



**CUSHINSTOWN
NATIONAL SCHOOL**

Newsletter November 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Covid-19: We ask all in our school community to remain vigilant regarding Covid-19. If your child/children display any symptoms of Covid-19 please contact your GP for further advice and guidance and do not send them to school.

GAA Skills: Unfortunately, Adam Ryan has moved on to pastures new. On behalf of our school we would like to thank Rathgarogue-Cushinstown GAA for their continued support in funding this wonderful resource for our children. We hope to have a replacement for Adam after Christmas and wish him well in his new role. GAA lunchtime skills will continue for Third class on Tuesday, Fourth Class on Wednesday, Fifth Class on Thursday and Sixth Class on Friday. We thank our volunteers of Ms. Emma Walsh, Ms. Clodagh Whelan, Declan Cullen and our GAA volunteers. It is very much appreciated.

Date of First Holy Communion: The First Holy Communion for Second Class will take place on Saturday 14th May 2022 at 11am in Cushinstown church.

Christmas Charity Event-This year our school will hold a Christmas charity event for Fr. Sean Devereux's Gambia Project. Fr. Seán will visit our school to talk to the children about his work and the needs for the schools in The Gambia. We will hold a Christmas Jumper (no uniform day) on Friday 17th December 2021 to fundraise for furniture needs in these schools.

MS Readathon: Thanks to Ms. Kirwan's Fifth Class who are currently doing the MS Readathon. We hope they enjoy the time reading while raising funds for a very worthwhile charity.

ICT Investment: The school has recently purchased two Promethean Activpanels for Fifth and Sixth class and a set of Chromebooks for our students. We have also purchased some more laptops for our SEN pupils.

SEN Hours: Our school has been allocated extra SEN hours from the DES. We welcome Ms. Andrea Creane to our SEN team who is currently supporting classes through in-class support and working with smaller groups.

School Payments-If there are any outstanding payments for our school due, we respectfully ask you to make payment. If any family has a difficulty in making a payment, they are asked to contact the school Principal in confidence to discuss the matter.

Science Week: This week is Science week. Classes are busy doing lots of lovely experiments. Please find attached picture collage of Science week. The children had lots of fun doing the lovely experiments

Yours Sincerely,

Carol O'Reilly