



# Crosskeys National School

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## Term 3 Newsletter



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

You are very welcome to our Term 3 Newsletter. It has been a busy but enjoyable third term in *Crosskeys National School*. Remember to keep an eye on our Instagram account to see regular news regarding school events.

### \*\*Some Reminders\*\*

- The school will close on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June @ 12pm** for the Summer Holidays
- The school will reopen for all pupils on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August**
- The 24-25 School Calendar is available on the school website



### General School News

Term 3 has been extremely busy but enjoyable here in *Crosskeys National School*. There has been lots of gardening taking place around the school in recent times. The polytunnel was planted in early April. Thanks to John and to all the boys and girls for looking after it! Some classes have been making use of our Outdoor Classroom when the weather was nice. Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class buddied up with the Junior classes to help them use the devices. The Denn U16 team visited the school with the cup they won in their recent Division 1

final. Well done lads!!



We are very proud of the boys and girls who took part in the Cumann na mBunscol football leagues. Although we didn't reach the final in either competition, the boys and girls gave it their very best and enjoyed coming up against other schools.



Other fun activities in Term 3 included a drumming workshop for all classes with Peter Crann, basket making for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> class with Helena Golden (The Willow Woman), Teddy Bear's Picnic for Juniors - 2<sup>nd</sup> class, Orienteering for the whole school, a mini-beast hunt for Juniors - 2<sup>nd</sup> class and a trip to St. Clare's College Ballyjamesduff for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class.





### Sacraments

The children from 2<sup>nd</sup> class received their First Holy Communion on Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> of April in St. Matthew's Church, Crosskeys. The children were excellent on the day and they did themselves and their families proud. Thank you to Mrs O'Reilly and Fr. Kilduff for preparing the children so well.

The following week, on Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> May, our 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Again the children did a brilliant job and thank you to Mr. Donohoe and Fr. Kilduff for all their hard work with preparations.

A big well done to our wonderful school choir who sang for both sacraments and thank you to Mrs O'Reilly, Mr Donohoe, Múinteoir Marina and Mrs Keogan for their work with the school choir.

### Food Dudes Week/Active Schools Week

On May 20<sup>th</sup> we began our Food Dudes Week and Active Schools Week. As part of the Food Dudes Programme, the children enjoyed getting a portion of fresh fruit and veg each day, as well as taking part in various lessons around the importance of healthy eating. The Student Council ran an art competition during this week, based on the theme of 'Healthy Lifestyles'.

The children took part in many fun activities during Active Schools Week. Active homework was set for the children replacing some of their normal academic homework and thanks to everyone who put in a huge effort. The highlights of our Active Schools Week included learning 'The Macarena' and practicing it on the yard, the penalty shoot-out against Mr. Gurhy, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class teaching the younger classes some outdoor games and lots more.





### Basketball Leagues

In May and June we held our annual basketball leagues. Huge thanks to all the staff for organising this, refereeing matches etc. and a huge well done to all the children from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class who took part. The Junior Final was contested between The Hoopers and The Alphas, with The Alphas coming out on top after a thrilling game. In the Senior Final we saw The Edgers take on The Moggers, with The Moggers proving to be the stronger side on the day! Trophies were presented to the winning teams as well as the runners up, and we also made presentations to the Most Valuable Player, the Most Improved Player and the Sportsperson of the League for both the Junior and the Senior League.



## Hot School Lunches

After the Easter Break, we began receiving our hot school lunches from Lunches4schools. Although there were some teething problems at the beginning, we are extremely happy with the service we are getting and in general the children are really enjoying their tasty healthy meals.



## Mile-a-Day-in-May and June Jog:

We have continued our tradition of the 'Mile a Day in May' which turns into the 'June Jog!' Well-done to all classes that took part and really built up their fitness in May and June. Hopefully we will see some of them getting involved with Denn Running Club in the future. The whole school community is very thankful to Denn GFC to have the use of such a wonderful facility on our doorstep.



## School Tours

On May 16<sup>th</sup> our Senior Tour took place at The Crystal Maze in Kingscourt. The children had a great day working together in small teams carrying out various tasks. On June 6<sup>th</sup> our Junior Tour also headed for Kingscourt but this time to The Playcentre where again a fun day out was had by all.



## Sports Day





### 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June we celebrated our 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils at a beautiful service in St. Matthew's Church, Crosskeys. Huge thanks to Fr. Kilduff for the lovely prayer service, to Mr. Donohoe for preparing the children so well, and to the children themselves for carrying out their parts with such respect and reverence. Everyone in Crosskeys NS wishes these boys and girls the best of luck in secondary school.



**Board of Management:** The Board of Management will meet next on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm. At this meeting the Board will review a number of polices including; The Acceptable Use Policy, The Work Experience Policy and The Protected Disclosures Policy. The Board plan to carry out the Annual Health & Safety Risk Assessment at this meeting also. A number of school plans are also to be reviewed and hopefully approved at this meeting, including the Digital Learning Plan and the Gaeilge Plan. The Board will be updated on general school news at this meeting as well as hearing a number of annual end of year reports. The Board's first meeting of the 24/25 School Year will take place in late September/October.

# Parents Association

## A message from the Parents' Association

The Parents Association would like to say a special thank you to all the parents and local community for the kind donations and assistance for our fundraising events over the year. We hope all the children have a lovely summer break and we wish all the 6<sup>th</sup> children the best of luck with starting secondary school in September.

Kind regards

Parents' Association

## Acknowledgement from School Staff to our Parents' Association:

The staff of Crosskeys National School wishes to thank our Parents' Association Committee and the wider Parents' Association for their wonderful work and support this year. The strong links between the school and wider community are very important to us in *Crosskeys National School*. The Parents' Association made many wonderful things possible this year. Thank you all!

## A message for the After school Club:

Denn toddler playgroup & Afterschool committee would like to give a massive thank you on all the support they had with their Easter raffle. We were overwhelmed by everyone's kindness & generosity. It was a huge success! We raised €5235, These funds will help update our service for the kids.

A shout out to all the business who supported our raffle! Glebe Bedding, Crosskeys National school

The butcher shop Ballyjamesduff, Just bounce - Brean Mc Givney, Lisa, John, Dean, Michael & Caroline Eir shop Cavan, BC Fitness Ballyjamesduff, LAB Leisure & Beauty, Vibe Hair Studio Cavan, Dessie Sheridan Construction, Mc Caul's Kitchens, Martin Reilly, Gormleys Chemist, Expert Electrical, Dublin Rd, De Ja Vu Hair Salon, Haven pharmacy Cavan, Sean Galligan, Smith's Diner, Sports shop Cavan, Nan Vickers, Wicklow, Cavan Gifts and Veals All care pharmacy .

We would also like to give Crosskeys Vintage Club a huge thank you for thinking of us, when they done their recent tractor run & kindly donated to our service. Thank you to everyone involved.

**Also reminder to register for full time spaces and Ad hoc day's as spaces are filling up.**

We would also like to thank everyone for your continued support in our first year as a new committee & in our first year running the afterschool. Thank you to all our staff for their continuing hard work on keeping everything running and *Crosskeys National School* for all their help during the year.

We hope everyone has a well enjoyed break over the summer & fingers crossed we get some sunny days over the summer to top up our vitamin D ☀

Yours sincerely,

Denn Toddler Playgroup & After School Committee



We wish our whole school community a fun and enjoyable summer,  
hopefully with lots of good weather along the way.

*We look forward to seeing all of our wonderful boys and girls on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August**, take care everyone!*

*From all the Staff in Crosskeys National School.*

*19<sup>th</sup> June 2024*