



Scoil Iognáid de Rís

Easter 2017

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Fáilte

Dear Parents,

Our third term as always was busy with trips, projects, sporting events, competitions and extra-curricular activities. One of the highlights of the term was the hatching of the baby chicks which signalled new birth, the arrival of Spring and the approaching Easter holidays.

We also had our monthly assemblies where all aspects of school life were acknowledged and celebrated with the school community.

We congratulate the thirty six 6th class boys who were confirmed in St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday March 25th. We thank Sr. Maria, the priests, parents, teachers Mr. Prendergast and Mr. Bergin and choirmaster Mr. Brennan for all their help and preparation for this special day.

We pass on our best wishes to our 2nd class boys who will receive their First Holy Communion in St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday May 21st.

Thanks to all the parents and especially the members of the Parents Council for their support of all our school events. After Easter, we will be depending on your support for our end of year fundraiser at the Kilkenny Dog Track. Last year's event proved to be a great success and a great social event for all the parents who came along. Do put Friday June 9th in your calendar for a great night out to meet with other parents and perhaps win a few Euro also.

On behalf of the staff and myself I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all the boys and their families a very Happy Easter.

Beannachtai na Casca oraibh go leir

Dónal Mc Carthy, Principal.



CBS Boys' Choir Visit Poland May 2017

The choir having performed so well at the Three Tenors concert in St Mary's Cathedral at Christmas, I am pleased to say that the younger "Confirmation Choir" sang equally well at the recent Confirmation there.

On Monday April 3rd the senior boys will be singing in the Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann concert in the Set Theatre. Then on Sunday April 30th we set off on an exciting trip to Malbork, Poland.

This is a fitting conclusion to a most successful year. But not quite the conclusion because on Sunday July 3rd we have a final date with the Girls' Choir of Philadelphia with whom we will co-present a programme of church themed music at a city venue, yet to be decided.

Thanks to the parents and all the teachers for their invaluable support throughout the past year. S.B.



FAI 5-a-side Spar Soccer County Champions



'A' Team County Champions.

Back Row Left to Right: Mr. Cuniffe, Brooklyn Synnott, Seán Knox and Cathal Poyntz.

Front Row Left to Right: Jack Docherty, Owen Hanney, Jake Hoyne and Billy Wall-Young

The 'B' Team, who performed very well, winning one match, drawing one match and losing one match.



Back Row Left to Right: Greg Kelly, Darragh Butler, Rory Flannagan, Luis Alvaro.

Front Row Left to Right: Rúairí Harrison, Killian Dollard, Clayton Barry and Pat Delaney.

Easter Artwork



Seachtain na Gaeilge - March 2017



We in the CBS had an activity filled Seachtain na Gaeilge this year with all pupils enjoying a festival of Irish music, drama, song and dance, together with a whole school Tráth na gCeist every morning.

The week culminated in a celebration performance of various items where the children and their teachers displayed the depth of talent present in the school.



Annual School Tour

This year's School Tour will be to UL Adventure Centre, Killaloe, County Clare, on **Monday, 26th June for Room 5, Room 6, Room 7 and Room 10** and on **Tuesday 27th June for Room 1, Room 2, Room 3 and Room 8.**

The Centre is located on the shores of beautiful Lough Derg. Pupils will get an opportunity to take part in two water-based activities, (Kayaking, Windsurfing, Sailing, Canoeing or Stand UP Paddling) and two land-based activities



(Archery, Orienteering, New High Ropes Course, Low Ropes, Team Challenges, Adventure Trail and Climbing Tower).

If you have not received an information letter from your son, please check his school bag immediately or call to the office for a replacement one. The cost of the trip is €48. A deposit of €10 must be paid before the Easter holidays. As we outlined in the letter to parents, we are taking the payments through instalments each week.

The full amount must be paid by Friday, 9th June 2017.

Planetarium Coming to CBS 17/5/17



CBS Boys Choose a Healthy Lifestyle



Healthy Lunch-box winners for March.

Back Row Left to Right:

Bart Konkel Room 8, Luke Johnson Room 7, Adam Slawinski Room 5, Brooklyn Synnott Room 6, Cillian Dunne Room 10, Kernius Kavaliauskas Room 1 and Seán O'Neill Room 2.

Congratulations boys and well done to all classes for reaching the “exceptionally high standard mark”, for healthy lunches. Every class in our school has been awarded a dolphin icon.

A big thank you to all parents who support us in our endeavours to choose a healthy lifestyle, and keep up the great work boys.

Jonathan Swift Art Winners



Eli Wise, Room 5, over-all Kilkenny winner in the senior section of the Jonathan Swift Art Competition organised by St. Patrick's Day Festival, in conjunction with Cartoon Saloon, Kilkenny.

