



# Scoil Iognáid de Rís

## Christmas 2012

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### Fáilte

We've come to the end of another very busy and exciting school term as you will see from the contents of this newsletter.

The days and the weeks seem to pass very quickly and as the saying goes "Time flies when you are enjoying yourself". We've certainly had a lot of enjoyment over the last months with games, extra curricular activities, school bazaar and Christmas Concert.

CBS Primary is a very busy school and we thank all those who help and support us in all our activities. It's not possible to do it on our own. We thank two groups in particular – our Board of Management and Parents' Council. They work extremely hard to ensure the best education and facilities for the pupils of CBS Primary. We thank the teachers for all their hard work, the pupils for being so good and all the parents for their generosity and support. Go raibh Sonas na Féile oraibh go léir.

### Christmas Bazaar 2012



The CBS held their first Christmas Bazaar on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was great fun. We had a brilliant performance by the CBS Boys Choir. The chocolate fountain was a great hit and tasted so nice. There was also a Christmas decoration shop, a candle shop, Hennessy Sports, Santa's Grotto, which included Conor McCarthy, Fiachra O'Callaghan, Dean Kiely and Ronan MacMorrow as elves.



We had great games at our Christmas Bazaar. They were called 'Bash the Rat' and golf putting. Other games included 'Guess the Weight of the Cake', which was won by Bobby Schneider who actually guessed the exact weight, and 'Guess the Name of the Dog'. Zak Dwyer from Room 2 won that competition by guessing 'Ruphus'. In another game you had to guess how many sweets were in a jar. Aoibh Gannon won by guessing 379. The freshly baked buns and cakes were enjoyed by all. Thanks to Martin Gaffney who sold CBS Beanie Hats, to Khans Book Shop and to Sharon Hayden who helped by cutting hair. A very big thank you to the Parents' Council, Principal, teachers, Tom, Richie and parents and friends who helped make our first Christmas Bazaar happen and be such a success. The total raised for our school was €3,400.

*By Conor McCarthy and Luke Gannon Room 10*

## 3rd and 4th Class visit to the Theatre



On Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup> the boys from Rooms 2, 5 and 8 went to the Watergate Theatre to see a play called 'The House that Jack Filled'. It was a one man show. The characters in the show were Jake, Jack, Melanie Woodcott, Harrison the Cat, Norma and Dorma, Brenda and Michael and Mrs. Chelsea. The story is about two brothers who hate each other, their parents' hotel called McNallys' and what happens when one brother leaves to build his own hotel which he eventually calls "McNally's by the Mud". My favourite part of the show was when Jake sat on the toilet seat. I liked the show because it was so funny.

*Michael Ibrahim Room 5*

Adam Walsh liked the Rock Star who had a broom for a guitar.

Jack Sinnott's favourite part of the show was when Jack was singing "I'm from Spain" and Conor Hayes loved the part where Jake was sitting on the toilet. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class boys are already looking forward to their next visit to the theatre.

## November Creative Writing

During November in particular, we remember our loved ones who have died. This can include our pets whom we can grow very fond of. The following was written by one of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Class boys from Room 2.

### Brandy

Brandy was a cute dog. Every day I played with her. If I was sad she made me happy. I loved her because she was a lovely pet and never hurt you. She never heard me when she had a bone in her mouth. She always ran upstairs at night and licked me.

*By Zak Dwyer Room 2*

## 4<sup>th</sup> Class Indoor Hurling

Eight of our 4<sup>th</sup> Class hurling stars travelled to the Wallslough Arena on a very frosty 6<sup>th</sup> of December morning to take part in the annual 4<sup>th</sup> Class indoor hurling blitz. The organisers emphasise skill, participation and enjoyment. The boys learned new skills and showed great teamwork throughout all four games.

They lost their first game to St. Canices on a scoreline of 6 – 4, but they really got into their stride thereafter beating St. Johns, Comer and St. Patricks in great style. Their favourite game was against St. Patricks because it was so close and both teams fought so well. Afterwards they got drinks and chocolate bars from Briain Ryan, chief organiser.

In their own words they felt "happy, tired, excited and sore" when it was all over.



*Team*

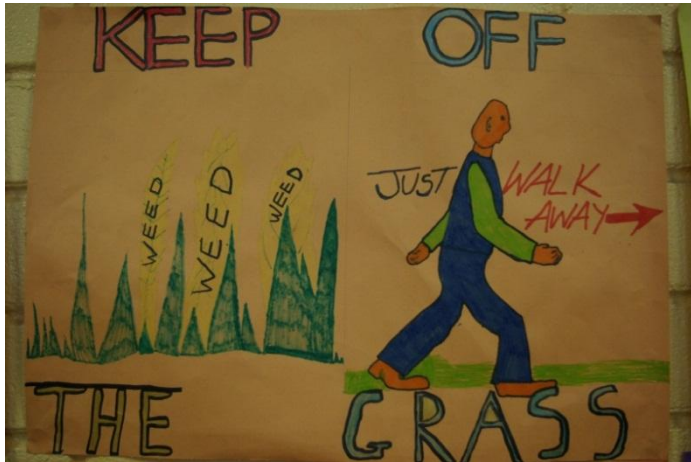
Evan Dowling (Goalkeeper), Harry Bland and Jake Nolan (Defenders), Joseph Leydon and Michael Kennedy (Mid-field) and Cillian White-Lawrence, Diarmuid Henderson and Seán O'Connor (Forwards). Cillian and Diarmuid scored 8 and 6 goals respectively. Harry Bland and Michael Kennedy scored 3 goals each. Joseph scored 2 and Jake Nolan and Seán O'Connor each scored 1 goal.

