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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

You are very welcome to our March Newsletter. March has been a busy month in our school. Some of the things that have gone on in Crosskeys National School in March include: Engineers Week, Mother's Day Art, First Confessions, Lá Glas, Lots of Socks for World Down Syndrome Day, learning about farm safety and much more..... It has been great to see all children back in school; they have really enjoyed the social interaction with friends since coming back.

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

We remind parents to err on the side of caution if your child isn't feeling well. Thank you for your support in this regard to date. If your child has a temperature, cough, flu like symptoms etc., please keep them at home until a medical professional gives them the okay to return to school. We also request that parents do not congregate around the school at pick up/drop off times as has been asked by the Department of Education and HSE. Face coverings are required by all adults on school grounds. Thank you all for your support.

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 considered unexplained.

Enrolment 2021-2022:

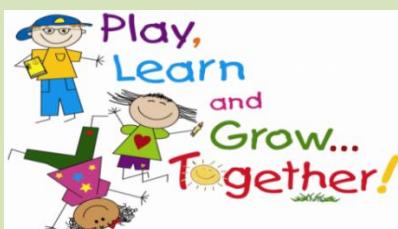
Due to the extended school closure, Crosskeys National School continues to welcome new enrolments for Junior infants and all other classes for the 2021-2022 school year. **To get an Admission Application Form please email enrolment@crosskeysns.ie or call the school office on 0494336704 between 10am and 2pm any day to arrange.** Please spread the word.

Enrolments Are Open



Lá Glas:

On Tuesday 16th March, the whole school wore green for our Lá Glas before St. Patrick's Day. This non-uniform day also served as a fundraiser for the Parents' Association. €200 was raised on the day. The PA plan to use the money raised for a treat for the children closer to the end of the school year. Well-done to all!



Junior and Senior Infant News:

We were all delighted to get back to school on the 1st of March. We heard about 'The Gruffalo' and had fun searching for parts of him during our treasure hunts outside e.g. his 'poisonous wart at the end of his nose!' We learned about the life cycle of the frog and the butterfly, working out which stages come first as we cut and pasted. World Book Day on the 4th of

March was celebrated in our room by watching Marleen from Bailieborough Library reading 'The Pooka Party'. Lavina joined us on the 8th and stayed with us right up to the Easter holidays. She did some wonderful lessons with us including composing songs, farm safety, singing about the Easter Bunny, The Hungry Caterpillar, St Patrick's jig, a treasure hunt.. She also taught us about the banjo and played some lively tunes for us. On Friday 12th we joined forces with First and Second Class outside to record our version of the Jerusalema dance which formed part of The Running Club Jerusalema Video.

We had fun dressing up in Green on St Patrick's Day and wearing unpaired socks to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day.



Lots of Socks - World Down Syndrome Day Artwork



St. Patrick's Day Treasure Hunt



A safe tractor for farm safety

Thank you, Mrs Keogan



Lavina on the banjo

First and Second Class News: We were delighted to get back into the classroom in March. Everyone has settled in really well and we've been working really hard. 1st and 2nd class along with Junior and Senior Infants learned the Jerusalema dance out in the yard and we recorded ourselves doing it. It was hard work, but also great fun. ACB, Denn running club and the school all took part and we'd like to say thank you for being included in such a great community initiative.

2nd class had a big day celebrating their 1st Confessions. They worked very hard with learning their prayers and songs and doing art work for display. They were absolutely brilliant on the day! We also created some super art work for Mother's Day and St. Patrick's Day.

We were all delighted to wear green to school on the 16th of March. We also completed a really fun Tóraíocht Taisce (treasure hunt) outside. We completed a project on County Cavan and learned lots about our beautiful County. On the devices we learned how to add pictures to Word documents and did some typing.

On the 19th of March we celebrated Rock your Socks for World Down Syndrome Day. We all coloured in some unpaired socks for display and also wore unpaired socks to school.

We started learning about Farm Safety and really enjoyed learning about the safety signs that might be seen around a farm yard. We also listened to a webinar on the topic. We look forward to working more on this in the next few months also. In March, we were lucky enough to have Dan the coach back to the school too. It was great fun to be out again. At the end of the month, we learned all about Easter and did some Easter art. It's been a very busy but enjoyable month and we are all looking forward to our Easter Break now.