Eli is pictured holding his own winning entry portraying an aspect of Jonathan Swift's life. He is seated in front of the prize he won for the school, a beautiful work of art painted by members of the Cartoon Saloon Team.



The winning entrants who went on to represent our school in the Jonathan Swift Art Competition pictured with Malcolm Noonan, representing St. Patrick's Day Festival Committee and Ross Stewart representing Cartoon Saloon.

We'd like to thank all the boys in the school who entered the competition. The standard of the entries from the school was exceptionally high and was highly praised by Malcolm Noonan and Ross Stewart. We really appreciate all the work and creative effort Ms. Curran put into promoting and organising the competition within the school.



School Concert & Performing Arts

Marie Cashin, our Performing Arts teacher, is currently working hard preparing the boys for their end of year stage performances of Peter Pan, and Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat.

The 5th & 6th class boys really enjoyed after school drama which ran every Thursday since January. The boys learned about improvisational drama, scene writing, stage direction and producing their own work. It culminated with the boys performing a play for the whole school. A big well done to everybody involved. Thank you Mr. Cuniffe.

Active School Flag



Following the great success of Active School's Week 2016, we have decided to organise Active School's Week 2017 for April 24th to April 28th.

A big thank you to all parents and instructors who have volunteered to support us throughout the week.

Our Active School's week timetable is filling up fast with lots of fun activities planned for all the classes.

What a super fun, active way to start our new term after the Easter Break.

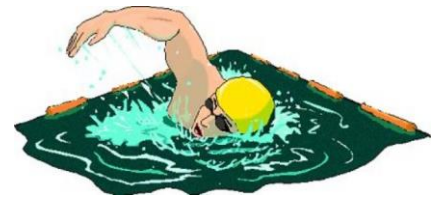
Please check your son's school bag for letters detailing the activities taking place during Active Schools Week if you have not already received them.

Thank you Ms. Curran and Mr. Bergin.

Aquatics

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

The boys from Room 3 and Room 7 are currently taking part in their programme every Thursday morning between 9am and 10.30am.



Presentation Secondary TY Students visit with Astronomy Project



Sincere thanks to the excellent TY students from Presentation Secondary School Kilkenny for delivering a very well organised and informative activity based presentation on our solar system to the boys in 5th and 6th classes.



Nuachtlitir Scoil Iognáid de Rís

Winter Hurling League 2017



3rd/4th Class Cup Winners 2017



3rd/4th Class Cup Runners Up 2017



3rd/4th Class Shield Winners 2017



3rd/4th Class Shield Runners Up 2017



Winners of the Winter League Cup Final – Galway



Cup Runners Up, Clare who lost by the narrowest of margins.



Winners of The Winter League Shield Final



Runners Up of The Winter League Shield Final

Congratulations to everyone who took part.

Green School 2017



CBS is currently working towards our fourth Green Flag. This Green Flag is for travel and promoting greener ways of travelling to school.

These can include walking, cycling, carpooling or park and stride. We will be launching some of these activities in the last term.

Remember to help the Easter Bunny by recycling all your Easter eggs boxes. Happy Easter everyone!

The Green School Committee



Homework Club

Homework Club resumes on Monday, 24th April (straight after the Easter holidays) for 5 weeks.

Please confirm your place with Tom in the office as soon as possible.



Dates for Your Diary

Friday, 7th April – Friday, 21st April: Closing at 12.30pm for Easter holidays.

Monday, 24th April: Re-opening after Easter holidays.

Monday, 1st May: Bank holiday.

Sunday, 21st May: First Holy Communion in St. Mary's Cathedral.

Monday, 5th June: Bank holiday.

Tuesday, 6th June: School closed.

Friday, 30th June: Closing at 12.30pm for Summer holidays.

Appeal to parents

We are hoping to assemble a support group of people from our parent body and friends of the school.



If you have a particular skill or expertise in a specific area, and would be willing to give a little of your time, free of charge to enhance the school building, the garden or more importantly to support the children themselves, then we'd love to hear from you. Some examples are art and crafts, gardening, cookery, carpentry, painting and decorating. Please contact Tom in the office at (056) 7761739 if you would like to volunteer.

Grandparents are also very welcome to become involved with the school by sharing their life experiences with the pupils. Please contact your grandchild's class teacher if you would like to arrange a visit.

End of Year Fundraiser

Finally, we are planning an end of year fundraiser in Kilkenny Dog Track. We would greatly appreciate hearing from any of you who have experience or expertise in this area. If you are willing to go on a committee, please give your name to Tom in the office and I will be in contact.