organising.



Parents Association

A message from the Parents' Association

Thank you to the parents who attended our AGM on Tuesday evening last, there were some great discussions during the AGM and we look forward to our next meeting which is set for Tuesday 6th December at 8pm. We are sure the school Halloween fancy dress will be well supported as one of our fundraisers and it is a fun opportunity for the children to dress up together. The pumpkins which grew in the school polytunnel have been put to great use in many houses which is great to see. We hope everyone has an enjoyable midterm break and that you get more treats rather than tricks on Halloween.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Sharon Ivers,

Chairperson - Crosskeys N.S. Parents' Association

Communion and Confirmation Dates 2023

Confirmation will take place on **Saturday 11th March** in St Matthew's Church, Drumavaddy at 11am. Communion will take place on **Saturday 6th May** in St Matthew's Church, Drumavaddy at 11am.



Fancy Dress in Crosskeys National School







That's all the school news for now, take care everyone!

Happy Halloween!!

From all the Staff in Crosskeys National School.

28th October 2022

