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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

You are very welcome to our June Newsletter. As we near the end of this school year, I would like to give a special mention to our pupils from Junior Infants to Sixth Class for their good humour and resilience during another challenging school year. Thankfully, things have largely returned to normal in the last few months. The staff of the school would also like to compliment and thank the parents/guardians in our school community for their on-going support and dedication to your children's education.

We look forward to seeing everyone return to school again after the summer break on Wednesday 31st August, refreshed and ready for the new hopefully more 'normal' school year.



The school will close on Thursday 23rd June at 12pm for the Summer Holidays.



Junior and Senior Infants supported the basketball teams in the Junior and Senior League!!



Junior and Senior Infants doing Aistear with Patricia



What a wonderful Teddy Bear's Picnic we had, joined by 1st and 2nd class. We had treats and playtime out in the football field and managed to dodge most of the rain!



Joining with 1st and 2nd class again later that day we made buns and rice crispy buns. We ate them all!!!! Yummy!



What fun we are having on our new line markings!



We learned what to pack for our trip to the beach to protect us from the hot summer sun.

Thank you, Mrs Keogan

First and Second Class News:

We had another busy month in 1st and 2nd class. Mary, our Creative Schools associate was back for 3 days. We did a small production of Jack and the Beanstalk. We had great fun learning the dances and doing some improvisations. We got to watch the other classes perform too. The senior classes performed Snow White and we really enjoyed listening to the 6th class raps.



We made some super summer art too. We did some quilling with our pencils and card to create these 3-D images.



Together with Junior and Senior infants we went on a teddy bears picnic to the new pitch. Afterwards we came back to the hall and baked buns and also made rice krispie buns. They were all delicious and we had such good fun!



We got new line markings on all the yards. We had great fun playing with them. We're delighted with our bright and colourful yard.



We also watched the basketball finals which were amazing. The talent was excellent. 2nd class are already looking forward to their first chance to play in the league next year. We were very proud to put up the Amber flag which the whole school took part in.

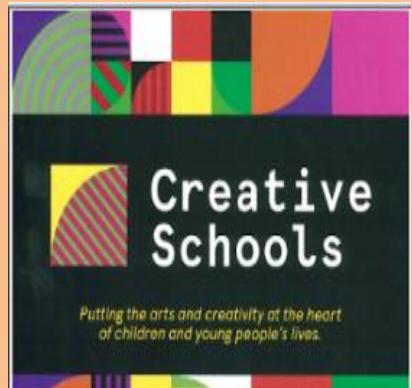
We were very lucky to have worked with the Parents' Association to get the polytunnel filled with mulch and also to get some plants. Special thanks to all those who helped out and for providing some of the plants also!

We all took part in the 6th class graduation this month too. We were lucky to learn Memories and Gifts from God in choir and it made the ceremony very special. We would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to 6th class. We will miss you all. Best of luck with going to secondary school in September! We're looking forward to the Summer Holidays now. We hope you all have a fabulous break and see you again in September.



Thank you, Mrs Armstrong

Creative Schools: Creative Schools has been a huge success over the last year. The children have enjoyed some wonderful experiences that we are sure will last long in the memory! In June, 6th class created two raps while working with local musician, Darragh Slacke. Listen out for "We Slay" and "Saucie and da Boys!" Our Creative Associate, Mary Farrelly facilitated a whole school dramatic performance last Friday. The boys and girls performed so well. You can see some videos from these performances on the school's Instagram account. Thank you to Mrs Keegan for the on-going organisation and co-ordination of this initiative in the school. We are looking forward to what the Creative Schools has in store for the children in Crosskeys National School next year.



The Amber Flag:

Members of the Student Council raised our Amber Flag last week. The flag is a small symbol of the huge amount of positive work on well-being and support that the teachers have led in their classrooms this year. The programme involved many highlights including a whole school "Well-being Week" and a Community Walk. Thanks to all families for your support.



Basketball Leagues:

The finals of the Junior and Senior Basketball Leagues were played in June. All of the boys and girls deserve great credit for their efforts over the last few weeks. The league created great excitement around the school. The games were all played to a very high standard and were very entertaining for all classes. Thank you to Mrs Armstrong for once again organising the league and thank you to all teachers for taking time out of their lunch break to referee games. Some of our junior classes made lovely posters for the finals to show their support.



