



# Scoil Iognáid de Rís

## November 2012

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## Fáilte

It's hard to believe that our first term is completed and we have now returned from our mid-term break. As always we were extremely busy for September and October settling in all our new pupils, organising our new school year, enjoying academic and fun activities and of course kicking off all our wide range of extra-curricular activities.

We welcome back Mrs. Monica Moloney to our staff and we welcome new staff member, Mrs. Máiread Cummins, to the team. We hope you'll be happy with us Máiread.

On a sad note we would like to sympathise with Mrs. Emer Larkin, and all the Murray family on the death of her grandmother on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> November.

Our Board of Management has budgeted for €6,000 net from fundraising this year. To this end the Parents' Council will organise three events to help us reach this target. They are Bag Packing in December, Christmas Bazaar and our annual Snack & Browse. Please be as generous as you can to these three events.

Our weekly Lotto in aid of the CBS Pitch Development is ongoing and we thank all those who who subscribe so generously each week.

### Authors Visit CBS Primary School



On Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, author Gerry Boland visited our classroom to talk to us about his books. He is an Irish author of children's books. Liz Walsh, the owner of Stonehouse Books came with him. It was such fun and we asked him lots of questions about his 'Marco' books. His books are called, *Marco Moves In*, *Marco Master of Disguise* and *Marco Moon Walker*. His illustrator is a lady called Áine McGuinness. Marco is a bear who escaped from the zoo. Marco has all kinds of adventures like joining a band and hiding from people who come to his house. We asked Gerry lots of questions about his books. His own favourite book is '*Marco Moves In*'. He likes it so much because it is his first story and it touched him a lot. He asked us if any of us wanted to be a writer. A lot of boys said yes.

*By Michael Ibrahim Room 5 and Dylan Deegan Room 2*



On Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October our class had a visit from Martin Brennan aka Edward Crane. Martin is a past pupil of our school and is author of *The Havishams Trilogy*, *The Hive of Nightmares*, *The Minions of Mace* and *The Rise of Valarik*.

I read the first book and I'm half way through the second one. The third book will be out next year. The second book is not out in the shops till next Wednesday but I was able to buy one in our school. The good news is I got it cheaper and I didn't have to wait a week. So far I prefer the second book. When the third

book comes out I'll probably prefer that one. *By Dylan Campion Room 6*

*Sam McKenna seen in the above photo, like Dylan, is also a big fan of the Havishams. He is proudly holding his signed copy of The Havishams.*

## Literacy

Our writing themes and ideas for October varied from writing a postcard or letter, composing a witches recipe, writing a scary Hallowe'en story, writing a Hallowe'en limerick to a Hallowe'en acrostic poem. The boys in all classes did excellent work. Samples of the work done in each class is currently on display on our literacy notice board.

*The following are some examples of the work on display;*

There once was a witch called Winnie.  
Who married a Warlock called Vinnie.  
She flew through the skies,  
With her beady green eyes  
And her little pet mouse called Minnie.

*By Joseph Leydon 4<sup>th</sup> Class*

Leg of a cat, eye of a rat.  
Tongue of a zombie, brain of a spider.  
Droppings of a dog, heart of a troll.  
Stir til it pops and frizzes.  
In the cauldron, boil and bake.  
Soon a dragon you shall make.

*By Luke Brennan 3<sup>rd</sup> Class.*

I think you'll agree that the following recipe written by Daniel O'Grady, a 5<sup>th</sup> Class boy from Room 10 is exceptionally good.

Rat brain, gizzard and guts.  
Stale old coconuts.  
An eagle's only white feather,  
And the bones of a cat boiled together.  
Skin of a fly, dead man's eye.  
Sea horse's tail, the head of a nail.  
A drop of your blood, boy that smells good.  
An old man's leg and a dragon's leg.  
Mouldy old bread with fifty fish heads.  
And the wings of a moth,  
Gives you BANSHEE BROTH.



To conclude we would like to compliment Finn Desmond on his short story about killing witches, monsters and vampires with his magic hurl.

## Cill Chainnigh Abú



Boys from Room 10 gather in the school field, together with the whole school, on the eve of Kilkenny's historic All-Ireland Championship win in September.



Ronan McMurrow and Dean Kiely from Room 7



Mr. Leahy and the Boys from Room 1



## Science in 6<sup>th</sup> Class



Recently the boys from Room 7 did a science-electronic project. Every body got a sheet with the “Top Ten” in some category, e.g. *The Most Popular Cars*, *Largest Islands in the World* and *Moon Walking*. We then made a small poster of our own Top Ten with questions on one side of the page and the answers on the other side. We stuck this poster on

to cardboard. We added pins, wire, a small light bulb and a battery. When you join the wires for the matching question and answer the bulb lights up. You must guess the answer first, and if the answer is correct the bulb lights up. I really enjoyed doing this project with Mr. Browne.

