



Nun's Cross News

May 2023



I would like to say a massive congratulations to all members of our Active Committee who put in trojan work organising our Active Week this year – you all did a fantastic job! Congratulations also to all the children in the school who have all completed their standardised tests recently! For some, these can cause anxiety but please rest assured that they are just required to aid our planning for next year! All of the children have done very well and should be very proud!

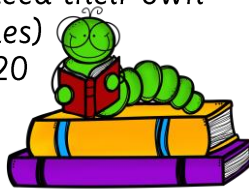
Book Scheme

For the coming school year, and following the guidelines from the Department, there will be no monetary charge to parents or need for parents to cover the cost of any books, workbooks, copies, folders, readers, homework journals, maths equipment, novels, dictionaries, atlases etc. for any of the children. The cost for all the above, along with various subscriptions to teaching and learning websites and programmes, will be covered under the book scheme grant provided by the department. A copy of our Book Scheme policy is available from the office.

As specified in the guidance from the Department and following a financial review, it is not possible for additional costs to be absorbed by the grant at this time. Therefore, the following items are **not included**:

- Stationery for 1st-6th (each child will need their own pencil case with general stationery supplies)
- arts and crafts supplies for the year - €20
- Annual photocopying fee - €10
- Music Generation fee - €20
- Pupil protector insurance - €8

An invoice for the above fees will be issued in September.

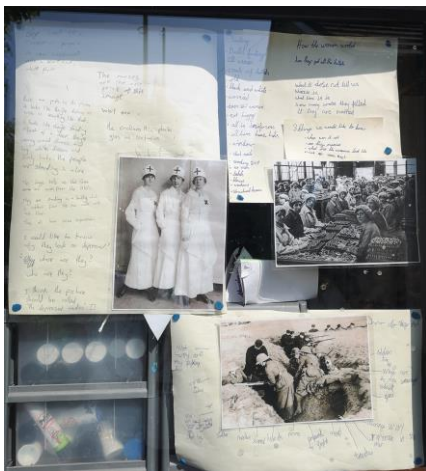


School Tours



We look forward to all the school tours over the next few weeks. If you have not paid for your child's tour, please do so as the cost of the tours are now overdue. The infant classes will be going to Kia Ora Mini Farm on June 8th. On the same day 1st and 2nd class will spend the day in Clara Lara Fun Park. 3rd and 4th class are going to The Stables on June 13th while 4th, 5th & 6th class are off to Emerald Park on June 15th.

World War 2



6th class have been learning about World War 2 recently. Recently they discussed the role of women during the war and how gender roles drastically changed due to the war draft.

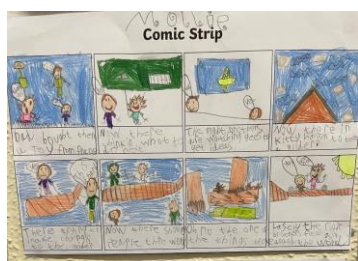


Emergency Services



Junior Infants had a recent trip to the Fire Station and Lifeboat Station as they have been learning about the emergency services. A great day was had by all!

The First Flight In 1st class



First Class have been learning all about the adventures and creations of the Wright Brothers;

Wilbur and Orville. They got to make comic strips of the first flight and make their own aeroplanes!

Italian Day in Senior Infants



Senior Infants have been learning about Italy over the last few weeks. They learned all about the food, landmarks, the weather, the culture, and even learnt some Italian words! They celebrated the end of their topic with an 'Italian Day' in school where they made pizzas and ate gelato. The children dressed in Italian colours and had their faces painted and a great day was enjoyed by all!

School Library



We would like to extend a huge thank you to the amazing team of library volunteers who run our library every week. The team work very hard ensuring the children have access to the best stock of books and we are very grateful for all their time. Please find a note from them below, and a picture of our school library barcodes on the next page.

