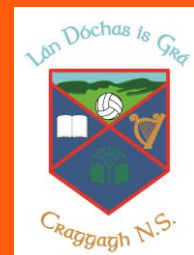




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both Conor and Alannah in the County Finals in Bellek this week!

Parent Association

The AGM of the Craggagh Parent Association will take place on Thursday, Oct 15th, all parents are invited to attend. Details of the meeting will follow from the PA committee. I look forward to meeting with many of you there!

Fighting Words

The children of 3rd to 6th class will attend a very exciting English writing workshop called "Fighting Words" on November 12th. This is a creative writing programme founded by Roddy Doyle. Less than 20 schools in Mayo will take part in the programme this year and it has been fully booked since the first week in September. Lucky us! (more info here www.fightingwords.ie)

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Welcome Back!

by Danny Charlton, Principal

It's hard to believe that we are in our 5th week back at school already! This is always such a lovely term in the classroom with so much to look forward to, while there is still a bit of summer warmth remaining and the children (and teachers!) return, buoyed and energised by the holidays. Pretty soon, you'll see plenty of evidence of Hallowe'en around the classrooms, but we won't mention "The Big C" season just yet! I'm delighted to welcome our 6 new infants Jonah, Enya, Darragh, Sarah, Donal and Ellen to our school. To see them bouncing in the door each morning would bring a smile to anybody's face. We have another exciting year in store. Remember *"tús maith, leath na hoibre!"* (a good start is half the battle!).

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons will take place again this year as before in Breaffy Leisure Centre. Lessons will run for 6 weeks, commencing Friday, Nov 13th. All children from 1st to 6th class are invited to attend. Details will follow in the coming weeks.

Sports

Congratulations to our 4 cross country teams who participated in the local finals in Swinford last week. Particular congratulations to both Alannah McNicholas (5th class) and Conor Dwyer (4th class) who both qualified for the county finals after finishing 6th and 11th in their respective races. Best of luck to



Tri-Colour & Proclamation



We had a very interesting day last week when we received our Tri-Colour and Proclamation from two members of the Irish Defence Forces. Lieutenant Daly and Corporal Bennet explained the meaning behind the green, white and orange of our national flag and a little of the background of The Proclamation. They also let us try on their hats! Needless to say, the children will be hearing a lot more about the historic events of 1916 and subsequent years over the coming school year.

Upcoming Dates

October 1st – Health Screening

October 15th – PA AGM

October 23rd – Mid Term Break

November 2nd – Back to School

November 12th – Fighting Words

November 13th – Swimming

December 22nd – Last Day of Term

Book Rental

Your children have been receiving their books over the past few weeks. The charges for the Book Rental Scheme prices are as follows:

- 1 child €50
- 2 children €80
- 3 children €100

Teaching Practice

We are delighted to have two past pupils back with us these days on Teaching Practice. Eadaoin Ní Mhaicín, who is studying in St Patrick's College, is working with 1st, 2nd & 3rd classes and Elaine Nolan, studying with



Hibernia College, is working with 4th, 5th & 6th classes. We wish them both the very best!

Credit Union

Our savings scheme is up and running again in conjunction with Kiltimagh Credit Union. This scheme is a great way of teaching the children the importance of putting some money aside, especially those in Communion and Confirmation classes. The scheme also ties in nicely with the maths curriculum.



Susan comes out to us every Wednesday morning to allow the children to make their lodgments. This is completely voluntary and children may save as much or as little as they wish. Withdrawals are not possible without prior arrangements being made. Remember, Wednesday is Pink Book Day!

Christmas Cards

I know I said I wouldn't mention it just yet but sometimes you just have to be prepared! Following on from the success of last year, the children will be creating their own Christmas cards over the coming weeks. Each child can choose to colour in a template or to draw their own picture. Templates often work out best, especially in younger classes.

The children's artwork will be forwarded to the print company who will then send us proofs. You may then decide whether or not to purchase the cards. A packet of 10 cards will cost €8.

Did You Know?

From 1937 to 1939 the National Folklore Commission gathered stories written by children in schools all around Ireland. The purpose of the scheme was to preserve in writing, local stories, folklore and "pisreóga" for future generations. It became known as "The Schools Collection". These stories are now available online on www.Duchas.ie Just search for "Creagach" to find the wonderful stories written by the children in this school nearly 80 years ago.