

October
NEWSLETTER

Dear St. Cronan's Junior National School families,

Welcome to the latest edition of the [St. Cronan's Junior National School](#) Newsletter! We are delighted to share with you all the exciting activities and achievements happening within our school community.

This autumn, the children have been busy embracing the season through a variety of creative projects. Classrooms are alive with wonderful autumn-themed art, as well as vibrant Halloween artwork that captures the spooky spirit of the season. Our students have also been writing imaginative Halloween poems and stories, and they've been learning some fantastic Halloween songs that we're sure they'll love sharing with you!

We hope this newsletter keeps you informed about upcoming events and important dates, while also celebrating the amazing work your children are doing. Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in making St. Cronan's a thriving and joyful place for our students.

I would like to wish you all a happy, fun and safe Halloween. Enjoy the mid-term break.
Warmest regards,
Edel Blake

Musician in Residence

[St. Cronan's](#) were delighted to be awarded a space on Fingal County Council's Musician in Residence initiative. Our lucky 2nd Classes enjoy weekly music lessons with Taylor from The Mobile School of Music. Each week they learn about performance, song singing, notation. The children really look forward to their weekly lessons and some of them especially enjoy using the boomwackers. We are very lucky to access this wonderful opportunity.



School Rules

We have 5 very important School Rules in St. Cronan's. These rules help us to achieve our motto "To be the best that we can be." The rules are designed to be easy to understand and should adapt to all settings across the school. These are our rules:



Summer Works. During the summer, our wonderful school had huge electrical upgrade works completed. We now have an energy efficient system installed in the school and 16 solar panels. We are making a difference already. Look at this data from our Solar Panels.

Environmental Benefits



0.751 (tons)

Standard coal saved



0.892 (tons)

CO₂ avoided



2

Equivalent trees planted



Enrolment: Junior Infants 2025/2026

Enrolment for **Junior Infants** opened on **1st October**. We have received a large number of enrolments already - over 160 as of today, so please ensure all siblings, neighbours and cousins are enrolled before the closing date. We kindly ask for your help in recommending St. Cronan's to any families who may be considering a school for their child. Word of mouth from our dedicated parents plays a huge role in welcoming new pupils into our school community. If you know of any prospective families, please do encourage them to reach out for more information about our happy school.

ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE, TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH. - HELEN KELLER



Applications for September
2025



Online application form
is live from October 1st
on our website.

Applications close on
January 8th

www.stcronansjns.ie



[stcronans_jns](https://www.instagram.com/stcronans_jns)

Board of Management Agreed report October

1. The Board of Management would like to welcome back to school the children, parents/guardians and staff of St. Cronan's Junior National School and wish them a happy and successful new school year.
2. We are delighted that the Electrical Works were successfully completed during the summer by Waldon Electrical and look forward to the benefits the solar panels will bring.
3. The Board of Management welcomes the recent renovation of our school garden. Thanks to the daa for their donation towards this important project.

Board Of Management

Every Board of Management has 2 Parent Nominees. Their role is not to raise issues on behalf of parents/guardians but to give a parent/guardian's viewpoint on topics discussed by the Board of Management. We have a fantastic Mother Nominee - Patricia Hughes but unfortunately, we had to say goodbye to our Father nominee - Darren Mc Allen had to step down as he no longer has children in the Junior School. We are now seeking a new Father nominee. We are going to use Option 1 in the BOM Governance Manual for Primary Schools. The current BOM will run until November 2027. We meet on a Monday about 5-6 times per year at 7PM. Meetings last approximately 1 hour.

Mary-Liz Donaghue the Chairperson of our BOM would like to invite any Father's interested in becoming the nominee on the board to attend a meeting in St. Cronan's JNS. At 6:30 PM on Monday 25th November in Room 1A. You can nominate yourself and will need 1 other parent from the Junior School to second your nomination. If more than 1 person is nominated and seconded a ballot will be held on the night. All parents are welcome to attend this meeting to participate in the nominations and the ballot.

BLAST :Arts & Creativity in Education Residency Award



Ms. Hargadon applied for a BLAST Project and out of lots of applications from schools our school was chosen. Room 11 are the lucky class that will work with a professional artist on a unique project. We hope you have a great time completing this project Room 11 We will keep you up to date on their progress.

New Anti-bullying Guidelines

In November we will be completing our annual Anti-Bullying Policy Review. As always we will survey parents and children during this review. 2024-2025 will be our last year using this Policy format. In 2025 we will be introducing the new BÍ Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour. This year we are working together to train and upskill on these procedures. More information can be found here: <https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/bullying-information-for-parents-and-students/>

Car Park & Parking Etiquette

As we continue to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students at St. Cronan's, we kindly remind you of a few important guidelines.

Firstly, we would like to remind everyone that the **school car park is reserved for staff use only**. We do have CCTV and see the same people repeatedly flouting this rule and putting all our children in danger. For the safety of all, **parents are not permitted to enter the car park when dropping off or collecting their children**. We ask that you please adhere to this rule to avoid any unnecessary risks. To the many parents who obey this rule thank you. Please be mindful of our neighbours driveway access when parking.

Additionally, we would like to emphasise that there is **no supervision provided before or after school hours**. This means that parents and guardians are solely responsible for ensuring their children's safe arrival to school in the morning and their safe departure at the end of the day. Please ensure that your child travels to and from school safely, lines up promptly at their designated spot, and uses the zebra crossings when crossing the car parks. No child should be crossing between cars/minibuses. **We appreciate your cooperation and support in helping us maintain a safe and secure environment for all of our students.**

Dress Up Day - Friday

The children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to school on Friday. Some helpful reminders - nothing scary, please leave accessories (such as swords, shields, wands etc.) at home - they could be left behind at home time. Ensure your child is warm enough and not too warm in the costume. Please make sure they can use the toilet in their costume. Don't forget to have fun!

Some of the fantastic art around the school



Some new additions around St. Cronan's.....

