



15<sup>th</sup> June 2026



# NUAHT NA CROISE NAOFA

## Tuairiscí Scoile - School Reports

All parents / guardians will receive the school reports via the Aladdin app later this week on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June. The teachers have taken great care over the last number of weeks to ensure that they paint a clear picture of the progress your child has made this year and to outline areas that require some further attention. Please take the time to read the reports carefully and discuss them with your child. It is always best practice to focus on the positives and then discuss areas where improvements can be made. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss further.

The children deserve great credit for all of their hard work throughout the year. This is reflected in our standardised test results which continue to far exceed national averages. Please see further information on interpreting standardised test scores later in the Nuachtlitir.



## PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

It was a busy week of school tours last week - some snaps of the tours later in the Nuachtlitir!



## Another Incredible Day in Croke Park

Last Monday, Holy Cross supporters were treated to a wonderful display of hurling by the boys from Dundrum as they were victorious in the Cumann na mBunscol finals once again. The last few years has seen unprecedented success on the Football and Hurling field for the school. The majority of players in last Monday's team have now completed the "double-double"! They have managed to win both the football and hurling titles each year for the past two years - incredible! It is a testament to the talent of the players, the standards of coaching in our local GAA clubs, the support of their parents and of course their teachers here in Holy Cross. It has not all been plain sailing in those finals with many results coming right down to the wire however last Monday was a most complete team performance with all panel members performing so well that supporters could breath easy as the final whistle approached!

A word too for our fantastic supporters who thoroughly enjoyed the occasion, cheering on their friends and their school proudly throughout! We are very proud of our team and of course the silverware returning to Holy Cross once again, but what is more heartening is the numbers of students playing our national sports both in the school and in local clubs growing each year, no doubt inspired by the recent trips to Croke Park. Long may it last! A special word of thanks to our teachers who give so generously of their time, led by Mr. Fitz, in providing these opportunities for our pupils. Holy Cross Abu!



## Stretch and Grow Camp

There are some spaces still available in the Stretch and Grow Camp for Montessori to Senior Infant aged children (3-6years). The camp will run from Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm. The cost is €120.

If you are interested, please use the link below to book;

To book , use the following link: <https://stretchngrow.ie/camps/>

## National Parents Council Internet Safety Webinars

The NPC are running a number of Internet Safety Webinars for Parents this week. Session highlights include:

- Understand the benefits and risks of the internet
- Gain practical tips on keeping your child safe online
- Learn strategies for open communication and setting boundaries

**When:** Sessions will be taking place daily online via Zoom

**10am & 7.30pm:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> June

**10am:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

**Register now for free online sessions by clicking this link:**

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/1Xpdsr1LAH>

At the end of the session, parents will be provided with a specially designed template to enable them to work with their children to form an agreement for internet usage.

## School Tour Fun!



# School Reports - Interpreting Standardised Testing

Classes from Rang 1 to Rang 6 engage each year in standardised testing in English reading and maths. This gives schools and parents an idea of your child's progress compared to other children of the same age in Ireland. This information is particularly useful for schools as it may help to determine if your child would benefit from further support in school. It is important to note that although useful, **standardised testing is only one of many various indicators of a child's progress. This is particularly important message to convey to children who may become anxious around the time of the year when they do these assessments.** Recently, we have also used the Drumcondra spelling assessment in our school. This is another tool that helps us to determine if any child needs additional support with literacy. If this is the case your child's teacher or a member of our SEN team will be in touch in September to discuss this with you. This result will not be displayed on your child's report. More information on interpreting the standardised tests can be seen below and also via the following link:

[https://ncca.ie/media/1400/english\\_tip\\_sheet\\_sten.pdf](https://ncca.ie/media/1400/english_tip_sheet_sten.pdf)

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## What do my child's standardised test scores mean?

### What do standardised tests measure?

Standardised tests in **English reading** and **maths** measure your child's achievement compared to other children in **all schools** at the same class or age level. The standardised test in **Irish reading** measures a child's achievement compared to other children in Irish-speaking schools at the same class or age level.

### When does my child complete standardised tests?

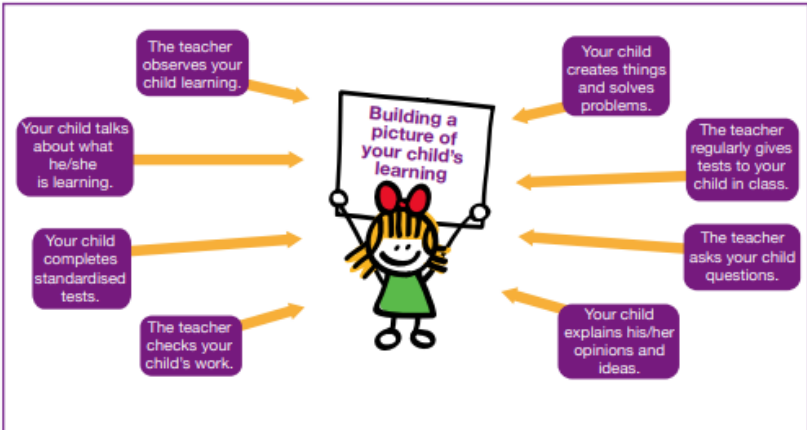
Your child completes standardised tests towards the end of **2nd, 4th and 6th classes**. Your child only completes a standardised test in **Irish reading** if he/she attends an Irish-speaking school. Some schools choose to use standardised tests with more classes.

### Do all children take standardised tests?

Your child's teacher will decide which children will take the tests. For example, if your child's first language is not English, the teacher may decide that he/she should not take the English reading test. Your child may, however, take the maths test. If your child has a learning or physical disability, the teacher may decide to use a different way to measure your child's progress.

### Are standardised tests the only way of gathering information about my child's learning?

No. The diagram below shows how the teacher uses **many** different ways to build a **picture of your child's learning** during the year. The teacher uses the picture to **celebrate** your child's achievements and to plan the **next steps** needed to build on progress made.



# DUBLIN PARKS TENNIS *in* MARLAY PARK, RATHFARNHAM

## CHILDREN'S TENNIS COACHING €35 PER WEEK IN JULY 2026

- Starts Monday **13<sup>th</sup> July**, runs weekly for 3 weeks!
- For children aged 5-15, beginners and improvers!
- Coaching is conducted by qualified tennis coaches
- All equipment (tennis rackets and balls) provided free
- Classes run Mon-Fri, divided by age: 5-7, 8-10, 11-12, 13-15
- Lesson duration varies by age
- **€35** per child per week



For more information visit [parkstennis.com](https://www.parkstennis.com)

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