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Term 3 Newsletter



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

You are very welcome to our Term 3 Newsletter. It has been a busy but enjoyable third term in *Crosskeys National School*.

****Some Reminders****

- The school will close on **Friday 20th June @ 12pm** for the Summer Holidays
- The school will reopen for all pupils on **Tuesday 26th August**
- The 25-26 School Calendar is available on the school website



Junior & Senior Infant News:

Junior and Senior Infants have had another very busy term here in *Crosskeys National School*. Sometimes it is easier to tell a story with pictures so here is just a little snippet of some of the most interesting things that happened this term. We are looking forward to sports day of course too. Everyone is also eagerly awaiting the Junior and Senior basketball finals also. Then of course we all look forward to celebrating the 6th class at their graduation mass. It's hard to believe how fast 8 years has gone for them...it'll fly for us in this room too! We wish them all the very best for their transition into secondary school. And then, a few short days after we'll all graduate to senior infants and first class respectively. We hope you all have a fantastic summer and hopefully the sun will make a return for at least some of it!

Active Schools Assembly:





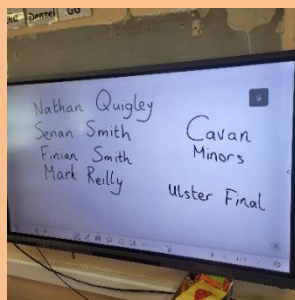
Science Experiments:



Junior & Senior Infant gymnastics:



Supporting the Cavan Minor Team & our past pupils:



Thank you, Mrs Armstrong

1st and 2nd Class News:

When we came back to school after our Easter Holidays, we were delighted with all the good weather we got. This meant we spent a lot of time outdoors learning and having fun. We had the final 2 weeks of our Skip Around Europe Challenge and we had our Active Week. We loved getting outside to use the Active Walkway. We enjoyed our Teddy Bear Picnic and lunch times on the field. Second Class celebrated their First Holy Communion and had a wonderful day. We have enjoyed gymnastics with Craig and GAA Coaching with Michael. We got to use the B-Bots when Rían was in our school and we used the laptops with the help of 5th and 6th class. We were delighted to learn that our school has earned the Active School Flag and we thank the Active Flag Committee for all their hard work. We enjoyed sports day and we are looking forward to our summer holidays.

Thank you, Mrs O'Reilly





Taking a break from the sun!

3rd and 4th Class News:

This has been a very busy term for 3rd and 4th class. We enjoyed a great tour to Causey Farm. It was a beautiful day and we got to see and do lots of exciting things including jumping into Girley Bog. The 4th class girls took part in the Cumann na mBunscol Football Blitz playing Arva and Gowna in Denn GAA grounds. 3rd and 4th class enjoyed the Active School walkway and skipping activities and the Mile-A-Day walks. The Junior Basketball League. We are looking forward to an exciting basketball final. We are taking part in Gymnastic's classes with Craig. We are doing alot of trampoline work which is great fun. 3rd and 4th class displayed their great Construction Art work to the other classes. We made lovely displays of GAA pitches, Eurovision stages, a beach, a farm , a forest , a chokey and a Doggy Day Care Centre. 3rd and 4th class enjoyed taking part in the races and obstacle course on Sports Day. We are looking forward to the summer holidays.

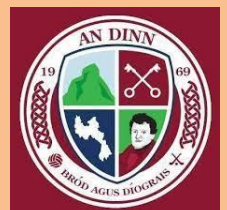
Thank you, Mrs McCabe





Mile-a-Day-in-May and June Jog:

We have continued our tradition of the 'Mile a Day in May' which turns into the 'June Jog!' Well-done to all classes that took part and really built up their fitness in May and June. Hopefully we will see some of them getting involved with Denn Running Club in the future. The whole school community is very thankful to Denn GFC to have the use of such a wonderful faacility on our doorstep.



5th and 6th Class News:

A very enjoyable final term in the 5th and 6th Classroom. We started off the term by attending a basketball tournament that was hosted by Virginia College. This was a new experience for many of our children and one which they truly enjoyed. Both the girls' and boys' teams gave a fantastic account of themselves and performed very well against some very experienced teams. Thank you to Mrs Armstrong for preparing the teams and to her for her involvement in our participation in the competition. A huge thanks also to the parents that provided lifts for the children on the day. The following week, the boys participated in the FAI School 5-a-side competition. They performed extremely well on the day and missed on a play-off spot in extra time. The boys represented the school very well and did us all proud. A big thank you to the parents who provided lifts on the day. We also had two Cumann na mBunscol days, with both the boys and girls playing in their respective competitions. As always, we were extremely lucky to have the support of Denn GFC in allowing us to use their facilities. A big highlight of the year was our 6th Class making their Confirmation. We were blessed with lovely weather on the day. All of the students looked extremely well and did themselves proud with their readings. Thank you to Fr Kilduff and Bishop Hayes for a lovely ceremony, to Mrs O'Reilly and Mrs Keogan for the music on the day and to the rest of the staff for their support in helping me to prepare the children for the day.

