



# May NEWSLETTER

Dear St. Cronan's Junior School Families,

As we move through an incredible Term 3 here in **St. Cronan's Junior School**, there is a wonderful sense of excitement and achievement throughout the school. Our children are working so hard each day, consolidating all of the fantastic skills they have learned this year while also developing new skills to help prepare them for the exciting move to their new classes next year.

Our 2nd Class pupils are thoroughly enjoying learning all about the Titanic, and there is a very special buzz among the children preparing to celebrate their First Communion on Saturday 23rd May. We wish all of the children and their families a wonderful and memorable day.

Meanwhile, 1st Class are exploring different countries around the world, including Brazil, and many pupils are practising very hard as part of the First Communion choir.

Behind the scenes, this is also a very busy and exciting time of year for staff. We have had the pleasure of meeting all of our lovely new Junior Infant parents and are currently visiting local pre-schools. In June, our incoming Junior Infants will visit their new classrooms and begin to get familiar with school life in St. Cronan's.

We are also busy planning class groupings and teaching arrangements for next year. Families will be informed of their child's class teacher when the sundries lists and school charges are released via Aladdin. New class teachers will also try to visit their classes to say hello before the summer holidays.

There is great excitement building for our upcoming school tours too — especially for our Junior Infants, who are extra excited to be travelling by bus this year!

At the same time, we are preparing the school calendar for next year, and we would like to remind families that the new school year will begin on **Thursday 27th August 2026**. School reports will also be issued via Aladdin at the end of June.

Finally, as we hopefully enjoy more sunny days ahead, please remember to help your child stay sun smart by providing a sun hat, sun cream and extra drinks. Children are also very welcome to wear shorts with their school uniform during the warmer weather.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership throughout the school year.

Warmest Wishes

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# The Value of Community

Over the past 12 months, I have had the incredible opportunity to collaborate with principals from schools across the country. Through these experiences, I have learned a great deal and gathered many wonderful ideas that will continue to benefit our school community.

At the same time, these opportunities have also reminded me just how special St. Cronan's Junior School truly is. What we have here is precious and something to be deeply valued. The incredible sense of community that surrounds our school is something very unique, and I would like to take a moment to acknowledge and celebrate it.

We should all be immensely proud of the warm smiles and friendly greetings shared each morning, and of the kindness, care and respect we show one another as adults within our school community. Our very young children are watching us closely every day, and through these small but meaningful interactions, they are learning what a caring and supportive community looks like.

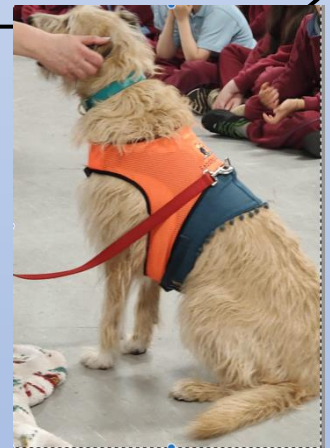
Thank you to each and every one of you for helping to create and nurture this wonderful atmosphere every day.

It is because of this strong sense of community, and the extraordinary support shown by families throughout the year, that we are able to provide additional resources and opportunities for our children. Thanks to your incredible generosity and support of our fundraising efforts, we raised an amazing €7,150 at this year's Spring Fair.

We are delighted to share that this funding has been used to purchase additional Interactive Whiteboards for our classrooms, which were installed on Wednesday. These resources will greatly enhance teaching and learning experiences for our pupils, and we are very grateful for the continued support of our entire school community.

## School Year 2026/2027

We have a waiting list for Junior Infants - 2<sup>nd</sup> Class for school year 2026/2027. We hate to say goodbye to our families, but we understand sometimes people need to move away. If you know your child won't be returning to our school please let the office know at [info@stcronansjns.ie](mailto:info@stcronansjns.ie)



## WELCOME TO ST CRONAN'S - SOCKS

We are so proud to introduce the newest members of our school community - Socks - The Reading Dog and his owner Maria. Thanks to the charity Reading Dogs Ireland Socks will be visiting our school once a week to do some reading with some children. We welcomed Socks and Maria to our community today at a School Assembly in the hall. Check out the last page of the newsletter for a bigger picture of Socks.

