



# Nun's Cross News

November 2023



November is always a very busy and productive month in school. Between sports competitions, the Book Fair and Science Week, there isn't a moment to spare! This month we found out that we were successful in our appeal for additional Special Education Teaching hours due to our growing support needs as our school has continued to grow over the past number of years. We hope to fill this position very soon.



## 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 12.5 quiz teams and the night was enjoyed by all.



## Book Fair

We hosted a very successful Scholastic Book Fair in the school recently and the children had the opportunity to get their hands on some lovely new reading material! The school was able to raise €2208 from the fair, 60% of which we got back in new books for our class libraries.

## 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.



## Halloween Disco



We were delighted to welcome you all to 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. Thanks to all the support the night received, the school raised a whopping €3599 which has been added to the playground fund!

## 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.



## Achievements



We are very proud to announce that in recent weeks two members of our staff have celebrated significant academic achievements. Ms Ward has successfully

completed her PhD and has graduated from DCU with a Doctorate in Special Education. Mrs Gannon has completed her Masters studies and has graduated from Trinity with a Masters in Early Years Education. We have no doubt that this professional development will positively contribute to the education of all the children in Nun's Cross.

## Dates For Your Diary



Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – school closed for staff training

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> – Carol service  
6:30pm sharp

Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> – Christmas  
Holidays –  
School closes  
12:30



## Sporting Events

November has been a busy month with sports competitions for the children from 1st - 6th class. During the month the 1st & 2nd class boys and girls played a GAA participation tournament in Aughrim Community Hall. Our 3rd & 4th class boys and girls played in a tournament at Bray Emmetts GAA pitch. Our 5th & 6th class boys played a GAA tournament in Bray also. The children enjoyed these Cuman na mBunscoil tournaments, demonstrating great skill and teamwork. We look forward to the new year when the blitzes will turn competitive. In November, we also participated

in our final cross-country event in Avondale. The children from the running club took part in the trail run, where they all ran for 3 kilometres in Avondale. We were delighted to have some parents there along the trail cheering the school on. All of the children ran superbly in the cold but dry conditions, and they were rewarded with medals on their completion of the course. Running club will return once again in the spring.

## PTA News

### School Calendar 2024

Our 2024 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 are currently taking orders so don't miss out!

### Christmas Cards

We were very impressed with the fantastic cards created by the children this year. Packs will be sent home in school bags today and a big thank you to everyone who purchased them. Thanks to your support we raised €1125 which will go towards Christmas gifts for the children.

### Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

We would like to invite you all to return to the school after the carol service on the 15<sup>th</sup> for some mulled wine and mince pies.