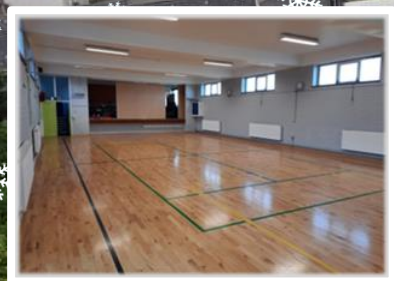


# Christmas 2022



On behalf of everyone in CBS Primary School,  
we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Welcoming **Junior Infant Girls**  
and **Boys** from **September 2023.**

We will continue to offer places  
to **2nd to 6th class boys.**



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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

With the arrival of our Christmas Holidays we can all look forward to a well earned rest after an extremely busy and enjoyable term. Thankfully, school has more or less returned to school as we once knew it.

We take great pride in our school and the quality of education we provide for our pupils but without your continued support throughout this first term we simply wouldn't have been able to function. I thank you most sincerely for your co-operation and commitment to our school.

We are blessed with an exceptionally good staff, Parents' Association and Board of Management who want nothing but the very best for every pupil in our school. Our staff never cease to amaze and time and time again this term have gone over and above to ensure that every pupil in their care is cherished, safe and receives a high quality education.

I can't speak highly enough of the wonderful pupils we have in our school. It is heartening to hear visitors to our school speaking so highly of you all. We are extremely proud of each one of you. We look forward to seeing you on January 5th. A special word for those boys who are on the various committees we have in the school. Your contributions are invaluable as we constantly seek to improve our school.

We held our first ever Open Evening in the school in November. This proved to be a very successful evening. We are looking forward to welcoming Junior Infant girls and boys to our school next September. A new venture for us all. We will still enrol boys from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class as per our enrolment policy.

A sincere word of thanks to Tom in the office for producing such a wonderful newsletter. He sets high standards for himself and is constantly raising the bar! I really hope you take the time to read this brilliant publication. It gives you a flavour of the amazing work that goes on in our school.

I take this opportunity to wish all in our school community a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and every good wish for 2023.

Nollaig Shonasach agus athbhliain shuaimhneach daoibh go léir.

Le gach dea – ghuí,

*Niall Bergin, Principal.*







### Parents' Association

The C.B.S. Primary Parents' Association organised a Bumper Christmas Raffle to assist the school in raising funds to support with the transition to a co-educational school in September 2023. We were blown away with the amazing response. We raised €3,340, an amazing figure!!

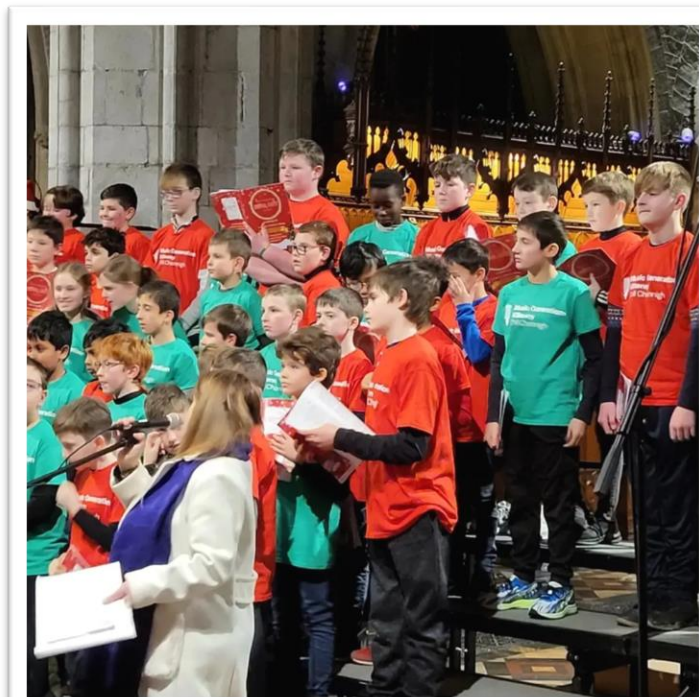
A huge word of thanks to our Parents' Association members for everything they do for the school. Thanks also to you, the parents of the boys, for your contributions to our Bumper Christmas Raffle. A special word of thanks to all who donated prizes for the raffle. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

As always, our Parents' Association welcome new members. If you would like to join, please email [pa@cbsprimarykilkenny.ie](mailto:pa@cbsprimarykilkenny.ie)



### Yulefest

We are so proud of our CBS boys who performed at the Kilkenny Yulefest Sing Out Concert with Music Generation, in St. Canice's Cathedral on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December.



### Stop the Press!

In the run up to our very first Open Evening in November, there was a lot of interest, both from parents and the local media about our exciting news. The Principal, Mr. Bergin, spoke on KCLR and CRKC and both the Kilkenny People and Kilkenny Observer published interesting and informative articles about our school.



Just a reminder that you can also keep up to date on school news through our Instagram account **cbsprimarykilkenny** as well as our school twitter **@cbsprimarykk**.

### Open Night

As you are well aware, we will begin to enrol Junior Infant girls and boys in September 2023.

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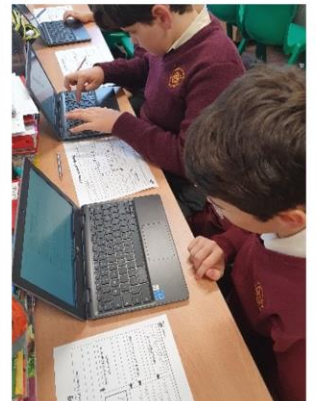
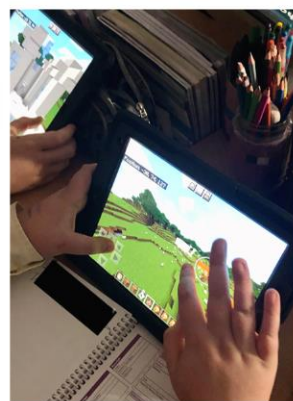
- Enrol boys and girls into Junior Infants going forward from September 2023.
- Admit boys and girls into Junior Infants in 2023, Senior Infants in 2024, 1st Class in 2025 and so on, becoming fully vertical co-educational in 2030.
- Continue to offer places to boys from 2nd to 6th Class as per the enrolment policy of our school.
- Not admit girls to classes which are not yet co-educational.

We held a hugely successful Open Night on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are really looking forward to welcoming Junior Infant girls and boys to our school very soon. A reminder that we will begin to accept admission applications on January 5th. Application forms are available on our website. Alternatively, email Tom in the office on [office@cbsprimarykilkenny.ie](mailto:office@cbsprimarykilkenny.ie).

















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# A DAY IN THE LIFE - CBS Primary School - old & new!



**SIOBHAN DONOHOE**

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A day in the life of a school? Yes, it's an unusual one this week as I speak to the principal and students at the CBS Primary School, as exciting times lie ahead for them.

CBS Primary School is situated in the heart of Kilkenny City. The current school building first opened its doors in 1953 and prior to this shared a site with the CBS Secondary School.

Currently, the school caters for boys from second class to sixth class. However, this school year will mark the last year of their current structure, before making history with a brand-new era.

Not only will the school continue to welcome boys into second class, but it will also begin to enrol girls and boys starting in Junior Infants - the beginning of the school's coeducational journey.

Their dedicated and caring staff are committed to providing a safe and happy environment where all their pupils can reach their full potential. Their aim is to prepare every student in the school for further education and lifelong learning.

To get to the heart of the matter, I interviewed four current CBS boys for their reaction to the new dawning of the school.

JJ Cahill is a sixth class pupil and his teacher is Ms Minogue. JJ loves sport and he is a member of the school Gaelic Football team who are looking forward to a semi-final over the coming days.

Grzegorz Duda is also a sixth class pupil, and his teacher is Ms Brennan. Grzegorz is a member of the Student Council in the school and loves playing the ukulele.

Michael Wall is in fifth class and Michael's teacher's name is Ms



CBS students Grzegorz Duda, Michael Wall, Milo Buckridge and JJ Cahill and (below) with principal Niall Bergin

Cantwell. Michael is a renowned Irish dancer and even competed in Blackpool last month winning many trophies! He is also a member of the Gaelic panel.

Milo Buckridge is in fourth class and his teacher's name is Mrs Ryan. Another sport enthusiast, Milo was a member of the school U11 hurling team last year.

Finally, I also spoke to Niall Bergin (pictured right with students), the principal of the CBS Primary School. He is a past pupil of the school like Mr Cuniffe and Mr Leahy.

Mr Bergin joined the staff in 2006 and he became principal in September 2018. He started as principal on the same day JJ and Grzegorz started in Second Class.

