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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

You are very welcome to our March Newsletter. March has been a busy and enjoyable month in Crosskeys National School with many interesting moments; the highlight undoubtedly has been our St. Patrick's Day Concert.

Parent/Teacher Meetings: 5th/6th class meetings are on-going.

Easter Holidays: The school will close at 12pm on Friday 8th April for the Easter break and reopen on Monday 25th April.

Enrolment 2022/2023: Crosskeys National School continues to welcome enrolments for Junior Infants and all other classes 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 ☺



Enrolment Day: an enrolment day is planned in late May or June for new Junior Infants due to join us in Sept. 2022 ☺

Absences: Please continue to send information regarding absences to notescrosskeysns@gmail.com

The school is legally required to report school attendance to Tusla throughout the year. Absences without a note are recorded as unexplained.

Lá Glas and St. Patrick's Day Concert: On Tuesday 15th & 16th March, the whole school wore green for our Lá Glas and St. Patrick's Day Concert. Well-done to our Student Council for their great work here! The non-uniform day also served as a fundraiser for the Parents' Association. Over €300 was raised on the day. Well-done to all!



Clár Project on Yard: work is on-going on our yard next to the old Denn Clubrooms. We apologise for the inconvenience caused. We look forward to having this wonderful play area ready for our pupils soon. Part of this project aims to enhance biodiversity around the school, a polytunnel will be installed on our grounds in the coming weeks. Thank you to parent, Kevin Brady for giving his time to do the necessary ground works to prepare for this.



Junior and Senior Infant News:

We learned the sequence of pancake making.



We love P.E.!!!



We learned about mini-beasts.



We celebrated St. Patrick's Day:



Thank you, Mrs Keogan

First and Second Class News:



We had a very busy month in 1st and 2nd class. On the 9th of March 2nd class made their 1st Confessions. They were brilliant on the day.



Together with Mrs Keegan's Junior and Senior Infants we had a fabulous St. Patrick's Day treasure hunt. The children worked brilliantly together to find all the clues hidden around the school building and yard. Great fun was had! We had our first school concert since covid began and it was brilliant. Everyone took part and it was great to see the other classes too!



We had great fun imagining what all these animals from James and the Giant Peach would look like and do. We also made some lovely Mother's Day cards.

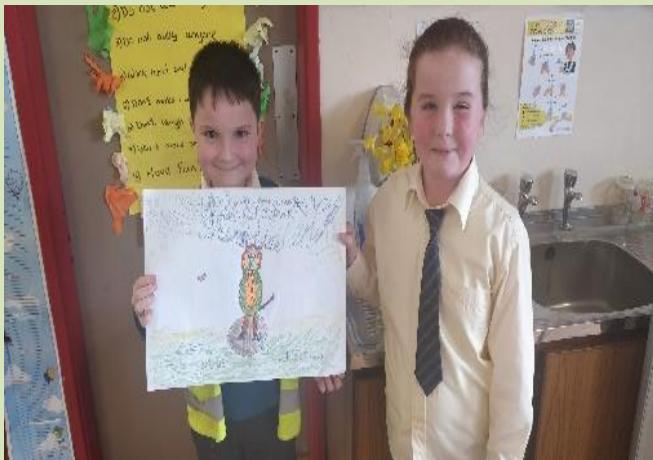
Wampus



Gorgon



Whangdoodle



Snozzwanger



2nd Class put in a lot of work preparing for their First Communion on Saturday 2nd April. They have done everything they could possibly do in preparation for their big day. There's great excitement in the room for Saturday!

Thank you, Mrs Armstrong

Student teacher:

Ms Fitzsimons, a past pupil of our school, has been on teaching practice placement in junior and senior infants these past 2 weeks. The boys and girls are really enjoying learning from her. We thank Mrs Keogan for welcoming her into her class and Ms Fitzsimons for her efforts.



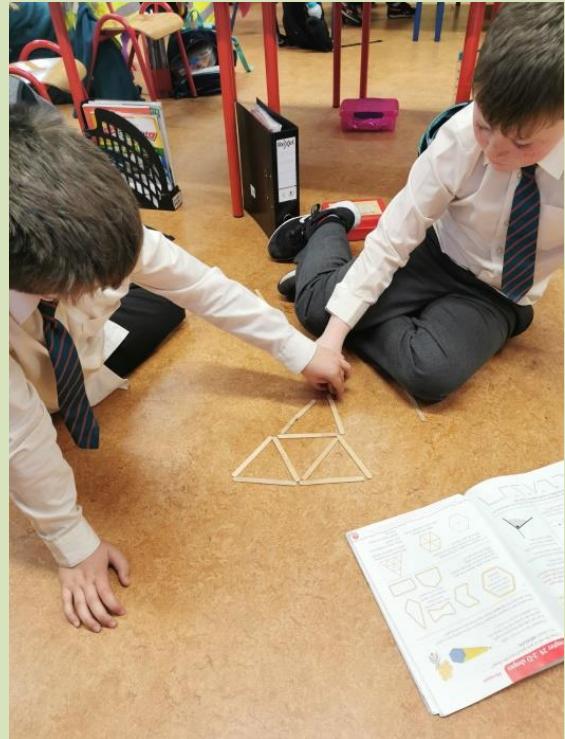
Amber Flag Walk for Pieta & Denn Youth Club April 8th:

Come and join us if you can on Friday 8th April at 9.30am as we walk around Denn GAA's track. Those who wish to join us are most welcome and can donate on the morning. All proceeds will be split equally between Pieta House and Denn Youth Club.



