



# Scoil Iognáid de Rís

## Christmas 2018

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## Fáilte

Dear Parents,

With the arrival of our Christmas holidays we can all look forward to a well earned rest after a busy term. 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 like Art, French for Fun, Grúpa Cheoil, Homework Club, Drama, Piano and Tennis. Not forgetting the co-curricular activities like Football, Basketball, Junior Winter Hurling League, 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 have helped us to make this term so successful. However, most importantly, we are very proud of our pupils. Their attitude and behaviour has been exemplary. Well done boys! We look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

I take this opportunity to wish the whole school community a Happy and Peaceful Christmas. Nollaig shonasach agus athbhliain shuaimhneach daoibh go léir.

Le gach dea-ghui,

*Niall Bergin, Principal.*

### Christmas Concert & Raffle

As part of our school fundraising initiatives, we held a Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. It was great fun. We had a brilliant performance by the CBS Boys Choir and Grúpa Cheoil.



Each class put on a fantastic show to entertain the audience. The standard was extremely high and it was evident that pupils enjoyed being on the stage. We have some future stars in our midst!

A very big thank you to the Parents' Council, Principal, teachers, Tom, Michael, Elaine and parents and friends who helped make our Christmas Concert & Raffle happen and be such a success.

### Best wishes

We would like to thank Mrs. O'Flaherty for her contribution to school life, here in C.B.S. Mrs. O'Flaherty taught 5<sup>th</sup> class with Mrs. Moloney. Exciting times lie ahead for Mrs. O'Flaherty as she and her family prepare to welcome a new addition.



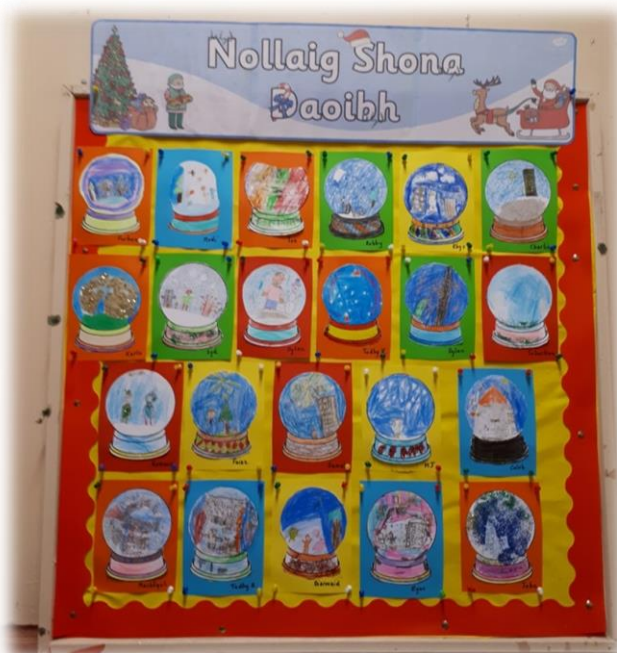
### Good News

- In September we applied for Department funding to repair ceiling works on our upstairs corridor. We are delighted to inform you that we have been approved for these works and we are hoping that work will commence in the Spring of 2019.
- We would also like to inform you that since September 2018, C.B.S. Secondary School Admission policy now includes the following:  
Applicants who are students of Scoil Iognáid de Rís, Kilkenny and who were students in the school on or before the commencement of Third Class.  
*Decision Making Process (bullet point 5).*

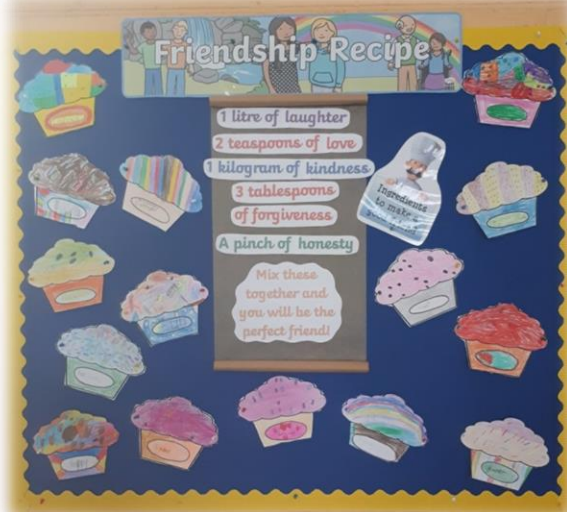
## Room 1



The boys in Room 1 have settled very well into Second Class. They have been busy making new friends, learning many new things and creating some lovely pieces of art.



In September the boys in Room 1 started learning the tin whistle. They have made great progress and have since learned lots of tunes including London Bridge, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, Mary had a Little Lamb and This Old Man. Keep up the good work boys!



## Dates for your diary

<b>Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> December:</b>	<b>Closing at 12.30pm for Christmas holidays.</b>
Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> January:	Re-opening after Christmas holidays.
Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> February:	Mid-term break.
Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> March:	Bank holiday (School closed)
<b>Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>Confirmation in St. Mary's Cathedral at 11am.</b>
<b>Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>Closing at 12.30pm for Easter holidays.</b>
Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April:	Re-opening after Easter holidays.
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May:	Bank holiday.
<b>Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May:</b>	<b>First Holy Communion in St. Marys Cathedral at 11am.</b>
Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June:	Bank holiday.
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June:	School closed.
<b>Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> June:</b>	<b>Closing at 12.30pm for Summer holidays</b>



## Room 3

All the boys in Room 3 have been working very hard over the last few weeks preparing for Christmas. They especially enjoyed working on their play "Yo, ho, ho! A pirate Christmas".