So let's get started... **Niall, the CBS Primary School will be making history next September. What exactly is happening?**

That's right Siobhan. Next September will be a watershed moment in the life of CBS Primary School. For the first time ever, we will welcome Junior Infant girls and boys into our school. We are currently an all-boys school starting in second class. The school is busier than ever at the moment preparing for



our new school and the future. **The school will celebrate its 70th anniversary next year. Can you give us some history of Kilkenny's CBS Primary School?**

The school is a proud member of the Edmund Rice Schools Trust (ERST). We work hard to ensure that we are building on the vision of our founder, Blessed Edmund Rice, year on year.

The school boasts a rich tradition of academic and sporting achievement. We aim to meet the needs of all our pupils, and we are proud to provide a wide range of extra-curricular activities. This gives every child the opportunity to develop their areas of interest.

We have strong community links in the area. Our pupils love to

see coaches from various sporting backgrounds call to our school to coach them. Currently, we have a GAA coach, Philly Campion (Dicksboro), rugby coach, Noel Devlin (Leinster rugby), and Music Generation tutors, Paul and Mark, working in our school.

Speaking of ERST, we are delighted to have a close relationship with CBS Secondary School with the vast majority of our boys continuing their educational journey there.

**For a great school you surely had your share of famous past students?**

We are extremely proud of all of our pupils both past and present.

It is fantastic for the boys in our school to have positive role models who walked the corridors, sat in the classrooms and graced our pitch.

Right now, we have young boys dreaming of being current All Star and Young Hurler of the Year, Mikey Butler. It wasn't that long ago when Mikey was donning the famed maroon and gold of our school.

**You come from a strong hurling background yourself, this must have a positive impact on sports and GAA in the school?**

My love for sport was fostered in this very school a long time ago! Hurling has always been my passion and still is to this day.

I've nothing but happy memories of playing sports in our field during the school day and after school on various different teams. This is something I'm indebted to the school for.

Sport has obvious health benefits for children but in a world that is becoming ever more challenging,

I see the importance sport and teams play in terms of mental health, self esteem and the development of children both from a social and emotional perspective.

Our staff are committed to providing a wide range of sporting opportunities to our pupils. A lot of the principles that apply to sport apply to school life too. In

many ways the school community is like a GAA community.

We are very fortunate to have such a strong and committed Board of Management, Parents' Association, parental body, and school staff working in unison.

**As a past pupil of the school, how has education evolved? School life has changed considerably since I was a pupil in the school. Huge advancements have been made in technology. We aim to have every pupil adequately equipped from an ICT perspective for the world they are facing.**

Each classroom in our school has an interactive panel and pupils have access to chrome books and iPads readily available. Our staff are committed to fostering a love of lifelong learning with our pupils.

The pupil voice is an integral part of school nowadays. In CBS we strive to give our students a meaningful role in the development of our school. We have several initiatives where students take a leading role in shaping our school, such as our Student Council and committees including Amber Flag, Active School, Green School to mention a few.

**To the Boys - How do you feel about girls coming into the school to make it a co-educational school?**

Grzegorz - It will be a big change for the better! It will be interesting to hear different opinions and perspectives.

JJ - Everyone is excited for the change. There is a great buzz around the school. Firstly, having junior infants and then having both boys and girls. It seems more natural to have boys and girls learning together like the way men and women work together in their jobs.

Michael - It is really positive for the school. We will get to talk to more people.

Milo - It will make the school even better and we can make new friends.

**What's your favourite part about school?**

JJ - I really like the atmosphere in the school. Everyone knows each other. I also really like the extra-curricular activities the school has on offer.

Michael - All of the pupils are given lots of opportunities to try different things such as Art, Music, sport.

Milo - I love our field. It is really big, and we are lucky to have it. You can meet with pupils from other classes out there for lunch time.

Grzegorz - I love the Music Generation and Accelerated Reading programmes. I really like Maths and it is great when we celebrate Maths Week. We get a chance to interact with pupils from different classes in our PE hall for the Maths quiz.

CBS Primary School will host their open night on Wednesday, November 23 at 7.30pm. For more information see [www.cbsprimarykilkenny.ie](http://www.cbsprimarykilkenny.ie) or contact the school on 056-7761739.

**The CBS will start a new era, it will begin to enrol girls and boys starting in Junior Infants - the beginning of the school's coeducational journey**

Blessing of the 'new' CBS primary school in September 1953







On Wednesday November 23rd, the CBS Primary School opened its doors and welcomed parents for a very enjoyable and informative open evening that showcased a wide range of fantastic work that is taking place throughout the school.

Next September the school will mark a landmark moment when it welcomes Junior Infants - boys and girls - in through its famous gates for the first time in its 70-year history in Kilkenny City.

There was a great buzz of excitement throughout as interested parents listened to school principal Niall



Bergin outline a wide range of excellent opportunities available to all pupils in the school.

The assembled crowd was treated to a wonderful performance on ukulele from a group of the senior pupils.

The boys played George Ezra's Shotgun and Vance Joy's Riptide.

The pupils learned the songs as part of the Music Generation programme that runs every week throughout the school for all classes.

Mrs Ann Marie Cahill, whose son JJ is in 6th class, addressed the crowd and spoke about her experiences as a parent of a pupil in the school.

Ann Marie painted a vivid picture of how all members of the school community are working in unison to ensure that all pupils are encouraged and enabled to fulfil their potential both academically and socially.

Interested parents were given tours of the school afterwards



and got to see the wide range of activities that the school has to offer.

If you were unable to make the open evening, you are strongly encouraged to contact principal Niall Bergin on (056) 7761739 who would be more than happy to meet with you and give you a tour of the school.







### Welcome Bishop Elect Niall Coll

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Elect Niall Coll to our diocese. A huge word of thanks to Bishop Denis Nulty for his tireless work in Ossory. Bishop Elect Coll will be ordained on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. We wish you well.





## Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert proved to be a huge success. It was wonderful to have everyone back together again after three challenging years. The boys showed off their amazing musical talents in a packed St. Mary's Cathedral.







## Amber Flag

Our Amber Flag Team has been very busy this term. We focused on 'Kindness' for November and each child was encouraged to pledge some random acts of kindness. We also gave 'Kindness Awards' chosen by our students and teachers for boys who display Kindness every day in our school.



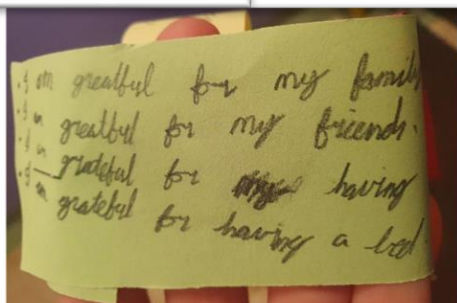
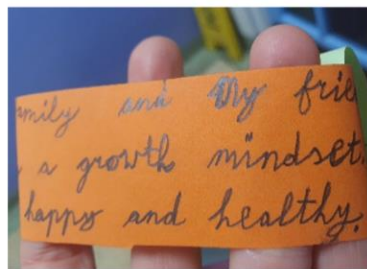
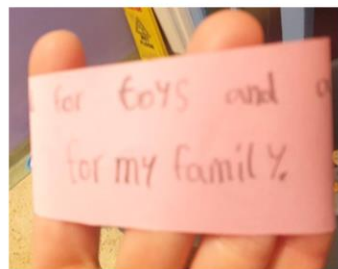
In December we are looking at Gratitude. Ehab from Room 2 did some research for us on gratitude:

### Gratitude

Gratitude is being grateful and thankful for everything and everyone. Some examples are saying thank you, being kind, appreciating other people and making lists of things you're thankful for.

### How is Gratitude Good for your Mental Health

- Helps people feel positive emotions.
- Can improve your sleep.
- Helps people build strong relationships.
- Makes you very happy.
- Helps you not to feel angry and stressed.
- Makes you feel more confident.
- Improves mental and physical health.



## Green Flag

Over the next two years we will be working towards our sixth Green Flag. The theme will be Global Citizenship Litter and Waste. We look forward to the challenge that lies ahead and our efforts to make our locality a better cleaner place. We all have a part to play however small and our combined efforts do make a difference. You may ask what can we do?

Here are a few tips from our Green Schools Committee:

- Use refillable flasks, bottles and lunchboxes.
- Reuse bags for shopping trips.
- Bring unwanted items such as clothes and batteries to recycling banks.

And remember **REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE**, whenever possible.

On a final note, on behalf of the Green Schools Committee and I, can we take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and remember: **STAY GREEN**.

*Miss Boyle and all the Green Schools Committee.*

## Student Council



Our new Student Council are very enthusiastic and have lots of ideas how to enrich the experience of the students of the C.B.S. They have created a mission statement to focus their work for the year ahead.