Thank you, Mrs Armstrong

Farm Safe School

Children and their teachers are taking part in the Farm Safe Schools pilot programme this year in Crosskeys National School. There are 3 modules in the programme, Farmer, Farm & Fields, Animals and Machinery and Vehicles which children will be learning about in the coming weeks. We look forward to finding out more about farm safety in the coming weeks. To learn more have a look at www.farmsafeschools.ie



GAA: children have enjoyed taking part in P.E. classes with Cavan GAA Coach, Dan Wharton since we reopened. Dan is in the school every Friday. Hopefully with some good weather we might have P.E. on the GAA pitch soon. The staff in Crosskeys N.S. thank Dan for his efforts.

Student teacher:

Ms Hyland Kinsella, a past pupil of our school, has been on teaching practice placement in junior and senior infants over the past 3 weeks. The boys and girls really enjoyed learning from her. We thank Mrs Keogan for welcoming her into her class and Ms Hyland Kinsella for her efforts. We wish her the best in her teaching career.



3rd and 4th Class News:

The children in 3rd and 4th class were over the moon to return to school on Monday March 15th. It was wonderful to see everyone again and catch up. We moved seats so we are all getting used to our new bubbles. On 16th of March we dressed in green to mark St. Patrick's Day and we did some St. Patrick's Day themed work. Since we have been back we have been doing a lot of Gaeilge. We looked at friendships and bullying in SPHE. On March 19th we marked World Down Syndrome day by wearing unpaired socks to school and designing our own socks for displaying on the window. We also did some Easter Art to display on our new noticeboard outside our classroom. We hope everyone has a lovely Easter break and we can't wait to return to school on April 12th.



Thank you, Mrs O'Reilly

First Confessions:

Well-done to the boys and girls in 2nd class who made their First Confession on Tuesday 16th March with a lovely service from Father Kilduff. The children worked hard in the lead up to this and also produced some lovely art work for the occasion. Pictures/video were shared on Seesaw. Thank you to Mrs Armstrong for all the work that went into organising the day and preparing the children. A provisional date of Saturday 22nd May has been set for Confirmation.



Board of Management: The BOM are pleased to announce that an application for funding through the Emergency Works Scheme to address the concrete playing surface in the school yard as well as drainage issues on the school grounds has been successful. The next BoM meeting will take place in April via Zoom.

Crosskeys N.S. on social media:

Crosskeys National School started using Twitter and Instagram recently. Thank you to all of those who have started following our accounts. 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. The accounts will share useful teaching ideas, resources, school updates and the children's work.



5th and 6th Class News

Crosskeys N.S. reopened for 3rd to 6th class students on March 15th. We are happy to be back but are also looking forward to the Easter holidays. Lá Glas was on Tuesday 16th March. St Patrick's Day came with no parades once again. Every other St Patrick's Day it was either raining or cold but this year it was sunny. Dan came back for football coaching and it was great to see him. On Friday 19th March we wore unpaired socks for World Down Syndrome Day. We got World Book Day tokens, which will encourage us to read more. There were 4 birthdays in the classroom since we came back. A lot of artwork is being done; shamrocks, socks, Easter cards. We are learning about farm safety, which is very important. A walrus arrived in Kerry on an iceberg.

Thank you, Mrs McCabe



Some 5th & 6th class art work

Parents Association

A message from the Parents' Association

Congratulations to 2nd class who made their 1st Confessions on the 16th March. Thank you to Mrs. Armstrong for sharing some of the ceremony on Seesaw. Thank you to everyone who donated to our Lá Glas - €200 was raised. The children had fun wearing their unpaired socks to school on Friday 19th for World Down Syndrome Day and to mark this occasion the PA will be making a donation. Best wishes to all the children & their teachers who are currently making preparations for their 1st Holy Communion & Confirmation due to take place in May. The PA has a zoom meeting scheduled for Wednesday 14th April at 8pm and we welcome all parents. We will be in touch closer to the time to organise.

On behalf of the PA, I would like to wish everyone a happy, holy & safe Easter and hoping not too many Easter eggs will be eaten!

Kind Regards,

Alva - Chairperson Crosskeys N.S. Parents' Association

School Transport Services/Tickets:

Bus Éireann's on-line application system for school transport is now open for the 2021/22 school year. The closing date for School Transport Applications is Friday, 30 April, 2021.

How to Apply: Apply on-line now @ www.buseireann.ie/schooltransport



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

Happy Easter from all the Staff in Crosskeys National School.

25th March 2021

