

Crinkill N.S.

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Dear Parents,

We have had a fantastic term here at Crinkill N.S. We were delighted to win Cumann na mBunscol large school of the year award. The children enjoyed lots of fun activities this term to include tennis, dance, athletics, soccer blitzes, music, the drama show and much more.

We are very much looking forward to our summer term and hope all children and their families have a great Easter break.

Mrs. Nolan

Crinkill National School Clinches All-Ireland GAA Award

In a momentous achievement Crinkill National School has emerged triumphant, clinching the prestigious Cumann na mBunscol award for GAA school of the year 2024. This victory not only highlights the school's dedication to sports excellence but also underscores the remarkable talent and commitment of its teachers, coaches and students alike. This victory not only celebrates sporting achievement but also embodies the spirit of camaraderie and teamwork that defines the GAA and Crinkill NS. It serves as a reminder of the values



of respect, integrity, and community that lie at the heart of the school and Gaelic games. The awards ceremony took place in the Mullingar park hotel on Friday the 8th of March with members of Cumann na mBunscol national committee, representatives of all shortlisted schools and award sponsors Cornmarket present. Crinkill NS was represented on the night by teachers Lisa Kennedy and Ciara Lynch and coaches Declan and Kevin Cooke. Well done to all our staff and students on a wonderful achievement.



Upcoming Events

Athletics

Athletics will be starting back up again after Easter. Emmett from the Offaly Sports Partnership will be here from Monday, the 8th April. **Please wear PE uniform the Monday we return from Easter Break.**

Active Week

We will be having our Active Week again in June this year. Children will experience a variety of fun activities throughout the week.

Road Race

Our annual road race will also take place next term. We will inform parents and children of the details after Easter!

Colin Dunne Memorial Track & Field

This year we will again be competing in various track and field events in Tullamore. We will be able to put forward two boys and two girls' teams. Teams will be decided closer to the time.

Tennis

We were very fortunate to have Dermot Shiels back with us this term teaching tennis. All children had great fun practicing their skills.

Dance with Lisa

This term the children also enjoyed hip-hop dancing with Lisa.

Soccer Blitzes

On the 13th March last 32 children from 5th and 6th class went to Tullamore for a soccer blitz. Crinkill NS had two boys' and two girls' teams. The rain did not dampen the children's spirits and they all played very well on the day.

Pauline Curley's Marathon Challenge

On the 12th March girls from all over Offaly met at Tullamore Harriers Club to run the Pauline Curley's Relay Marathon Challenge. Crinkill N.S. had 8 girls in total who qualified for the Challenge. The girls ran a 200 metre relay around the 400m track and between them all ran 42.2kms (105 laps) in a fantastic time of 2 hours and 8 minutes and 52 seconds.

Communion and Confirmation

2nd and 6th class are busy preparing for their sacraments and are very much looking forward to their special days.

Drama with Jared

Children have been taking part in drama with Jared over the last 10 weeks. We look forward to showcasing our drama "Now and Then" to you all on Thursday this week.

4th class: STEPS Young Engineers Award

Congratulations to 4th class students Anna, Nell, Adelia, Kasjan, Fausta and Danny on making the final shortlist of 30 projects out of over 700 projects for the 'STEPS Young Engineers Award'. Their project entitled 'The Hiber Hut' is a prototype of a solar powered hedgehog hotel, which is designed to keep hedgehogs safe during the winter months. Winners, highly commended and runners up will be announced in May. Well done to all the 4th class students for designing and submitting interesting and imaginative project entries.

Drumming Workshop

We have received an Arts Act Grant from the Offaly County Council. We are using this money to organise drumming workshops for the students from 2nd to 6th class. This will commence on Monday, the 8th April. Peter Crann from "We Drum Ireland" will be facilitating percussion workshops that are fun, engaging, fast-moving and interactive!

5th class

5th class completed a STEM project where they planned a holiday for 5 people to an EU country with a budget of €4000. They had to calculate flights, other transport costs, schedules, research and price accommodation, plan and price daily excursions. They finally prepared an oral presentation on their project. What a fantastic project!

GAA

We also started hurling training on Wednesdays after school for 5th and 6th class. A special thanks to the teachers who volunteer to train the children in preparation for Cumann na mBunscol hurling competition.

Design for Change

Second class have been very busy this term taking part in the Design for Change project where they hope to reduce the number of wooden forks being used in the school.



Check out our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages for all news.

Shamrocks

We would also like to thank you for supporting our Shamrock Fundraiser.

6th class

6th class have been completing an IZak9 maths programme. This week we had transition years students from St. Brendan's Community School visit our class and play interactive maths games. It was a lot of fun. Thank you to the secondary students who made the journey to our school.

Swimming

4th to 6th class will commence swimming every day for a week from Monday 17th June to Friday the 21st June at 9.30. This intense week of swimming we feel will be very beneficial to the children. We will email parents closer to the time with details.

Hurling

Ryan continues to train the children every Fridays in hurling and we welcome him again back for our final term.

3rd class

3rd class have been busy learning all about Ancient Egypt. They made beautiful pharaoh masks using fabric and fibre.

1st class

1st class also were busy. They made beautiful spring crafts. They also competed in the An Post Writing Competition.

Senior Infants

Senior infants learned all about the Café and food this month for Aistear. They made and tasted their own jam sandwiches! They also made jelly for St. Patrick's Day. Yum!

Junior Infants

Junior Infants celebrated World Book Day by doing some buddy reading with 4th class. The children brought in their favourite books and 4th class students kindly helped them read the stories.