### Mission Statement

- We want to make our school the best it can be.
- We will listen to the pupils and be a voice for them.
- We want to promote the interest of all students and encourage everyone to get involved in our developing projects.
- We want to build good relationships between all members of the school and local community.
- We will be there to help everyone in the school and ensure everyone is treated equally and fairly.
- We want everyone to be ok with who they are and being proud of what makes them different.



## Accelerated Reading Programme

The school is in its second year of its 3-year commitment to the accelerated reading programme which has been made possible through significant financial support from the Past Pupils Union. The programme is proving to be very successful with all classes. Having completed STAR reading tests to determine their own reading levels, the boys enjoy reading books most suitable to them on a daily basis. Boys are afforded 15 minutes reading per day in class with their AR books and are also assigned a minimum of 15 minutes per night for homework also. The boys take STAR reading tests at regular periods throughout the year to track progress. Please continue to encourage your child to read and if you have any questions about how best to find suitable books at their level, please contact your child's teacher who can advise you.

In recent weeks the school received a large order of books to further improve the libraries in every class across the school. Pupils were consulted when making this order to ensure that their broad interests are catered for as best as possible.



## Team Hope Shoebox Appeal

Thank you for supporting this worthy cause. The boys should take great pride in knowing they made a difference this Christmas

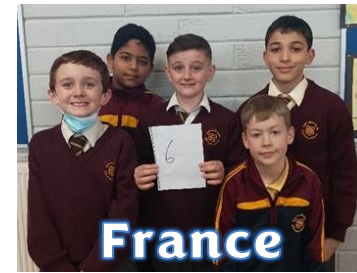
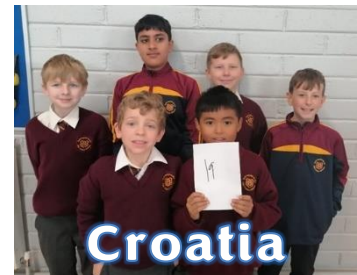


## World Cup 2022 CBS Sweep

This year the FIFA World Cup was held in Qatar. It has been a very exciting tournament with lots of tight games and surprises. The final will be held on Sunday the 18th of December at 15:00 between Argentina and France. France is going for the second title in a row.

As the World Cup is only held once every four years, Mr. Cuniffe held a school draw and every boy got a team in the competition. My team got Japan but we got knocked out in the quarter finals. The group of boys who get the team that wins will win a mini world cup football. During the group stages we got to watch some of the matches in class and had great fun. At the quarter finals, every class got one of the eight teams left and the winner will get a class pizza party. The competition has been so much fun with all the draws, matches and excitement around the school.

*by Diarmuid Kealy*











## Easons Spellingbee

Congratulations to Daniel Tuohy who won the CBS Primary Spellingbee Competition. Daniel over came Farhan Akter in a nailbiting decider. He will represent our school in the Kilkenny Championship. Well done to every boy who took part in a challenging competition.



## Congratulations to Mikey Butler

A huge word of congratulations to a past pupil, Mikey Butler on winning an All Star and Young Hurler of the Year.



## School Gaelic Football

The Gaelic football training started in September. The players from 5th class were Michael, Nathan, Jack, Dan and Kyle. In the first match we played against Clara and after that we played against Carrickschock and St. Johns. The last team we played was Kilmacow in the semi-final.

We also played Gaelic during school every Friday. The trainer for Gaelic is Philly. We played lots of fun games like the Croke Park run mini tournament, Bowling Battle and strength challenges.

*by Nathan & Dan*



## Dicksboro G.A.A.

We are extremely grateful to Dicksboro G.A.A. Club for supporting our school. Every Friday, Philly Campion, Games Promotion Officer for Dicksboro, calls to our school to coach all of our pupils. This has proven to be a huge hit and the pupils look forward to their coaching lesson every Friday. The boys have been working on their football skills since September.



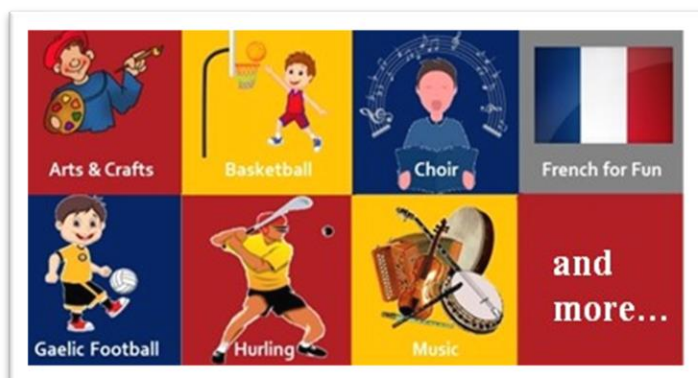




## Extra Curricular Activities

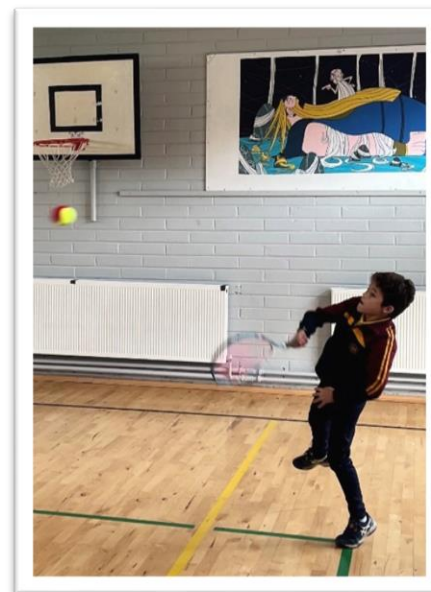
Our Extra Curricular Activities Programme started in September. Extra-Curricular Activities are hugely popular in our school, and we are very happy with the wide variety of activities available in our school.

A brochure for the next term of Extra Curricular activities will be sent out in early January. More details to follow.



## Tennis

Sixteen boys from 2nd to 6th class have been taking part in tennis lessons every Friday for the last ten weeks. Boys have been working on all of the skills necessary to play the game of tennis. Each lesson focused on specific shot or skill. Our focus was on learning the skills through fun cooperative and competitive games. The boys have worked on their serves, forehands, backhands and volleys. Well done to each and every one of the boys who all made great progress over the term. A special word of well done to the boys for their great attitude towards learning new skills and shots. Super effort boys!!!





