



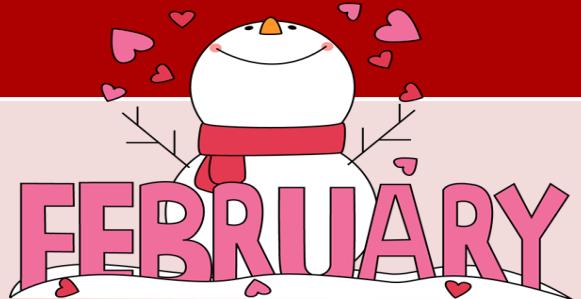
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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

You are very welcome to our February Newsletter. Families have done an amazing job supporting their children's education via remote teaching and learning. We are delighted to be welcoming children from junior infants - 2nd class back to school on Monday 1st March. According to the Dept. of Education, the target return date for children from 3rd -6th class is Monday 15th March. Children in the senior classes will continue with remote learning until then. We remind parents to err on the side of caution if your child isn't feeling well. If your child has any sniffle, temperature, cough, flu like symptoms etc., please keep them at home until a medical professional gives them the okay to return to school. We ask parents to ensure that your child has a coat in school each day. Children will spend as much time outside as possible and doors and windows of classrooms will be open for ventilation. 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. We ask parents of children returning to school on Monday to insure that they complete the Return to School Declaration Form sent via email in advance of Monday morning.

Thank you all for your support.

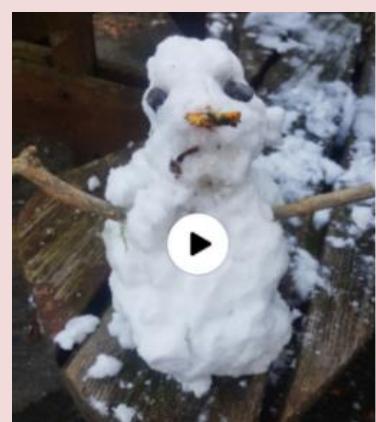
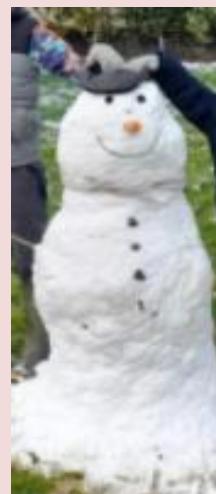
Enrolment 2021-2022:

The 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.



Junior and Senior Infant News

Junior and Senior Infants' news in pictures: Here is a sample of what we've been doing at home with our wonderful adults helping us...parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, brothers and sisters.



In junior and senior infants we got out and about and played in the snow in February. Have a look at some of our efforts!!

One of our snow angels!



Snow Castles



Some of us did some baking at home. We got to make pancakes on Pancake Tuesday



We produced some beautiful art work at home in February.

Thank you, Mrs Keogan.

First and Second Class News



Everyone in first and second class have been working really hard this month. We made St. Brigid's crosses for the first of February.



Then we had pancake Tuesday. Lots of people made me very hungry sending me the fabulous photos of their pancake spread.



We also did some projects on something that we liked. The children put in lots of hard work and beautiful colouring to make them all look brilliant. We also made a Chinese dragon to celebrate the Chinese New Year.



Over the month we've had lots of different weather...from snow to rain and sunshine. Lots of people built fantastic snowmen or just thoroughly enjoyed themselves sledding and playing in the snow. We are looking forward to getting back into the classroom now in March. It will be great to be back.



Thank you, Mrs Armstrong

Deep Clean in Crosskeys National School

The school has been deep cleaned over the past few weeks, the classrooms are spotless and ready for the return of our wonderful boys and girls. Jo, our secretary will resume her normal office hours of 10am-2pm each day from Monday 1st of March.



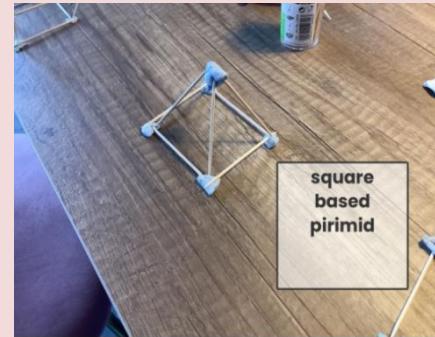
GAA: Children have been enjoying coaching videos from Cavan GAA coaches; they've really enjoyed getting some pointers from the Ulster Champions. We are looking forward to welcoming coach Dan Wharton back to school very soon.

3rd and 4th Class News

3rd and 4th class have been busy again this month working hard at home. Some people made crosses for St. Brigid's day and I think everyone tried their hand at pancakes. We even had some great pancake flipping videos sent in.

In English we have started novels. 3rd class are reading 'Mumbo and Jumbo's Big Break' by Don Conroy and 4th class are reading 'Cherokee' by Creina Mansfield. For one of our Zoom calls we played Bingo and that was a lot of fun, although we are now really looking forward to getting back to school and playing a proper game of Bingo.

In Maths we have been learning about 3D shapes and have been making models using matchsticks and blu tac. In Science we did some experimenting with floating and sinking and some people made a boat using recycled items. On Fridays we like to take it easy so teacher let us play board games one Friday with our family and that was lots of fun. We wish Junior infants, Senior infants, 1st and 2nd class all the best as they return to school and we will see them soon.



Thank you, Mrs O'Reilly

Board of Management: The BoM met on Tuesday 16th February via Zoom. A number of items were discussed such as future school development, the reopening of our school and a number of policies were ratified; the Acceptable Use Policy, Work Experience Policy, Protected Disclosures Policy and a number of different Covid-19 Policies. These can all be viewed on request by contacting the school via email. The next BoM meeting will take place in April.

Crosskeys N.S. on social media:

Crosskeys National School has recently started using 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. The accounts will share useful teaching ideas, resources, school updates and the children's work.



5th and 6th Class News

A lot of 5th and 6th class made a St. Brigid's Cross to celebrate "Lá Fhéile Bhríd." Pancake Tuesday was an occasion for making and eating lots of pancakes. Some of the 5th and 6th class pupils entered the Lidl Art Competition and hope to win!!! There were a lot of Kahoot Quizzes to take part in and pupils played "Would you rather?" on our zoom call. The meteorologists were telling us that we were going to have lots of snow but it never snowed. Then on the 13th of February we finally got snow! We built snowmen and had snowball fights all day and it was lots of fun. "Ireland Reads" on 25th February encouraged pupils to watch a recording of the author Nicola Pierce and read a book. All pupils enjoyed the Mid-Term Break.

By 5th & 6th class pupils

Thank you, Mrs McCabe



Parents Association

A message from the Parents' Association

The Parents' Association Committee met with Mr Gurhy and Mrs Armstrong via Zoom on Wednesday 24th. We would like to reiterate again what Mr. Gurhy and all the teachers have said that the children and their parents have put in a tremendous amount of work at home during this time of remote teaching and learning. It is very much welcomed that the junior classes are getting back to their classrooms on Monday morning with the senior classes following suit in a couple of weeks. I know they can't wait to see all their friends. We are glad to hear that 2nd class will be making their 1st Confession on the 16th of March, good luck to all involved. The school will update parents as soon as anything is decided about Confirmation.

Enjoy St. Patrick's Day & stay safe.

Kind Regards,

Alva - 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.

26th February 2021