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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

You are very welcome to our January Newsletter. It has been a challenging start to term 2 with the recommencement of remote teaching and learning. The school would like to acknowledge the incredible effort of families to support their children's education at this time. We are doing our best as a school staff and are keen to support children's learning in any way that's feasible. Please don't hesitate to contact the school or your child's teacher if we can help with anything.

Remote teaching and learning will continue into the month of February. Crosskeys National School will share any updates about a return to school with parent(s)/guardian(s) as we get them from the Department of Education. Hopefully this happens very soon.

Junior Infant 2021-2022 Enrolment:

The teachers of Crosskeys National School welcome the enrolment of junior infant pupils for the 2021-2022 school year.

To get an Admission Application Form please email enrolment@crosskeysns.ie or call the school office on [0494336704](tel:0494336704) between 10am and 2pm any day to arrange. Please spread the word.

Enrolments Are Open



Junior and Senior Infant News

Junior and Senior Infants and their parents have been working very hard remotely during this month of January. They have uploaded many enjoyable posts on Seesaw, from a puppet show for Irish sentences, to very energetic Jumping Jacks. Teacher heard some brilliant

descriptions of a Birthday Party poster. Some lovely work with reading and letter sounds are being posted also. There are a lot of parents out there who would make brilliant teachers.



Puppet Show ... Cad is ainm duit?



Children worked with their own equipment to make the Story of 8

Thank you, Mrs Keogan.

Catholic Schools Week 2021:

During this last week of January, Crosskeys National School is celebrating Catholic Schools week remotely. There has been some beautiful art work created by the children based on watching videos of parables and the like. There have been a number of questions about dates for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. **Provisionally, Tuesday 16th March has been set for First Confessions and Saturday 15th May for Communion.** No date has been set for Confirmation yet. The school will share any further update with parents.



First and Second Class News

We've been doing great work at home on Seesaw since the school has reopened. Everyone is putting in a huge effort with all their work and it's great to see. We've had 2 completed fitness challenges so far. Congratulations to Alisha and Jai in first class, and Charlie in 2nd class for winning the jumping jack challenge, and also to Holly in 1st class and Liam in second class for winning the high knees challenge. Well done to everyone who took part. I really enjoy watching the videos and seeing the great effort that was put in. I've also seen some wonderful art being uploaded in our room...particularly the waterfall pictures from last Friday. I was blown away by the talent of you all. Thanks also to all the parents for helping out with the work and uploading to Seesaw. I really appreciate all that you have been doing too.

Thank you, Mrs Armstrong

Deep Clean in Crosskeys National School

The school has used the closure of the school building as an opportunity to carry out a deep clean throughout Crosskeys National School. School cleaner Eileen has been working very hard over these past three weeks to prepare the school for the safe return of pupils. **The school office also remains open each day.**



GAA: Children have been enjoying coaching videos from Cavan GAA coaches; they've really enjoyed getting some pointers from the Ulster Champions. There was an interview with Cavan goalkeeper, Raymond Galligan in this week's video. Keep an eye out for these videos on your child's Seesaw account.

3rd and 4th Class News

Although we have been learning from home since 11th January, 3rd and 4th class have been incredibly busy. We are doing English, Irish and Maths every day, and one other subject per day also. So far our favourite activities have been; doing a project on an Irish bird of our choice, making a bird feeder using a plastic bottle, drawing Tweety bird following a YouTube tutorial and recording ourselves delivering a speech on a topic of our choice. We really enjoy seeing our friends on our weekly Zoom call but it's just not the same as being at school. We really hope to be back soon!!!!



Some of the bird feeders made by girls and boys in our class



January Art Work

The Robin

The robin is a small friendly bird. The colour of the robin is brown with a red chest. It has a small brown beak and tiny feet. A robin lives in hedges in towns and countryside.

The robin likes to eat seed, worms and small insects.

Robins do not migrate, they stay all year around.

Robins are not afraid of people and sometimes might come up to you.

When it snows you can see small footprints that they leave around the garden.

The robin was formally known as the redbreast.

The robin is a member of the thrush family, so is related to the blackbird.

Robins sing.

Each robin has a unique breast pattern and can be recognised individually. **That's all about the robin.**



3rd/4th class project work

Thank you, Mrs O'Reilly

Board of Management: The next meeting of the BOM will be held virtually on 16th February.

School Twitter account

Crosskeys National School has recently started using Twitter. Please try to have a look at our Twitter feed and follow our page. Search 'Crosskeys National School' on Twitter or search our username, '@Ckeysns.' The Twitter account will share useful teaching ideas and resources as well as school updates occasionally. If any of the children would like some of their home school activities featured on the school Twitter account, please email a picture with a caption to mrgurhy@crosskeysns.ie



5th and 6th Class News

School at home: In the month of January we had to home school because of Covid-19. We do Maths, English, Irish and more. It's tough not seeing our family and friends at school. On a Friday we do a Zoom call to see how we are getting on during the week and to see our friends. We also do some Kahoot quizzes as well. They are about Irish history, sport and maths riddles. We compete against each other to win a place on the podium. Many pupils are going for a cycle or a walk during their school day. As well as this we've been doing P.E. at home, some of this has included working on GAA skills based on the videos made Cavan GAA coaches. This is great as exercise is very important for everyone. We are probably going to home school for another few weeks until things get better but we are all looking forward to seeing our friends and teachers at school!

By 5th & 6th class pupils

Thank you, Mrs McCabe

Parents Association

A message from the Parents' Association

Happy New Year to everyone. Thank you and well-done to all the parents who have engaged in the remote learning plan devised by the school. Thank you for your willingness and effort in providing a continued education for your children while out of school. It is definitely a combined effort from parents, children and teachers for this to happen. Wishing you all the best and hoping the children will get back soon to their classroom environment.

Kind Regards,

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Chairperson Crosskeys N.S. Parents' Association

Christmas Jumper fundraiser for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

The children of Crosskeys National School and their families raised **€553** for St. Vincent de Paul from our Christmas Jumper and Santa hat day. Well-done to everyone for making such a special effort for a very worthy cause.



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

From all the Staff in Crosskeys National School.

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