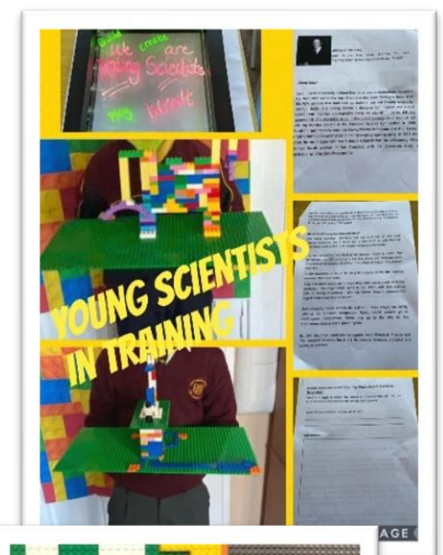
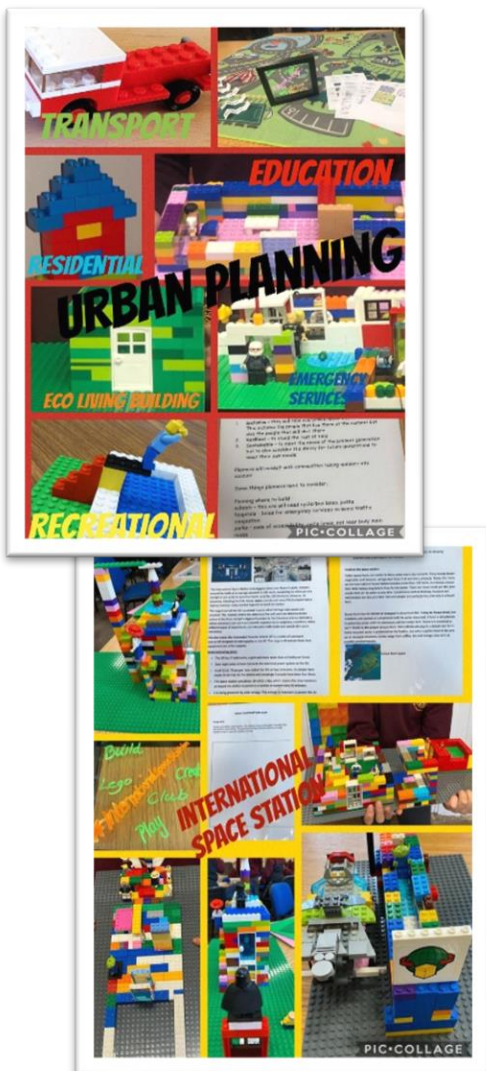
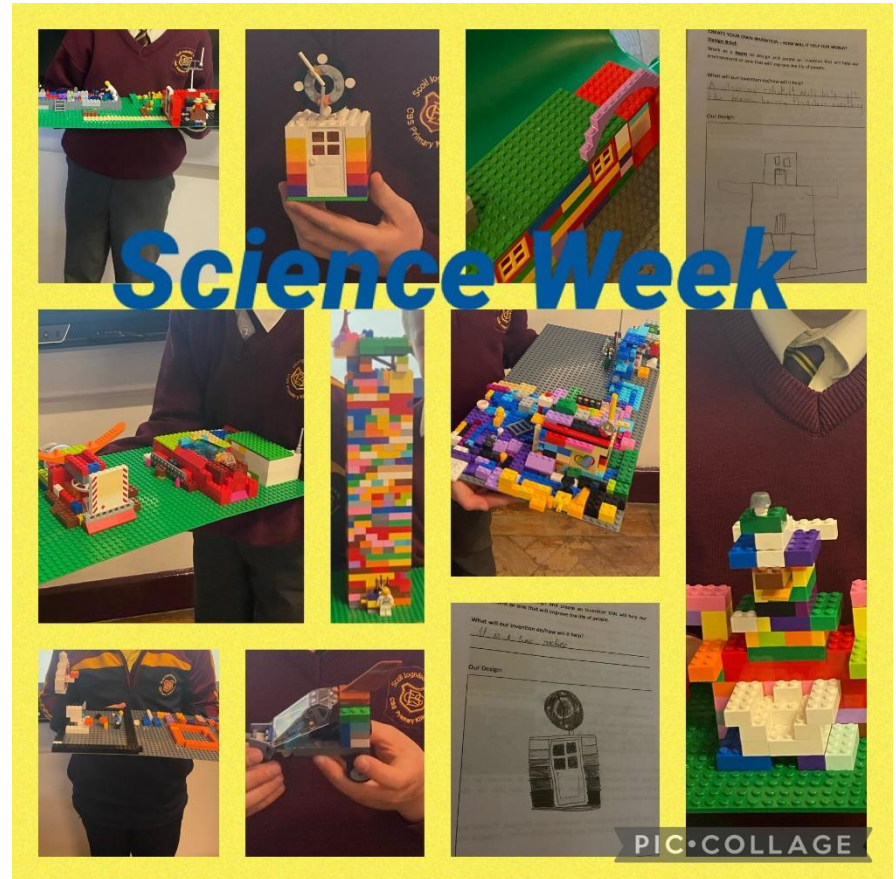


## Lego Construction Club

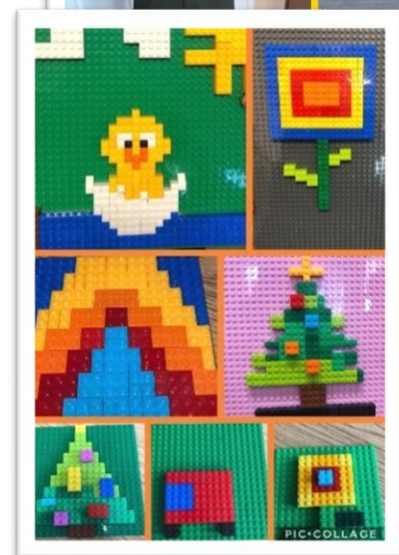
C.B.S. Lego Construction Club is a very popular extra curricular activity. Some sessions are based on group work which incorporate team work, communication and social skills. Other weeks are individual based and allow for freeplay.

Throughout all sessions, members will strengthen mathematical thinking, spatial intelligence, hand eye co-ordination, fine motor skills, turn taking and problem solving. Whilst developing these important life skills, ultimately students are having fun, building their confidence and self esteem.

Challenges vary term to term, some of the group design briefs completed in this term were:



**Examples of other sessions in Lego Construction Club.**







## School Calendar 2022-2023

### TERM 1

**Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December:** Christmas holidays. Closing at 12.30pm.

### TERM 2

**Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> January:** Re-opening after Christmas holidays.

**Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> February:** St. Brigid's Day (School closed).

**Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> February:** Mid-Term break.

**Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> February:** Re-opening after Mid-Term break.

**Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March:** School closed.

**Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March:** St. Patrick's Day (School closed).

**Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March** Confirmation in St. Mary's Cathedral at 10.30am.

**Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March:** Easter holidays. Closing at 12.30pm.

### TERM 3

**Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> April:** Re-opening after Easter holidays.

**Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> May:** School closed.

**Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** School closed.

**Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May:** First Holy Communion in St. Mary's Cathedral at 10.30am.

**Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> June:** Mid-Term break (1 week).

- \*\* School holidays have been agreed between C.B.S. Primary and Presentation Primary.
- \*\* The calendar is not complete and may have to be amended from time to time but due notice will be given of any changes.
- \*\* PLEASE KEEP THIS CALENDAR FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.







## Mrs. Moloney's 2nd Class

Room 2 have been very busy this term. In Art we produced some amazing snowmen, winter birds, polar bears and Rudolph portraits. We have many very talented artists as you can see from our photos.



We enjoyed Kindness Week and Gratitude Week and made lovely colourful Gratitude Chains with all the things we are thankful for in our lives.



Science Week was very enjoyable and we made some super slime in our classroom. We also visited sixth class and watched a multitude of very exciting experiments.



We had a great response to the Shoebox Appeal and loved the excitement when the army arrived to collect our shoeboxes.





We have watched the World Cup unfold and we picked Netherlands out of the last eight countries but alas it was not our lucky day! The excitement in the Hall was at fever pitch as the teams were picked!



We continue to enjoy our Music Generation Percussion Workshop every Tuesday with Mark and had great fun playing Christmas songs on our boomwhackers.

We also enjoyed our Gaelic football sessions with Philly every Friday and were lucky enough to get a few action packed Tag Rugby sessions with Noel Devlin also this term.



We are also working hard at our Accelerated Reading and were delighted with all our new books. We have also enjoyed our Writing Workshop on the chrome books each week with Mrs. Larkin and are learning lots of new information.



We have been very busy preparing for our Christmas Concert and we certainly are a very talented bunch in Room 2!



We had two Communion Masses with Fr. Scriven and Sr. Maria this term which have been very special as we prepare for our First holy Communion in May. We are so lucky to have Fr. Scriven and Sr. Maria visiting us regularly and helping us with our preparations for our special day.

We need a good rest over the holidays after such an action-packed term and we will return with the batteries recharged in January!

Gúimís Nollaig shona shíochánta oraibh go léir.







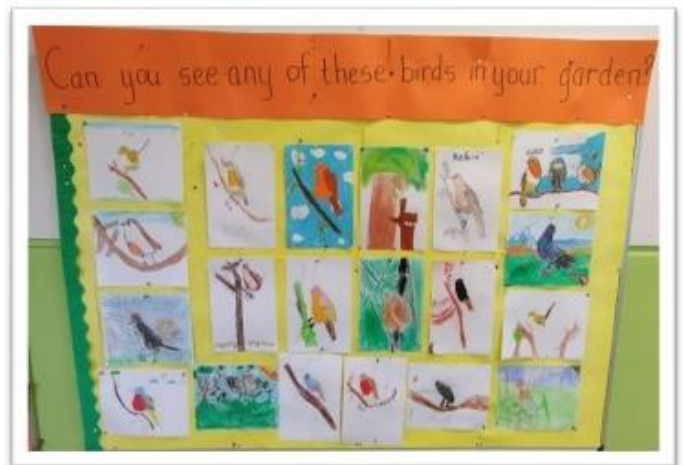
## Ms. Boyle's 3rd Class

Season's Greetings to one and all, from all the 3<sup>rd</sup> class pupils in Room 4. Before we wind down to enjoy a well -earned rest, let us update you all with a taste of what Room 4 have been up to over the last 2 months.

The boys have been working extremely hard and have engaged in and produced some wonderful work.



We have been learning lots of new things across the curriculum whilst fitting in some interesting and fun activities along the way also.

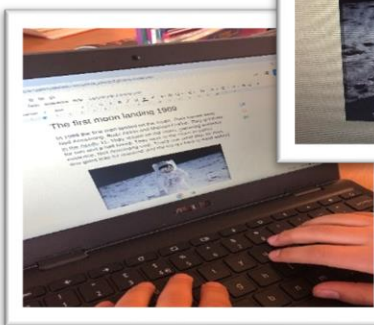


The boys have started using chrome books this term and have typed some lovely pieces ranging from the historical 'First Moon Landing', to self- composed creative stories.

November was a special month when we remembered all of our loved ones who are no longer with us. The boys designed some lovely memory candles and a flame burned every day in honour of all those gone before us.



