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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

You are very welcome to our October Newsletter. October has been a busy and enjoyable month in Crosskeys National School. The month finished up with a really spooky Fancy Dress on Friday 27<sup>th</sup>. Have a look at some of the pictures later in the Newsletter and on our Instagram!!

## Important Dates:

Parent/Teacher Meetings: will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Mandatory School Closure for the new Maths Curriculum: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Communion: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April @ 11am

Confirmation: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May @ 11am

Punctuality: Overall punctuality is excellent in Crosskeys N.S. Please ensure that your child is on time for school each morning. We know anyone can be late occasionally but regular late arrivals are disruptive for all concerned and learning time is lost.



We had a very busy month in the Junior and Senior Infant room. We started literacy stations with Mr. Gurhy, Patricia and Yvonne. We love working together. We got to use the devices at school. We made witches and pumpkins for Halloween. We learned all about autumn and made some autumn leaf sun catchers. Raquel came in to do some music and dance with us. We had lots of fun for Maths week. We worked a lot with Mrs O'Reilly's class and it was great fun. We went out and surveyed how many cars passed the football pitch and what colour they were. We did a number hunt and counted all the things on the walk up there. We played with the bluebots, did some online maths, a maths treasure trail and a scavenger hunt. It was all great fun and we learned lots. After a busy few weeks of settling back in to school we are happy to be having our Halloween party today and looking forward to the holidays. Happy Halloween!

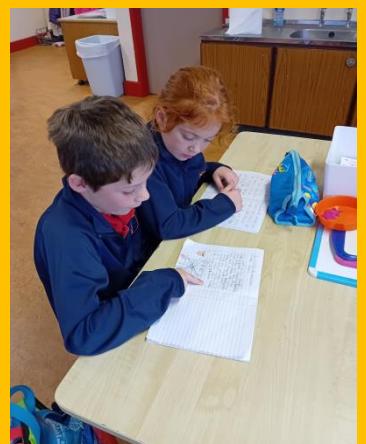




Thank you, Mrs Armstrong

### **First and Second Class News:**

We had a really busy but fun time during the month of October. We are all very excited for Halloween and we have learned a Halloween poem in Irish and English. We did some reading comprehension based on Halloween as well as Halloween themed art. A highlight for us was definitely Maths Week 2023. We did a lot of group work, both in our own class and with Junior and Senior infants. We completed a Maths trail, a scavenger hunt and had fun with the blue bots in the hall. We started some peer assessment this month where we read our partners work, say something positive about it, and also make a suggestion as to how they could make it better. In music we made our own compositions in pairs and learned 2 songs called 'Tick Tock' and 'Autumn Leaves'. We were very proud of the Denn team who reached the Intermediate Final against Ballyhaise and we enjoyed dressing up in our Denn colours to support the team. Our teacher was very bold wearing her Ballyhaise top to school!!!! We are looking forward to the break from school but we will be happy to return on 6th November.





*Thank you, Mrs O'Reilly*

**3rd and 4th Class News:**

3rd and 4th class painted lovely autumnal pictures. On Friday 13th October we dressed in our Denn gear. We made posters and flags for Denn playing in the County Intermediate Final. We learned why Daniel O' Connell is one of the symbols of the Denn GAA club. 3rd and 4th Class started French with Marie. Terry Leddy came to visit us and we sang the Salvation Song for him. For Maths week we completed a car survey. The girls from 4th class took part in the Cumann na mBunscol Camogie. We are starting to dance with Raquel. 3rd and 4th class entered an Art Competition for Science Week. We made a Halloween collage picture. On Friday we are dressing up for Halloween and we are getting our Halloween holidays.





Thank you, Mrs McCabe

**Board of Management Report:** The Board met on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October. The Board conducted an annual review of the Anti-Bullying Policy and its Implementation as well as reviewing the Child Safeguarding Statement. Both updated policies and the Annual Admissions Notice can be viewed at [www.crosskeysns.ie](http://www.crosskeysns.ie) Enrolments for the 2024-2025 school year will begin from January. Admission Application forms are on the school website or can be collected from the office. This was the final meeting of the current 2019-2023 Board of Management. The next Board's term will run from Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 to 2027. The next Board meeting will take place in December.