*By Jan Room 7*

## Hallowe'en Party 2012



*Prize Winners Rooms 1 - 9*

On Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> October all classes were allowed to dress up in costumes for our Hallowe'en Party 2012. The boys got to watch a film, play games and eat lots of party treats which were provided by the school. The winners of “Best Dressed” pupil in each class were then rewarded with lovely prizes also provided by Mr. O'Reilly.

Each boy brought in €2 which went towards much needed school funds.



*Prize Winners Room 10*

## Athletics 2012



We congratulate our athletes who represented the school so well in the Kilkenny City Harriers Annual Cross-Country Challenge which was held as usual in the Castle Park, Kilkenny this October. Our 6<sup>th</sup> Class boys came fourth in the “Best Overall Boys Team” event.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Class Team

*Declan Coffey, Jamie Ryan, Oisín Murphy, Joe Murphy, Fiachra O'Callaghan, Oscar Bennett, Cian Holden and Leon Hayes.*

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Class Team won Silver for the school, coming second in the 5<sup>th</sup> Class Team Event.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Class Team

*Colm O'Hara, Dylan Champion, Mateuz Karzinski, Niall McEvoy, Ben O'Shaughnessy, Daragh Quinlan, Michat Dudek, Maciek Dudek and Padraig Hally.*

Our athletes would like to thank Mr. Bergin and Mr. Cunniffe for organising the trials for the Cross-Country races and for looking after them so well on the day of the competition.



Our 4<sup>th</sup> Class boys did not take home any medals this year but they ran very well and did their best on the day.

### *4<sup>th</sup> Class Team*

*John McKinley, Paul Tynan-Kiely, Tadhg Harrison, Michael Kennedy, Jake Nolan, Cillian White-Lawrence and Declan Murphy.*

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## Gaelic Football 2012

Our Gaelic Football Team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> on the table this year, just missing out on a semi-final place. We had victories over Kilmanagh, Tullogher Rosbercon, Inistioge and Callan CBS but unfortunately we lost out to St. Canice's and An Gaelscoil. Many thanks to our trainers Mr. Bergin and Mr. Cunniffe and to Mrs. Larkin who helped with the trials at the beginning of the season.

We enjoyed training very much as it was something to do at lunch time and after school. We had lots of fun at our training sessions but the matches were a much more serious business. We liked representing our school. Our most memorable match was the match we played against Tullogher Rosbercon because it was the most competitive and because of the really long journey we had to make to get there.

*By Declan Coffey and Colm O'Hara*

## The Gaelic Football Panel for 2012

*Jamie Ryan, Declan Coffey, Joe Murphy, Oisín Murphy, Leon Hayes, Fiachra O'Callaghan, Seán Dowling, Colm O'Hara, Jamie Phelan, Niall McEvoy, Oscar Bennett, Paul Kiely, Charlie Maher, Kyle Abubu, Jack Walsh, Ben O'Shaughnessy, Chris O'Connor, Pacey Mc Farlane, Niall Flanagan, Daragh Quinlan, Dylan Campion, Cormac Kennedy and Adam Doyle.*

## Hurling 2013

Preparations are well under way for Hurling 2013. Mr. Bergin and Mr. Cunniffe have been very busy training boys from all classes during lunch time. The Senior Hurling Class - Leagues start on the week beginning November 12<sup>th</sup>. This league will involve the boys from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class. Ninety six boys have enrolled to take part in the Senior League which will be held during lunch time. The Junior Class – League will be held later in the year when the weather gets a bit kinder.

We congratulate Dicksboro Senior Hurling Team on reaching the Senior County Final on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> November. They put in a fine performance and could perhaps have won but for hitting the post in the closing stages of the game. We are very proud of our past pupils who played on the team. They are Oisín Walsh, Martin Gaffney, Ollie Walsh, Danny Kenny, Enda Malone, Evan Cody, Cillian Starr, Cillian Breathnach and Shane Maher.

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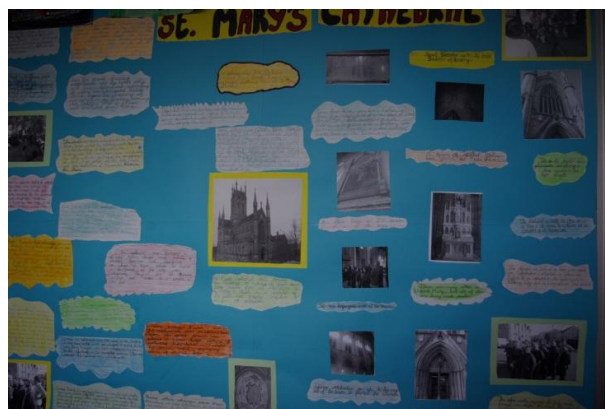
## Maths Trail

For Maths Week, this year, our class made a Maths Trail for Mrs. Larkin's 2<sup>nd</sup> Class. There were twenty questions laid out in the yard under cones. The boys got into groups of two and we went around with them to help. We gave them some tough questions like, 'What do you get if you add up the numbers on Mr. O'Reilly's car?' and 'How long has the school been open?'. All the second class boys had a great time and so had we.

