



# Crosskeys National

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

You are very welcome to our May Newsletter. May has been an enjoyable and busy month in our school.

**Covid-19:** 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.

**The Anglo Celt Cup Visits Crosskeys N.S.:** We had a very special visit from the Anglo Celt Cup in Crosskeys N.S. this month. Cavan GAA Coach, Dan Wharton brought the trophy around each classroom and had a chat with the children about Cavan's Ulster Championship success. Each pod in the school had their photo taken with the trophy. There are too many photos to share here but we will try and share the album with parents in the coming weeks as it will be a nice memento to have.





**Healthy Eating:** Children generally have very healthy lunches in Crosskeys N.S. However, teachers have noticed more crisps, bars and other sweet treats in some lunch boxes lately. Please do your best to ensure your child has a healthy, nutritious lunch as per our Code of Behaviour.



**Absences:** Please continue to send information regarding absences to [notescrosskeysns@gmail.com](mailto:notescrosskeysns@gmail.com). The school is legally required to report school attendance to Tusla throughout the year. **Absences without a note are considered unexplained.**



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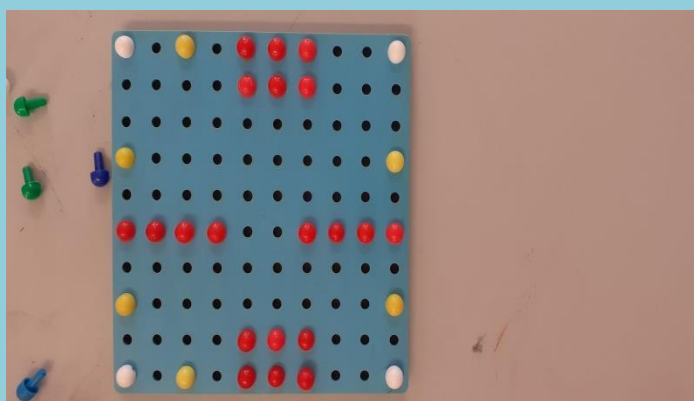


We talked about this month of May being the beginning of the season of summer. We did some mindfulness colouring of sunglasses, working very quietly without a sound as we listened to some relaxing mindfulness music. Watching the lunchtime matches in the Junior and Senior Basketball league inspired us to develop our dribbling and shooting skills.

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



Our class are getting lots of fresh air as we do our 'Mile in May' daily round the new pitch.



Here is a sample of how skilful we have become creating patterns on our peg boards.



Our summer painting. How creative we are!!



Things are looking good for the future of Cavan Ladies and men's football.

*Thank you, Mrs Keogan*



### First and Second Class News:

In first and second class we replanted our seedlings into bigger pots. Unfortunately, we're not sure that they will all survive the move but we're trying our best. We really enjoyed watching the basketball matches at lunch time. They are super to watch. We also started our Mile a Day in May. The children and teacher have really enjoyed it. Sometimes an old person (teacher) can even pass out the students although it's hard to do! We started to use Khan Academy and learning to type on the devices and we're really enjoying it. We also finished the Farm Safety with a super talk from Niall Conaty. We really enjoyed taking part in the project.



*Thank you, Mrs Armstrong*



### Crosskeys N.S. Parents' Association:

Please try to support the PA's fundraiser this weekend. On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> (10am-12pm) and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> (11am-1pm) May you can drop off any unwanted clean clothing at the GAA club rooms beside the school. More details are on the school's social media. Best of luck and well-done to those involved for their efforts!



### Farm Safe School

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



### CLÁR Scheme 2021:

Crosskeys National School's CLÁR application to improve the school playground was one of 10 shortlisted by Cavan Co. Council and submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development for further consideration. Hopefully we get some positive news about our application in the weeks ahead. Well-done to the PA and school staff who put a lot of work into this application.



**P.E. Uniform:** The material that our current P.E. uniform is made from has become very difficult to source. Our uniform supplier, '**Quick Pick Uniforms**' has advised the school and PA Committee that we will have to find an alternative. Children in the school who have already got the current P.E. uniform may wear it throughout the rest of their time in Crosskeys N.S. and should parents wish to pass on the current P.E. uniform from an older sibling to a younger sibling, this is fine. **The only children who will be expected to purchase the new P.E. uniform will be children enrolling in the school from September 2021.** Should any other parents wish to purchase the new uniform for P.E. days they may do so. The new uniform will be available in 'Quick Pick Uniforms' from mid-June.

