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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 was our St. Patrick's Day Concert!!!

- **Easter Holidays:** The school will close at **12pm on Friday 31st March** for the Easter break and reopen on **Monday 17th April**.

➤ **Enrolment 2023/2024:** 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 early June for new Junior Infants due to join us in Sept. 2023 ☺ We will be in contact with relevant families after the Easter Break.
- **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 Thursday 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! A big thanks to Mrs McCabe and Mrs O'Reilly also! The non-uniform day also served as a fundrasier for the Parents' Association. Over €300 was raised on the day. Well-done to all!



- **Emergency Works Scheme Project on school roof/facade:** We are very hopeful that this work will be completed during the summer closure. The architect is currently preparing to send the project out to tender.
- **Important reminder:** general school inquiries should be directed to the school office or school email account only. Our secretary, Jo works from 10am-2pm each day. As teachers are teaching, phone calls and emails may not be answered outside of these times, however, we of course always do our best. Thanks for understanding.
- **School Calendar:** The 2023-2024 School Calendar is now available on www.crosskeysns.ie



Junior and Senior Infant News:

We are all very proud in the Infant room of what we have learned so far this year. We have been recalling the stories of 'The Three Pigs' and 'Little Red Riding Hood' in great detail orally all by ourselves. We've been enjoying listening to stories about Jesus' life and we look forward to celebrating Him coming back to

life again at Easter as we eat our EASTER EGGS!!! We are doing some really cool dancing on Fridays with Asha.



A sample of our Infant's St Patrick's Day Cards.



A sample of our Infant Odd Socks decorated.



We also showed off our talents as did the other classes during our Green Day Concert.



We so enjoyed decorating our Easter Eggs and Easter Baskets. Who needs google images to get ideas? All of these creations came from our own imagination.

Thank you, Mrs Keogan

First and Second Class News:

We had a great start to the month with World Book Day. We listened to a farm safety talk and also to the author and illustrator of a farm book. We learned to draw a carrot, a fox, a dog and a cat. It was great fun. We continued learning songs in choir. Our new one is 'Your own Superhero'. The Students' Council organised a green day and a great St. Patrick's day concert. Thank you to them and Mrs McCabe and Mrs O'Reilly for a really enjoyable day. We made rainbow art, Easter bunnies and Easter eggs. We continued our hip hop dancing with Aysha. We're really enjoying it. World Down Syndrome day was in March. We all wore odd socks and decorated our odd socks at school in honour of the day. 2nd class had their 1st Confession. They were really brilliant on the day. We are looking forward to our Easter holidays now too.







Thank you, Mrs Armstrong

Student teacher:

Ms Tierney, a past pupil of our school, has been on teaching practice placement in Junior and Senior infants in recent times. She will continue to work with Junior and Senior for two weeks after Easter. The boys and girls are really enjoying learning from her. We thank Mrs Keogan for welcoming her into her class and Ms Tierney for her efforts.



3rd and 4th Class News:

We have had a busy few weeks here in 3rd and 4th class. We continued to enjoy our swimming lessons which finished up this week. We have enjoyed our hip hop classes with Aysha and we also had a brilliant drama workshop with Mary Farrelly where we did some work on 'The Three Little Pigs'. In choir we have been learning a new song called 'My Own Superhero' and it's very catchy. The Student Council organised a lovely concert for the whole school which was held on 16th March. Our class recited a poem called 'An Teilifís' and we sang a song called 'Ag Cur Báistí Arís'. We also had some members of our class who performed solos or in small groups and it was very entertaining. Since January we have been taking part in Literacy Stations and that has finished up this week for us. We enjoyed working in different groups and with different teachers. We made some lovely art pieces for Easter and we are looking forward to the Easter holidays.



Thank you, Mrs O'Reilly

Board of Management: The Board applied for funding from Mountain Lodge Wind Farm Community Fund 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 on 27th April. The BoM is currently reviewing our Code of Behaviour, a draft will be shared with all families shortly.

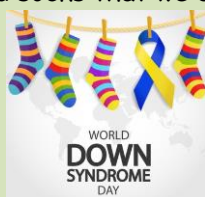
Crosskeys N.S. on social media:

Crosskeys National School is on Twitter and Instagram. Please try to have a look at our Twitter feed and Instagram page. 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 with the school's social media.

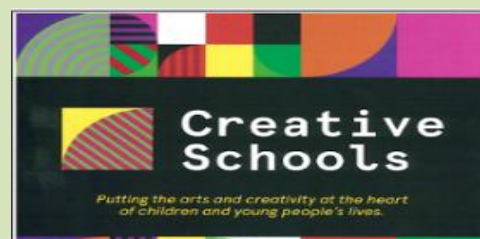


Lots of Socks to mark World Down Syndrome Day:

Children in all classes in Crosskeys National School marked World Down Syndrome Day recently. 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 ☺



Creative Schools: our Creative Schools project continued in March, our Creative Associate, Mary Farrelly visited the school for a drama workshop. We have also been enjoying dance on Fridays for P.E. through the Creative Schools initiative. Thanks to Mrs Keogan for organising.



5th and 6th Class News

The 13 boys and girls in Sixth Class made their Confirmation on 11th March in St Matthew's Church, Drumavaddy. They were confirmed by Monsignor Liam Kelly and it was a very special occasion. The Parents' Association organised a lovely party in the Community Centre and presented the Confirmation boys and girls with goody bags. We celebrated World Book Day and Down Syndrome Day. The Student Council helped organised the Lá Glas concert for Seachtain na Gaeilge. We are learning Hip hop dancing with Aysha. The 5 swimming sessions are over. Sixth Class went to see Grease in St Pat's. We made cards for St Patrick's Day, Mother's Day and Easter.



Thank you, Mrs McCabe

First Confession: A big well-done to those in 2nd class that completed their First Confession recently. Thank you to Mrs Armstrong for her efforts in preparing the class. We wish the children the very best of luck as they undergo their final preparations for their First Holy Communion on 6th May.



Anyone that is interested in after school childcare from September 2023 should email the Denn Toddler Group with their interest in enrolment: denntoddlersclg@hotmail.com They will supply further information. After school childcare will cater for children during the following time slots:

- 2pm-6pm
- 3pm-6pm
- 2pm -3pm with children escorted to the bus in front of the school grounds

Parents Association

A message from the Parents' Association

Our next Parents' Association meeting is scheduled for Monday 24th April at 8pm in the school, we would encourage more parents and guardians to attend these meetings if at all possible, we are not looking for anyone to take on roles or jobs but just to attend the meetings, give your opinion on various topics and provide feedback to the committee on proposed fundraisers etc., the more involvement from our parents the better. Everyone on Crosskeys National School Parents' Association would like to wish you all a very enjoyable Easter holiday and enjoy the break.

Kind regards,

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

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

From all the Staff in Crosskeys National School.

31st March 2023

