



S. N. Br. Mícheál Ó Cléirigh

Creevy N.S.



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Dates for the Diary

- May 20th - First Holy Communion, St. Patrick's Church, 11 am
- May 26th - North Leitrim South Donegal Football Final.
- May 31st Craft Ed Showcase
- June 5th - School closed, Public Hol.
- June 12-16th Active Schools Week
- June 14th - Sports Day with Sylvester Maguire
- June 15th - School League Final
- June 19th - Incoming Junior Infant Information Night 8pm
- June 30th - 12.00 School closes for summer holidays.

School Tours

- Junior Infant & Senior Infant - Tuesday June 27th Castle Adventure Farm.
- 1st Class - Friday June 23rd Florencecourt House.
- 2nd & 3rd Class - Friday June 23rd Lurgybrack farm
- 4th & 5th Class - Wednesday 21st June Aura Letterkenny
- 6th Class - Monday June 12th Bay-sports Athlone.



Road Safety Update - A.Kelly & Fr. O'Fearraí met with a Donegal Co. Co. representative in relation to road safety outside the school. He has promised that the flashing school warning lights will be replaced, and signage and road markings in the area will be improved. Additionally they are investigating the possibility of periodical speed limiting at school opening/closing times, to reduce the speed of passing cars at these times.

A Chairde,

The final term is well under way and it is business as usual in Creevy National School. While we are/were enjoying the beautiful sunshine of late and the children are particularly enjoying the outdoor learning opportunities and the extra space the grass area offers, it is important to remember that teaching and learning must go on and we are most certainly not in 'wind down' mode. Continued high attendance is expected and many important areas of the curriculum will be covered in the coming weeks. If a pupil must be absent for a particular reason we would ask parents to please send in a note to your child's class teacher.

Third and fourth class recently completed a very enjoyable five week CraftEd project in conjunction with the Craft Council of Ireland and Donegal Education Centre. As part of this interesting project they worked with artist Rebecca Marsden using felt, dye and weaving. We look forward to the unveiling of their work at the Showcase in the Regional Cultural Centre in Letterkenny at the end of the month. The Mícheál Ó Cléirigh Summer School participants got a sneak preview at the weekend by the work of Mícheál Ó Cléirigh and the local area.

Le gach dea-ghuí, A Kelly



All-Ireland Swimming Success



Many pupils in Creevy National School have really excelled in swimming events this year. All their practice in the pool and on the beach over the years has culminated in some very strong swimmers who have achieved much success locally, provincially, and nationally. At the end of February our Junior Boys' School Relay Team were crowned All-Ireland Schools Swimming Champions in the National Aquatic Centre. A super achievement for 4th class pupils Alan Vaughan, Caolan McCauley, James Monaghan and Darragh Summerville. The boys were delighted to be invited to lead the local St. Patrick's Day Parade, and just to ensure they didn't feel out of place, the rain poured and the boys felt they were in the pool again.

More recently some more girls and boys got a taste for national success at the All-Ireland Community

Games Swimming Finals. Two sixth class girls, Keela McGowan and Anna McCaffrey were members of the U13 Relay team that won Gold last week at the All-Ireland Finals. A fantastic success for these two unassuming ladies and their team mates, who also celebrated their confirmation at the last weekend. Not to be forgotten, the U13 Boys' Relay team also represented themselves extremely well, achieving silver medals in the All-Ireland Community Games finals. Congratulations to Áengus Flanagan, James Gallagher and Darragh Summerville and team mates on their success. The Second Class pupils who recently completed their first set of swimming lessons really have some great role models to look up to.

Well done also to all the draught players and the quiz team members who qualified for the All-Irelands.

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Tai Chi - Pupils from 3rd to 6th enjoyed some Tai Chi sessions with Róisín Cassidy from Chen Ireland before the Easter break. This form of exercise is said to be good for both body and mind. Many of the children enjoyed it immensely and look forward to the after school Tai Chi club which will start next Wed, May 17th for 6 weeks. The cost is €12 for the 6 sessions.

