

May 2025 Newsletter



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First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our seven students who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday May 10th. Fr. McCarthy celebrated the mass and was joined by Fr. Chris, whose nephew was one of our seven students. Our school choir, under the guidance of James Anglim, sang and played music for the congregation which was beautiful. Thanks to their class teachers, Ms. Tobin and Ms. Maloney for preparing them so well.



GAA

Our mixed hurling team travelled to Coolcappa GAA pitch on May 13th to play Kilcolman and Glengurt in the 9 a side hurling blitz. Well done to all our students. They enjoyed their day out in the sun and participated well.

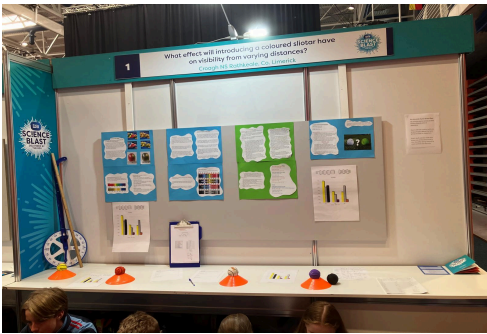
On May 20th, our camogie team travelled to Mick Neville park for another blitz. They played 4 matches against Rathkeale, Gaelscoil, Feenagh/Kilmeedy and Kilfinny. The girls played their best and had a great day out.



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Science Blast

There was great excitement in the Senior Room when Mr. Wallace and his classes headed off to the UL Sports Complex to participate in the Science Blast event on May 22nd. The title of their project was "*What effect will introducing a coloured sliotar have on visibility from varying distances*". The students put a great deal of work into their project which was well received by the judges. Students had the opportunity to visit all the other project displays. A fantastic event. Well done to all involved. (The full project and results will be added to our school website for your to view.)



Enrolments

Thank you to all the parents that have returned all the enrolment paperwork for next year's Junior Infants. Unfortunately, we are still short 1 enrolment to apply for an extra teacher for the next academic year. If you know of anyone who is interested in enrolling in our school, we invite them to make contact with Mr. O'Gorman via email at croaghns23@gmail.com or the school mobile.

Induction Morning for New Enrolments

We welcomed our new incoming students here in the school this morning. All the students spent the time in their new classrooms with their new classmates, participating in play based activities and getting familiar with their new surroundings and teachers.

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Staffing 25/26

Staffing for Academic Year 2025/2026 is as follows:

Junior Room: Catriona O' Sullivan

Middle Room: Marie Tobin & Kate Aherne

Senior Room: Niamh Maloney

SET: Henry O' Gorman

Shared SET: TBC

EAL Teacher: TBC

SNA's: Mary Curtin & Caroline Egan

Secretary: Sinéad Power

School Tours

- Wednesday June 4th - Junior Tour

Juniors to 2nd Class travelled by bus to the Playdium in Tralee. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their day out.

- Thursday June 12th - Senior Tour

Departing Croagh NS at 8.45am sharp. Travel by bus to the AquaDome for 10am.

Students will enjoy 2 hours in the pool. Then it's a lunch break and head off to Active Kingdom in Castleisland for a further 2 hours of varied fun activities. We expect to arrive back to Croagh NS at approximately 4.15pm. Students will need to bring a large, healthy packed lunch with plenty of water. (There is nowhere to purchase food at these locations)

Students must wear their school tracksuit.

Summer Performance:

The school's summer performance will take place on Wednesday June 18th at 12pm in the School of Music. All are welcome.

Graduation Mass:

Graduation Mass will take place on Thursday 19th June at 7pm in Croagh Church. We ask the school choir to attend in full school uniform to celebrate with our outgoing 6th class students.

School Summer Programme:

The school has been sanctioned to hold the School Summer Programme for 2 weeks as previously planned (7th - 18th July). We would like to thank families for filling out the Expression of Interest Google Form

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which was sent out previously. The feedback has been very beneficial in the planning of this programme. Ms. O' Shea, who is the EAL teacher in the school this year will be our Summer Programme Teacher, while Mr. O' Gorman will also be present each day, overseeing the programme. The school will be in contact with each family individually next week to clarify the overview of the programme for the children. There are still a limited amount of spaces available for this programme. If you feel this programme will benefit your child and mitigate against the loss of learning during the holidays, please feel free to contact the school via phone or email. The theme of the programme will be to include literacy and numeracy throughout each day while also incorporating an overall Activity Based Summer Camp to make learning fun and hands-on for each child.

Split the Bucket Fundraiser:

The Parents Association Split the Bucket Fundraiser will take place on Friday June 20th at 12pm. The proceeds of this fundraiser will go towards the installation of new Basketball Hoops & Soccer Goals Combi sets for children to use. Please support.

Standardised Testing:

Standardised testing takes place each year at the end of May and beginning of June. If children are absent for these tests due to going on holidays, children will be marked absent for these tests. It may not always be possible to accommodate children completing these assessments upon returning as the school is obligated to return these test results to the Department of Education before deadline dates each year. Parents will be notified in January of each year going forward as to which weeks testing will take place.

Summer Holidays:

The school will close at 12pm on Wednesday June 25th and re-open on Wednesday 27th August at 8:50am.

The school is buzzing with excitement and activity as the year draws to a close and children and teachers have the summer holidays in their sights. The school would like to thank all parents and school stakeholders for their continued support and cooperation in helping shape each child's education. It's safe to say Croagh NS and Croagh/Kilfinny community is in a great place and judging by numbers we'll be seeing in September, there's only one direction we're heading in!

Kind regards,
Mr. O' Gorman