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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

You are very welcome to our September Newsletter. It has been great to welcome the children to their new classes and especially to welcome our 14 wonderful Junior Infants. They have settled into Mrs Armstrong's class so well.

**Aladdin Connect**: please ensure to check Aladdin Connect regularly. If you are having any issues accessing or using the app, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

**It is vital that at least one adult per household regularly accesses the app.**



### **Important Dates:**

**Parent/Teacher Meetings**: are provisionally set for Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November. More information closer to the time.

**St. Patrick's College Sports Open Day**: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - 6<sup>th</sup> Class boys to attend with Mr Donohoe.

**St. Patrick's College First Year Open Evening**: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.

**Breifne College**: will visit 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils on 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

**Library Trip**: Junior/Senior Infants & 1<sup>st</sup> Class Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

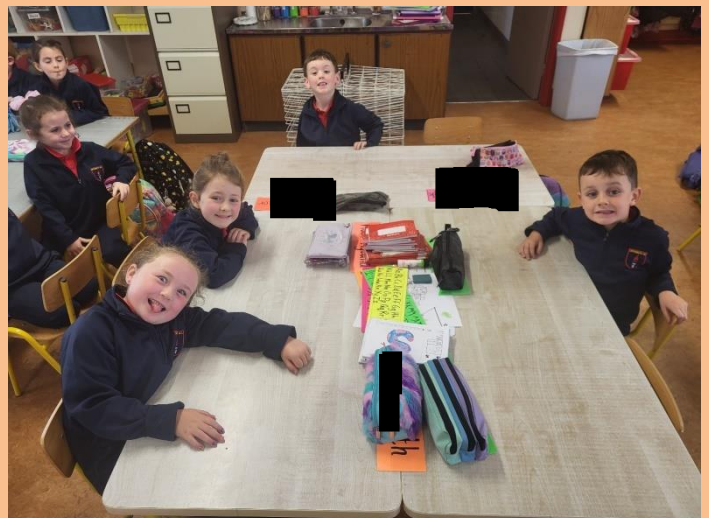
**Confirmation**: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm.



### **Junior and Senior Infant News:**

September was a very busy month in Junior and Senior Infants. Junior Infants started school for the first time. They have all settled in very well. Senior infants have helped them to find out where to play in the yard and have been very good in the classroom too. We got to play with toys and started learning our letters. We painted butterflies just like the ones in the

Very Hungry Caterpillar. We went to Mrs. Keogan's retirement mass to say goodbye to her. It was a very long walk up and down to the church and we were brilliant during the mass. Thank you to the P.A. for the treats after. We coloured lots of pictures that reminded us of Mrs. Keogan and hung them in the hall.







*Thank you, Mrs Armstrong*



## 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class News:

We have had a lovely first month back at school and we have been very busy. In drama, we re-enacted the story of *'The Little Red Hen'* in our newly painted hall. We have been using both the interactive whiteboard and our mini whiteboards for English and Maths. In Geography we learned all about our locality. In Science we learned about our skeleton and also about our senses. We even tried an experiment eating some of our lunch with our noses pinched to see if our food would taste the same as it does when we are able to smell it. We have enjoyed story time in our classroom and sequencing these stories. We even wrote a summary of *'Beauty and the Beast'*. We really enjoyed practicing songs for Mrs Keogan's retirement mass and we enjoyed making 'Thank You' cards for her also. We even got some treats on the day of the mass. We are looking forward to the year ahead in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class.







*Thank you, Mrs O'Reilly*

### **Cumann na mBunscol Camogie:**

Girls from 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Class will be taking part in the Cumann na mBunscol competition in October. Two of our 3 games have been fixed to date. The girls will be training early next week before their first game.

**Game 1:** Crosskeys N.S. v Arva N.S. at 1.15pm Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October in Crosskeys

**Game 2:** Gowra N.S. v Crosskeys N.S. at 10.15am Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October in Gowra N. S.

**Game 3:** Crosskeys N.S. V Cliffrerna N.S. T.B.C in Crosskeys



**Mrs Keogan's Retirement Celebration:** On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September the school and community gathered to celebrate the retirement of Marian Keogan from Crosskeys National School. Mrs Keogan started teaching in Crosskeys N.S. in 1990. Over 33 years she made an immense contribution to the school and community. We wish her the very best in her retirement. A special thanks to all school staff and our Parents' Association for making the day run so well.









### 3rd and 4th Class News:

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Class drew pictures and made "Best wishes on your Retirement" cards for Mrs Keogan. We walked up to the Church for Mrs Keogan's Retirement Mass on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>. We got some of the treats from the hall. The GAA coach Karen is back. On Thursday we went on a school trip to the Cavan County Museum in Ballyjamesduff. It was very interesting. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Class are doing lots of Art, painting Autumn pictures and Acorn Men. We drew our pictures for the Credit Union Art Competition. There was a heatwave when we came back to school and we wore our shorts and went up to the football field. Alisha, Jai, Fíonn and Ella were elected to the Student Council. It has been a great year so far.



