



# S. N. Br. Mícheál Ó Cléirigh

## Creevy N.S.



# Eanáir 2018

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### *Blúiríní/Snippets*

#### • Dates for the Diary

Jan 28th: Credit Union Quiz, Inver, 3 pm.

Feb 1st: Parish Mass in St. Patrick's  
9.30am. All welcome.

Feb 2nd: Grandparents' Day 11.30am in  
School Hall

Feb 13th: Confirmation Commitment  
Ceremony

Feb 15 & 16th: School closed Midterm  
break

Feb 19th: First Confession

Mar 1st: Sportshall Athletics final in  
Letterkenny

Mar 9th: 6th class Cara 5K

Mar 19th: Public Holiday, school closed.

Easter Holidays: School closes Friday  
March 23rd at 3.10. Reopens Monday  
Apr 9th.

May 6th: Confirmation

May 7th –11th: School closed midterm  
break. Reopens Mon May 14th.

May 19th: First Holy Communion

*The full calendar is available on the  
school website.*

### *A Chairde,*

Happy New Year to all Creevy N.S. families and best wishes for health and happiness in 2018. As we approach the half way point in the school year we begin the process of mid-year reviews and setting learning targets for the second half of the year. In the senior classes the mid-year review involves each pupil reflecting on how they are getting on and completing a self assessment form. After this aspect of self reflection, each pupil will meet with Ms. Kelly and their teacher to discuss their work and set goals for the remainder of the school year. The children will bring home their review to discuss with parents.

Next week we celebrate Catholic schools' week. This year in conjunction with the World Meeting of Families in August, we reflect on the theme 'Family' and consider how we are supported by our home family, our school family and our parish/community family.

We also consider what we can do or how we can contribute to make family life the best that it can be. On Thursday Feb 1st, there will be a Parish Mass in St. Patrick's Church at 9.30am for all the local primary schools, celebrated by Bishop Alan McGuckian. A separate note will issue with arrangements for that day. On Friday Feb 2nd, we will conclude our week with a special celebration for grandparents, to acknowledge the important role that grandparents play in school and family life. On this day we will also remember the grandparents that cannot be present, those who may be sick, living away and those who have died. If children wish they may bring in a memory card/picture of their grandparents who have passed away and we will light a candle in their memory at the start of our celebration.

*Le gach dea-ghuí, A Kelly*

## Road Safety

Three representatives from our Green Schools Committee, Dara McGloin, Éadaoin Finnegan and Michael Clancy made a strong presentation to Donegal County Council Municipal Meeting highlighting our concerns in relation to road safety around the school. We thanked the Council for re-instating the flashing lights and sought further measures to reduce the speed of passing traffic at school times. The Area Roads Manager acknowledged our concerns and agreed to meet with the school to consider what further measures can be put in place to enhance pupil safety. Thank you to those parents who made representations to local TDs and Councillors to further highlight this concern. We ask parents and guardians to continue to exercise extreme caution when bringing their children to and from school. In particular please remember:

- No child should cross the road on their own, going to or from a parked car.
- We ask that younger children are accompanied to the gates of the school by an adult and children walk along the front wall.
- Please leave the yellow box at the front of the school free for accessibility purposes.

## CURSAÍ SPOIRT

**GAA** - All classes are enjoying football coaching with Brian Roper, Stephen Mc Gurrin and their class teacher on Tuesdays until Midterm break. These are non-competitive sessions where children get the opportunity to develop catching, throwing and movement skills. All classes should wear PE uniform on Tuesdays.

**Basketball** - Borje, the local basketball coach from Ballyshannon Basketball Club will recommence basketball coaching this Wednesday with Ms. Magee's, Ms. Conneely's and Ms. Breslin's classes. He will also start a lunchtime basketball league for 5th and 6th class pupils.

**Snámh** - Second and third class children begin swimming on Feb 1st/2nd for an eight week period. They will be accompanied each week by their class teachers and a rota of parent volunteers. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help with supervision and have provided their details for Garda Vetting.

