

# October NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A very big well done to our whole school community for such a successful return to school. September whizzed by in a happy blur of welcoming everyone back to school and settling in our new Junior Infants. What a fantastic group of Junior Infants they are. They have settled in so well and we are so **happy** to have them in **St. Cronan's Junior National School**.

Thank you to everyone who attended our **Curriculum Meetings** this year. It was a new initiative, and it was so lovely to welcome all the Parents/Guardians into the classrooms and show you our plan for the year ahead.

I really enjoy meeting you and the children in the mornings and please do stop for a chat or to say hello. Just a reminder that we do love dogs, but they are not allowed in the school yard.

The **Parent's Association** are having their first meeting next Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October in Room 1A. I will be there, and I would love to see as many of you there as possible. We really need our Parent's Association to help us include parent's/guardian's views.

I hope we all have a lovely, happy, cosy **October**.

Thank you for all your support.

Best Wishes

Edel Blake

## School Inspection

On the 13<sup>th</sup> September at 9AM our School Inspector came to St. Cronan's Junior National School for an Incidental Inspection. She visited 3 classes. She spoke highly of the quality of teaching and learning that she saw in the classrooms. She also praised the warm, caring atmosphere that she experienced around the entire school. I am so proud of our staff and children. They truly lived up to our school motto **'To be the best that we can be!'**



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## New Code of Behaviour

We have a lovely new Code of Behaviour that we created as a school community last year. We consulted with the staff, children and parents to create it. We are very proud of it. As part of our new code, we have 5 rules that apply across all settings in our school. The rules are:



Summer Works. During the summer, our wonderful school had lovely paintings added to the outside. We really like them. We also had a new Fire Alarm and emergency lighting system installed in the school.



## Enrolment: Junior Infants 2024/2025

Enrolment for **Junior Infants** opened on **1<sup>st</sup> October**. We have received a large number of enrolments already so please ensure all siblings, neighbours and cousins are enrolled on time. We are having an open day on the **18<sup>th</sup> October** from **3:50 -4:30** for future and current pupils. Please spread the word on local social media.

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### Enrolment information for September 2024:

- ✓ Applications open: October 1<sup>st</sup>
- ✓ Closing date for mainstream classes: December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023
- ✓ Closing date for Autism Class: February 29<sup>th</sup> 2024
- ✓ Applications accepted online via Aladdin Connect – link on website [www.stcronansjns.ie](http://www.stcronansjns.ie)
- ✓ Supporting documents must be uploaded

### **Board of Management Agreed report September**

1. The Board of Management would like to welcome back to school the children, parents/guardians and staff of St. Cronan's Junior National School and wish them a happy and successful new school year.
2. Congratulations to the whole school on a successful Incidental School Inspection on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
3. Thank you to Mrs. Mather and everyone who supported the wonderful Hospice fundraiser.
4. The accounts from school year 2022/2023 are being prepared to send to the accountants for the annual audit.
5. The Board of Management would like to thank all staff who have taken part in Continuous Professional Development over the summer holidays.

### **Dates to Note**

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> October: Junior Infant Photos.

27<sup>th</sup> October: Wear a Costume Day!