



Croagh National School

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Dear Parents,

Christmas is almost upon us and the children (and teachers) are all excited for their Christmas Holidays.

Christmas Play

I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas Play - 'A Midwife Crisis'. The children did a fantastic job and well done to the teachers that prepared them so well. Thank you to the parents for designing and making their costumes. We appreciate the efforts that were made which added to the event's success. All the children really enjoyed their performances on stage and who knows we might have some budding actors to join the likes of Saoirse Ronan and Paul Mescal!

Christmas Parade & Market

There was a fantastic turnout again for this year's Christmas Parade & Market on December 13th, organised by the wonderful Parents Association. The children decorated their bikes and paraded up to D&M Garden Centre where there were lovely crafts, festive food, a live crib and music to be enjoyed.

Fun Fitness

The students have enjoyed their 6 weeks block of Fun Fitness. The children thoroughly enjoy the classes and range of activities which were completed throughout the block. We have a further 6 weeks of Gymnastics planned for the New Year so more fun and exercise for the children to look forward to.

French Lessons

Our visiting French teacher, Rebecca, has just finished a 10 week programme with 5th and 6th class. Our students enjoyed the challenge of learning a new language and we hope they continue to explore the language over the months ahead.

Swimming Lessons

Students from 3rd to 6th will start a six week course of swimming lessons in the Woodlands Hotel Leisure Club. Lessons will be every Wednesday, starting on January 7th. All students will need to have the following items:

Swimming Suit, Swimming Cap (silicone are best), goggles, flip flops for the pool side, a large towel, a separate bag to carry all these items.

School Works

As everyone can see, works have commenced on the extension and re-surfacing of the tarmac yard. The tarmac area is being extended as far as the church wall to give our students more space to play due to the increase in numbers which has taken place recently and future proof the school. It is hoped that on our return from the Christmas Break, we will have a newly laid tarmac surface for the children to enjoy playing on, along with new Combi sets consisting of goals & basketballs hoops also available for children to enjoy. We will hold meetings in the New Year to discuss the best possible layout and structure of the yard in order to cater for every child's interests and hobbies. Again, a massive thank you to the Parents Association and to all the sponsors who made this project possible. You should all be very proud of the work which you have undertaken and funds which have been raised which are going to immediately benefit every child in the school. Well done to all involved!!!

Enrolments:

Enrolments are now open for the 2026/2027 Academic Year. Application Forms can be found on the school website or by contacting the school office via phone or email. The deadline for New Applications is the 20th February 2026.

Once again, the school would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Christmas. We hope you and your family enjoy the break and time together. Rest up, relax, enjoy every minute of your time together and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on the 5th January 2026.

Kind regards,
Mr. O' Gorman