# We are hiring

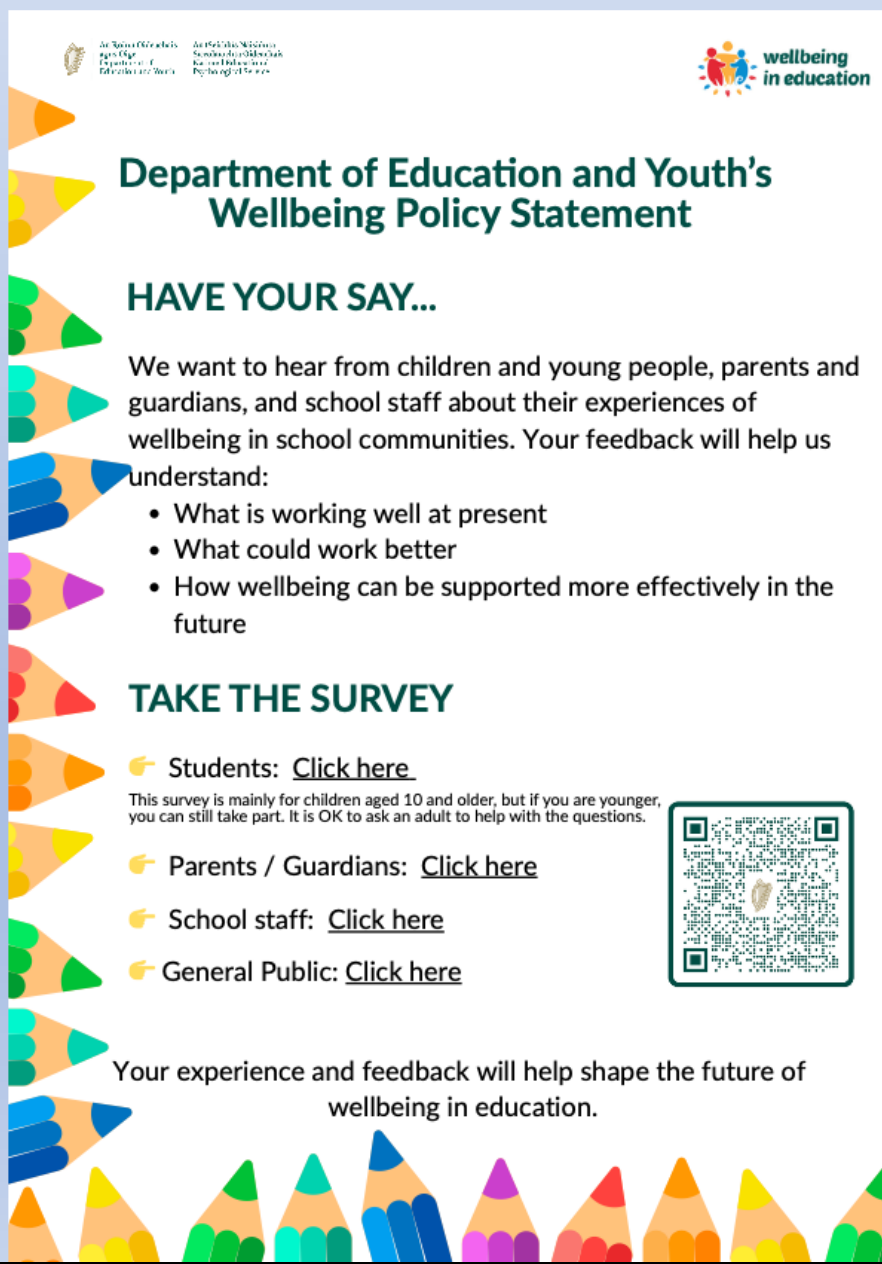
Have you ever thought you would like to join our lovely staff? St. Cronan's is a happy supportive environment to work in. We are currently recruiting for 2 positions:

1) Part-time school secretary - details can be accessed here:



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2) Substitute Cleaners - to provide holiday/sick leave relief as part of our team of cleaners. Please leave a CV into the office or email it to [info@stcronansjns.ie](mailto:info@stcronansjns.ie) if you are interested in this position.

