



Nun's Cross News

June 2021



From the Principal



Dear parents, We have reached the end of another great year in Nun's Cross. It has been a year with many twists and turns but we have learned lots and had lots of fun along the way.

While many things have been different this year, we have managed to still have a productive and fun filled year. We have had our sports day, school trips, sports coaches, school discos, Easter egg hunts and no lunch box day to name but a few of our fun days.

We have welcomed new children into our school and we have said good-bye to our 6th class – a class who have had a very different end to their primary school education than previous years. We are sad to see them go but proud of the young adults they are turning into and we wish them all the best in their move to secondary school. I would also like to extend my best wishes to any student who is leaving our school this year and wish you all the best in your new schools.

I would like to extend my thank you to our wonderful PTA for all their work this year. They have been so creative with fundraising ideas and special events for the children in order to work around the restrictions in place. We are very grateful to them for their continued efforts.

To all the staff of Nun's Cross, who have worked tirelessly this year to deliver the best education possible, I thank them. We are very lucky to have such dedicated teachers who are so special to us.

And to all our wonderful parents. From returning to school in the middle of a global pandemic, switching our lives to virtual versions of everything we know and adapting to new routines and habits, we have all had a year like no other. I would like to extend my sincere thank you to each of you for all your efforts this year to make the school year the success it was. With thanks to your continued efforts, the efforts of the children and the staff we have worked through the year safely.

I hope that you all have a very restful summer. Enjoy the sunshine, stay safe and I look forward to welcoming you all back for another great year on August 26th.

Best wishes

Lisa Ward



We are delighted to announce that we have, once again, been awarded the Discover Primary Science and Maths award. This is awarded for recognition of outstanding effort in the teaching of these subjects. We got great feedback from the panel who highlighted that we should apply for the higher Badge of Excellence Award next year!

No Lunch box day!

Menu

Fruit Kebabs = 50c

Rolls with selection of fillings = €2

Pasta with tomato sauce = €2

Hot dogs = €1.50

Veggie dogs = €1.50

Home baking = €1

Drinks = 50c



No Lunch Box Day
6th class organised a fantastic No Lunch Box Day this year and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all the kids in the school. This very exciting day raised a huge €785, which was used for a special day out to Splash Valley for 6th class. Thank you to everyone for supporting the day



Splash Valley

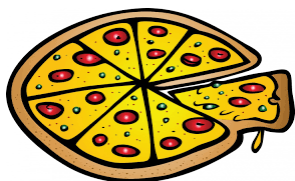
Every year, 6th class have a unique and special school trip, which they choose, as a celebration of finishing primary school. This year our students trip of choice was to the Hidden Valley and splash Valley park in Rathdrum. This trip was possible with thanks to No Lunch Box Day and the help of the parents with transporting the children to the event. They had a fantastic day out and we hope the happy memories will stay with them for a long time.



Graduation Celebrations

It has been a busy time for 6th class as their celebrations spilled over into a huge class water fight and pizza party! A

huge thank you to John Smyth for all his help in organising this, and he may have got a bit wet in the process!



Graduation Ceremony

The end of the year has come for our 6th class students. Their graduation ceremony took place in Nun's Cross church last week and was attended by parents of the children. Many thanks to Mrs Smith for all her help with the music and to John Smyth for all his help with streaming the service via Zoom for family and friends who were unable to attend. We would like to wish all of our student the best of luck with their move to secondary school.

School Tours

School tours have looked a little different this year due to the current restrictions. We are unable to use public transport and so we had limited options for days out, however that didn't stop us! From Teddy Bears picnics to treasure hunts around the village we have tried our best to give the children the best day out possible! They have had chips and ice cream lunches, played games in the park and had lots of fun!

A huge thank you to all the parents who have helped in a variety of classes, your help is very much appreciated!





Sports Day



We were delighted to be able to hold our annual sports day this year, even if it did have to be slightly different than normal. The children took part in a variety of races and activities and had great fun in the sun. We had traditional races such as egg and spoon and three legged races and we also mixed it up with some fun activities and games such as a water dash, crab soccer and caterpillar races!

The children were treated to hot dogs and an ice cream from an ice-cream van and we would like to say a huge thanks to our wonderful PTA for organising and providing this lovely treat. Big thanks also to Ashford GAA for very kindly allowing us to use their grounds for the day.