### Basketball Leagues:

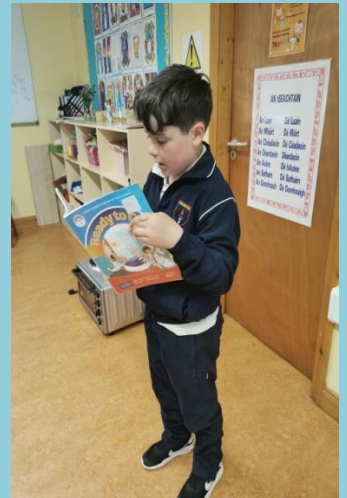
Junior and senior basketball leagues have been taking place in Crosskeys National School throughout the month of May. There has been great skill and team work on show. Semi-finals will take place this coming week in the school. Hopefully we get some nice weather for them!!! Thank you to teachers for taking time out of their lunch break to referee games.





### 3rd and 4th Class News:

Here in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class we have had another busy but enjoyable month. May is the month of Mary and we have enjoyed dressing our May altar and learning the Hail Mary in Irish. We love doing a 'Mile a day for May' with the rest of the school as it allows us to get some fresh air and to get our step count up for the day. We have come to the end of our Farm Safety projects and the school will submit our entry at the end of the month. We are looking forward to getting some feedback after all our hard work. We used the laptops in our groups to research a science experiment, which we then carried out in class and recorded our findings and conclusions. It was great fun, and we learned that it's very important to have the correct resources and be precise when measuring out the resources. We have started 'Fluency Friday' to help with our reading fluency. We practice some reading during the week and on Friday's teacher picks some children to read in front of the class and we get a little treat for our efforts. We are looking forward to our last month in school before our summer holidays begin.



*Thank you, Mrs O'Reilly*



### Mile a Day in May:

Well-done to all classes that took part in the Mile a Day in May Challenge. Over the course of May the children walked, jogged or ran 84 miles while at school. Thanks to class teachers for organising.



Board of Management: The next BoM meeting will be in June 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.



Instagram

### 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class News

May was a busy month for 5th and 6th class. We had Zoom calls with Niall from Ballyhaise Agricultural College and ARC where we learned about the fishing industry and salmon, mussel and oyster farms. The Senior and Junior Basketball Leagues have started. Club football is back. Our GAA Coach Dan brought the Anglo Celt Cup into school last Friday. Fifth and Sixth Class are finished their Stay Safe Programme. All classes are doing the Mile in May. We are growing vegetables from seeds and hopefully we will have some tasty salad ingredients for the summer months.



*Thank you, Mrs McCabe*



# Parents Association

## A message from the Parents' Association

Congratulations & well-done to all the children who have completed 'A mile every day for May'. Thank you to Denn GFC for the use of their grounds as we are very lucky it is just next door, and we can avail of it.

Thank you to Mr. Gurhy and all the staff for compiling the information for the ongoing monthly school newsletter. It is great we can hear & see what the children get up to in the month. It's hard to believe there is only one more newsletter to go till the Summer holidays. We are looking for new PA committee members for the next school term so please get in touch if interested. The continuation of the PA committee is vital in order to have a presence on school issues and help contribute to making school days in Crosskeys NS enjoyable. Just a little reminder that our used clothes collection fundraiser is on this weekend and your support would be greatly appreciated. Details are on our Facebook page.

Enjoy the bank holiday in June and keep safe.

Best wishes,

Alva - Chairperson Crosskeys N.S. Parents' Association

**Playschool Questionnaire:** Crosskeys National School was happy to distribute a questionnaire on behalf of the Denn Toddler Group-Playschool Committee during the month of May. The questionnaire examined the interest in before and after school childcare in the Resource Centre in Crosskeys. The feedback was very positive. Hopefully this is a service that can be provided for families in the community in the not too distant future.



## **Enrolment 2021-2022:**

Anyone wishing to enrol their child in Crosskeys National School for Junior Infants or any other classes for the 2021-

2022 school year **please contact the school office on [0494336704](tel:0494336704) between 10am and 2pm any day to arrange.** Please spread the word.

## **Enrolments Are Open**



We look forward to a fun and enjoyable June in Crosskeys National School, hopefully with lots of good weather along the way.

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

*From all the Staff in Crosskeys National School.*

*28<sup>th</sup> May 2021*