Rugby - Thank you to Ballyshannon Rugby Club for giving our fifth and sixth class pupils a few taster rugby sessions before the Easter break. We look forward to a rugby blitz in the coming weeks.

Cumann na mBunscol League - Best of luck to our Senior girls who play Dromore N.S. on Friday, May 19th @ 12.30 in Tir Chonaill Pk, Donegal Town.

North Leitrim/South Donegal Football League - Four school teams are involved in the NLSL league which includes teams from Kinlough, Bundoran and Manorhamilton. We have played all our league matches at this stage and look forward to the finals on May 26th which are being hosted by Bundoran this year.

GAA - Brian Roper and Stephen McGurn have commenced six weeks of Hurling training with classes from 2nd-6th.

CARA 5K - After weeks of preparation the children in 6th class and many other pupils around the school completed the Cara 5K, a great achievement for all involved. The progress over the weeks of training was tremendous. It will be a memory the children will take with them from Creevy and we hope that it will encourage them to continue to develop a healthy lifestyle into adulthood. Thank you to Mr. Boyle, the school staff and all the parents for their support on the night. Thank you also to our friends in Cara Pharmacy who organised such a great run with Tirchonail A.C. and to Ramona Nicholas for personally presenting medals to the school pupils.

Active Flag - Work towards an active flag is ongoing and we will hold an Active Schools Week June 12th- 16th. Children may wear PE gear each day that week and we have some nice events planned. The active schools committee are running a slogan competition over the coming weeks.

Skipping - On Wednesday May 17th each class will enjoy skipping with coach Mark McCabe. This is a superb aerobic activity and we hope the children pick up some movement and coordination skills on the day. A €2 contribution per family would be appreciated.

Parents' Association Bingo

Míle buíochas to the hardworking Parents' Association who organised our Big Bingo fundraiser before Easter. With the great support of the pupils, their families and the local community this event has grown from year to year and had to move to a bigger venue this year. Thank you to the whole school community for supporting this fundraising event. A special word of thanks to the local business community for their continued generosity that ensures this event can take place. There were lots and lots of prizes and many happy prizewinners on the day.

School year 2017/2018 - We will have eight class teachers next year and four support teachers. Three of the support teachers will be based in the school full time and one will be shared with another school for 10 hours per week. An information meeting for incoming Junior Infant parents will take place on Monday June 19th at 8pm.

Defibrillator - An Automatic External Defibrillator was purchased to have onsite at the school in the case of an emergency. The AED is in a code-locked cabinet at the front door of the school. A number of staff members have received CPR and defibrillator training. Thank you to Liam Thomas for providing this training. If you live in close proximity to the school and would like to know the code in case of an emergency, please contact A. Kelly.

School Grass Area - With the beautiful, dry weather in recent weeks the children have enjoyed the freedom of playing on the grass area for break times and PE, and boy do they enjoy it! The additional space this area offers is such a bonus and allows the children to run free, reducing the risks of bumps and scrapes. Ideally, it would be great if this grass area could be used all year round in all weather conditions. The Principal and the Board of Management are investigating this possibility, pricing different options e.g. all weather or astro type surface. If there are any parents who may have an interest or expertise in this area or are involved in a club that may wish to join with the school in seeking funding for such a development, we would be interested in coming together to plan the development of this area. This would be hugely beneficial for the school children. When we have the space it would be great to see it utilised to the maximum.

Celebration of the Sacraments - On Sunday May 7th, twenty pupils were confirmed in St. Patrick's Church on a beautiful sunny morning. The pupils were a credit to themselves and their families in their preparation for the day and on the Confirmation day itself. We hope each family enjoyed a wonderful celebration. Thank you to the many children from 3rd -6th class who came along to support these pupils and add to the occasion by singing in the choir and serving at the mass. We now look forward to the celebration of First Holy Communion on Saturday May 20th.

Junior Entrepreneur Programme - Well done to the 6th class pupils on completion of the JEP. They developed many skills through this process - IT, financial, budgeting, research, design, manufacturing etc. Some of their profits are going to charity and some towards their school tour.