Music generation continued throughout November and December with Mark and the boys are thoroughly enjoying learning all about rhythm and beat, composing and using boom whackers. Thank you, Mark for your continued hard work and wishing you a very happy holiday. We look forward to having you back in the New Year for more music making fun.







Gaelic football training is a firm Friday favourite with the boys. A big word of thanks to Philly our coach, happy holidays and we look forward to more sporting action in January.



The boys also had their first taste of tag rugby this term with Kilkenny rugby club coach Noel Devlin. Just to let you know, any boy interested in developing his rugby skills further and participating with the club, training is held each Sunday from 11.00am to 12.15 pm at Kilkenny Rugby Club just past the Springhill Hotel on the Waterford Road. All are welcome.



We celebrated Science Week during November and the boys learned about some very interesting scientific experiments and facts which aired daily that week on the RTE hub whilst also carrying out some experiments of their own. Watch this space for future budding scientists!!



*An experiment about mixtures.*

We cannot forget to mention the exciting build up to the World Cup in the school where every pupil was assigned a country to support for the tournament. Each classroom also got assigned a country to support for the last 8 remaining games.







The boys also got to watch an odd few minutes of some of the matches here and there, due to the airing of some of the matches during school hours for the first time ever. This was such a special treat and thoroughly enjoyed by all including the teachers!!



All the boys are truly getting into the festive spirit. We have been practicing hard for our Christmas concert and this wonderful festive spirit can be heard echoing throughout the school with carols permeating through the corridors. The boys have also produced some wonderful Art pieces ranging from Christmas Trees to Winter Wonderland scenes. We hope you like our art.



The above was just a small sample of what we have been up to in Room 4 to date and as you can see, we are indeed busy bees and a hive of activity.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas, enjoy the festivities and see you all in the New Year!!! In the meantime, Stay safe everyone and Happy Holidays.





## Mr. Leahy's 3rd Class

We have had a busy time in Room 8 since we chatted to you last. In Art we put a massive amount of working into making our Ancient Egyptian Sarcophagi. We are super happy with how they turned out. We also painted Christmas Reindeer which we used to decorate our classroom windows. Check them both out in the photos.







We have been practicing for our performance in St. Mary's Cathedral most days. We are ready for our performance and we hope you enjoy it. Music Generation has been going on every Tuesday morning. We love our session with Mark.



In Irish Daidí na Nollag is an Irish poem that we have been learning. Our goal is that we can all read it perfectly and maybe even some boys can say it off by heart.

PE has seen a new Dodgeball Tournament underway. This tied in with Throwing which was our Fundamental Movement skill for this month. The final was played on Thursday, Dec. 15th when 'The Destroyers' dispatched of the 'The Shadows 2.0' in under 6 minutes and were worthy winners. The team can be seen in the photo. Congrats to them!



Meanwhile in English we have been working on our recount writing. Have completed a Formal and Informal recount we then, chose our favourite to publish for the class.

In geography we have been developing our map skills. We have been engaging with ordinance survey maps of Kilkenny and even Aerial Photographs.



There has been great excitement around the school with our World Cup draw. Our class drew Morocco.

We came close 😊 but alas missed out on the pizza party.

That's all for now. Merry Christmas everyone, and Happy New Year from all in Room 8.





## Mrs. Ryan's 4th Class

Room 9 have had a very busy second half to term 1, starting with Science Week.



We had been walking and talking on our way to Dr. Ken's Science show. We walked to the Castle and then up the stairs in the Round Tower. Dr. Ken came on stage and started cracking a whip and juggling apples. Tom in our class was chosen to go on stage and try and push Dr. Ken over. Dr. Ken let go and made Tom fall. That happened because his force was pushing him down.

Dr. Ken was showing us all about forces on the board. Then me (Hrimaan from our class) and other children from other schools were picked to do an experiment. We had to try and balance a peacock feather on our palm. It showed that anyone can hold a peacock feather because of air resistance and gravity. Finally Dr. Ken started to unicycle.

*by Hrimaan and Daniel*

The whole class were split into groups and we were given 15 minutes to plan our parachute in a labelled drawing. Later we were given a mixture of materials (wool, plastic bags, sellotape etc.) to make our parachute. We were given 30 minutes as a team to design our parachutes and to test them to see if we could make adjustments. We had been asked to design a parachute that would help a small plastic dinosaur float to the ground.



We gather at the upper staircase and tried each parachute 5 times to see which team had created the best parachute.

*by George and Maks*



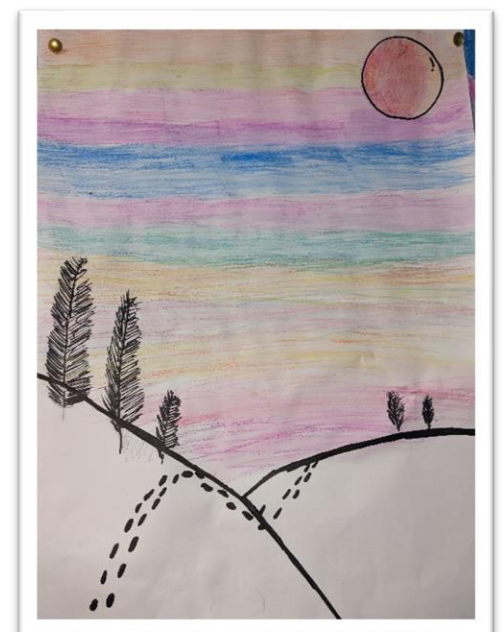
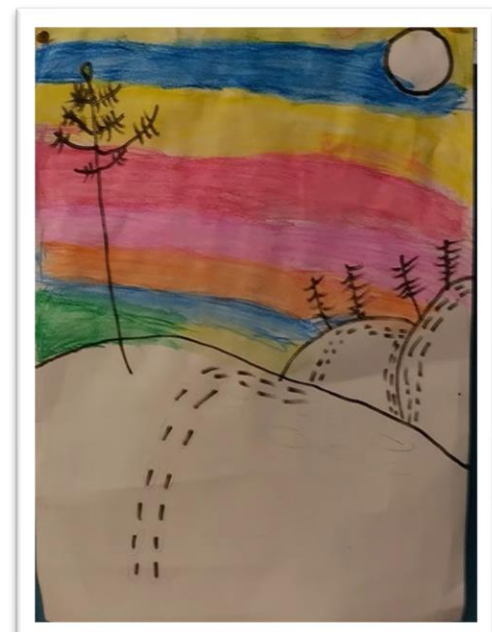
This term we have also been lucky enough to take part in Music Generation choir preparation for the Sing Out concert in St. Canice's Cathedral on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. We learned three brand new songs which will be sung in harmony with boys and girls from John of God's and the Gaelscoil. The boys have sung extremely sweetly and have been enjoying their sessions with Barbara and Claire.







This term we also looked at a variety of techniques in Art including the use of watercolour pencils, pop art inspired by Wayne Thiebaud and using our cutting skills to create collaged winter scenes.







Most importantly we were really happy to represent the CBS with our “Techno Tree” in the Christmas Tree festival in St. Canice’s Cathedral from the 1st to the 6<sup>th</sup> of December. We created decorations from old CDs wrapped in wool and paper chains inscribed with the names of AR reading books in our class. We also used boxes from our iPads and Chromebooks. The opening was on the 1st of December and we were one of the first classes to see all the trees. A great experience for all involved.







## Mrs. Bolger & Ms. Howell's 4th Class

We had a great first term in Room 12. The boys have put in a huge effort both inside and outside the classroom.

We celebrated Science Week in November by investigating the characteristics of rocks in a hands-on way.



In Maths we have started station-teaching on Friday mornings with Ms. Curran. The boys enjoy the variety, moving from our hands-on station, to maths games on the iPads and to the written tasks.



We have also started station teaching on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Literacy with Mrs. Larkin and Mr. Cunniffe. Once again, boys love the dynamics of the class, from spelling games to high-interest comprehension to genre writing tasks and challenges. We have been covering persuasive and recount genres and the boys have produced top-class debates, arguments and biographies on their Chromebooks. Our writing wall is looking very impressive.



There has been great excitement in the school due to our World Cup sweepstakes. The boys were mixed with students from other classes and given a team to follow throughout the tournament. For the quarter-finals, each class was given a team and the class with the winning team are promised a pizza party.

Also in sporting matters, the boys have completed their six weeks of swimming lessons in the Watershed and their confidence in the water has grown considerably.

In Art we have been busy producing festive displays and the boys have expressed their individuality through paint, colour, drawing and printing. The boys have also designed and produced amazing Christmas cards.







