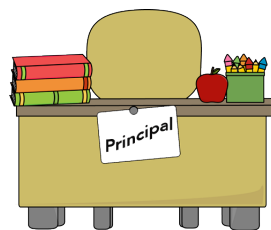


Nun's Cross News

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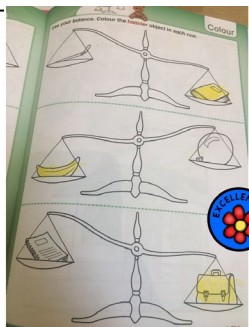


The children have had another busy month working from home, and a restful midterm too. We have enjoyed still being able to celebrate special events such as Valentines day and our remote day of action for our Green Schools Flag even though we are not in school. The teachers have had a chance to catch up with all the parents during our Parent Teacher Meetings and tell them about all the great work all the children are doing, and have continued to do while we are learning remotely. We are delighted to be beginning our phased return to school, starting with the junior school, this coming Monday. We would encourage you all to revisit our COVID-19 plan, our handy reference guide for returning safely and remind you all to fill out the Return To School Form to ensure we can reopen as safely as possible. As per government guidelines, the senior end will continue to work remotely for a further two weeks and we will be in touch in due course with details for their return to school.

We are aware that this is a very stressful time for many, especially parents, and we have included some well-being materials you might find helpful.

Kind regards

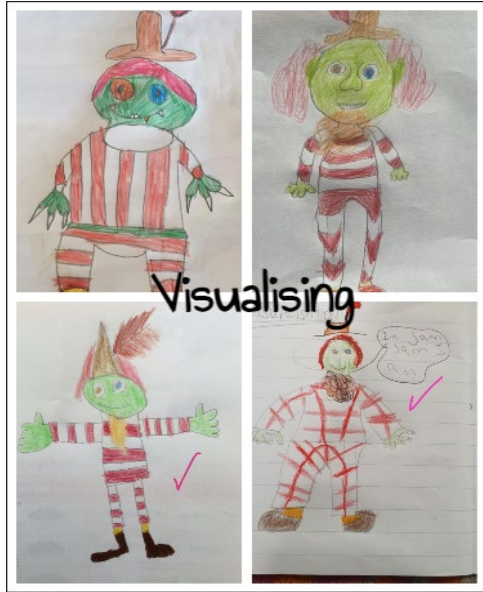
Ms Ward



The Junior Infants have continued their enormous efforts to keep up their learning at home. We have learned loads of new sounds, we can write words on our own and have even started reading real books. We made some beautiful Valentines Day inspired art and have had great fun this week learning about light and heavy in maths and even made some balancing scales!

Senior Infants

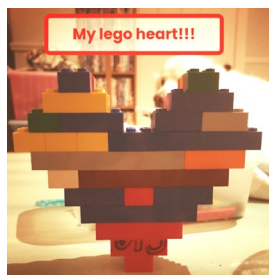
We have been doing Trojan work at home this month. They have wowed me each week with their enthusiasm, creativity and positive attitude towards learning. This month we made some adjective monsters, pancakes 'as ghaeilge' and played lots of counting tennis. Wimbledon could be calling some of our tennis stars soon!



1st
&
2nd
Class

We have been working on our visualising skills. We have read and listened to lots of descriptions and have had to draw the picture that we see in our mind. These pictures are of a character named Sam. All of our versions of Sam were different because our minds all work differently.

3rd Class



We have been busy learning multiplication and division, continuing to practice writing reports and further developing our Irish speaking, reading and writing skills. We made some lovely creations for Valentine's day and soon, we will be creating exciting projects all about Greece! We have been working hard on using cursive handwriting and we were excited to hear that the first pen licences will be awarded very soon! We are growing up so fast!

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4th Class have been exploring places closer to home this month and are getting very familiar with all their counties. They have also been observing local garden birds and now have got their spring spectacles on and are singing their signs of spring 'as Gaeilge'. Éin ag déanamh neadacha, uain ag léim, froganna ag snámh san loch and lots of bláthanna ag





Green code.

Global warming is here right now
We need to save our planet
People need to recycle and reuse
This is tragic!!!

We need to spread awareness
The animals in the forest are being harmed by our waste
We need to save our animals!!!

If we all do a little bit each
It will make a big change
Come on save our planet!
We all need to work together.



5th and 6th Class have been putting in great work over the last few weeks and enjoying themselves also. From poetry to creating tree houses to DIY Science projects, lots of fun was had. They also had a great time creating beautiful Valentines activities and baking tasty goods too!

