



Scoil Iognáid de Rís

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Fáilte

Dear Parents,

Firstly, we welcome all our new pupils. Hopefully you will enjoy your years with us.

We extend our best wishes to Richie Doheny, who has retired as caretaker in the CBS Primary. We know you all join us in wishing Richie well as he starts a new chapter in his life

We welcome new staff members, Ms. Fiona Brennan and Ms. Simone Minogue to the team.

Apart from all the academic work done inside the classrooms, our teachers and pupils have been very busy with a broad range of extra-curricular activities: Art, Basketball, Drama, French for Fun, Homework Club, Piano, Tennis. Guitar classes are due to start in November.

Not forgetting the co-curricular activities like Choir, Gaelic Football, Hurling, Sprocket Rocket, Swimming, Tag Rugby and class outings. It is also worth mentioning all the wonderful projects, science experiments and art & craft on display in the school.

We are blessed with an exceptionally good staff, Parents' Council and Board of Management who are all working extremely hard for the most important people in our school, the pupils.

Niall Bergin, Principal.

I.N.T.O. Competition Winners



The I.N.T.O. was 150 years old this year, so their representative, Mrs. Larkin told us about a competition where if you won, you would win an iPad. Luke, Seán, Joe and Mahfujar entered this competition by designing a poster. They did research on Thomas Ashe and Vere Foster. They also drew two pictures, a classroom and a flame.

We finished the project and sent it into St. Patricks De La Salle, and a week later we got the results. We were the overall winners of every school in Kilkenny.

By Joe, Seán, Luke and Mahfujar, Room 6

Best wishes to Mr. Cuniffe and to Mr. Leahy



We would like to take this opportunity to offer our best wishes to Mr. Cuniffe & Ms. Condon on their upcoming wedding in November. As you build your new lives together, may the years ahead be filled with lasting joy.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Leahy and your beautiful bundle of joy!



Welcome to our new parish priest

We welcome Fr. Richard Scriven to our parish and our school and look forward to working closely with him. We would like to thank Monsignor Kieron Kennedy and Fr. Kieran O'Shea for their tireless work and support and we wish them well in their new parishes.

Athletics in Castle Park

Our Cross Country Athletics Team from 4th, 5th and 6th Class took part again in the annual Inter Schools event in the Castle Park.

We are very proud of the boys, particularly Darragh Dunne who won a silver medal in the 6th class race.

In the team event our 6th class team of Darragh Dunne, Eric Koufie, Jack Dwyer and David. Padierna Sanchez won bronze medals, which was a great achievement.



Many thanks also to their coach Ms. Minogue.

Gaelic Football



Gaelic Football Panel

Gaelic Football leagues have been running for 4th, 5th and 6th classes over the last few weeks. Every boy was provided with an opportunity to take part.

Our school team has been extremely busy over the last few weeks, under the guidance of Mr. Roberts.



The class leagues have just finished. The class leagues gives new players a chance to take part and encourages pupils to keep active.

Silver Circle

Silver Circle cards were distributed recently. We encourage boys to do their best in selling the cards as all funds raised will be put back into improving our school.



The first draw will take place on Thursday, 8th November. We have received a very positive response to date and your support is greatly appreciated.

Sprocket Rocket



Over the last three weeks the boys have been taking part in a Sprocket Rocket Cycling Course. They had an opportunity to develop their cycling skills in a fun and safe environment.



We would like to thank our Sprocket Rocket coaches, Róisín Hickey and Charlie Parsons for their expertise and time delivering this programme.



Maths Week

Last week was Maths Week. On Monday we got a maths problem going home. If you get it right you are entered into a draw. If you get them all right during the week you get a homework pass.

During the week we did a maths trail around the school. The questions were hard but fun. We also helped the 2nd class with their maths trail. Two people from our class were paired up with two people from 2nd class.

On Thursday, we had a maths quizz in the Hall. The 4th, 5th and 6th classes were mixed into different teams. We had a very fun competition.



On Friday we had a maths day in the Hall. 2nd – 6th class had maths games. Everyone in the class got a go to be the teacher for their classes game and every class got down to the hall to try the games. Maths Week was a fun and enjoyable week.

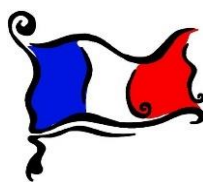
By James & Jack, Room 6

CBS Boys Choir

The choir boys will shortly be getting their choir jackets and ties. The full choir uniform consists of white shirt (not the school cream shirt), school pants, black shoes, choir jacket and tie. At least 80% attendance at early morning practice (8.50am) is required for membership of the choir.

Upcoming public performances include World War 1 commemoration ceremony (Nov 11th) and Lion's Club Christmas Concert in St Canice's Cathedral (Dec 5th). Details of these will be sent to choir parents later.

French for Fun



Bonjour, I have been delighted to meet the boys who have joined French for Fun this term.

Many of the boys are new to French and are enjoying learning their colours, numbers and how to introduce themselves in French. Wishing you all a Joyeux Halloween.

