

April NEWSLETTER

Dear St. Cronan's Junior School Families,

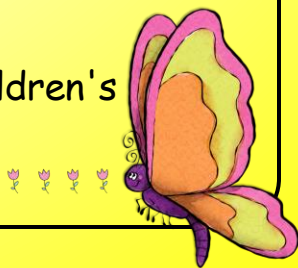
We hope you all had a lovely Easter break, full of fun, rest, and special family time!

♥ It's wonderful to see everyone back, and we are so excited to begin our fun and final term - Term 3! 🎉

There's a lot happening over the coming weeks! Along with lots of learning 📖, we're looking forward to assemblies, Active Week 🧑‍🎒🧑‍🎒, nature walks 🌿, Sports Day 🏆, and school tours for our Senior Infants to Second Classes 🚌. Junior Infants are also in for a treat when the farm comes to visit the school! 🐏🐔

Our Nurture Room is hoping to take part in the *Incubator Project* 🥚, where they will care for chick eggs, watch them hatch, and move the chicks to the brooding box. We're really looking forward to sharing updates with you all as the project unfolds! 🐧

Exciting developments are happening around the school too! We are working on a plan to upgrade our Sensory Room 🐻 and refresh our class libraries 📖🌟. We also hope to invest in some new IT equipment, including the ever-popular Beebots 🐝, to support our children's learning in early coding and digital skills.



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Our school library will soon receive its final delivery of 100 brand-new books under the Every Child a Reader Scheme 📖, and we're thrilled to be taking part in the *Monster Doodle* project with Children's Books Ireland 🎨. It's shaping up to be a very creative and inspiring term!

Please do keep an eye on our Instagram account 📷 for lots of photos and updates from all the fun and learning happening throughout Term 3!

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to our entire school community ✨. It truly takes a village to raise a child, and what a beautiful little village we have here at St. Cronan's. Thank you for helping to make our school the happiest little school there is! 🏡❤️

Looking forward to a fantastic final term together!