Creative Day



A very exciting day took place recently in our school where all books were put away and all classrooms emptied as all children got outside to get creative. We rotated around a variety of different art areas including creating tiles with clay to make a school mosaic, tie dying t-shirts, creating drawing, making dream catchers, painting a mural on a wall in our school and building a willow house in the garden.

One of the most exciting parts of the day is that many of the projects will be long lived projects to be enjoyed in our school for years to come! A huge thank you to all the artists for their help, in particular Judy Cobbe, who put in hours of work to help the children create the fantastic wall mural.

Church Notices

Services take place at 11am each Sunday in Nun's Cross Church and online on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. Details will be on the Parish website (www.nunscrosschurch.ie) and on the Parish Facebook page (www.facebook.com/KilliskeyParish).

COVID Restrictions permitting, it is hoped to re-start the Family Service at 5pm once a month, commencing in September.

Dates For Your Diary

June 24th – Last day – 12:30 Finish
August 26th – School returns



Remember!

Please note that we would be grateful if all book rental, and any other outstanding moneys, could be paid by June 24th

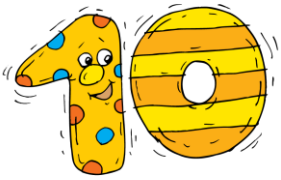
PTA News



The PTA are delighted to announce that the Race To The Top fundraiser, was incredibly successful and raised a huge €2382. This money will be used to improve our outdoor area for all children to enjoy. Many thanks to all the families who took part, to everyone who donated and for all the pictures you shared. Congratulations to all of our winners and we hope you enjoy your prizes. A big thanks to all the local businesses and families who donated or sponsored prizes, without you our fundraiser wouldn't have been as successful and we really appreciate your support. If there is anyone who has any interest in joining our PTA, please contact pta@nunscross.ie



As we reach the end of another year in Nun's Cross, we have spent some time reflecting over the last academic year and sharing our memories with our friends. There have been so many highlights, it has been difficult to make a list, but here are the children's top 10 memories from this year!



Taking part in sports with the help of sports coaches

From GAA, to rugby and basketball, we have been delighted to have the opportunity to work with some great coaches this year. The children have got to develop their skills in rugby with thanks to Aidan, in GAA thanks to Kevin and also had a basketball session with Kevin Healy. Many thanks to all of the coaches!



Easter Egg Hunt

This event was only possible with huge thanks to our PTA for sponsoring all of the treats for the children. Great fun was had racing around the school gardens, looking for clues and in search of all the treats! The Easter bunny left lots for us to find!



Spending time with my friends

A heart warming entry to have made the list – the highlight for lots of our children was simply spending time with their friends. Making new friends was also highlighted by many and we are proud of all of the children for always being good friends to each other.



Well-Being Week

Well-being week is a special week where the Amber committee works hard to promote the well being of all in our school. This year saw lots of events from self defence classes, dancing, mindful breathing and playground discos taking place.



Dress Up Day

This memory hasn't gone away for lots of children, even if it was all the way back in term 1! A day to use your imagination and dress up as a different character! From Harry Potter to cats, wizards to dragons and all sorts in between, it was lots of fun!



No Lunch Box Day

A favourite every year! A day where 6th class do all the work and parents can have a day off making lunches! We enjoyed a lunch of rolls, pasta, hot dogs and treats in the sunshine - all in support of our wonderful 6th class students!



Sports Day

Sports day was a fun filled day of activities in the Ashford GAA grounds! With water dashes and tug of war, everyone had great fun and certainly slept well afterwards! Many thanks, once again, to our PTA for providing treats of hot dogs, ice-creams and slush puppies.



Halloween Disco

One of the biggest highlights on the Nun's Cross calendar every year is the Halloween Disco. While it had to run very differently this year, we are delighted to see that the children still enjoyed it as it made the top 3 events of the year! A big thank you to our PTA for all they did for this event and to DJ Dave for working around the restrictions to still manage to provide music and disco lights for all the classes!



Creative Day

A special day that we were delighted to have the opportunity to run this year. Our children are all so creative and giving them the opportunity to explore their creative side was wonderful, and we can see now that they valued it just as much as we hoped!



Active Week

Our number one, as voted for by our children, is Active Week, and it comes as no surprise! Our active committee worked their socks off this year to create the most jam packed and fun filled active week ever! From races to colour dashes, our first Nun's Cross grand national and a football blitz, to name but a few activities, it was a truly fantastic week! We are already looking forward to next year!