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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

You are very welcome to our January Newsletter. January has been a busy and enjoyable month in Crosskeys National School. **Important upcoming dates:** Parent/Teacher Meetings will take place after school on **Thursday 17th February**. Teachers will be in contact with further details. Mid-Term Break: The school will close for Mid-Term Break on **Thursday 24th and Friday 25th February**.

Enrolment 2022/2023: Crosskeys National School is now enrolling Junior Infant pupils for the 2022-2023 school year. To get an Admission Application Form please email enrolment@crosskeysns.ie or call the school office on **0494336704** between 10am and 2pm any day to arrange. Please spread the word ☺



Junior and Senior Infant News:

Houses and homes was our theme for this month. We talked about different rooms in the house and different types of home e.g. bungalows, mobile homes, apartments. We made playdough flowers for the garden made up little stories of family activities in the home.



We made felt faces.





We thickened water with cornflour and thinned it with water. When it dried we felt its smoothness and dryness...so dry it cracked under our fingers like brittle wafers.



Thank you, Mrs Keogan

We made shape pictures with tangrams

First and Second Class News:



We all came back from our Christmas holidays on the 6th January. We started doing our timed tables test. Everyone is improving really well. We used devices. We started Seesaw, Kahoot, Khan Academy and continued with typing.com. We are doing a walk around the yard for 10 mins most days for January Transformation and a whole school walk around the pitch on a Friday. We are really enjoying it!

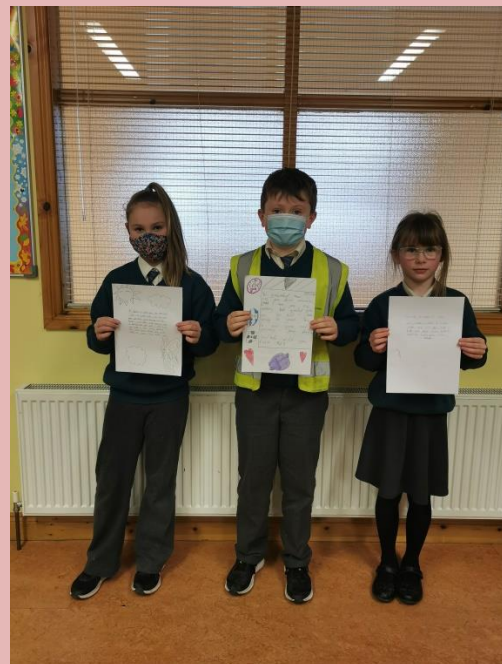
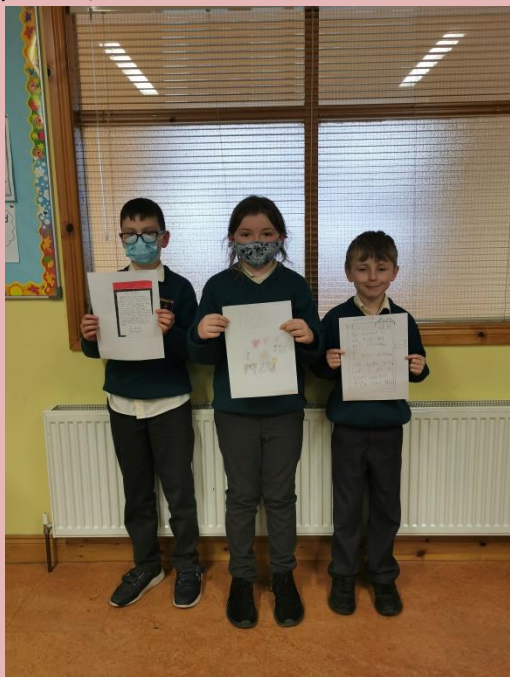
We made some amazing perspective drawings and also learned about Romero Britto. We did our anti-bullying posters and displayed them in the classroom and in the hall. We got our First Confession date (**Wed 9th March at 11.30a.m.** in Crosskeys Church) and Our First Communion date (**Sat 2nd April** at 11am in Crosskeys Church) also. We're very excited! We started to learn the Confiteor. We continued our maths and reading groups with Mr. Gurhy. We really enjoy them.

