



Nun's Cross News

September 2023



A Note From The Principal

I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to school to all our children, parents and our extended school community. A special welcome to all of the new Junior Infants and new pupils throughout our school. As well as new children and families, we also have new staff

members who have joined us this year too. We are delighted to welcome Ms Doyle, Mrs McKenna and Liliana to our staff this year. We have returned to another great school year and myself and all the teachers are very excited about all the learning and growth that will take place this year. We are planning lots of exciting things for the year ahead and we look forward to sharing it with you all.

Ms Ward



Nun's Cross have welcomed 27 new Junior Infants to school this year and they have all settled in so well.

Every child is coming to school with a big smile on their face and enjoying lots of new things

Sports At Nun's Cross

We are delighted to have begun an 8 week term with Aidan from Leinster Rugby. Aidan will be coming in each week and working with all classes.

Darren from the GAA will also be joining us each week. He will work with 2 classes each term for the full year. We love having sports coaches in to teach the children a variety of fitness skills, giving them team building opportunities and teaching them the rules of the sports.



Annual AGM

Many thanks to those who attended our annual AGM recently. It was wonderful to see all the work that our incredible PTA undertook last year and how their efforts have positively impacted the whole school. Once again, a huge thank you to our outgoing PTA for all their work and we are looking forward to working with our brand new PTA in the coming year. As always, our PTA is made up of all the parents in the school so if you have any ideas, or would like to get involved please contact the PTA committee at pta@nuncross.ie

Harvest Festival



Our annual Harvest Festival will take place on Friday 6th October, at 10AM in Nun's Cross Church. The children are all busy preparing for this special celebration and we hope to see as many of you there as possible.

As part of the service, we will be doing a food drive collection and children are asked to bring a donation.

Junior end children (Junior infants -2nd) are asked to bring a fresh food donation eg fruits or vegetables, while the senior end (3rd -6th) are asked to donate non-perishable items such as cereals, tinned food and pasta.

6th class students will work to create hampers of the foods and these will be distributed to families in need in our local community with the help of the Wicklow Lions Club.

Board of Management Parent Representatives



We are currently in the process of forming a new Board of Management. The election of parent representatives (one male, one female) will take place in the school on 18th October at 7pm, with a secret ballot. Please signal your interest in becoming a parent rep on the Board by emailing Sandra before October 13th. We hope to see as many parents there as possible to vote your representatives for the coming Board.



Attendance

We would like to thank all parents for their efforts and cooperation in improving our attendance this year. We have seen 2.5% increase in our attendance as well as improvements in punctuality. Remember, every day counts!



If your child is absent you **must** provide an explanation, via email to Sandra (school secretary), stating the dates and reason for the absence, upon returning to school.

Sandra's email is secretary@nuncross.ie

Please remember to contact your child's teacher directly if you have a concern about your child. All teachers' email addresses are as follows:

- Mrs Gannon, Deputy Principal and Junior Infants – mrsgannon@nuncross.ie
- Mrs Nolan, Senior Infants – mrsnolan@nuncross.ie
- Ms Doyle, 1st class – msdoyle@nuncross.ie
- Ms Bennett, 2nd class – msbennett@nuncross.ie
- Ms Turner, 3rd – msturner@nuncross.ie
- Ms McKenna, 4th / 5th class Class – msmckenna@nuncross.ie
- Ms Wolohan, – 5th & 6th class – mswolohan@nuncross.ie
- Mrs Smith, SET – mssherwoodsmith@nuncross.ie
- Ms Pearse, SET – mspearse@nuncross.ie

Should you have a query or concern regarding your child, **please contact your child's teacher** as soon as possible.





Rowing Across the Atlantic

Lily and Freddy's dad and uncle are set to row across 3,000 miles across Atlantic Ocean in a few weeks time! They will be undertaking the gruelling 3,000-mile journey rowing for 2 hours, sleeping for 2 hours, 24 hours a day for 40 days. This extreme challenge is being done in honour of their baby brother who tragically died of cot death and they hope to raise €100,000 for two

Irish charities, Make a Wish and FireLight. The brothers, Andrew and Eamon, will be kicking off the journey as part of an annual race called World's Toughest Row - Atlantic on December 13 from the Canary Islands in Spain.

Depending on the size of the team and other variables including the weather conditions, boats will take anywhere from 30 to 50 days to reach their goal, Antigua, a 10-mile wide island in the Bahamas.

The whole of Nun's Cross will be rooting for the lads every row of the way and we hope that our school community can support them by clicking the donate button to contribute to their fundraiser. You can also follow their incredible journey on Instagram – just click the follow button!



Nun's Cross National School

SCHOOL DROP-OFF

Rules of Early Drop-Off

- Children are only permitted on the basketball court between 8:45am and 9:00am. Please don't queue outside the classrooms until the bell rings.
- No parents are permitted to enter the school grounds unless a meeting has been arranged with a teacher. This is to ensure the traffic doesn't back up outside the school.
- If you wish to speak with a teacher - please arrange this with the school secretary after 9am, or after school finishes.
- The school gate is to remain closed until 8:45am - there will be no supervision before then. Only teachers and the children on the bus are permitted entry before then.

For your information please contact us:
secretary@nuncross.ie

8:45am - 9:00am

PTA

The PTA are delighted to announce two spooktacular events this October.

Halloween Costume Sale



Date: Monday, 19th October Time: 1.50pm - 3.30pm

Location: In school We would be very grateful if parents/guardians could donate any unwanted or pre-loved costumes to include in the sale. There will be a costume collection box at the school's main gate from Monday 9th to Friday 13th October.

Halloween Disco

Date: Friday 27th October Time: 7-9pm Location: In school Save the date for the frightfully fun Halloween School Disco! Join us for an evening filled with music, dancing, and fab-boo-lous fun. If you would like to contact the PTA with any suggestions, ideas or queries, please email us at pta@nuncross.ie