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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

You are very welcome to our November Newsletter. November has been a busy and enjoyable month in Crosskeys National School. This month saw classes enjoy The Early Early Toy Show, Science week, focus on Anti-bullying during Anti-Bullying week and even elect a new Student Council!

Our new Parents' Association Committee met for the first time and we also welcomed the victorious Denn Football team into the school along with the Junior Championship trophy. The children all got to wear their Denn GAA gear that day! November has been an eventful month!!!

- Crosskeys National School will begin accepting enrolments for Junior Infants 2022/2023 and all other classes from January 6th. All welcome 😊



Junior and Senior Infant News:

We have been very busy this month. The more we work with our playdough and peg boards, the more creative we are becoming as you can see. Our theme this month was 'The restaurant'; lots of pizzas, buns and breads. They look nearly good enough to eat! It looks like Bart Simpson was in the restaurant.

As we played with our stick puppets we became chefs, customers and waiters.



We spoke in great detail about our toys during our Early, Early Toy Show using words like 'swirly detail' on dress design, 'hitches' on tractors, 'squishy horn' on unicorn, cars that 'glow in the dark', dolls with 'matching hair and clothes and a CLAAS van with parts for all CLAAS machinery in any difficulty anywhere. Late Late Toy Show, EAT YOUR HEART OUT!!!!





Thank you, Mrs Keegan

First and Second Class News:

In 1st and 2nd class we had a very busy month. We took part in Science week. We got to listen to some amazing talks...on the science of chocolate and superheroes. We also learned about the animals in the zoo and watched some exploding volcanoes.

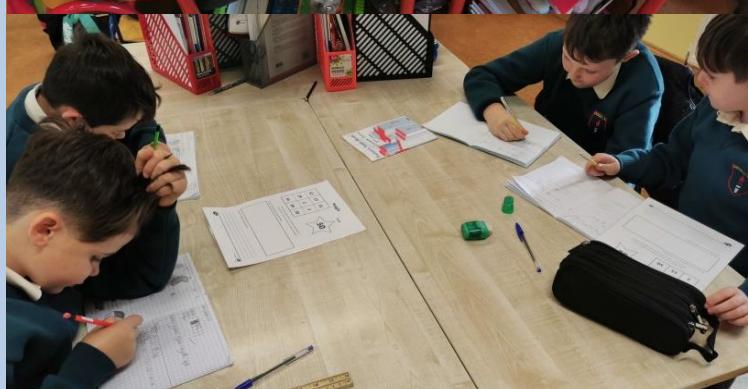


The month of November is when we remember people in our families who have died. Mrs Keogan did a great job organising this and we all remembered everyone together. The absolute highlight of the month though was the Early Early Toyshow. We all brought in our favourite toys. We stood in front of the whole class and talked about our toys. This was very hard, but we all did really brilliantly. We were very proud of ourselves being able to stand in front of everyone and talk. We also heard some amazing jokes! We also decorated our very own Christmas jumpers. We can't wait for December now!



Thank you, Mrs Armstrong

3rd and 4th Class News: This month we took part in a lot of fun, educational activities. One of the highlights for us was Science Week 2021. We all made our own lava lamps using water, oil, food colouring and glitter. We took part in a Zoom call with Emma Murphy from the National Museum of Ireland where we learned all about various animals including a lot of animals that are extinct. We started Maths stations on Wednesdays which is a lot of fun. Some of us work on problem solving while other groups do worksheets, Maths board games and Noggle boards. It's nice to get a break from the Maths books. Mr Gurhy and Múinteoir Marina help us out with this. We also started some extra reading groups which we enjoy. On November 26th we took part in the Early Early Toy Show which we all enjoyed, and then we stayed up late to watch the actual Late Late Toy Show. We are looking forward to a busy fun filled December here in Crosskeys N.S.





Thank you, Mrs O'Reilly



Science Week was celebrated over the week of November 7th throughout the school with many classes undertaking exciting Science based experiments and learning lots of science facts!

The Amber Flag: 5th and 6th class continue to work on the well-being programme, "A Lust for Life" as part of the Amber Flag initiative in Crosskeys N.S. Other classes have also been busy taking part in Anti-Bullying week, many children created Anti-Bullying posters!! Lessons from the Stay Safe programme which complements the Amber Flag continue.

Student Council:

Well-done to all members of the newly elected Student Council, pictured below. Throughout the month of November children in 3rd-6th class prepared speeches and spoke to their classmates as to why they should be elected to the Student Council. Well-done to all pupils who made the effort and put themselves forward. We talked about the importance of not giving up and having another go, even if you didn't get elected this time! The newly elected Student Council received their Council badges recently and will hopefully have their first meeting very shortly. Among their responsibilities will be sharing the student voice as the school takes part in the Creative Schools initiative and responsibility for our pursuit of the Amber Flag.



School Lunches: It's great to see healthy lunches each day in Crosskeys N.S.

Please continue to give your child a healthy lunch and a drink each day for break time and lunchtime. Please note that **NUT BASED FOODS** are **NOT allowed** as there are children in the school who have allergies related to nuts.



Student Teacher: Ms Campbell completed her teaching practice in 5th and 6th class in early November. We thank her for her efforts in the school and wish her the best in her teaching career.

Board of Management:

The Board's next meeting will take place on Thursday 9th December at 7pm.



Some Quick Reminders:

- We ask that parents/guardians please continue to send **absence notes** to: notescrosskeysns@gmail.com If possible, please try to notify the school on the first day of an absence.
- **School Uniforms:** A reminder that the full school uniform (including school jumper and tie) is required to be worn by all children. P.E. uniforms on Fridays.
- **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.**

Crosskeys N.S. on social media:

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username, '@Ckeysns.' On Instagram, search Crosskeys National School or by our username, crosskeysnat_school.



5th and 6th Class News

Fifth and Sixth Class remembered our loved ones who died by writing their names on leaves and candles and praying for them during the month of November. Éadaoin, Brandon, Dylan, Sarah and Cormac were elected to the Student Council. Kieron won 2nd place in the Cavan Credit Union Art Competition. Miss Campbell finished her Teaching Practice. During Art we made boats from recycled materials, Arcimboldo Fruit Portraits and Anti Bullying posters. We took part in events and did experiments for Science Week. The Denn football team brought in the cup they won. We started " A Lust For Life" Programme. Last Friday we had the Early Early Toy Show.





Parents Association

A message from the Parents' Association

The newly elected Parents' Association has settled in very well to the various roles and every one of us are enjoying being a part of the committee. The committee has been meeting via zoom and hope to hold a meeting in person in the school during the month of December and we would welcome parents' attendance at this meeting. We hope everyone who has been ill in recent weeks are making a full recovery and are settling back into school again. We are excited about our upcoming fundraiser of the School Christmas Mugs which are available to all the children at a cost of €10.00 each, the beautiful Christmas illustration on the mugs along with the school name is very eye catching and would be ideal for a Christmas hot chocolate ☺ All order forms are to be returned to school by this Friday 3rd December please. We believe Santa himself has heard about the very good behaviour of all the children in Crosskeys National School and he plans to make a visit to the school before the Christmas break which is very exciting. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Parents' Association in anyway and we look forward to continuing our work over the coming term.

Kind regards,

Sharon Ivers

Chairperson - Crosskeys National School Parents' Association

In November we Remember: Throughout November we remembered loved ones who are no longer with us. The children took part in a weekly prayer service outside. Thanks to Mrs Keogan for organising.



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

From all the Staff in Crosskeys National School - 30th November 2021