Thank you, Mrs McCabe



**School Lunches:** Please remember our *Healthy Eating Policy*. It's great to see healthy lunches each day in Crosskeys N.S. Please continue to give your child a healthy lunch and a drink each day for break time and lunchtime. Please note that **NUT BASED FOODS are NOT allowed** as there are children in the school who have allergies related to nuts.



**Board of Management Update:** The Board's next meeting will take place on Wednesday 25th October at 6.30pm. The Board met twice over the summer. In July the Board met regarding Mrs Keogan's retirement. In August the Board met to approve the appointment of Mr Donohoe as a member of the teaching staff in *Crosskeys National School*. At this meeting the Board also approved the CCTV Policy and the Data Protection Policy. Both policies are now available on the school website: [www.crosskeysns.ie](http://www.crosskeysns.ie) The Board approved Crosserlough Construction as the contractor for upcoming works on the school roof/façade. Crosserlough Construction intends to commence works during the Halloween closure. Work will continue for 3 weeks. We will update families in advance of works beginning.

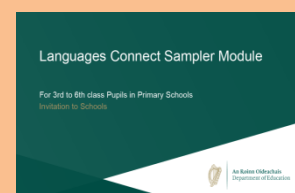
### **Crosskeys N.S. on social media:**

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.



### **Primary Languages Sampler Module:**

Crosskeys N.S. has once again applied to take part in the Primary Languages Sampler Module. Thankfully our application has been Successful. Children from 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class will be taking part in French lessons during October and November with Marie O'Shea, former French teacher in St. Patrick's College, Cavan.



**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class News:** September was a busy first month back for Sixth and Fifth Class. We enjoyed the preparation for Mrs Keogan's Retirement Mass, celebrated by Fr Dónal. Although we will all be sad to see her leave the school, it was fantastic to get to wish Mrs Keogan well, share some of our memories with her and perform some of her favourite songs. Eimear, Sam, Matt and Kourtney were elected to the Student Council from our classroom. We have no doubt that they will do a fantastic job and represent the students of Crosskeys N.S. with distinction. We also had a visit from Loreto College in Cavan telling us about all of the wonderful opportunities that lie ahead in Secondary School. In art this month, we were learning to sketch and use colour to create animations. Our final piece was the image of a piranha chasing a smaller fish. *Thank you, Mr Donohoe*



# Parents Association

## A message from the Parents' Association

Thanks to everyone who attended the Parents' Association AGM which took place on Monday evening 25<sup>th</sup> September. At the meeting a new committee was elected:

Aisling Kiernan - Chairperson

Louise Walsh - Assistant Chairperson

Laura Hyland - Secretary

Elaine Lynch - Assistant secretary

Loran Keogan - Treasurer

Emma McConnell - Assistant Treasurer

The new PA committee would like to thank the previous Committee for their time and work over the last 2 years it has been hugely appreciated.

Best wishes,

Aisling Kiernan

Chairperson Crosskeys N.S. Parents' Association



**Student Council:** Well-done to our new Student Council members, pictured above. After a week of campaigning and elections earlier in the month, the Council has been formally elected! Council members are pictured wearing their official badges of office! Thank you to Mrs O'McCabe and Mr Donohoe for organising.

**School choir:** The school choir is up and running again this year. The choir meets on Thursdays in the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> classroom. Thanks to Mrs O'Reilly for organising.





**Summer Works:** a huge thank you to John McConnell our caretaker and Eileen McGinnell our cleaner for their hard work over the summer. John has the school and its grounds looking fantastic. Eileen also gave the school building an excellent deep clean in August.

**Message from Denn Toddler Play Group:**

The Denn Toddlers Playgroup & Afterschool committee would like to thank the community, and everyone involved with all your help and support in getting the Afterschool up and running. We would like to extend our thanks especially to Crosskeys N. S. for their valued input and collaboration we've received in establishing this afterschool service. We hope to continue working together in the future to continue to improve the facilities for families of the Denn area. As we move forward with this please note that your continued support will be essential to its ongoing success. We look forward to continuing to grow this service, ensuring that it remains a valuable resource for our children and the community.



**Some spaces are available for Afterschool, please contact Fiona on 0871373510 or [denntoddlersclg@hotmail.com](mailto:denntoddlersclg@hotmail.com) for more information.**

If you would like to speak to the Committee directly, please contact [denntoddlersclg@gmail.com](mailto:denntoddlersclg@gmail.com)



**Trip to Cavan County Museum:**

Girls and boys from 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Class recently visited Cavan County Museum. The children had a fantastic day out.

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

*From all the Staff in Crosskeys National School.*

*29<sup>th</sup> September 2023*