3rd and 4th Class News:

What a fun filled June we have had in 3rd and 4th class. We have really enjoyed ourselves over the last month, and we are now looking forward to our summer holidays. Some of our highlights of June include:

Drama with Mary Farrelly where we worked on the play 'Snow White' and performed it for the rest of the school

- Presenting our Science projects and our recycled art projects to the rest of the school
- The basketball finals where the winners were 'The Cavan Bullets' and the runners up were 'Chicago Bulls'.
- Congrats also to our individual prize winners (Josh, Leah and Kacey)
- Taking care of the polytunnel and watching everything grow - we can't wait to see how much everything grows over the Summer
- Sports Day on the top pitch was so much fun, especially the obstacle course which was run by the Student Council
- Receiving the Amber Flag
- Getting new line markings on the yard - we are really enjoying playing Snakes and Ladders and other games at break time

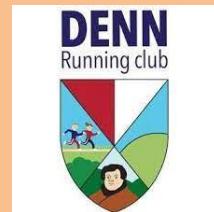
That's all from us. Finally we want to wish 6th class the best of luck as they move on to secondary school



Thank you, Mrs O'Reilly



Some 3rd and 4th class gardeners hard at work in our school polytunnel!



June Jog:

The 'Mile a Day in May' turned into the 'June Jog'!

Well-done to all classes that took part and really built up their fitness in May and June. Hopefully we will see some of them getting involved with Denn Running Club in the future.

The whole school community is very thankful to Denn GFC to have the use of such a wonderful faacility on our doorstep.



Board of Management: The BoM met on June 16th at 7.30pm. At this meeting, the BoM was given an update on the school's finances. The principal gave an annual report of school progress to the Board. Summer caretaking of the school grounds and building was also discussed. The BoM approved the purchase of Collings Big Cat Graded readers for children from 3rd-6th class as well as the purchase of books from the Busy at Maths Programme for 3rd-6th class.

The Board will meet again in October.

Crosskeys N.S. on social media:

Thanks to Mrs O'Reilly, we are very active on Instagram. Have a look for some regular updates on the various interesting activities the children get up to. Search 'Crosskeys National School' on Twitter or search our username, '@Ckeysns.' On Instagram, search Crosskeys National School or by our username, crosskeysnat_school.



5th and 6th Class News

Sixth Class had their Graduation Ceremony on Monday 20th June. It was a very special day for them. There was a Prayer Service with Fr Donal, who presented the children with their Graduation Certificates. The Parents' Association presented Sixth Class with Class Hoodies which they were delighted with. The ice-cream van arrived. Sixth Class recorded 2 rap songs with Daragh Slacke. This was a great experience. The Sixth Class pupils enjoyed making their Graduation Booklets. Sports Day and Orienteering were great fun. Fifth Class say " Goodbye/Slán/Au revoir" to Éadaoin, Ellen, Maria, Brandon, Charlie, Conor, Dylan, Kieron, Oisín, Ronan and Senan and wish them well in Secondary School.





Thank you, Mrs McCabe

Parents Association

A message from the Parents' Association

Summer holidays are just around the corner and we hope all the children and teachers have an amazing summer, it is very well deserved. Our Family 5km was a huge success last Saturday morning, thank you to everyone for taking part. A special mention to the sixth class pupils who are making the transition into secondary school, we wish you the very best of luck in your next chapter in life. We would like to sincerely thank all the parents who have supported our fundraisers throughout the year; we really appreciate your generosity. We look forward to our next term as the Parents' Association. Have a great summer everyone!

Regards,

Sharon Ivers,

Chairperson Crosskeys N.S. Parents' Association

Acknowledgement from School Staff to our Parents' Association:

The staff of Crosskeys National School wishes to thank our Parents' Association Committee and the wider Parents' Association for their wonderful work and support this year. The strong links between the school and wider community are very important to us in Crosskeys National School. The Parents' Association made many wonderful things possible this year; including the purchase of our whiteboards, funding towards the CLÁR yard project, a visit from Santa, a visit from Mr Whippy, hoodies for our graduating 6th class among many other things. Thank you all!

After school Club:

Things are progressing well in terms of getting an *After School Club* set up for September 2022 in the Resource Centre in Crosskeys. If parents/guardians have any queries they can contact the Playschool via the following email address: denntoddlersclg@hotmail.com



Enrolment 2022-2023:

Anyone wishing to enrol their child in Crosskeys National School during the summer closure, please email crosskeysns@gmail.com for it to be arranged. Please spread the word.



A special visitor thanks to our wonderful Parents' Association!



Sports Day:

Sports Day was a huge success. Thanks to all staff for organising and for the special efforts of the Student Council to organise the whole school team race.





We wish our whole school community a fun and enjoyable summer,
hopefully with lots of good weather along the way.

*We look forward to seeing all of our wonderful boys and girls on Wednesday 31st August, take care
everyone!*

From all the Staff in Crosskeys National School.

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