# Wellbeing Survey



The poster features a vertical column of colorful pencils on the left side. At the top left, it includes the logos for the Department of Education and Youth's Wellbeing Policy Statement. At the top right, it features the 'wellbeing in education' logo. The main title is 'Department of Education and Youth's Wellbeing Policy Statement'. Below this, it says 'HAVE YOUR SAY...' and 'We want to hear from children and young people, parents and guardians, and school staff about their experiences of wellbeing in school communities. Your feedback will help us understand:'. A bulleted list follows: 'What is working well at present', 'What could work better', and 'How wellbeing can be supported more effectively in the future'. The next section is 'TAKE THE SURVEY' with four links: 'Students: Click here', 'Parents / Guardians: Click here', 'School staff: Click here', and 'General Public: Click here'. A QR code is located to the right of these links. At the bottom, it states 'Your experience and feedback will help shape the future of wellbeing in education.'

## Department of Education and Youth's Wellbeing Policy Statement

### HAVE YOUR SAY...

We want to hear from children and young people, parents and guardians, and school staff about their experiences of wellbeing in school communities. Your feedback will help us understand:

- What is working well at present
- What could work better
- How wellbeing can be supported more effectively in the future

### TAKE THE SURVEY


👉 Students: [Click here](#)

This survey is mainly for children aged 10 and older, but if you are younger, you can still take part. It is OK to ask an adult to help with the questions.

👉 Parents / Guardians: [Click here](#)

👉 School staff: [Click here](#)

👉 General Public: [Click here](#)



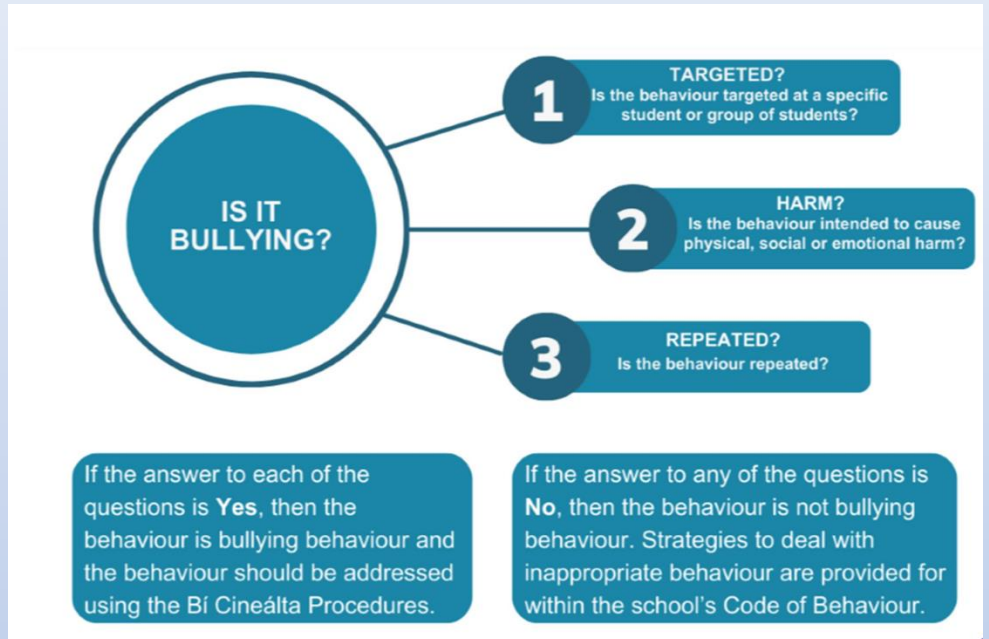
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# Bí Cineálta : Anti-bullying

## Policy

It is hard to believe that it is almost 12 months since we adopted our new anti-bullying policy called **Bí Cineálta** which is the Irish word for Be Kind. The policy is available on our school website here: [https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/823/securedocs/20250708054808\\_54\\_BiCinealtaPolicy2025.pdf](https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/823/securedocs/20250708054808_54_BiCinealtaPolicy2025.pdf)