3rd and 4th Class News:

In March we celebrated St. Patrick's Day and Mother's Day. We took part in a school concert that was well organised by the Student Council. As a class we performed 'Trasna na dTonnta' and 'Amhrán na bhFiann'. We also learned the Irish dance 'The Siege of Ennis'. For Mother's Day we decided to treat our Mums to some handmade vouchers, which we hope they will use over the coming weeks. We are enjoying our French classes with our teacher Marie, and so far we have learned some French greetings, how to say our name, the numbers and the colours. On March 22nd we celebrated World Down Syndrome Day by wearing odd socks to school. We sadly said goodbye to our friend Paula as she returned to Spain. We miss her but she has promised to write to us, so we will look forward to hearing from her. We hope 2nd class get a lovely day on Saturday for their First Communion and we wish them the best of luck.





Thank you, Mrs O'Reilly

Board of Management: The Board applied for funding from two Wind Farm Community Funds in March. Many of our families live within a 10km radius of these wind farms. We are hopeful of a successful outcome. The BOM will hold its next meeting in late April.

Crosskeys N.S. on social media:

Crosskeys National School is on Twitter and Instagram.

Please try to have a look at our Twitter feed and Instagram page. We will add to these over time. Search 'Crosskeys National School' on Twitter or search our username, '@Ckeysns.' On Instagram, search Crosskeys National School or by our username, crosskeysnat_school.



Lots of Socks to mark World Down Syndrome Day:

Children in all classes in Crosskeys National School marked World Down Syndrome Day on 22nd March. We worked on awareness and completed some art work on the day. We all wore the most colourful odd socks that we could put together on the day 😊

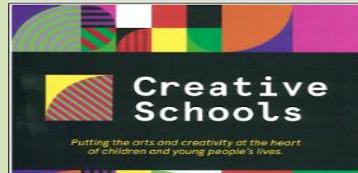


Primary Languages Sampler Module:

French lessons are now in their 5th week in Crosskeys National School. Children in 3rd-6th classes have been taking part in lessons with Marie Henry, former French teacher in St. Patrick's College, Cavan.

Languages Connect
Sampler Module

Creative Schools: our Creative Schools project continued in March, our Creative Associate, Mary Farrelly visited the school once again this week for a drama workshop. We were lucky to be able to enjoy it in the March sunshine! Thanks to Mrs Keogan for organising.



5th and 6th Class News

Fifth and Sixth Class did a lot of Art work in March - drawing our favourite book for World Book Day, odd socks for Down Syndrome Day, rainbows and a shamrock man for St Patrick's Day, Mother's Day cards and Easter ducks. We learned "An Dreoilín" dance. Our Class recited "Táim Laidir" and sang "Taibhsí nó Laochra" for the St Patrick's Day concert. We wore odd socks for Down Syndrome Day. We said "Adíos" to Gonzalo and Almudena who returned to Madrid. We got a new Smartboard in our classroom. We are having French classes with Marie .



Thank you, Mrs McCabe

School Website:

We now have a website up and running for the school. Check out www.crosskeysns.ie For now it's a really good starting point and one which will be added to in the months and years ahead! Like most websites, it's best viewed on a desktop or laptop. However, it's very smart phone/tablet friendly also.

Parents Association

A message from the Parents' Association

We would like to start by wishing all the children in second class a very happy communion day this Saturday, we know you will have a great day. The Parents' Association will be in the Resource Centre in Crosskeys after communion mass to serve refreshments to all families. Please note, the Resource Centre will be open at 7pm on Friday evening and also from 10am on Saturday morning for anyone who would like to donate biscuits, buns, sandwiches etc. Thank you to all parents who supported our Lá Glas fundraiser for St Patricks Day, we really appreciate your donations and all monies raised will go towards ICT equipment for the school. We will keep you updated on future fundraisers closer to the time.

Kind regards,

Sharon Ivers - Chairperson Crosskeys N.S. Parents' Association

Student Council Report:

The Student Council hosted the Saint Patrick's Day concert on the 15th March. We asked everyone to wear their green clothes. Every class performed a song and a poem. There were also lots of individual acts. We thanked all the people who participated in the concert. We took lots of pictures of all the acts, and we put them on our Student Council Notice board as well as the school's Instagram account, take a look! We hope everyone had a great Saint Patrick's Day. The Student Council hope to have Easter Events which we are currently planning.

Prepared by members of the Student Council

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

From all the Staff in Crosskeys National School.

31st March 2021