Mrs. Ryan was extremely proud of all their acting and "cleaning" skills they displayed on stage and we hope the parents enjoyed it as much as they did putting it together.

The boys also had lots of fun working together on the collaborative reindeer stable for Room 3's noticeboard and painting their jam jars to bring home as Christmas gifts.



## Room 10

Room 10 has been very busy over the past few weeks. Below are some examples of their hard work.



*History Project by Room 10*



*Artwork by Room 10*



## Room 7

Room 7 have had a really busy term! The boys have been working so hard and put in a massive effort into their Christmas Play! We've enjoyed it so much! Our class have had six weeks of swimming in the Watershed. We really enjoyed each lesson and made great progress. We got to do some fun problem solving activities with the ISAK9 Cubes!



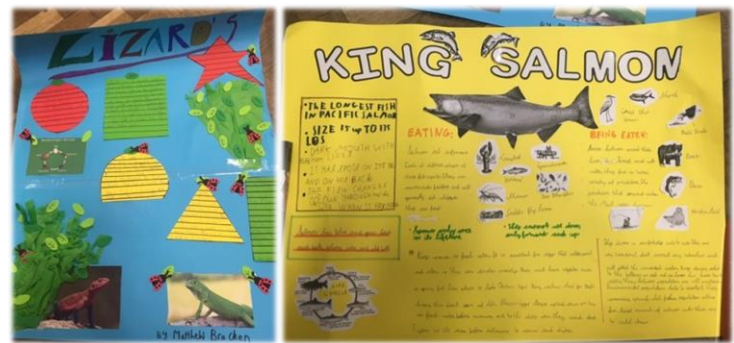
Our visit to the Science museum 'It takes Guts' workshop was REALLY disgusting but also really interesting!



We made lots of fun art this term! We are learning to weave and we enjoyed making some Christmas scenes for our Christmas Plays and Christmas trees for the Yulefest display!



We learned so much researching our Animal Projects. Everybody got to present their project and the class learned so many new facts!!!



We did fun science experiments based on sound! The straw whistles were especially noisy!!!!

We have been learning about 'The Eatwell Plate' and how to keep a balanced diet!



Room 7 are looking forward to Christmas now and a well-earned rest! 😊



## Amber Flag

Our newly formed Amber Flag team have had two meetings since mid-term. Our team includes students from all classes and staff members of our school. We are very motivated about promoting positive mental health in our school!

We would like to share our mission statement with you:

*“To help our school to be a place where everybody, no matter how different we all are, feels safe and has lots of fun learning.”*



Special thanks to JJ and Mahfujur for their work to date!

## C.B.S. Boys Choir



The school choir distinguished themselves yet again at the Lion's Club Christmas Concert in St Canice's Cathedral on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

They also took part in the Armistice Day Memorial in St. Canice's Church and over at the World War I memorial monument in the Peace Park.

They sang at the C.B.S. Christmas Concert on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December which made their Christmas schedule very busy indeed.

The choir boys practise before school and during school time. Their Choirmaster Mr. Seamus Brennan, who started the choir over thirty years ago has committed endless hours of his own time to the choir and has brought the boys on many trips abroad over the years. We are very grateful to him for his dedication to the boys and to the CBS school.

Thanks to Mr. Seamus Brennan, the choirmaster, for all the time that he gives in preparing the boys to attain such a high standard and to Ms. Brennan for accompanying them on keyboard.

## Active Schools – Bainisteoir Beag

Our Active Schools Committee are very busy at the moment. A new initiative has been introduced on our junior yard called “Bainisteoir Beag”. This is where our 6<sup>th</sup> class boys coach our pupils on the junior yard.



A special word of thanks to Ms. Curran, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Leahy and our Active School Committee.

Further new initiatives will be rolled out in the New Year.

## Aquatics



Rooms 7 & 10 have just finished their swimming lessons and Rooms 2 & 5 will begin their lessons on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019. A letter with more information will be sent out in the New Year.

## Parents' Council News

We wish to thank the Parents' Council in their recent involvement in fundraising activities. These include the Lantern Walk & Cake Sale, Bag Pack and Christmas Concert & Raffle. The events were a tremendous success and your support is greatly appreciated.



If you would like to join the Parents' Council please call into the office and let us know.

## Debating



Our practice debate against Muckalee National School consisted of Seán, Luke and Momin. The motion of the debate was that people should be fined for not recycling. We were opposing this motion which meant we were against this idea.

Muckalee were incredibly tough, but it was a very close call where we only lost by two points. Then we went against the Newmarket National School. The motion was today's children will inherit a better world. We were opposing this motion. Our speakers this time were James, David and Rayen. It was a very tough debate and our incredible rebuttal earned us victory and now go forward to the last 16 in January.

*Seán and David*

## School Self Evaluation

We are currently reviewing assessment practices in our school. A plan will soon be drawn up and teachers will then begin to implement these strategies in the classroom. Assessment will be part of our School Improvement Plan.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

Term 1 of Extra-Curricular activities is over. A leaflet for Term 2 will be out at the first week back in school. Activities will include: Arts & Crafts, Basketball, Drama, French for Fun, Grúpa Cheoil, Guitar, Homework Club, Piano and Tennis.

## Recent events



*Futsal team in the Watershed.*



*Junior Winter Hurling League*



*Pupils at a science workshop*



## It's Christmas...Artwork.