In Music the lads continue to make great strides in the ukulele. They can now play ‘Shake It Off’ and ‘Demons’ and enjoy singing along as they play. We have been very fortunate to have the expertise of Claire and Barbara from Music Generation for the past six weeks. The boys have been learning how to warm up their voices by singing intervals in tonic solfa. The Sing Out programme has been embraced by the lads and we look forward to our concert on Monday night in St. Canice’s Cathedral. We have also been busy learning Christmas carols and actions for the school Christmas concert.



For World Kindness Day and Anti-Bullying week we rewarded the boys with certificates for showing kindness to each other throughout the week. We identified different types of bullying behaviours and revised the safety rules. We have also discussed gratitude and how beneficial it can be for our well-being.



Thank you for your cooperation this term. We hope you all have a happy and restful holiday.

*Ms. Howell and Mrs. Bolger*







## Ms. Cantwell's 5th Class

### Music

We have music lessons with Paul from Music Generation every Tuesday where we learn to play the ukulele. We learned to play many songs like 'Jingle Bells' and 'Hall of Fame'. The chords that we practised lots were Am, C, D, Em, G, F and Dm. We also learned how to read and play tabs this term. We can now play a few new songs such as the James Bond theme tune and Seven Nation Army. Some of our favourite songs out of all of the songs we have learned so far are "As It Was", "Shivers" and "Riptide".

We also had singing lessons to prepare for the Music Generation 'Sing Out' Concert. We learned to sing 'Star Blaze', 'Cuckoo Carol', 'Jingle Bell Rock', 'Walking in a Winter Wonderland', 'White Winter Hymnal' and 'Jingle Bells/ Rudolph Medley'. A great big thank you to Clare and Barbara for the lessons each Friday.

*by Dylan & Patrick*



### CBS Swimming lessons

Swimming lessons started on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2022. We had to go on the bus to get to the Watershed. We changed in the changing rooms and had to take a shower before swimming lessons. We got tested to see who would be going to the big pool or the small pool. The fourth class were with us too each week. We did laps around the pool and practised dives.



The swimming lessons were very good and the swimming instructors were nice too. We had 10 minutes of playtime at the end of the lesson. After that we had a shower and got dressed. We all got on the bus and went back to school. The bus driver was sound and we always thanked him.

*by Jack & Arsenijs*

### Art

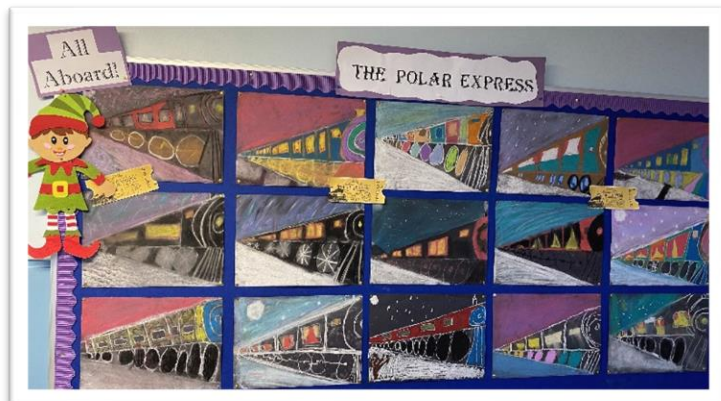
Every Thursday we have Art and we have lots of fun. The first art lesson we did after the mid-term break involved the study of an artist called Heather Galler. We drew mugs of hot chocolate with very bright colours. We used oil pastels to create these.







During the next art lesson we drew the polar express for the start of the Christmas theme. It was a one-point perspective art lesson. We used white oil pastel for the outline and we used very colourful chalk pastels to colour the train and the sky. We saw a lot of examples on the board. They were all so Christmassy and it put a great smile on our faces.



The last art piece we did this term was another perspective piece. It was like looking up and there's a SNOWMAN!!! We drew a big circle in the corner and then another one on top of it but a little smaller.

The last circle is at the top and is the smallest. We had to put the carrot on top and the eyes at either side with a mouth underneath. Then we added big sticks as the hands. We also drew a scarf and a Santa hat on top. We created designs on them and used lots of colour. For the buttons on the body, it was important to make the one at the top the smallest with each one getting bigger the closer it got to the bottom of the body. We put decorations in the background like snowflakes.

That's all the art pieces we did. We wish you a Merry Christmas!

*by David, Toni & Max*







## Kindness week

Kindness Week was all about being nice to people and being kind to others. If you showed kindness during the week you could get a kindness award. If you got the award that means you have been nice to others. We also made a kindness pledge and wrote it on a piece of coloured paper. The Amber Flag Committee collected them and put them on the wall to make a rainbow of all of our kindness pledges.

*by Evan*



*Here is an example of the Kindness acrostic poems we worked on during Kindness Week:*

### Kindness Poem

**Kindness feels great!  
It's nice to be kind  
Never be bold!  
Do what you're told!  
Nice people are good friends  
Everybody can be nice  
Say sorry all the time  
Smile and be kind**

*by Jack*

### Kindness Poem

**Kind  
Is  
Nice  
During the day  
Never mean  
Everyone  
Say nice things  
Smile and be kind**

*by Patrick*



**Strength impresses  
us, but what we  
remember is  
kindness.**

**Dotty Bausch**  
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## Ms. Brennan's 5th/6th Class

We have continued to have a super year of learning and fun in Room 6! This time round, we pass the pen over to the boys themselves to share with us what we've been getting up to. Happy Christmas everyone and wishing you all a happy and healthy 2023.

*Ms. Brennan*

We learned about famous paintings that depict Autumn and Winter. We researched artists such as Wassily Kandinsky, Claude Monet, Georgia O'Keeffe, Pieter Bruegel, Paul Gauguin, Edvard Munch and Gustav Klimt. We used our Google Chromebooks for this research and created Slides for a presentation. We then tried to recreate our own version of these pieces of art.

*Brooklyn and Tyler*



This week, our class got the calculators out for Maths lessons, because Ms. Brennan said we were going to make a shopping list. Every table had a budget of €50. We were given pamphlets from all the main supermarkets: we got Eurospar. My table had Yousef, Brandon, Eresh, Ismael and myself. We bought: chicken, ice-cream, wine, cakes, muffins, burgers, pizza, deodorant, biscuits, and chocolate. Ms. Brennan said that we maybe should have bought some fruit and vegetables too! We reached a total of exactly €50, and were delighted with our "purchases".

*Scott*



On the 13<sup>th</sup> November, pupils from the 6<sup>th</sup> Class of the CBS, Presentation and Mother of Fair Love attended St. Mary's Cathedral for the 2022 Confirmation Enrolment Ceremony Mass. It started off with a greeting from our priest, Fr. Scriven. He spoke to us about the importance of real-life conversations and not depending too much on our phones! After that, each student stood up one by one as their names were called. Fr. Scriven asked us questions and we promised to do our best to prepare for our Confirmation next term. After a few more prayers and receiving communion, the Mass ended and we went back to school.

*Harry*

In November, we completed a big art project using clay. We made a tree in nature and used paint to decorate. We got to listen to some nice music and watch the Cartoon Saloon movie called 'My Father's Dragon' while we made our art. It was one of my best school days. In the end, the bathroom was quite a mess so Matas and I had to clean up the sinks!



*Colin*

This term, I won a Kindness Award with Adrian as part of Kindness Week! I am a member of the Student Council and we came up with ideas for improving

friendships in our school. The teachers looked out for good things people would do e.g. help someone to carry something or if they fall, or pupils work together on a project in class etc. The teacher would give out certificates at the end of the day, and that is how I ended up winning one! I was delighted!



*Keith*





In Term 1, we've been reading an amazing book called 'Reaching the Heights'. It was our first novel of the year, and it was a good choice. It took us a while to finish it but it was worth it for the excellent ending. The story was about a group of friends living in Cork. One of the boys gets beaten up, and the friends have to figure out who is responsible. At the end, Ms. Brennan gave us a hard crossword to complete which tested our knowledge of the book. Overall, I'd give the book a 10/10 and would love it if it was made into a series.

*Ben C.*



In December in Room 6, we learned about Fractions and Shapes in our Maths lessons! We explored a fun thing called Tangrams. 5<sup>th</sup> Class is big for Maths and we have used multiple strategies to help us learn. Room 6 is cool because we have 6<sup>th</sup> Class with us too, so we get an early look at what's ahead in Maths! We have been using technology for fun and to learn e.g. we used the iPads to play a tangram game. We are really enjoying Maths this year.

*Adrian*



Throughout November and December, our class engaged in a variety of different sports activities during these jam-packed months. We first started doing Gaelic Football at the end of September and we worked on our skills and played matches. It has been quite fun and not too hard. Even on days we can't go out to the pitch, we had fun games in the hall that help improve our reaction time and hand-eye coordination.

