

THE CRAGGAGH CHRONICLE

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11 New Faces in Craggagh NS



Seven junior infants took the giant step into school life on September 1st embarking on what's sure to be an exciting, happy and stimulating journey! They are Niamh, Beau, Adam, TJ, Holly, Tara and Samuel. We are also delighted to welcome Scott, Alexandra,

Britney and Joe into 1st, 3rd, 4th and 6th classes. All the "newbies" are settling in nicely thanks to the typically warm hearted welcome they've been given by all their new friends and classmates. Reports from St Louis suggest that while Katie, Patrick, Riada and Seán are terribly sad to have left us,

Young Whistlers

The eagle-eyed among you may have spotted a number of Craggagh children patrolling the fields of the All Ireland Senior Football Championships this year as part of the Cumann na mBunscol Go Games Exhibitions. Last year's

5th & 6th classes underwent a pilot "Young Whistlers" training pro-



they're thoroughly enjoying life in first year and are proudly flying the Craggagh flag on our behalf!

Card Sharks Get Ready!

The annual Card Game fundraiser returns this year and will be held in the Community Centre. A **provisional date** of Tuesday, November 22nd has been set. This is a fantastic source of funding for the school as well as a great night out. The sharks are already beginning to circle!



gramme to prepare them for the summer's activities. Patrick, Riada, Sean, Aoife, Keith and Liam displayed their new found skills in McHale Park during Mayo V Galway, Dylan and Seán braved the near monsoon condi-

Dates for your diary:

- ◆ **Sept 30th:** "Harvest Knots" - Turlough House (1st - 6th)
- ◆ **Oct 14th:** Puppetry - Linen Hall (2nd - 6th)
- ◆ **Oct 27th:** Presidential Election—School Closed
- ◆ **Oct 28th:** Mid-Term
- ◆ **Nov 7th:** School re-opens
- ◆ **Nov 11th:** Swimming lessons commence (1st - 6th)
- ◆ **Nov 16th:** Science Day - Turlough House (3rd - 6th)
- ◆ **Nov 22nd:** Niall de Burca - Turlough House (2nd - 6th)
- ◆ **Nov 22nd:** Annual Card Game (provisional date)
- ◆ **Nov 29th:** Parent/Teacher meetings
- ◆ **Dec 8th:** Church Holiday (School Closure)
- ◆ **Dec 22nd:** Christmas Holidays commence
- ◆ **Jan 9th:** School re-opens

tions in Dr Hyde Park during Mayo V Roscommon and Katie and Luke took to the hallowed turf of Croke Park during the All Ireland Semi Final between Mayo and Kerry. Well done to all!

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Museum Trips Planned



A number of outings are planned this year for children of all classes to visit the National Museum of Country Life in Turlough. The Education Department of the Museum provide some wonderful activities throughout the year which are almost always free of charge. Last year, we availed of a number of courses

and we are booked into quite a few again this year. The courses cover a wide range of topics and touch on almost every subject in the curriculum. Dates and titles of the workshops we will be attending are listed overleaf and more are sure to follow as the year goes on!

Oh Mother!



Pictured above at the starting blocks of the most hotly contested of all races during last year's Sports Day. Neighbourly niceties, relationships, and all friendships were put



Thespians: Lorcan, Andrew Dylan & Co



It's time to dust off the football boots and running shoes again as the annual **mini 7s football** tournament approaches along with the **cross country running** competition. Training happens any time we get a dry day! The cross country running was divided into two age groups; 3rd & 4th went together, and in the senior section, 5th & 6th competed together. The local finals were held in Swinford. All children put in fantastic efforts and a special congratulations is extended to

Lorcan Conroy who qualified for the county finals.



The GAA "Coaches in Schools" scheme is also up and running this term, so we welcome Tom Byrne back to Craggagh again. Tom and Mr

firmly to one side for this fiercely competitive encounter. The finishing positions cannot be published due to a legal injunction as the result is still being disputed!

Say Cheese!

We are delighted to announce that the official school photographs will be taken this year by local studio "Realta Photography" (Mark Slee). Mark will be in the school taking his snaps in mid-October. He will be offering the traditional formal portraits as well as more relaxed portraits depending on your own preference. A whole school photograph will also be taken. Pricing packages will issue shortly.

Keep in Touch

Have you changed your mobile phone number recently? If so, please send us your new number as we are currently updating our **Text-a-Parent** database. We will use this service for all urgent messages. You may also like us to add your **email address** to our database this year. It's very easy for us to email a copy of all parents' letters (that usually go home in the schoolbags) to you just in case! You could even have the next edition of *The Chronicle* sent directly to your inbox! Also, just a quick reminder that absent notes can be emailed to the school at notes@craggaghns.ie



Charlton will be putting all children from 3rd to 6th through their paces over the 6 weekly sessions.

Not weather dependent however, will be the **swimming lessons** which are due to commence on Friday, November 11th. As before, lessons will run every Friday for a total of 6 weeks for all children from 1st to 6th classes in Breeffy Leisure Centre. A bus will depart the school each Friday at 12.30pm and return by 2.30pm. Further details and permission slips will follow shortly.