

**6th Class
Graduation**



Scoil Iognáid de Rís

**Summer
2023**

**School Tour
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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Our third term was busy with plenty of schoolwork, trips, projects, sporting events, competitions and extra-curricular activities. Pride of place goes to our 2nd class boys who received the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday, 20th May in St. Mary's Cathedral.

As always, a word of thanks to you, the parent(s) and guardian(s) of the boys for your continued support of our school. In particular, a word of appreciation for our Board of Management and Parents' Association for their commitment to the school. We are extremely fortunate to have such pro-active and hard-working groups giving selflessly to the school.

I'd like to thank the staff in our school who work tirelessly throughout the year. Their hard work and dedication are there for all to see. We take great pride in not only delivering the Curriculum to the pupils, but also working on the holistic development of the child.

A special word for every single pupil in our school. We are so proud of each one of you. Best wishes to our 6th class pupils who will be leaving us to begin their secondary education in September. Thank you for being such fantastic role models for the younger boys in our school and we look forward to hearing about your progress in the coming year.

As you are aware, the school year 2023-2024 will be a momentous one for our community. We will be welcoming Junior Infant girls and boys for the first time ever, as well as opening an Autism Class.

A word also for our incoming 2nd class pupils and new pupils who will be joining us in other classes. We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our school.

On behalf of the staff and myself I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Thursday, 31st August.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Niall Bergin, Principal.

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6th Class Graduation

We wish our 6th class pupils the very best of luck as they begin a new chapter in their lives in September. While we are sad to see the boys leave us, we're excited for what the future holds for them. A special word of thanks to Ms. Minogue, Ms. Brennan and Mr. Reidy who taught the boys in their final year with us.

Go n-éirí an t-ádh libh go léir!



My memories of C.B.S. Primary

I don't think there are enough trees in the world to make the amount of paper I need to talk about C.B.S. Primary. I mean you can go on forever, the people in this school certainly know I do. This is probably one of the last times they will hear me babble on, most of the time though it's silly nonsense but not today, not now, not ever, because there is nothing silly about C.B.S. Primary School. I mean you could have a joke and all, but it was just perfect.

So firstly, I would like to talk to you about when I first came to the school. I wasn't the only one making a new start. There were twenty-four other boys starting in my class with me and twelve boys starting 2nd class in the other mixed 2nd/3rd class. But that's not all, as it was Mr. Bergin's first year as the Principal. It was very reassuring to know that I wasn't entering this new chapter of my life by myself.



The standard of work in this school is unbelievable. I mean with all the amazing group of teachers and SNAs, Tom, Michael, and Mr. Bergin it can't be that hard to believe. If you are struggling with anything they will help you out as much as possible. I have only had a handful of the brilliant teachers at this school, but I have worked with others through other things which leads me into my next paragraph...

Extra-Curricular Activities!!!! I mean the teachers work over six hours a day and then to help afterwards with stuff like tennis, chess, homework club, hurling, basketball and so much more.



When I first came to this school in 2018, I did basketball with Puff Summers and the last two years Ms. Cantwell and Mr. Bergin have got the GAA up and running again after Covid. In Gaelic we got to the semi-final and in Hurling we won the championship in Nowlan Park vs Freshford. It was the best feeling ever. There is a wide variety of players ranging from 3rd class boys to 6th class boys too.

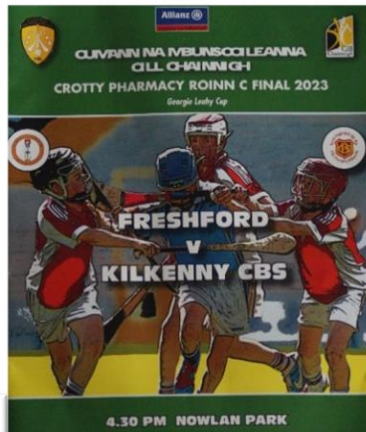


While we are on the topic of teams everyone is super helpful and if you ever got yourself into a spot of bother, I know I would have loads of people to help me out.

Overall, my time in C.B.S. Primary School Kilkenny was amazing and I am so proud that when somebody comes up to me and asks, "what primary school did you go to?", I can proudly say that I went to C.B.S. Primary. I know two of my younger cousins will be attending this school soon and I can't wait for them to have as much fun as I did. I hope it's not too long till I come back to C.B.S., maybe just '5 Tom minutes'.



Kilkenny County Hurling Final



CBS Kilk 1:05
Freshford 0:07



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| | | |
| Rhys Hayes | | |
| | | |
| Pablo Collado Sanchez | Diarmuid Kealy | Clan Delaney |
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| Tadhg Buckley | Lucas Duggan | Karlo Guzovski |
| | | |
| Harry Ryan | JJ Cahill (C) | |
| | | |
| Stephen McCormack | MJ Buggy | Richard O'Shea |



Easons Spelling Bee



Spelling is among all the other things celebrated and encouraged in our school. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Daniel who won the Eason's County Spelling B Final and went on to represent our school and county in the Leinster Final in Dublin. He gave a great account of himself. We are very proud of him. Well done Daniel!