Dear Parents, We sincerely hope your children have enjoyed visiting the school library this year. They've been very patient while we've gone through various iterations of how it should look and what should be in it! The library is open for RETURNS ONLY in June. Please be sure to send any outstanding library books to school with your child to be put in the library returns box in each classroom. Nun's Cross School library books have a bar code starting AL000000, usually inside the front cover of the book. We'd very much appreciate it if you could check your house for outstanding books. We're looking forward to opening again in September and showing the children all the new books that have just arrived!

Church Announcements

Friday June 23rd – 10am

6th class Graduation Service.

A special service where we will celebrate all that our 6th class students have achieved and wish them well on their move to secondary school. All are welcome to attend.



Nun's Cross Library Barcode



School Development

We are delighted to be able to share the news of our school extension. After months and months of hard work in the background and liaising with architects and the Department of Education, we have finally received the go-ahead on our plans to build our 8th classroom and a specialised class to cater for children with additional needs. The plans for the proposed build will be on display for the school community to view at our Family day. Please be aware that these plans may still change as we now need to seek planning permission from the local authorities.



In addition to this news, we are absolutely delighted to inform you that we have secured additional play space at the rear of the school. This space will more than replace the small amount of space being lost by our build and we are delighted for its addition to our school. This space has been very kindly gifted to the school by the landowner and we are extremely grateful for his generosity. While we have been very busy planning, sketching and drawing designs for this space, we are only at the start of a long process. We hope to start work on it over the summer but we will be calling for all the help we can get to transform it into an amazing space for all our children. We will be seeking out volunteers to help us in every way - from sharing ideas, fundraising, getting your hands dirty and everything in between! Some provisional plans for this space will also be on display during Family Fun Day and if you have any ideas or ways you might be able to contribute, please get in touch!

Dates For Your Diary

June 5th – Bank holiday – school closed

June 6th – School closed due to teacher training

June 7th – Creative Day – all children need a white t-shirt for tie dye

June 9th – Family Fun Day – 3pm-5pm. PTA fundraiser, all support welcome.

June 12th – New infant information meeting for parents at 7pm

June 14th – Sports Day

June 23rd – 6th Class Graduation and last day of school

June 28th – Last day – 12:30 Finish



PTA News

Family Fun Day

The PTA is hosting a Family Fun Day at Nun's Cross School on Friday, 9th June from 3-5p.m. and it promises to be a day full of enjoyment for the whole family. This day is a fundraising event to raise much-needed funds to cover the beginning of the work needed to make our playground extension usable for all the children from September. We hope that you can dig deep and help us to raise as much money as possible.

What can you expect ;

- Delicious burgers and sausages
- Refreshments
- Craft corner
- Cake and plant stalls
- Face painting
- Games area with lots of old-school fun
- Nail and (temporary) tattoo parlour
- Raffle with fantastic prizes
- Magic Show by Reuben the Entertainer
- Musical performances by the children
- And lots more.....

Tickets cost €6 per adult and €3 per child, children under 3 years are free. Tickets can be purchased via Aladdin. Each ticket will entitle you to a free burger or sausage (vegan option available), tea, coffee and refreshments and access to all of the free games, crafts and entertainment.

Plant Stall

We are looking for plants of all shapes and sizes for the plant stall at the Family Fun Day 🌻. We would be really grateful if anyone has any plants to donate. Collection boxes will be outside the school from Wednesday 31st May to Friday 2nd June. It would be really helpful if you could also label the plants where possible. Thank you in advance.

The Great Nun's Cross Junior Bake Off

We are very excited to announce that as part of this year's Family Fun Day we'll be having The Great Nun's Cross Junior Bake Off! We're inviting all the children of our school to take part with an amazing prize for the winning bake, kindly donated by Catherine Fulvio's Ballyknocken House Cookery School! Further details are included in the email sent to parents/guardians recently.

Cake Stall

We are also looking for grown-ups to donate their own baked goods (nut-free please) for our cake stall at the event. These can also be brought to school on the morning of Friday 9th June. Many thanks in advance for supporting our event.

If you would like to contact the PTA with any suggestions, ideas or queries, please email us at pta@nuncross.ie

