



# Nun's Cross News

September 2020



## 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. We have returned to another great school year and myself and all the teachers are very excited for all the learning and growth that will

take place this year. Due to the pandemic, there are many different challenges to face this year and I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the children and families for your full cooperation with the measures we have in place to keep us all safe.

I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy year!

Ms Ward



Nun's Cross have welcomed 25 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



The school is quickly getting filled with beautiful colourful art! 1st and 2nd have been learning about the different elements of art. They focussed on their use of colour and texture when creating their flower paintings.

We are delighted to have Aidan from the IRFU and Kevin from the GAA who will be coming in each week to do rugby and GAA with all classes. They will be working with all the children to teach them a variety of fitness skills, giving them team building opportunities and teaching them the rules of the sports.



4th class are working on the fundamental movement 'The sprint run' - it's not all about sprinting but rather improving our technique in order to develop this skill and become proficient runners. We filmed ourselves running in slow motion and were really surprised at what we saw!! We need lots of practice to work on the 6 components of this skill so we will be trying to fit in our run everyday. Please remember to wear your runners!!



## Green Schools

The green schools committee is up and running and excited for another proactive year in doing our bit for the environment. This year we have elected three new enthusiastic members from 3rd class to the committee. A very warm, and green welcome to Charlotte S, Benas and Clara. An amazing 17 applications were put forward for the committee and its very clear that 3rd class is filled with children who are enthusiastic about keeping our planet green.

## Well-Being Committee



Nun's Cross were delighted to be awarded their first Amber Flag during the summer and we are expecting our flag to be delivered any time soon. This flag was awarded in recognition of our efforts to improve and prioritise well-being in our school last year, and of course, our efforts will be even stronger this year! We will look forward to updating you on our efforts over the coming year.

## Active Flag Committee

This year is a big year for the Active Flag team and it is time to renew our Active Flag status. We received our first Active Flag award in May of 2018 and have continued to work hard to keep our school as active as possible since. The committee are excited to get brain storming again and to come up with new and exciting ways to keep Nun's Cross Active



## Student Council

Now that the children have settled back in to school, our student council will resume their activities in October. The student council is a very important body of pupils within our school whose responsibility it is to represent the voices of all the children in the school. We are sure they will continue the great work carried out by last years council.



## Dates For Your Diary

1<sup>st</sup> Oct – PTA AGM via zoom  
12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Oct – Maths week  
26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Oct – Midterm break

For updates on individual classes, and the latest activities in school, don't forget to regularly check our blog on [www.nunscross.ie/news](http://www.nunscross.ie/news) and keep up to date with the PTA on the closed Nun's Cross Facebook page

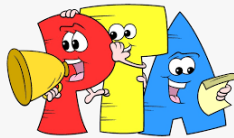


## PTA News

- The PTA are currently recruiting new members and are looking for volunteers from all classes throughout the school.

If you have any exciting ideas for the school and would like to get involved please get in touch at [pta@nunscross.ie](mailto:pta@nunscross.ie)

- Things may be a little different this year but that isn't stopping us coming up with lots of exciting fundraising events! We are hoping to hold a competition within the school for Halloween and if any parents would like to donate prizes towards this we would be very grateful
- Our AGM, which will be virtual this year, will take place next Thursday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. We hope that lots of you can join us for an update on the activities and events from last year.



Nun's Cross are delighted to announce that we have been accepted into the Creative Schools programme for this year. This is a programme that supports schools in realising their creative potential. We are looking forward to the opportunities this will open for our school!



**Don't Forget!** 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@nunscross.ie](mailto:secretary@nunscross.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:

- Ms Heaphy, Deputy Principal and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> class – [Msheaphy@nunscross.ie](mailto:Msheaphy@nunscross.ie)
- Mrs Gannon, Assistant Principal and Junior Infants – [mrsGannon@nunscross.ie](mailto:mrsGannon@nunscross.ie)
- Ms Byrne, 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Class – [Msbyrne@nunscross.ie](mailto:Msbyrne@nunscross.ie)
- Ms Turner, 3<sup>rd</sup> class – [msturner@nunscross.ie](mailto:msturner@nunscross.ie)
- Ms Bennet, Senior Infants – [msbennett@nunscross.ie](mailto:msbennett@nunscross.ie)
- Mrs Smith, 4<sup>th</sup> Class – [Mssherwoodsmith@nunscross.ie](mailto:Mssherwoodsmith@nunscross.ie)
- Ms Pearse, SET – [Mspearse@nunscross.ie](mailto:Mspearse@nunscross.ie)

Should you have a query or concern surrounding your child, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible. All meetings will be facilitated via zoom/telephone for this academic year.