*By Oscar Bennett 6<sup>th</sup> Class*

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## Room 7 Tour of St. Mary's Cathedral



On Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October this year the boys from Room 7 went on a tour of St. Mary's Cathedral. It was built in Famine times. It has been renovated many times and is under-going more improvements



at the moment. We really enjoyed the walking. Before we went on our tour we did a project on St. Mary's Cathedral with our teacher Mr. Browne. You can see a photograph of our project just above my article.

*By Ronan McMurrow Room 7*

### CBS Boys Choir



The senior choir boys are busy preparing for a number of upcoming performances. On Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> December they will be singing in St Canice's Cathedral at the annual Lion's Club Hamper Appeal concert. They are also preparing for the Black Abbey Carol Service on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, the school Christmas Concert and the Christmas Bazaar all of which will take place towards the end of term. Parents will be notified about dates and times of these events when they are known. In the meantime the 'early morning' practices are going ahead as usual and we are glad to report that attendances at these practices are up to the high standard of previous years.

### Christmas Bazaar

Our Parents' Council are organising their first Christmas Bazaar. This will take place in the school on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 12 noon to 4pm. At the moment they are very busy planning this event and hope that it is a great success. ALL FUNDS RAISED AT THIS EVENT WILL GO TO SUPPORT SCHOOL PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES.

### What is involved?

The Hall will be decorated for the festive season and there will be lots of gifts, raffles, cakes, crafts, Christmas cards etc. on sale. We will also have a lot

of fun items for the children. Following are some of the activities that are planned:

- Cake & Book Sale.
- Mince Pies & Mulled Wine.
- Craft Stalls.
- Christmas Cards (designed by CBS pupils).
- Novelty raffles such as Guess the weight of the cake, lucky straws, x marks the spot. WE HAVE FANTASTIC PRIZES SPONSORED BY LOCAL BUSINESSES.
- Chocolate Fountain.
- Free face painting.
- Santa's Grotto.
- Novelty Golf Putting.
- CBS Boys Choir and Cantóirí an Rútaigh will provide seasonal music.



### How can you help?

We would like the boys, their parents and extended family to support us on the day by their attendance. We also hope you will spend some money. We also need your help in many other ways such as volunteers to help with the stalls, donations of unwanted and unopened gifts, donations of cakes, buns, bottles of wine etc. If you feel that you can help in any way please complete the attached slip and return to the school secretary as soon as possible. I also enclose a flyer and you might display it in your place of work or in a local shop.

A huge effort is going into making this day a success. As I already said, all funds raised will go towards school projects. Like many individuals and businesses, schools have also been badly affected by

the recession. The main negative effect is that our grants have been reduced each year for the last two years. This will continue to get worse with each progressive budget and unfortunately this means that we have to fundraise to provide even the essentials.

With your support we can weather these bad times. In the past you've always responded very generously to our appeals and I know that you will do your best to support this fundraising activity.



### Improving Numeracy & Literacy

Part of our School Plan is to improve Literacy levels over the next three years. The area we have selected for improvement is Creative Writing. As you will see from previous articles we've already had visits from two authors – one who is a past pupil of our school. These visits are a source of great enjoyment and encouragement to the pupils.



Each month we select themes for our creative writing and we provide a variety of activities and writing genres for our pupils to participate in. Some examples of the boys work for October is on page two. Our themes for November are: AUTUMN, DEPARTED LOVED ONES, SCIENCE WEEK. At the minute all the classes are busy with their activities and they look forward to seeing their work displayed on our Literacy Notice Board. It is a great opportunity for our budding writers to display their talents and skills.

Martin Brennan aka Edward Crane is a past pupil of our school. While he was a pupil here he was better known for his artistic ability and obviously this is something that he has developed over the years as he designs the illustrations and covers for his novels. Congratulations to Martin on his success and we hope that our Literacy Plan give our budding authors an opportunity to grow and develop their talents.

### Edvance

Edvance is our new school database/website. You will find up to date information about school activities, notices, announcements, documents, events, newsletters etc. on this site.

Each pupil/parent was given a user name and password to log on to this site. It is the best way of keeping up to date with school activities. You will find a copy of this newsletter on the site. If you are experiencing difficulty with your password or in logging on please contact the school secretary who will help you sort the issue.

### Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent/Teacher meetings will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> November. You will receive an invitation shortly 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.

### Design a Christmas Card Competition

Boys are currently busy with their designs for this competition. Six winners will be selected from the classes and each winner will receive a small prize. However, the big prize for the winners is that their cards will be printed and will be on sale at our Christmas Bazaar. The boys from Room 3 also entered a Christmas Card Competition organised by the ISPCC and Darragh Butler and Luc Granier were selected as prize winners. Well done to both boys.

### FAI Futsal Competition

A team from 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> classes will represent the school at the FAI Futsal Competition to be held in the Watershed on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Best of luck to the team.