Warmest wishes,
Edel Blake



Spring Fair

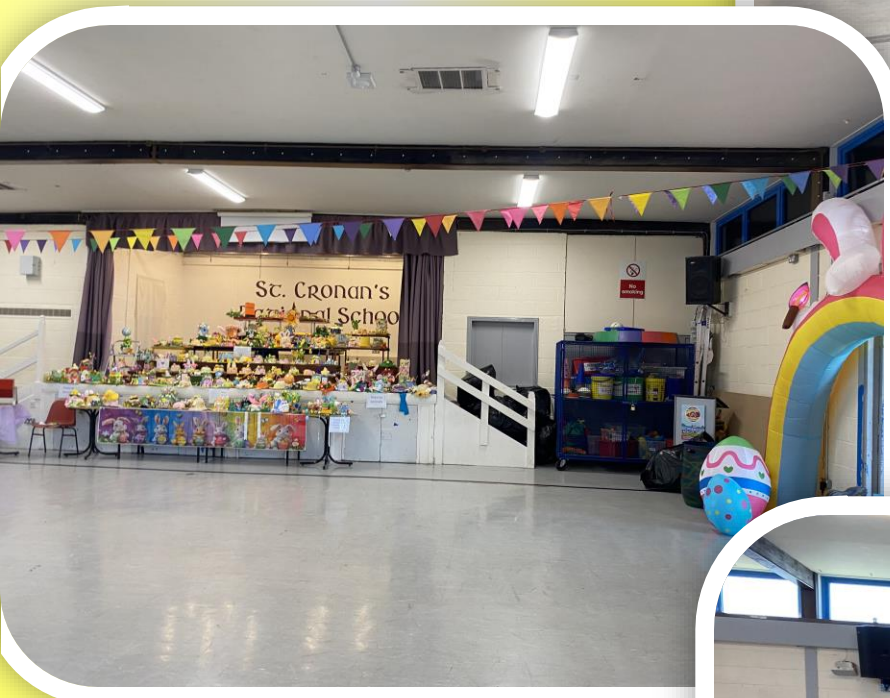
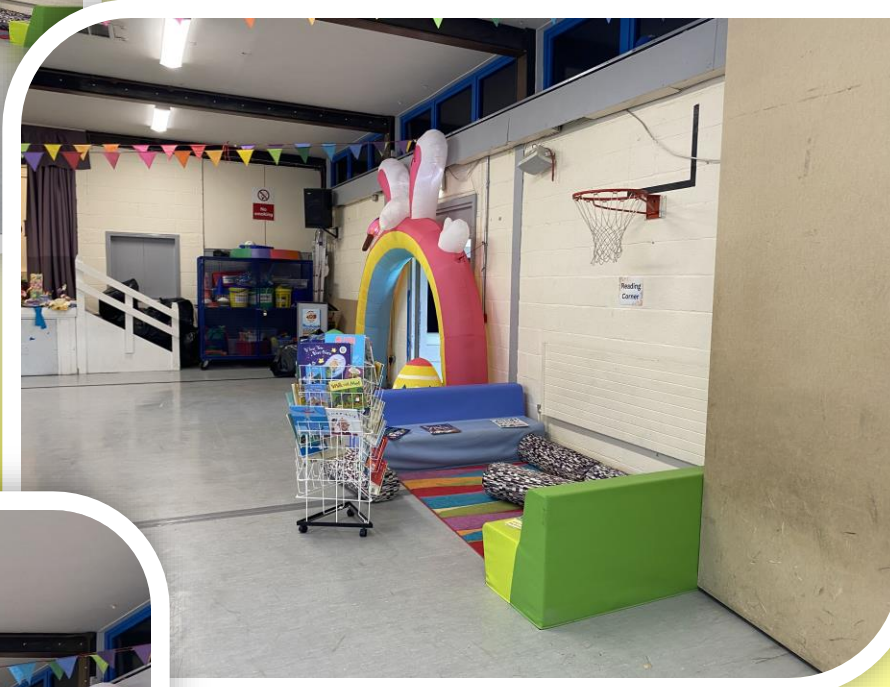
We would like to say a huge **thank you** to all our wonderful staff, children, and parents for supporting our very first - but definitely not last - **Spring Fair!** 🍌🌸

Thanks to your incredible generosity, energy, and community spirit, we managed to raise an amazing **€5,000** for the school! 📺👉 This money will go towards school expenses and helping to make St. Cronan's the best it can be for our lovely children.

More importantly, we created a **fun, happy, and memorable event** for our children, full of laughter, games, and smiles! 😊📍 It was truly a special day that showed what a fantastic community we have here.

We're already looking forward to next year - and we promise it will be **even bigger and better!** 🚀✨ If you have any ideas or suggestions for next year's Spring Fair, we would love to hear them. Please don't hesitate to get in touch! 💬📧

Thank you once again for helping to make it such a success - we couldn't have done it without you! ❤️



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Kid's Takeover by 1st Class

St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is lots of fun. You get to wear green clothes on St. Patrick's Day. I am going to be in the parade with my football team.

Irish Dancing

This is the Ceili. We were doing Irish dancing, my favourite!!! We're doing Shoe the Donkey. I was dancing with Jack. It was good.

Fundraising

A Big Thank You for Supporting Our Fundraising Efforts! 🎉

We would like to extend a heartfelt **thank you** to all our wonderful parents and families for your continued support of our fundraising initiatives. Your generosity, especially through the **voluntary contribution**, the **Spring Fair**, and this term's **Hip-Hop-a-thon sponsorship cards** 🎧🎵, is absolutely vital for the day-to-day running of our school.

Fundraising helps us to cover essential costs — for example, our last electricity bill alone was over **€12,000!** ⚡💡 It also ensures that we can continue to provide the most **up-to-date teaching and learning resources** 📚💻 for our children and maintain our school building as the bright, cheerful, colourful, and welcoming place that it is. 🌈🏡

The money raised from the **Hip-Hop-a-thon** will go towards **new IT equipment**, including the ever-popular **Bee-Bots** 🐝🤖, helping our children to develop important digital and coding skills from an early age!