## Drugs Awareness Programme

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Class teachers are facilitating the 'Drugs Awareness Programme' again this November. During the programme the boys have an opportunity to discuss the dangers of drug abuse and learn how to stay safe. The programme involves lessons, discussion groups and a workshop for parents and guardians presented by John Leahy and Joan O'Meara. It also involves some competitions and project work. The boys have just completed their



poster so John Leahy, Drugs Education Officer, Brian O'Shea, Knights of Columbanus and Joan O'Meara from the Aislinn Treatment Centre visited the school on December 10<sup>th</sup> to touch base with the boys and to commend them and their teachers on their beautiful posters.



### CBS Christmas Card Competition



*Left-Right, Luke Gannon, Chase Leefar, Kylie Abubo, Adam Walsh, Filip Kowalski and Conor McCarthy in front.*

We congratulate the above boys on winning the 2012 CBS Christmas Card Competition. All six winners had their cards professionally printed and packaged for sale. Most of the cards are now on their way to Australia, U.S.A., England and Canada to mention but a few. There was both suspense and excitement in each classroom as the winners were announced over the intercom. Many of the winners said they couldn't believe it when they heard their names called out. All were extremely happy with the good news.

Luke Gannon decided to use the reindeer names on his card because he reckoned most people would put

'Happy Christmas' on theirs, and he wanted something a bit different. He got the idea for the red nose when he visited Santa with his younger brother. Conor McCarthy's inspiration came to him when he remembered building a snowman in his front garden two years ago when school was closed due to the seasonal weather. Each winner will receive a €20 voucher which will be presented by Mr. O'Reilly.

It must be said that there was a very high standard of art in the Christmas card competition this year so it took the judges a long time to finally choose the eventual winners.

The following boys' cards received 'highly commended' and were awarded a selection box each. They are Oscar Bennett, Declan Coffey, Liam Dowling and Cathal Maguire Room 10, Jack Wise, Room 9, Jack Moylan-Hughes Room 8, Sushan Lama, Paul Hayes and Sam Kirby Room 7 and finally David Baginski Room 6. The money raised from the sale of the cards will go towards school funds.

Congratulations and thank you boys.

### Futsal (Indoor Soccer) Tournament



Today we had a soccer blitz in the Watershed. There were eight teams in the tournament. Mr. Cunniffe was our Manager and Mrs. Malone was our Physio. Out of the four games we played we won one, drew one and lost two games. We played against Ballyragget, Dunnamaggin, St. Patrick's and Lisnafunchin.

We had a great time. Mateusz scored four goals, Paul and Seán O'Connor scored two goals each and Jon McKinley and Declan Murphy each scored one goal. Paul Kiely got 'Man of the Match'. Some of the parents came to support us today.

*Team - Mateusz Zych, Michael Kennedy, Tommy Docherty, Paul Kiely, Daniel Oglesby, John Mc Kinley, Diarmuid Henderson, Seán O'Connor, Declan Murphy and Vinny Roberts.*

*By Declan Murphy Room 9*

### ISPCC Christmas Card Competition

We congratulate Luc Granier and Darragh Butler from Room 3 on winning this year's ISPCC Christmas Card Competition. They were two of six winners, all of whom had their cards professionally printed and packaged for sale. They each received their entry card framed and a complimentary packet of the cards.



### Winter Hurling League 2012/2013



There are almost one hundred boys from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes involved in our Winter Hurling League again this year. They are divided among eight teams, Clare, Cork, Waterford, Galway, Limerick, Kilkenny, Dublin and Tipperary. The League is organised by Mr. Bergin and Mr. Cuniffe and the games are played at lunch time. Though the weather is cold and sometimes wet, the boys look forward to it every week. They are learning new skills and preparing for the up-coming hurling season when trials and training will begin shortly after the Winter League comes to an end in January.

The Quarter finals, Semi finals and Final will take place after the Christmas holidays in January. We will report on these in the next Newsletter.

### Did You Know – Room 7

In Germany the first Christmas trees were decorated with edible things such as gingerbread and gold covered apples.

In 1885 a hospital in Chigago burned down because of candles on a Christmas tree. Because of the danger of fire, Ralph Morris invented the first electric Christmas lights in 1895.

Advent helps us to count down the days to Christmas. Advent calendars trace their origin to 19<sup>th</sup> Century Germany. Some families used a wooden structure with twenty four candles to mark the passing of each day.