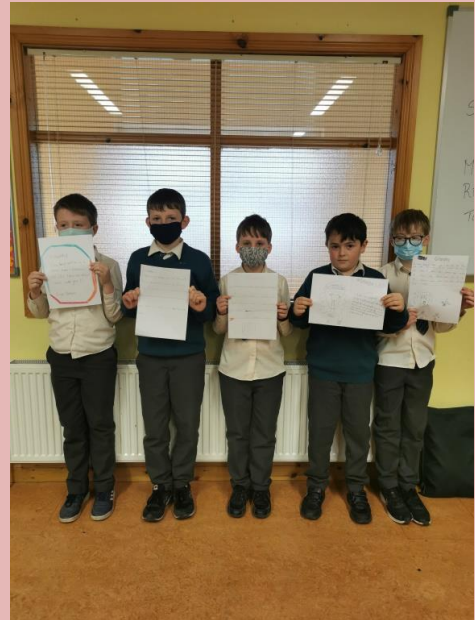


Thank you, Mrs Armstrong

3rd and 4th Class News:

3rd and 4th class were delighted to return to school after the Christmas break and we have had a busy month. We celebrated Catholic Schools Week and enjoyed a lot of activities including writing a letter to one of our grandparents and having some great discussions around how we can show love to one another. In conjunction with Operation Transformation, we have been getting 10-15 mins extra daily exercise, usually consisting of walking/running around the yard. On Fridays, children from the whole school walk up to the new pitch after lunch and we complete a few laps on the track. This is very enjoyable. In class we have taken part in some nice Music lessons and in history we learned about Ancient Greece by carrying out our own research on the laptops in small groups. We are all a little disappointed that Denn lost the All-Ireland Semi-final on Saturday, but we are also very proud of their achievements and we wish them all the best in the future.

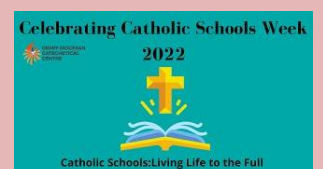




Thank you, Mrs O'Reilly

Catholic Schools Week:

Last week was Catholic Schools Week. In our school we looked at the themes of developing our talents and using them to make the world a better and kinder place; being kind to



ourselves and others; recognising the contributions our Grandparents make in our lives; appreciating and protecting our beautiful world; and the importance of living life to the full especially after our experience of living through a pandemic. Thanks to teachers for organising.

The Amber Flag: February will be a busy month as part of our *Amber Flag initiative* in Crosskeys N.S. We will mark Safer Internet Day on February 8th as well as celebrate our first ever 'Well-being Week' in Crosskeys N.S., during the week of Feb 14th-18th. We have some interesting guests coming into the school and lots of nice mindful activities planned. Teachers will remind pupils of our February Well-being calendar each day throughout the month also.



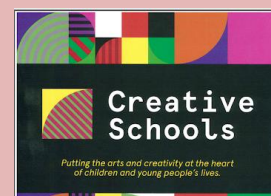
Student Council:

The Student Council held their first meeting in January. First on their agenda was the selection of The Student Council will continue to meet every Thursday. Thank you to class teachers for organising and facilitating.



Donation: Thank you to Michael B. Hyland and Hyland Construction for their generous donation of €400 to the school (€200 of this went straight to the Parents' Association). The funds will be used to continue to improve the school for all.

Creative Schools: our Creative Schools project will begin in February, our Creative Associate, Mary Farrelly will visit the school in February for some workshops with the children. Thanks to Mrs Keogan for organising.



Board of Management: The Board of Management will meet on Tuesday 22nd February at 7.30pm in the school.



Crosskeys N.S. on social media:

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Confirmation will take place on **Saturday 14th May at 12pm in St. Matthew's Church, Crosskeys** and Communion will take place on **Saturday 2nd April at 11am** in St Matthew's Church, Crosskeys.



Primary Languages Sampler Module: Thankfully we have sourced a tutor for the Primary Language Sampler Module. Children from 3rd-6th class will be learning French from a native speaker for a 6 week period beginning after Easter in term 3. This is a great opportunity particularly for our 6th class pupils as they prepare for secondary school.



5th and 6th Class News

5th and 6th Class returned to school after a quiet Christmas. We painted lovely snow scenes in Art. The Denn Junior Footballers reached the All-Ireland Semi- Final playing Gneeveguilla.

Our class made flags and posters to support them.



In History we learned about World War 1 and in Geography we learned about rivers and mountains of Ireland. We discussed all the great tourist attractions that we have in Ireland and watched a virtual tour of Aranmore Island, Donegal and Inis Mór, Galway. The Student Council met. 6th Class pupils have picked their names for Confirmation which is on the 14th May.

Thank you, Mrs McCabe



Parents Association

A message from the Parents' Association

We hope everyone had a very enjoyable Christmas and that the New Year has been good to you so far. The Parents' Association Committee have been continuing to meet ourselves via zoom, although we do hope to hold a meeting in person in the school in February.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Michael Bernard Hyland who made a donation of €200.00 to the Parents' Association earlier this month. As dates for Communion and Confirmation have now been set I am sure there are a lot of excited children who are looking forward to planning their big day, the Parents' Association will be on hand to assist in any way we can. We are in the process of planning some exciting fundraisers for the coming months and we promise they will be fun for all the family. Thank you to the school and parents for your continued support

Kind regards,
Sharon Ivers

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

From all the Staff in Crosskeys National School - 31st January 2022