

Pobail Scoil Náisiúnta Nás na Ríogh
Bóthar an Chradógaigh,
Nás na Ríogh,
Co. Chill Dara.

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Newsletter

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School Calendar Term 3

- 07th April school closes @ 12:00 noon for Easter Holidays
- 24th April school reopens @ 09:15 am
- 01st May bank holiday
- 11th May staff meeting school closes @ 2:00 p.m.
- 5th June bank holiday
- 29th June school closed at 12:00 noon for

Summer Holiday's



Swimming €40 Per Child



Thank you to all who have paid their school Swimming Lessons Fee. There are still monies outstanding. This money must be paid as soon as possible as we have to pay K Leisure in April.

Message from the Principal

They say time flies when you are having fun and this year is no exception. The Spring Break is almost upon us and we have been extremely busy here at NCNS. Your children have written a school novel, being engineers, readers, book experts and tech wizards. They also participated in the Food Dudes initiative and developed healthy eating habits with the help of our Healthy Eating policy. We had a number of fundraising events with the support of our hardworking Parents Group and I would like to thank everyone who was involved through donations and volunteering. We are building up a nice selection of resources with the funds to benefit the teaching and learning in the classrooms for your child.

We are currently preparing for a Whole School Evaluation (WSE) by the Department of Education and Skills next month. This WSE will take place during the week of May 2nd. A WSE is a process of external evaluation of all the work in our school and is carried out by the Inspectorate. They will review all aspects of teaching and learning in every class, school management and the school community. Your child will have a voice in the process and a select number of classes will be chosen for parental questionnaires. If you receive a questionnaire, please ensure that you return it to the school for the inspectorate at your earliest convenience. More details about that later.

In the meantime, have a lovely, restful break everyone. Enjoy the fine weather and time with your child. Thank you again for your continued support. I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday morning at 9.15 am on 24th April.

Míle buíochas,

Mrs Caroline Colleran



Book Fair

Thank you to our wonderful Parent's Group who ran our annual book fair. The total amount spent on books was €3030.00 which the school will get a percentage of. Thank you everyone for your support.

Engineering Week

The children had great fun during Engineering Week, with classes participating in K'nex challenges and online seminars with engineers. The Infant classes were lucky enough to travel all the way up to Imaginosity in Dublin for an Engineering workshop.



Food Dudes

The children recently completed Phase 1 of the food dudes programme when they were given the opportunity to try lots of different types of fruit and vegetables. They are hard at work now on Phase 2 of the programme bringing in portions of healthy fruit and vegetables for their lunch. We would like to thank all parents for their continued support for this really worthwhile programme.

World Book Week & "We are Writers"

Congratulations to the all children for their enthusiastic participation in World Book Week. The school was filled with a host of vibrant characters for World Book Day and the Junior Classes had great fun in their pyjamas. Buddy reading between the Senior and Junior classes was also a great success. The children worked really hard on completing a piece of writing for the 'We are Writer's' book and the finished product is a true testament of their talent and dedication. This book has been published and delivered to the school yesterday and are currently being distributed.

For World Book Day Colm Ke Long Zeng 2nd class created the winning front cover image for the story he had written.



Seachtaine na Gaeilge

We had wonderful week celebrating Irish heritage, culture and language. We had great fun at the céilí and concert held on our Lá Glás. Many thanks to Muinteoir Hannah and Tara O'Keeffe for their wonderful performances.

Bhí seactain iontach againn, ag céilliúradh ar dteanga agus ar gcúltúr dúcháis. Baimeamar an sult as an céili agus ceolchoirm a bhí ar siúl ar an Lá Glás. Mile buíochas go Muinteoir Hannah agus Tara O'Keeffe.



Parents Group Corner

It has been a fantastic term for the school community. We have had a fantastic Musical Medley afternoon, our Book Fair and our Inaugural Table Quiz night. All of these events were embraced and supported by our school community. Their success in raising much needed funds for our school was entirely dependent on your generosity and support. To all those who gave their valuable time, particularly to the Book Fair, a very big Thank You. After Easter Break we will be running an Internet Safety Talk, provisional date April 27th, one not to be missed. Also, our Food drive will be getting underway. Supporting the wider community around us. Keep your ears out for updates!!

Late Arrivals & Absences

We are noticing an increasing trend of children arriving late to school. This has an impact on their attendance at school. We are obliged to officially record these late arrivals on a daily basis. Please note school provides morning supervision from 09:00 am – 09:15 am daily in the yard. School starts at 09:15 am and finishes for J1 / S1 at 2 pm and other classes at 3 pm sharp. Please ensure your children are on time going forward. If you child is out sick, you must notify the school by providing a note otherwise your child's absence will officially be recorded as an "unexplained absence", also under section 21(6) of the Education (Welfare) Act 2000 (as amended by the Child and Family Agency Act 2013) each recognised school in the State with students absent 20 days or more is obliged to submit an Attendance Report to the Child and Family Agency.

Have a fantastic break and enjoy the chocolate.... and hopefully a little sunshine too!!



Upcoming Events

- *Tech Week 24th – 27th April*
- *Irish Dancing Lessons start 25th April*
- *Internet Safety Talk by NPC 7-9 pm 27th April in School Hall*
- *Intercultural Week: 29th May – 2nd June*
- *Active Schools Week: 19th-23rd June*
- *Summer Holidays: 29th June*

School Tours

School tours are planned for June. More details about dates/costs will follow after Easter

House Keeping For Parents



- Ensure your child is in the appropriate school uniform every day.
- Ensure your child is at school on time every day.
- Reminder, there is no supervision before 9:00 am. Please do not drop your child before then.
- Some parents are entering the carpark at very high speed. Speed ramps have been installed so **SLOW DOWN**.
- Be mindful of children about, it's for everyone's health & safety

Gardening Club

We started a gardening club recently as an afterschool activity for 3rd class. They are learning about weeding, pruning, nature and all about plants. After Easter the children will have their own plots and plants to nurture.

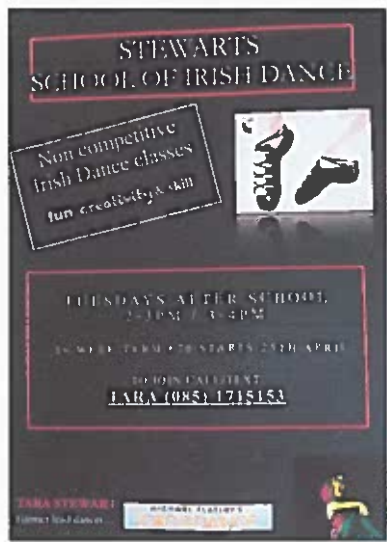
Wanted: as we have no budget for this club we are looking for donations of garden paint, tools and any items for "up cycling".

Thank you,

Brigid , Catherine, Susan & Darragh (Gardening Team)

Health & Safety

For your children's speed ramps have been placed at the entrance of the school. Please slow down and drive with care. School Management at Craddockstown Education Campus have decided to close the gates to the overflow car park during break times to ensure safety for our children. Please be mindful of this when entering the school premises.



New Board of Management

Finally after 7 years we are currently setting up our first Board of Management Committee. We will be seeking parent nominees from you, the parent body to be elected on to our new board. It is planned that this election will take place on 31st May 2017. A letter will be sent to you in the middle of May to explain the process. In the meantime, if you would like more information about this important progress to our school management please contact. Mrs Colleran

After School Clubs



- Basketball, Gaelic, Athletics and Coding have all finished for this year
- After Easter Gardening Club, Music Club and Irish Dancing will continue for May & June