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Dear Parents,

It's been another very busy month in our school. Please find below details of some of the various events and activities which have taken place recently.

## **Christmas Shoe Boxes**

Thank you to all the boys and girls for gifting a Christmas Shoe Box for the Team Hope campaign again this year. We had 47 actual shoe boxes collected and several other families made an online donation instead. Thank you again for your generosity.



## **Child Protection Training**

The school remained closed on Friday November 7th to facilitate all staff attending mandatory Child Protection Training in Limerick Education Centre.

## **Epayment Links**

Thank you to all those parents that have made their full or part-payments for the year. If anyone is having difficulty accessing payment links, please contact the school.

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## Christmas Play

All our students are busy preparing and rehearsing for the Christmas Play 'A Midwife Crisis'. Excitement is building daily and the students are looking forward to their big performance on Monday night.



## PAWS Water Safety Training

Well done to all our students who completed their PAWS Water Safety Training recently. All students were awarded a Certificate of Achievement.



## GAA Training

Our weekly GAA training sessions with Tony have come to an end. All the boys and girls really enjoyed getting out in the yard for some exercise drills, games and fun. The students have improved their ball skills and will carry that forward to the pitch, in time. Thank you to Tony for a fantastic few weeks here in Croagh NS. Tony will be returning to us again in January 2026.

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## Parent/Teaching Meetings

Thank you to all the parents that attended their parent/teacher meetings. As always, we are here to listen to you if there are any issues/concerns you need to discuss with us. We kindly ask you to contact the office to make an appointment.

## Science Week

Our school was a hive of activity recently with all students carrying out various science experiments. From exploding volcanoes to magnetic tricks to lightning displays and much, much more. All classrooms were busy, active and had great fun throughout the week.



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## School Fitness Ireland

Coach Eoin is back with us again this year. All students are enjoying their 6 weeks of Fun Fitness which will finish up on December 12th. All the boys & girls are having great fun and enjoyment from the program.



After Christmas, students will get to enjoy a further six week Gymnastics block so plenty of fun and exercise to look forward to in the New Year.

## Amber Flag

The school is working towards achieving the Amber Flag Award which promotes positive mental health and well-being in communities through shared participation, knowledge, and empowerment. During BÍ Cinnealta Week students engaged in



various activities including Buddy Reading, Circle Time, Compliment Cards to classmates, Music Wednesday, designing and creating an Anti-Bullying Poster with a positive slogan and Golden Time. There are many other events planned throughout the year.

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## Special Visitor

We were delighted to welcome Limerick hurling player, Peter Casey, into our school to speak with the senior classes. Peter spoke to the students about his sporting career, advice he would give to children if he was their age and this was followed by a questions & answers session where the students gained some great insight into the sporting life of an intercounty hurler. Questions ranged from favourite hurley, jerseys and boots to best memories, hardest players to mark and of course, his view on the recent retirement of a certain Cork corner forward who won't be putting the ball over the bar against Limerick next year.



## Child Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment:

The school's Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment were recently reviewed and ratified at a Board of Management meeting. Details of this ratification are available on the school's website. The Child's Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment are available to parents upon request.

## Admissions Policy:

The school's Admissions Policy was reviewed and ratified at a recent Board of Management meeting. It is available on the school website. The school's annual admissions notice is also available on the school website.

## Confirmation 10th February 2026:

5th & 6th Class children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday February 10th in Croagh Church at 12pm. **Children receiving the sacrament will be wearing their school uniform**, not the school tracksuit, a robe or their own clothes. The introduction of the Cobi Sports tracksuit has been an additional

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option for children to wear since its introduction and that has been made very clear on numerous occasions. The official school uniform is still fully in operation and children are more than welcome to wear that uniform to school if they wish to do so. It is a proud part of Croagh NS tradition and culture and will continue to be as such. Children in 6th Class will also be wearing the official school uniform for their Graduation next June.

## **Christmas Jumpers:**

Children are permitted to wear Christmas jumpers to school from Tuesday 9th December onwards if they wish to do so.

## **Enrolment 2026/2027:**

Enrolments are now open for the 2026/2027 Academic Year. Enrolment forms are available on the school website or by contacting the office through phone or email.

Thank you again to all our school community for their support and cooperation as we lead into the festive period.

Kind Regards,  
Mr. O' Gorman