

February 2024



Music:

Music lessons with James Anglim are ongoing with all the classes. Children are enjoying song singing and playing instruments with James and are constantly improving and developing their musical talents.

GAA:

GAA Hurling & Camogie Coaching has re-started for all children in the school for 6 weeks.

Swimming:

The children from 3rd to 6th travelled to the Woodlands Hotel for swimming lessons for 5 weeks. All children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and have become much more confident and competent in the water as a result.

FAI Soccer:

The senior room children will participate in an FAI schools soccer competition for both boys and girls on March 6th in Corbally. More details to follow.

Cycling:

Cycle Right Training is being provided for the children in the senior room for 4 weeks, beginning at the end of February. All equipment is provided for the children. This activity is subsidised by An Taisce and Limerick City & County Council.

School Tour:

The school tour is booked for Tuesday June 18th. The entire school will be travelling to Mary Immaculate College for a Fun Day Activity Camp where various activities and games will be available for the children. More details to follow in due course.

Confirmation:

Confirmation will take place on Thursday May 9th at 11am in Kilfinny Church.

Holy Communion:

Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 18th May at 11am in Croagh Church .

Solar Panels:

As discussed at the recent Parent Association meeting, the school is currently in the process of installing solar panels on the roof in the near future. A monitoring screen will also be installed so that children can monitor the energy usage within the school and use the information gathered for various activities and projects going forward.

Breakfast Club:

Scoil na nÓg are providing a Breakfast Club service for parents and children who wish to avail of the service. Please contact Claire Mullane for more details.

Morning Supervision:

Parents are reminded that children are not permitted inside the school gate before 8:50 am. Supervision of children will begin at 8:50am with lessons beginning at 9:00 am sharp.

Website:

School updates and activities are constantly being updated on the school website at www.croaghns.ie. Teachers are continuously showcasing the incredible work that is ongoing in the school. Please pass on the website details to all friends and family and showcase all the fantastic work that is ongoing in the school by teachers and children.

STEM Grant:

The school has secured a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) Grant from the Department of Education. This grant will be used to improve STEM equipment and resources available for children in the school. The school staff have been busy discussing various aspects and resources which will benefit all the children in the school. This will make a significant difference to each child's learning experiences and resources that they will access in their learning environment in Croagh NS.

PE Equipment:

We would like to thank Cois Sionna Desmond Credit Union for sponsoring PE equipment for our school. Photos are available on the school website.

EAL Hours:

The school has secured additional EAL Hours which Mrs. Maloney is facilitating during the weeks she is not teaching the middle room. This is another great addition to the school and we would like to thank Mrs. Maloney for the fantastic work she is doing in the school in this regard.

Open Night:

We have decided to hold an Open Night on <u>Thursday March 14th at 7pm</u>. We would like to invite all incoming and prospective parents to this event in the school. There will be various signage throughout the locality promoting the event but we would ask everyone to spread the word about this event on behalf of the school community.

Enrolment:

We would invite any parents who have not already returned an enrolment form to please return the form to the school via email or post as soon as possible and invite any parents, relatives or friends who would like to receive enrolment forms to reach out to the school via email or phone at croaghns23@gmail.com or 069-64750.

We would like to thank the entire school community for their continued support in helping this school be a place that everyone feels proud to be part of. As everyone has noted recently, children, teachers, parents and BOM members are very busy developing the school to meet

the needs and interests of all children and make each child feel safe, content and looking forward to what tomorrow brings in Croagh NS.

Kind Regards, Mr. O' Gorman