Unihoc started in November. It was a new sport for everyone and we were able to play friendly matches with everyone having equal skill. I enjoyed it a lot. We have been dancing a little bit this month. We have already improved as we learn a dance called 'Stack of Barley' which we have almost perfected. We hope to do more fun PE in Term 2!

*Cian*

For our Extra-Curricular activities this term, pupils could do Basketball, Lego Club, Gaelic Football, French for Fun, Piano, Art, Tennis and Homework Club. These activities are really fun! Homework Club is good because you can get your homework done before you even go home and it's only €3 per day. You get to do exams just like you would outside of school if you do piano. Sports like basketball help keep you fit. That's my personal favourite! For creative minds, Lego is the best.

*Jack*







We had great fun recently at the Spelling Bee organised by Mr. Leahy. Some of us got really close to the end! Here's a photo of me in a tense moment as I spell a tough word. Well done to everyone who took part.

*Aaron*

This year as usual, we collected boxes for the Team Hope project. We send them to children in need around the world. We like to gather toys, art supplies, socks and other gifts for them. We posed for pictures with the boxes, before they were collected by men who took them off in a truck to be posted away.

*Ben Q.*



On the 9<sup>th</sup> of November, we as a class went down to the Castle to watch a man called Ken perform a Magic Show for Science Week! He explained to us lots of things like Gravity and Friction. He took many questions, some sensible and some not so much! We all had a good laugh and a great time.

*Shay*



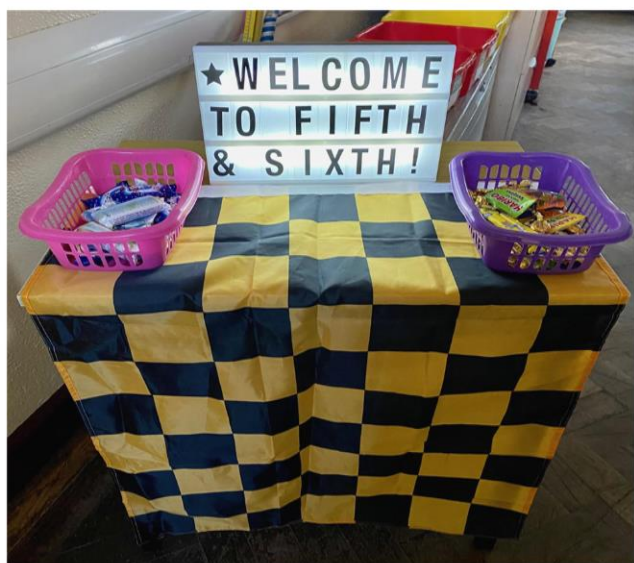
On the 19<sup>th</sup> of November, Mr. Cuniffe called all 6<sup>th</sup> class boys down to the Hall. We sat at different numbers, and then all the other classes arrived and were told to spread out at those numbers too. Mr. Cuniffe explained that each of these 'teams' would be assigned a country in the upcoming World Cup and that there would be prizes for the winning team, quickest goal etc. When it was my team's turn (we were Team 8), we got Saudi Arabia. We then watched a video about the World Cup in Qatar. In the final, Argentina will play France – it will be great!

*Richard*



**TEAM HOPE**  
Christmas shoebox appeal





We had an Open Night recently in our school and I got to take part in it! We are welcoming Junior Infants to our school. I was part of a group that had to practise the ukulele to give a performance on the night: it was nerve-wracking! Things went smoothly and we even got our photo in the newspaper.

Another cool thing that happened was that Mikey Butler, who used to be in our school, dropped off his hurling awards to show everyone. Lots of us got to take our photos with them!

*Alex*



We have been preparing for our Christmas show for the last few weeks. It's the first time we've gotten to do this kind of thing in a couple of years. We had to postpone this show due to icy roads. In Room 6, we are doing 'An Drumadóirín' (Drummer Boy) with percussion instruments, and 'Go Tell It On the Mountain' with ukuleles. We prepared with Ms. Brennan and Paul from Music Generation. It's been great fun to sing together!

*Matas*



We will be celebrating the Winter Solstice and our Christmas holidays on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December. We hope to have a pizza party if we win the World Cup competition, but Ms. Brennan has also promised we will have hot chocolate. We will have a half day before we get a two-week break. There is very little sunlight and lots of dark at the moment, which is the opposite of the Summer Solstice in June. We will look forward to brighter, warmer days again in a few months.

*Jacob*





## Ms. Minogue's 6th Class

### World Cup

The World Cup is an event that takes place every 4 years when the best national teams face off to win the world cup trophy.



In CBS Primary we did a draw (set up by Mr. Cunniffe) and I got Cameroon (a team and country in Africa) and the winning team will get a World Cup football ball. Also when the World Cup reached the semi finals we did another draw for the classrooms and my classroom got Portugal. The school World Cup Draw made the whole World Cup very exciting for all the students.

*by Mohamed Elfaedy*



### Our Ukrainian Christmas Tree

This year at CBS Primary, we created a Christmas tree for the Christmas Tree festival. The theme was Ukrainian traditions. We were inspired by the Ukrainian Christmas spider or Pavuk, which is an old Ukrainian Christmas decoration, made from straw. It is said to be the symbol of the universe.

According to the belief-spiders have the ability to catch evil. In Room 1, Ms. Minogue's class, we made these decorations with the colour of the Ukrainian flag. We also had lots of fun decorating the tree with paper webs of different shapes and sizes. These decorations reflected the webs of the spider. The tree itself was made from wooden planks, which we coloured yellow and blue. We had a great time creating this tree and look forward to creating plenty more projects in the future.

*by Henry Williams-Phelan*



### The Christmas Concert

This year our whole school is doing a Christmas concert. I'm writing this before the concert but the preparation for the concert has been fun. Every class is performing different music and poetry. In our class we are doing 'Somewhere Only We Know' by Keane and 'Merry Christmas Everyone' by Shakin' Stevens. Every day we stand up and sing for up to 10-20 minutes. We have our seating areas in the church which is on the left hand side in the far corner. We also have a Grúpa Trad which is also taking place in the church. JJ, Diarmuid, Daniel and I make up the group. We play different instruments such as the guitar, the tin whistle and the concertina. We all hope we do well at the concert and that you will enjoy it.

*by Syd Harkin*







## Ukulele

This year we are doing ukulele with Paul from Music Generation. Some of us went down to the Hall for the Open Night and played 'Riptide' and 'Shotgun' for the people visiting our school. We all really enjoyed it and felt confident playing. We would like to thank Paul for all he has done for us since September last year and hope he can stay with the younger classes in the upcoming years. We now know a lot of songs since last year. I will now list a few songs: Demons, Riptide, Shotgun and Shake It Off. At the moment we are learning Christmas songs such as Jingle Bells and Feliz Navidad.

*by Syd Harkin*

## Animal Research Projects

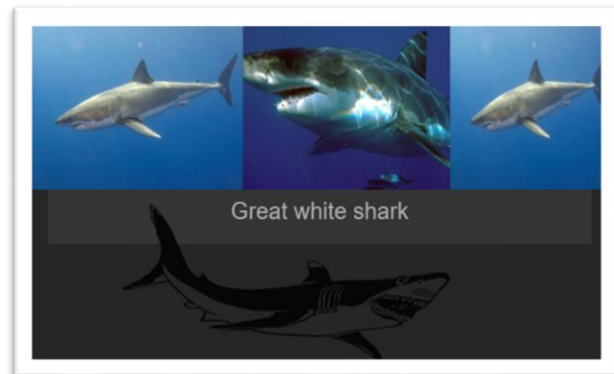
This year we did animal projects which were fun. There were many great projects but my personal favourite was 'The Polar Bear' and 'The Great White'. I feel this was great as everyone was included in this and nobody was left out. We learned many great facts about wolves, sharks, etc. We researched the animal of our choice online and created a Google Slide presentation. We then presented our projects to the class.

*by Josh Dunphy*

## Science Week

This Science Week, our class did multiple projects, some in pairs or groups, others alone. The main one was when we were in groups of 2 or 3 and we had to do an experiment to create a 'Science Fair' for Ms. Maloney's 2nd Class. We had one week to prepare them, and they were all very popular with the younger boys. Also, everybody created a Google Slides presentation on an animal of their choice. The last project we did was a poster project on a famous scientist we liked. As well as the projects, we also did a science table quiz. We all had great fun during Science Week and learned a lot.

*by Daniel Touhy*







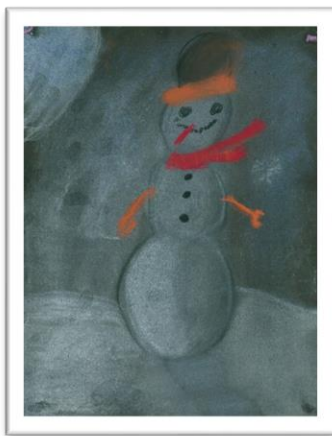
## Art

We learned about Pop Art, including artists such as Roy Lichtenstein and Andy Warhol. We created bright, colourful pieces for our display.



