



# Nun's Cross News

November 2022



In Nun's Cross we are constantly looking for ways in which we can improve the education we deliver to our students. Our focus for this current cycle of school self-evaluation will be on the area of spellings, particularly spellings in our written work. This has been highlighted by standardised spelling tests, teacher and parent observation of children's written work and a lack of desire to write (full sentences, paragraphs and stories) among the pupils. We will be monitoring our progress with spelling in particular, from this current year to 2026. This year our focus will be placed on the individualised spelling progress made through Spellings for Me (2nd - 6th class), phonological awareness in the junior classes, spelling stations in-class with the support of the Special Education Teacher and ensuring complementary phonics programmes being taught in each class. We will keep you all informed of our progress as the year unfolds.

## Halloween Disco

We were delighted to welcome back our Halloween disco this year. It is a firm favourite in our calendar of events in Nun's Cross and the support it received was phenomenal. The school was packed to the rafters and everyone enjoyed the evening. Congratulations to all our winners on the night – it was incredibly difficult to pick winners for best costume, best dancer and best spooktacular baking! There were some incredible pictures taken on the night which you can see on the blog! With thanks to all the support the night received, the school raised a whopping €2600 which the children in each class are using to fill their wish lists!



## Team Hope Shoebox Appeal

We were delighted with the response to the Team Hope Shoe Box appeal this year! Our shoe boxes are currently making their way to Lesotho. Thank you to all who donated so generously to this wonderful cause.



## Science Week

We celebrated science week this month and had a week filled with investigations, projects and interesting questions. Well done to all the children for their creative participation. Check out the school blog to see all of the action from the week!



## Church Notices

### Christmas Services

The Christmas services take place in Nun's Cross church as follows:

- Christmas Eve at 9pm;
- Christmas Day at 10am and 11.30am.



### Family Service

There will be a family service in Nun's Cross church on Sunday 18th December at 5pm. Please let Revd Ken Rue ([kenrue@gmail.com](mailto:kenrue@gmail.com)) know if your child would like to read a bible lesson or a prayer.



### Table Quiz



A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the table quiz in Chester Beatty's recently. Nun's Cross was represented by 12 quiz teams and the night was enjoyed by all. We will be presented with the proceeds of the quiz at the end of the quiz season in the spring.



### Book Fair



We hosted a very successful Scholastic Book Fair in the school recently and children had the opportunity to get their hands on some lovely new reading material! The school was able to raise €1622 from the fair, 60% of which we got back in new books for our class libraries.

## Dates For Your Diary

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – Trip to DCW show (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>)

Dec 16<sup>th</sup> – Carol service 6:30pm sharp

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> – Christmas puppet show in school (Juniors-2nd)

Dec 21<sup>st</sup> – Christmas Holidays – School closes 12:30

### Toy Show Treat Boxes

Many thanks to everyone who purchased a treat box. We sold all the boxes and raised €350. All funds raised will go towards Christmas gifts for the children. We hope everyone had lots of fun watching the Toy Show.

### School Calendar 2022

Our 2023 calendar is currently in production and we are really excited to see the final product. A huge thanks to Sharon Smith from Hippy and Bloom Photography who took all the fantastic photos. Many thanks also to our wonderful sponsors. We will be accepting orders in early December and we will be in touch soon.

### PTA News



### Christmas Cards

We were very impressed with the fantastic cards created by the children this year. Packs were sent home in school bags last week and a big thank you to everyone who purchased them. Thanks to your support we raised an incredible €1,050.

### Ella Enchanted and Puppet Show

We are so delighted to be able to fund the trip to see Ella Enchanted and the school puppet show. We hope all the children have a brilliant time.

### Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

We would like to invite you all to return to the school after the carol service on the 16<sup>th</sup> for some mulled wine and mince pies.