Plum puddings were first made in medieval England. It was made with thirteen ingredients to represent Jesus and the twelve apostles. In 1714 King George was known as the Pudding King.

### Christmas Concert 2012



**Room 10** performed 'Scrooge, Primary Teacher' for the Christmas Concert this year. Cathal Maguire was Scrooge and he was great. It is based on the Charles Dickens story of Scrooge except in our play, Scrooge is a teacher. Three ghosts visit Teacher Scrooge during the night. The ghosts were played by Tom Quinlan, Kyle O'Brien and Conor McCarthy who showed Scrooge himself as a kid, what he was like in the present and his future. It was funny and good for all ages. We enjoyed doing it very much.

*By Oscar Bennett Room 10*



**Room 7** did a play called “The Christmas Crisis”. It was about a group of people on a bus from Dublin to Kilkenny. The bus broke down, but after some arguments and banter they manage to get the bus working again and most importantly they discover the real meaning of Christmas.

*By Ronan McMorro Room 7*



**Room 6** performed a play about ‘The Great Escape’. It was about eight pupils who despised their teacher and came up with a plan to escape. They dug a hole and sneaked out when teacher wasn’t looking. During our play some of the class performed a Haka.

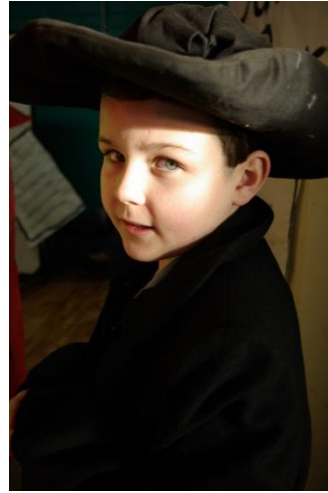
*By Eoin Maguire Room 6*



**In Room 9**, 4<sup>th</sup> Class put on some scenes from ‘Oliver’ for our Christmas Concert. John Comerford played the part of Oliver and Tommy Docherty played the Artful Dodger. Cian Ryan was a very credible Fagin while Jamie Dalton was Mr. Bumble and Declan Murphy was Mr. Snowberry. We sang ‘Food Glorious Food’, ‘Where is Love’, ‘Consider

Yourself’ and ‘Be Back Soon’. We really enjoyed preparing the play for concert night.

*By Tadhg Harrison Room 9*



Our Class joined up with Room 1 for our Christmas Show. We did a Merry Christmas poem, a Santa Claus poem and a play called ‘Stable Manners’. The play is all about the Baby Jesus and being kind to each other. We also sang three songs which were great fun and got a great reaction from the audience. We loved doing all the actions.

*By Jack West Room 3*

The name of our play was “A Christmas Recipe”. We performed our play with Room 5. I was a ‘star’ in the play. The story was based on a Christmas recipe. The most important ingredient was Baby Jesus. We sang lots of songs. We practised for about a month to get ready for the show. It was really great fun and got us in the mood for Christmas.

*By Adam Bowe Room 2*



Our play from Room 8 was called, 'A Cowboys' Christmas'. It started in Ed the Bartender's Saloon. A new sheriff came to Rockport. The 'Hill's Gang' entered the saloon bar and tried to rob the money. Some parts of the story were set on the prairie. At the end Sheriff Gabe, the cowboys, the farmers and the townsfolk captured

'The Hill's Gang'. Our play was very funny and got lots of laughs from the audience. We really enjoyed preparing for the concert and it was a great experience to perform in front of such a crowd on the night.

*By Jaolo and Raijan Room 8*

## Parents' Council

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Parents' Council for all their hard work on behalf of the pupils in the school. They spent many meetings organising our very successful Bazaar down to the very last detail. They made sure that we had enough volunteers and helpers so that things ran smoothly on the day. They organised sponsorship for the fantastic prizes that were on offer.

If that wasn't enough they were out the following week at a sponsored bag pack in SuperValu. In total they raised €5,000 for school funds. Thanks to all those who volunteered their help and who sponsored

prizes for the various raffles. A huge thank you to all the parents who sent in cakes, buns, unwanted gifts and other prizes. Your generosity made our fundraising events a huge success.

## Seasonal Greetings



We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our pupils and their families a very Happy Christmas. Enjoy the break from school and we look forward to the new term and to brighter days full of fun and excitement.

## School Calendar

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> December - Closing at 12.30pm.

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January – Back after holidays.

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> February – School closed.

18<sup>th</sup> March – School closed.

22<sup>nd</sup> March – Closing at 12.30pm for Easter.

8<sup>th</sup> April – Back after Easter holidays.

27<sup>th</sup> April – Confirmation in St. Mary's Cathedral.

6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May – School closed for week.

19<sup>th</sup> May – First Communion in St. Mary's Cathedral.

3<sup>rd</sup> June – School closed.

28<sup>th</sup> June – Closing at 12.30pm for Summer holidays