## Winter Art

We also did a number of pieces of winter themed art. The first snowmen we created - we focused on creating light and shadow and a 3D effect using chalk pastels. The second snowman image focused on line and movement - the lines conveyed the movement of the wind.



## GAA - Football Team

In September we started trials for the CBS Gaelic team and they went very well. We had been training hard and we showed it in our first match of the league vs Clara National School. We started the match a bit nervous but grew into the game and by halftime it was 0-4 to 0-3, we were winning. Mr. Bergin and Ms. Cantwell gave us some motivation and told us how we should play it out the wing instead of down the centre. It worked as we ended up winning 3-07 to 0-3 and didn't concede in the whole second half.

Our second match was against St. John's National School and we played even better as we won comfortably 4-18 to no score, but St. John's were a good team despite the scoreline. Our third match was against Carrickshock National School. We ended up going 3/3 and won 5-04 to 1-03.

Because of us winning those 3 matches we got into the quarter final against Kilmanagh N.S. It was a very tough match and with 10 minutes to go we were trailing by a point. Mr. Bergin told us to keep calm down and keep concentration levels high. We ended up winning 1-08 to 1-03 and were into the semi-final! Now we had our toughest match, Kilmacow National School. We were trailing by a point at halftime. They proved too strong for us and ended up winning 2-09 to 1-03. Thanks to Ms. Cantwell and Mr. Bergin for all the training sessions and hard work they have put in. We're looking forward to the hurling now and hope we can bring some silverware home. Hon CBS!

*by JJ Cahill*

## GAA - Coaching with Philly

We have been doing Gaelic Football with Philly since September. It has been very good and I believe all the boys in the school have enjoyed it. We have had many days where we were on the field and on the odd day, because of the weather, we were in the Hall.







Some of the lads were playing for the school. It was very competitive and it was a nice way to get out of the class. We tried out different games including tail tag, country, Croker run which we also did in hurling etc. We can't wait for the hurling in a few months.

*by Tadhg Buckley*

## Spelling Bee

This year's Spelling Bee was a lot of fun.

Hosted by Mr. Leahy, all of the classes from 4th to 6th class came to the Hall and lined up around the edges. Everyone was asked to spell a word, and if you got your wrong, you sat down. This went on for multiple rounds, until two boys were left, Farhan Akter and Daniel Tuohy. They were each asked a spelling, and this went on for multiple rounds, until one boy got his spelling right and the other got his wrong. The winner was Daniel Tuohy. Nearly everyone had good fun and are looking forward to next year's one.

*by Daniel Touhy*



## STEM challenges



Ms. Minogue told us about something called the STEM challenge. The STEM challenge is when a group of people come together to do a challenge. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

One of the challenges was we had to create a trophy. We had plenty of trophies to choose from such as the World Cup trophy, The Liam McCarthy, the Sam Maguire or the O'Duffy Cup. The challenge was

really fun to do in groups as we only had tinfoil and tape.

Another STEM challenge was when groups of three or four had to make paper chains - a long line of rolled paper strips just using paper and scissors. It was a really fun activity.

The STEM challenge improves teamwork like many other activities such as football, hurling and rugby because you're in groups with 2 or 3 other people.

*by Farhan Akter*







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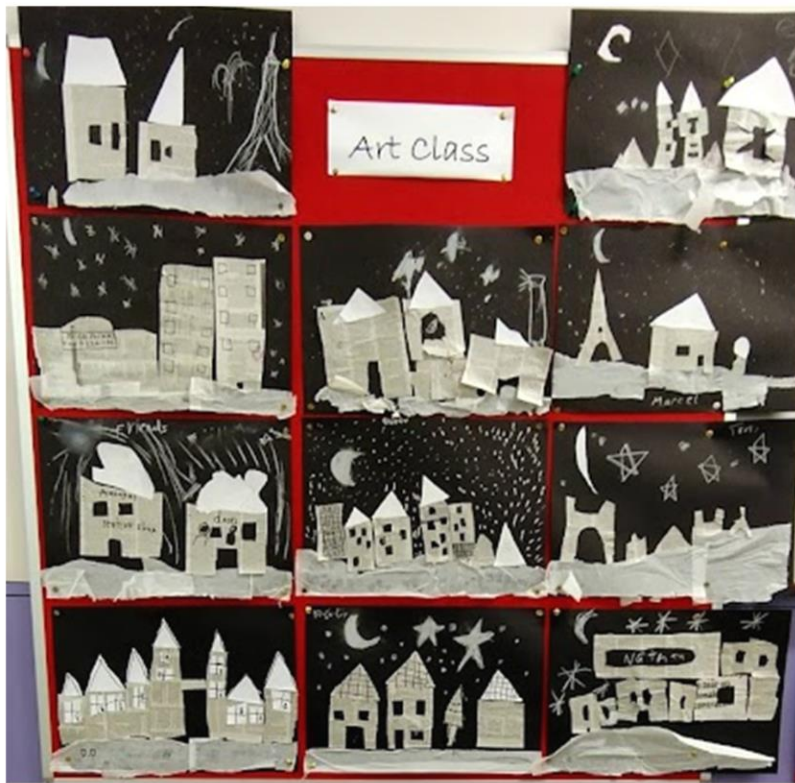
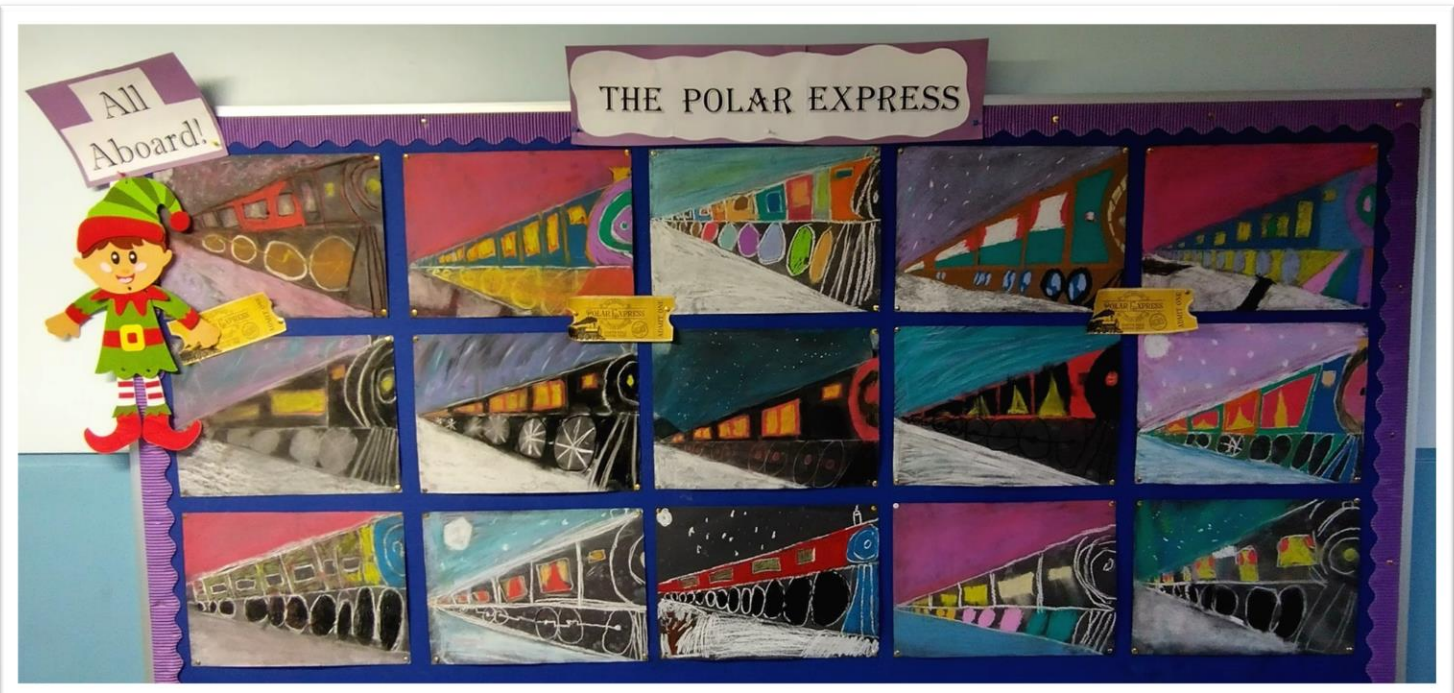
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# Christmas 2022



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**We look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Thursday, January 5th 2023.**