Thank you to the outgoing members of the Board:

Fr Donal Kilduff - Chairperson

Niall Gurhy - Secretary

Marian Keogan - formally the Teacher Nominee

Georgina Quigley - Parents' Nominee - Treasurer

Fergal McConnell - Parents' Nominee

Mary Smith - Patron Nominee

Evelynn Callaghan Patron Nominee

Conor Anderson - Community Nominee

#### Crosskeys N.S. on social media:

Crosskeys National School are on Twitter and Instagram. 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 on the social media accounts.

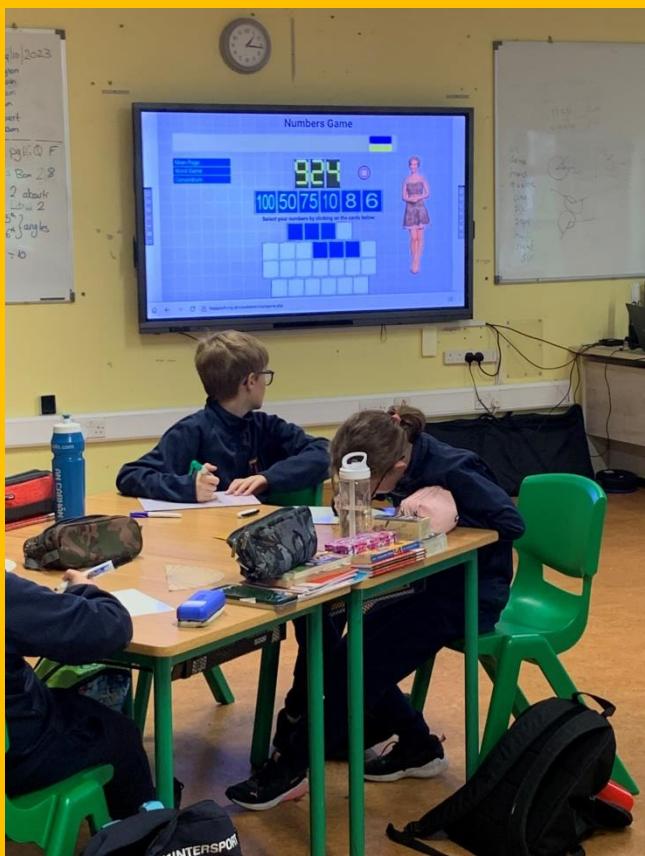


**School Lunches:** remember our Healthy Eating Policy!! Please note that **NUT BASED FOODS are NOT allowed** as there are children in the school who have allergies related to nuts.



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

Another busy month in the 5th and 6th Class!! Maths Week was a particular highlight where the children got to make their own protractors and put them to use. They also got to grips with the popular TV game show "Countdown" and put their operation skills to the test. The Student Council continued their hard work on behalf of the whole school body. We had more visitors this month with St Pats, Breifne College and St Clare's College all coming in to talk about prospective future opportunities. Our 6th Class boys even had the opportunity to go into St Pat's and test out the Sports facilities. We finished off the month by preparing for Halloween with our spooky homes, drawn using charcoal.



Thank you, Mr Donohoe

#### School choir:

The school choir continues to meet every Thursday in the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> classroom. Thanks to Mrs O'Reilly for organising.



# Parents Association

#### A message from the Parents' Association

The Parents' Association will hold their next meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November - more details to follow. Thank you to families for your kind donation to today's Parents' Association Fancy Dress Fundraiser. €411.20 was raised. Have a safe and enjoyable Halloween Break! Best wishes,  
Aisling Kiernan  
Chairperson - Crosskeys N.S. Parents' Association

## Fancy Dress in Crosskeys National School







**Credit Union Art Competition Winner in Senior Infants ☺**

A huge well-done from everyone in Mrs Armstrong's Room

We're so proud of you!



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

Happy Halloween!!

*From all the Staff in Crosskeys National School.*

27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