**Creevy Swimmers** - The All Ireland Schools Swimming Finals will take place on February 11th in the National Aquatic Centre. The school will be represented by Alan Vaughan, Caolan McCauley, Dáire McDevitt, Darragh Summerville and James Monaghan. Best of luck to the boys who take part in individual races and/or relays. Thank you to the pupils, their parents and especially Kieran Summerville who have put a lot of work into preparing for the competition. Thank you also to Ms. Summerville for coordinating this event in school. Go n-éirí an bothar libh go léir.

**Tai Chi**—Róisín Cassidy recommences Tai Chi on Wednesday January 24th in the school hall from 3.15-4.15 for pupils from 3rd-6th. A charge of €12 applies for the 6 week block of lessons. New pupils welcome to attend.

**After School Music:** Niamh Currid has recommenced Music after school on Mondays, 2.10-2.50 for Junior Pupils and 3.10- 4.00 for all other pupils. New pupils are welcome to join.

**Ballyshannon and Killybegs Credit Union Quiz**—takes place on Sunday January 28th in Inver Community Centre. The school will be represented by Ché Barron, Éadaoin Finnegan, Samaire Fern, Daniel McGarrigle, Morgan McNamee, Catherine Browne, Darragh Summerville and Michael Clancy. Best of luck boys and girls. Thank you Ms. Magee, Ms. Woods and Mr. Boyle for coordinating this event in school.

**Christmas Fayre**—The children raised €350 selling their goods at the Fayre held in the Friary before Christmas. Thank you to all the families who supported it. Sale of the Christmas annuals and cards also raised €980 for school funds.

Thank you to E&J Oil for a charitable donation of €300 at Christmas time towards the purchase of equipment for Special Educational Needs in the school.

Any household that has PE tracksuit bottoms their children have outgrown might consider dropping them into the school as spares for children who get wet on yard.

## Fograí

**School opening times** - Just a gentle reminder, the school is open from 9.30am - 3.10pm (2.10 for infants) each day. Children should not arrive on the school premises before 9.20am. There is no supervision before 9.20am. On rainy days we open the school from 9.20am and the children wait outside their classrooms until school starts at 9.30am.

**Attendance** - If your child is absent from school for any reason, please remember to send a written note in your child's homework journal or folder. I would like to remind parents that consistent, regular attendance at school is important for the academic development of the child and also for social and emotional development. If a child reaches twenty days absence, (the equivalent of four weeks of school), I must refer the absence to the Educational Welfare Services of TUSLA, Child and Family agency.

**Enrolment for September 2018** - We are now taking enrolment for September 2018. If you have a child due to start school in September, please ensure you complete the registration form and return it to the school office with a birth/baptismal certificate before February 15th. You can download the registration form from the school website [www.creevyns.com](http://www.creevyns.com) or contact Mary in the office for a copy of the form.

**Open Day** - There is an open day for all prospective pupils and families on Thursday, February 8th from 2.30-3.30 and in the evening from 6-7 pm. All welcome.

**Internet Safety Parents' Evening** - The Board of Management has arranged an Internet Safety workshops for pupils from 2nd-6th, staff and parents on March 13th. The children's workshops will take place during the school day and the parent workshop will take place from 7-8pm on the evening of March 13th in Kilbarron Pastoral Centre. All parents are encouraged to attend.

**Social Personal and Health Education (SPHE)** - The Stay Safe programme is being taught in all classes over the next two months to Easter as part of the SPHE curriculum. This programme seeks to reduce children's vulnerability to abuse and bullying by teaching children skills and strategies for dealing with potentially unsafe situations. Your child may come home with a homework sheet in this area, which we encourage you to discuss with you child.

**Parent Association** : The next meeting will take place on Wed Jan 31st at 8pm in the School Library. The aim of a parent association is to offer a forum for school and parents to work in partnership to ensure the best possible education for the children. The next meeting will be a relaxed social gathering to give an opportunity for parents to get to know each other and A. Kelly will be on hand to answer any questions parents may have.

Congratulations to staff member Lisa Cahillane on the birth of her first child, baby Roisín in November. We extend our best wishes to Lisa, Brian and Roisín for a long happy and healthy family life together.