We also have a child-friendly one displayed in all classrooms and around the school. It looks like this:  
Bullying is different to misbehaviour:



It is now time to review this important policy. We value both children's voice and parent's voice. Please find links to surveys here: [Bí Cineálta: Anti-bullying Policy Review Survey\\_Parents – Fill out form](#)  
Children's Survey: [Bí Cineálta: Anti-bullying Policy Review Survey\\_Children – Fill out form](#)

## Our wonderful secretary – Yvonne

We have the best staff in our administration office. Sadly, we are losing one of them. Yvonne is taking well deserved early retirement. Yvonne has been one of the happy friendly voices/faces of our administration office for many years now. Her warmth and enthusiasm and great time and care for everyone especially the children has been an important part of our school.

You will be really missed when you leave during the summer. Thank you for all you have done for us Yvonne. We hope you have a wonderful next adventure.



## 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Class Movie Night

My office door is always open - especially to the children. I love when they come to share their good news, medals/trophies, pictures and drawings. Children also come to ring the birthday bell and to get a tooth fairy box.

Recently I have had some visits from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class children who had BIG questions for me. They wanted to know why the Junior and Senior Infants got a Fireside Read in March and they didn't have a nighttime activity.

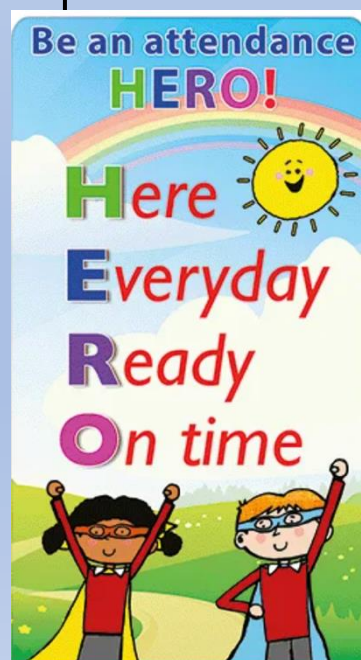
I told them to leave it with me and I had a chat with our lovely staff and we have decided to hold St Cronan's Junior School's first ever - Movie Night. It will be on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June** (no school on Friday from 6:30 - 8:30. Tickets will go on sale next week; they will cost 8 euro, this will cover the price of the license and some treats. If any extra money is raised it will be used to purchase some new toys for the yard.

Tickets will be offered on Aladdin. There is no pressure on anyone to come. In the notes section please name the movie your child has selected. Movie titles will be released next week with the ticket sales!

A few days before Movie Night children will be given their colour coded wristband for entry to the movie. We are really excited about this new activity - we hope our families will be excited too!

## Attendance

Everyone has tried hard to be Here, Everyday, Ready on Time. We have just over 5 weeks left in school. Can we please as a community make a big effort to finish strong. In 2026/2027 we have improved attendance across the school by almost 2% . We are aiming to have 92% attendance for June. Please help us reach this goal.



# Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Notes/Time
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Early Closing for Staff Meeting. Please note Senior School will not close early so siblings can't collect on this day.	1:30 – Junior & Senior Infants 1:40 – 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Communion Day	
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Communion Photos with Richard Gavin	Times will be issued in Term 3
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	School Closed	
5 <sup>th</sup> June	School Closed	New Primary Curriculum Framework Training Day 2
17 <sup>th</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> Class School Tour	Children on tour will not receive Hot Meals – they must bring a packed lunch please.
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Senior Infant	Children on tour will not receive Hot Meals – they must bring a packed lunch please.
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Report Day	
24 <sup>th</sup> June	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Tour	Children on tour will not receive Hot Meals – they must bring a packed lunch please.
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Junior Infant Tour	Children on tour will not receive Hot Meals – they must bring a packed lunch please.
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Graduations	9:30: 2A & 3A 10:45: 19 & 20
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Last Day of School – ½ Day children may wear their own clothes	Junior & Senior Infants – 11:45, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class – 11:55