Green School Committees Remote Day of Action

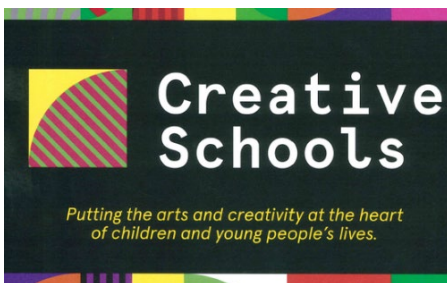
On 11 February, we held our first ever Remote Day Of Action organised by the Green-Schools Committee. Children from all classes throughout the school joined together (while staying apart) to take action against climate change and protecting our planet.



A huge thank you to Ms Byrne and the Green schools Committee for co-ordinating such a fantastic day for our school. If you would like to see more from our day you can check out the school blog on our website, www.nunscross.ie, or click here!

**Now Enrolling!**

Let your friends and family know that Nun's Cross are taking enrolments for the next academic year. Please download our Application Form by clicking [here](#) and return it to secretary@nunscross.ie



The aim of the Creative Schools programme is to enable the creative potential of every child and we will be working on this both this year and next. We are delighted to be working in partnership with Eamon Sweeney who is our creative associate. Many thanks to all who completed our survey recently. The committee are very excited to get started!



Back To School Plan: What Parents Need To Know

Our main aim is to prevent the risk of infection coming in to school and we can not do this without your help!

YOU SHOULD NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE A TEMPERATURE, A COUGH OF ANY KIND, LOSS OF SMELL/TASTE OR HAVE ANY KIND OF SHORTNESS OF BREATH.

If you are in any doubt whether you should send your child to school or not, please err on the side of caution.

Measures to keep your child safe:

- The school day will continue to start at 9:10 and finish at 1:50 (infants)/ 2:50 (1st-6th). Children can assemble in the mornings from 9:00-9:10.
- Children will independently enter and exit the school via a designated gate and must use this gate at all times.
- Throughout the school there will be hand sanitizers provided which children will be required to use and will be asked to regularly wash their hands while in school.
- Classes will be confined to mixing with only their own class group. This includes break time and no whole school activities such as assemblies will take place
- Within each class, the children will be grouped into pods which will be distanced from each other as much as classroom space allows. Children from 3rd-6th will be required to stay in their pods and keep socially distance from other pods.
- Children will be required to use their own resources where possible ie pencils, scissors etc and sharing of resources, particularly from 3rd-6th will not be allowed.
- Staff will maintain a regular cleaning routine of all resources and materials that will be used by different pods or classes. Where necessary items of school equipment will be isolated for 72 hours prior to being used by a different pod/class.
- No after school clubs will be facilitated this year
- The school will be cleaned by contract cleaners, following all government guidelines, advise and checklists, every day.
- If your child becomes ill in school with any of the symptoms of Covid-19, they will be immediately cared for in an isolation room where they will remain until they are collected. They must be collected as soon as possible. Please ensure that your contact details are up to date and provide an emergency contact also.

How can you help?

- Take your child's temperature before coming to school and ensure their hands are clean
- Do not enter the school grounds, unless prior permission to do so has been granted by the Principal
- Communicate with your child's teacher via email
- Make payments to school via the online payment system
- Do not allow your child to bring any personal items, which are not necessary for school, in to school ie toys, teddies etc
- Do not loiter around the school at drop off and collection time. It is strictly set down and go at all times.



Back To School Plan: What Children Need To Know

We cannot wait to see you back at school really soon. To keep us all safe, some things will be a little different when we get back to school



You must only come to school if you are feeling well. If you are not feeling well, you must stay at home



Because there are so many of us, we will need to use lots of different gates to come to school. Ask your parents what gate you are to use and remember to use this gate every time you come to and leave school

Your parents and minders are not allowed to come into school this year. They must stay in their car and you can wave when you go through the gate, where a teacher will be waiting to say good morning!



Washing your hands is so important! Please wash them before you eat, if you sneeze/cough and when you come in from the playground. There will also be hand sanitizer for you to use every time you come in to your classroom, this is just to help keep our hands extra clean!



To keep you safe, your class will be your bubble. You will sit with some of your friends and you will stick together to help keep everyone safe. You can still talk to everyone, but you may not be able to sit beside them. Each class bubble will stick together, even in the playground. Because class bubbles have to stick together we won't see each other for big gatherings like assembly and there will be no after school clubs for a little while! You will still do all the fun things with your teacher, and you can still see all your friends.



You won't be able to share with your friends this year so make sure you have all your own pencils etc

We know how much you love your toys, but we want to keep them safe, just as much as you. Please leave all your toys, teddies, trading cards etc at home and only bring things you need for school in your bag





Return to Educational Facility Parental Declaration Form

Child's Name:	Manager's Name:
Parents/Guardian's Name:	
Name of Setting:	
This form is to be used when children are returning to the setting after any absence.	
Declaration: I have no reason to believe that my child has infectious disease and I have followed all medical and public health guidance with respect to exclusion of my child from educational facilities.	
Signed _____	
Date: _____	