We're also thrilled to announce a **new fundraising initiative** from our fantastic **Parents' Association** - a **weekly school lotto!** 🎰🎉 Starting on **15th May**, there will be a **guaranteed weekly winner** of **€20**, along with a chance to win the **jackpot!** 🏆🌟 The draw will take place every **Thursday at 8PM**, and our **first draw** will feature some **extra spot prizes** to kick things off with a bang! 🎁

This is a really exciting opportunity to help secure the future of our school and to keep St. Cronan's the special place it is for all our children. ❤️ Thank you again to all families and friends who continue to support us — it truly makes all the difference!

Term 3 Reminders

A few reminders for our busy last term:

🌈 Please continue to notify the school of all reasons for absences on the Aladdin App.

🌈 Please cancel Hot Meals orders if you know your child is going to be absent.

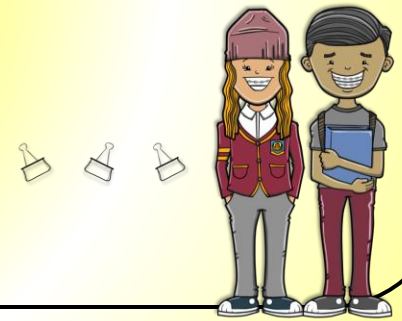
🌈 Homework for holidays taken during term-time: Due to the significant workload already managed by teachers, the principal has decided that additional work will not be provided for students who are on holiday outside of the approved school holiday periods. Teachers will continue to focus on supporting students present in the classroom.

🌈 We have a waiting list for all classes for school year 2025/2026. If you are aware that your family won't be returning to the school in September we would appreciate you letting us know by email at: info@stcronansjns.ie so we can offer the place to someone on our waiting list.

🌈 Please remember to slop on sun cream and slap on a sun hat on sunny days to keep our lovely children sun safe.

🌈 Extra drinks for Term 3 is always a good idea!

🌈 Thank you for your support with the above points!



Important Dates

Monday 28th - Friday 2nd May: Active Week-Tracksuit runners/trainers all week. Own clothes & trainers/runners for Thursday. Please return your Sponsorship Card.

Friday 2nd May - St. Cronan's Senior School Confirmation - Parking will be busy around the school in the afternoon.

Wednesday 7th May - Junior School closed at 1:40 for all - including 1st & 2nd Class for Staff Meeting - Senior School isn't closed early.

Saturday 24th May: First Holy Communion

Thursday May 29th May - 2nd Class Photos

Friday 30th May: School Closed at 12:00 for Anti-bullying Training

Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd June - School Closed

Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th June - 2nd Class Graduation

Board of Management Agreed Report

March 2025 Meeting:

1. The Board of Management would like to **highly commend the dedication of all the staff in St. Cronan's Junior School**. They have shown high levels of professionalism and dedication through attending continuous professional development in their personal time, organizing and delivering The Rainbows Programme after school and supporting and organising many events such as Fireside Read, Seachtain na Gaeilge, Science Week, Math's Week, Kindness Week, Active Week, BLAST Art Grants, Music in the Classroom, Christmas shows, I.T. equipment, First Holy Communions and the Spring Fair.
2. The Board welcome the introduction to the new Math's Curriculum and staff attendance at professional development day on 3rd March. The new approaches to teaching and learning math's will enhance the learning experience of future generations of St. Cronan's children.
3. The Board are delighted that 1st & 2nd class children will be receiving modern, new chairs for classroom work.
4. The Board welcomes the positive news about the new boiler project which will hopefully be completed in summer 2025 and will help lower our energy bills.
5. The Board would like to thank all involved in another successful Seachtain na Gailge.

Next Meeting: 26th May 2025

Summer Programme

There is no School based Summer Programme based in St. Cronan's Junior School. All eligible children will be entitled to access Home-based Summer Programme. We are waiting for details on this scheme. This is the link - [Here](#)