Our Active School Flag committee was very busy this term, organising a range of activities to keep our children as active as possible. One of the highlights in the 5th and 6th room was the Active Walkway, where we supported in the infant's engagement in the walkway, as well as getting to participate ourselves. A huge thank you to Mrs O'Reilly to all of her work and support with the Active Flag. We were also thrilled to have our gymnastics lessons with Craig Filmore. He has been a brilliant coach for us. We were also very lucky to have Garda Lorna McHugh come into our room and talk to the Class about some of the dangers that we need to be aware of as we progress to the next chapter in our lives, as well as telling us about the job of members of An Garda Síochana.

Another major highlight of the term was our School Tour to Causey Farm. We got to see plenty of the animals, as well as participating in lots of enjoyable activities. The bog hopping appeared to be a favourite among most!

On behalf of the whole school staff, I would like to congratulate all of the 6th Class students on completing their final term in primary school. They have been a pleasure to teach and to have as members of our school community. We wish them all well as they progress to their respective secondary schools.

Thank you, Mr Donohoe



6th Class Graduation

On Monday 16th June we celebrated our 6th class pupils at a beautiful service in St. Matthew's Church, Crosskeys. Huge thanks to Fr. Kilduff for the lovely prayer service, to Mr. Donohoe for preparing the children so well, and to the children themselves for carrying out their parts with such respect and reverence. Everyone in Crosskeys N.S. wishes these boys and girls the best of luck in secondary school.



Board of Management: The Board of Management met on Thursday 12th June at 7pm. At this meeting, the Board ratified the school's new Bí Cineálta Policy which comes into effect on Tuesday 26th August when the new school year begins. Our new Bí Cineálta Policy will replace our current Anti-Bullying Policy. All schools were required to replace their Anti-Bullying Policy with a new Bí Cineálta Policy. The Board of Management gave approval to proceed with an application for the 2026 Summer Works Scheme; the BOM hopes to secure funding to upgrade some windows and ventilation in classrooms. Updated whole School curriculum plans in history, science, geography and physical education were also approved by the BOM. The Board of Management will meet next in late September or October.

Parents Association

A message from the Parents' Association

The Parents' Association would like to thank all the parents for their kind donations and help throughout the year with our events. We hope everyone has a great summer holiday and we want to wish the boys & girls in 6th Class the best of luck as they move to new secondary schools.

The next committee meeting will be held in September when the new school year begins.

Kind regards

Aisling Kiernan

Parents' Association Chairperson

Acknowledgement from School Staff to our Parents' Association:

The staff of *Crosskeys National School* wishes to thank our Parents' Association Committee and the wider Parents' Association for their wonderful work and support this year. The strong links between the school and wider community are very important to us in *Crosskeys National School*. The Parents' Association made many wonderful things possible this year. Thank you all!

Raising our Active School Flag:

The highlight of the school year has been our involvement in the Active Schools initiative. A special word of thanks to Mrs O'Reilly for her time, effort and dedication in bringing this wonderful initiative to our school. Thanks also to Ms Vaughan and all other school staff for their efforts in making this a really enjoyable experience for the children of *Crosskeys National School*. On Monday of this week, the youngest and oldest child in our school had the honour of raising our Active Flag. Well-done to all!!!



A message from Denn Toddlers' Playgroup:

As we wrap up another wonderful year, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all the children attending both playschool and afterschool a happy and restful summer.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our outgoing committee members for their dedication and hard work over the past few years. We warmly welcome our new committee and wish them every success in their new roles as they support and guide our services into the future.

We're also delighted to announce the appointment of our new manager Julie, who will oversee both the playschool and afterschool services. Julie will be available via phone or email throughout the summer to assist with any queries or information you may need. Her contact details are as follows: 087-3344439 or managerdenntoddlers@gmail.com

Lastly we want to sincerely thank all the parents and Crosskeys National School for their continued support. We truly value your partnership and look forward to welcoming back our existing children and meeting the new faces joining us in playschool and afterschool in the coming term.



We wish our whole school community a fun and enjoyable summer,
hopefully with lots of good weather along the way.

We look forward to seeing all of our wonderful boys and girls on Tuesday 26th August, take care everyone!

From all the Staff in Crosskeys National School.

18th June 2025