Mrs. Ryan

Grúpa Cheoil



This year we have created a music group called 'An Grúpa Cheoil' for boys in all classes from 2nd to 6th. The idea is to form a group who are interested in playing traditional musical instruments including the tin whistle, low whistle, fiddle and percussion. The group meets after school on Wednesday for forty-five minutes.

For the last few weeks the boys have enjoyed learning some new polkas and hornpipes and are proving to be a very talented group of young musicians.

The Grúpa Cheoil looks forward to performing their tunes at forthcoming school concerts.

Tennis

Twenty children from second to sixth class have been taking part in tennis lessons as part of the extra-curricular programme in the school under the guidance of Mr. Reidy.



Children are completing a ten week programme where they are learning all the basic skills needed to play the game. The skills are taught through games with an emphasis on fun and enjoyment.



The children have been making great progress so far and are really enjoying the lessons. Mr. Reidy hopes to run a competition for the boys involved towards the end of the programme.

Aquatics

Our boys continue to benefit from Aquatics which is a strand in the new physical education curriculum.

The 6th classes have just finished their swimming lessons and Rooms 7 & 10 will begin their lessons on Thursday, 8th November.



Classes will be held, on Thursdays from 9.30am – 10.15am. and lessons will continue each Thursday for six weeks.

Room 3

Room 3 boys have been enjoying get to know the boys in their classroom as 2nd and 3rd class mix together. The boys had lots of fun learning Gaelic football skills and boys made great progress during the Sprocket Rocket cycling course.

I have been very impressed with the boys art skills and the creative Skeletons and Leaf Men are lovely to look at on our hall display.

Wishing all the boys a happy and safe Halloween midterm and see them in November for lots of hard work.

Mrs. Ryan



Skeleton Artwork by Room 3 pupils



A Leaf Man's got to go where the wind blows!

Room 2

The boys in Room 2 have had great fun embracing the theme of Autumn. We had a walk to the Castle Park on a beautiful, sunny Autumn day in October where we visited the duck pond and identified all the leaves and fruit we saw along the way. The boys then had an outdoor art lesson where they used the leaves and fruit to create pictures in the grass. It was great fun.



We are very lucky to have two resident caterpillars in our classroom and we look forward to them emerging from their chrysalides as butterflies.

September and October in Room 5



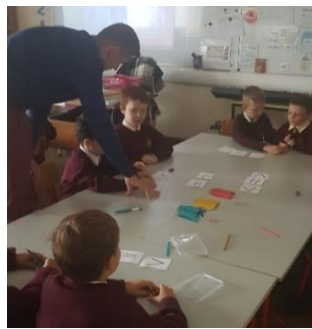
The boys in Room 5 have had a very busy and enjoyable start to the year. In September the boys enjoyed a hurling training session with hurling trainer Brian Ryan.

The boys also completed phase one of the Food Dudes healthy eating programme and are now starting phase 2.

In October the boys visited the library to attend a talk given by author Gerard Siggins, the author of the rugby spirit series.



The boys also completed the Sprocket Rocket cycling programme which taught boys the skills and tips needed to ride their bikes safely.



The boys also really enjoyed Maths Week. During Maths week the boys completed a maths trail, took part in a Maths quiz and created their own maths games. Well done to the boys for their effort and hard work so far this year.



Student Council

Elections took place last Wednesday and the following boys were elected to represent their classes for the coming year: J.J. Cahill, Emmet Cooney, Brandon Ormsby, David Long, Mahfujur Dulal, Stefan Filatov, Momin Haroon and Jack Deegan



We look forward to working with the boys throughout the year. Their opinions and ideas will be most welcome. Well done to every boy in the school who put himself forward for the elections.



Parents' Council

Our Parents' Council for this year is up and running. If you are interested in getting involved, new members are most welcome.

They are working on an event to be held on Thursday, November 15th to honour St. Martin's Day. This will involve a walk in our local community starting at 7pm and finishing with a cake sale, along with other goodies in the school hall. A note with further details will be distributed to the boys when we return to school in November. We will be asking all parents to help out in some way.

Healthy Eating

This year we at the CBS are delighted to be part of the new Food Dudes healthy eating program. In October your son got to try different fruit and vegetables for 8 days, and received some lovely rewards for his efforts.

To maintain and continue this wonderful programme, we would encourage pupils to include as many fruit & vegetables as they can into their diet.



We would like to thank parents for their continued support of our healthy eating policy in the school.

Green School Program

We are all delighted and very proud to have received our fourth Green Flag last May for Travel. All the pupils made fantastic efforts to travel to school in a green way. This included car pooling, park and stride and walking.

Well done everyone.



We are now commencing work for our fifth Green Flag which is called "Biodiversity".

We will keep you all updated throughout the year and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for all your support and co-operation to date.

Ms. Boyle & the Green School Committee



Writing Genres

Each month in our school, we focus on a particular writing genre. In September, we looked at recount writing and in October, we focused on procedural writing. We had a writer of the month for each genre. Well done to our winners in each class and indeed, to every boy for producing a high standard of work.

Thanks to Mr. Roberts for organising the event. We look forward to persuasive writing in November!



Parent-Teacher meetings

Parent/Teacher meetings will be held on Tuesday, November 20th and Wednesday, November 21st. You will receive an invitation after the mid-term break to attend these meetings. It is vitally important to your son's progress in school that you avail of the opportunity to meet his class teacher.

You will receive a written report at the meeting and you will find this useful to discuss the results of the meeting with your son.

Christmas Concert



As part of our school fundraising initiatives, we will hold a Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 18th and Wednesday, December 19th.

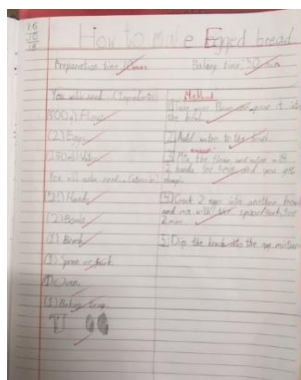
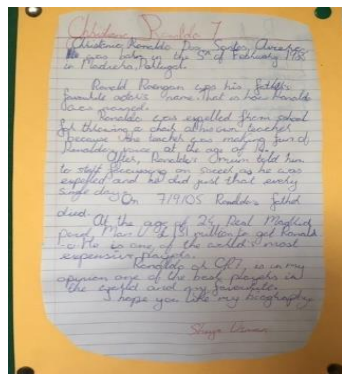
The Parents' Council are helping with the Christmas raffle which will be held during our Concert.

Monies raised will help to further resource our school and enhance learning opportunities for all our pupils.

Room 7

The boys in Room 7 have settled in to 4th and 5th class extremely well. They have worked really hard and their efforts have paid off.

We have been working on recount and procedural writing and focusing on editing our work.



It has been a very active term so far with rugby, Gaelic and soccer. As well as this we really enjoyed Food Dudes and are keeping track of the fruit and veg in our lunch boxes.



Some of our class also took part in a cross country race in castle park: Well done to Mikey and Pablo!

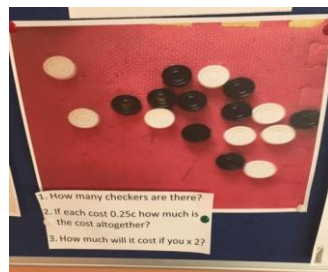
We really enjoyed our trip to the library to meet the author Gerard Siggins and were interested to hear some of his work.



We also read the book 'Headbombz' and did some nice activities for Mental Health week.



We really enjoyed art so far this term. We have been looking at colour! We looked at complementary colours, warm & cool colours and the colour wheel. We also looked at perspective in drawing.



We really enjoyed maths week! Especially the maths trail and maths quiz! Richard and Charlie showed their brilliant 'maths eyes'! We also loved working together on our Data projects.

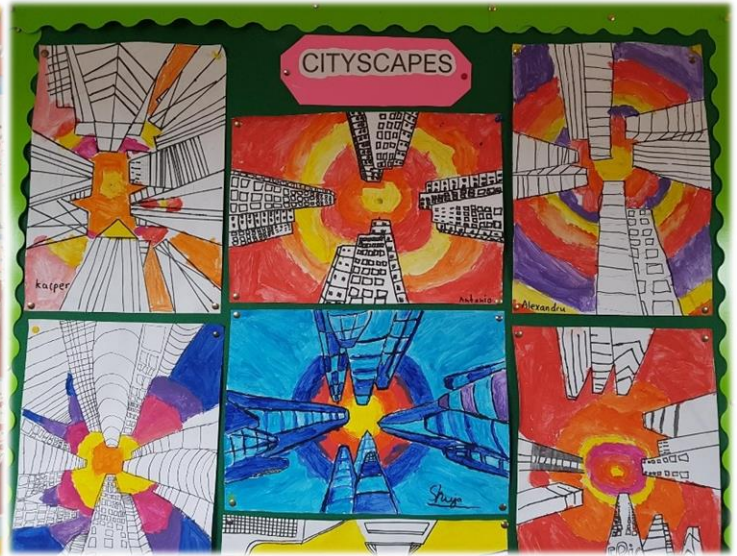
We did fun science experiments based on solar power.



Dates for your diary

Monday, 29th Oct – Friday, 2nd Nov:	Mid-term break (1 week).
Tuesday, 20 th & Wednesday 21 st Nov:	Parent-Teacher meetings.
Friday, 21st December:	Closing at 12.30pm for Christmas holidays.
Monday, 7 th January:	Re-opening after Christmas holidays.
Monday, 18 th – Friday, 22 nd February:	Mid-term break.
Monday, 18 th March:	Bank holiday (School closed)
Saturday, 6th April:	Confirmation in St. Mary's Cathedral at 11am.
Friday, 12th April:	Closing at 12.30pm for Easter holidays.
Monday, 29 th April:	Re-opening after Easter holidays.
Sunday, 12th May:	First Holy Communion in St. Marys Cathedral at 11am.

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Calling all the monsters...I need a hero!