Parents' Association

Our Parent's Association have worked tirelessly throughout the year, and they organised the successful Snack & Browse fundraising initiative held on June 2nd in the hall. It proved to be a huge success and all funds raised will go towards the purchasing of equipment for our pupils.

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 Snack & Browse. Everything was greatly appreciated.

As always, our Parents' Association welcome new members. If you would like to join, please email pa@cbsprimarykilkenny.ie



School Books, Workbooks and Copies

This year, your child will benefit from the new government grant which will cover **textbooks, workbooks and copies.**



Parents will have to supply their child's stationery e.g. pens, pencils, folders etc. More [information](#) can be found on our website.

School Expenses

There are additional **school expenses** which will need to be paid for via Aladdin. School Expenses cost €50. This fee includes:

Art & Crafts, Photocopying, Aladdin Connect, Pupil Insurance, Accelerated Reading and Music Generation (Term 1). We would appreciate it if it could be paid using our E-Payment system. A link will be sent to you shortly. Thank you.

Aladdin Connect

Since we rolled out Aladdin Connect it has strengthened the link between our school and parents. It involves downloading a free app which parents can use to communicate with the school and monitor progress. The school will also use this app to keep you updated on school events.



Incoming Pupils

Currently, we are busily preparing for our bright new future. We look forward to welcoming our Junior Infant boys and girls, and new pupils in other class levels to our school in September 2023.

We are still accepting enrolment applications for the school year 2023/2024. More information can be found on our website <https://cbsprimarykilkenny.ie/>

If you have any queries, please contact the school at office@cbsprimarykilkenny.ie



Swimming Gala

Our school took part in the City School's Swimming Gala in the Watershed on June 23rd. Sixteen boys took part from 2nd Class to 6th Class. The boys gave a great account of themselves. We won 4 gold, 1 Silver and 5 Bronze medals. We also came 3rd in the Relay which put us in 2nd place overall in the Boys Category. A great day was had by all. Well done boys.



C.B.S. Secondary School Admissions



We are very lucky here in Scoil Iognáid de Rís that the C.B.S. Secondary School has the following in their Admissions Policy:



1. Brothers of present students, provided application is made by due date.
2. Sons of serving staff members, provided application is made by due date.
3. **Applicants who are students of Scoil Iognáid de Rís, Kilkenny and who were students in the school on or before the commencement of Third Class, provided application is made by due date.**
4. All other applicants.

This is something which is unique to our school and is important to keep in mind as you make plans for your son's second level education.

Blessed Edmund Rice Day

On Friday, May 5th, we celebrated Blessed Edmund Rice Feast Day. Pupils had the opportunity to take part in a wide variety of activities including yoga, drama, hurling, rounders, tennis and art. It was great fun for everyone. In the afternoon, Mr. Bergin spoke about what Blessed Edmund Rice hoped to achieve.



Best wishes to Fr. Scriven

In a relatively short space of time, Fr. Scriven has made a huge impact on our school community. We count ourselves extremely fortunate to have Fr. Scriven and Sr. Maria working with the pupils and teachers in our school as they prepare for the sacraments. Both are familiar faces in our school and we can speak for all of our pupils when we say how much they enjoy interacting with them. Sadly, Fr. Scriven will be moving to pastures new during the Summer as he takes up a new role as Administrator in Castlecomer. To say that he will be a huge loss to St. Mary's Parish and, indeed, our school, is an understatement. We wish Fr. Scriven the very best and we thank him most sincerely for all he has done for us.



Music Generation Kilkenny

On Thursday, June 15th, Music Generation Kilkenny put on an End of Year Concert to showcase our pupil's hard work throughout the year.

Each class got a chance to perform, and parents were welcome to attend. It was a great afternoon and was very enjoyable for all.



Awards

During the 6th Class Graduation Evening, we wanted to congratulate the boys on their achievements:



Deborah Phelan "Spirit of C.B.S. Primary"



Class of 1959 Attendance Award

For more information, contact the
school or check out our school website.

Autism Class starting in September.

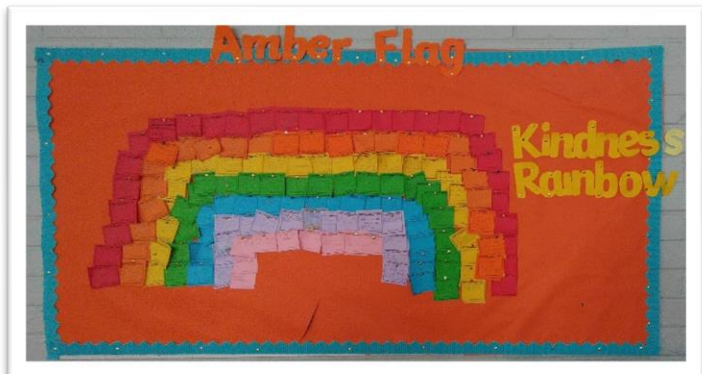
**Welcoming Junior Infant Girls
and Boys from September 2023.**

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

Enquiries to office@cbsprimarykilkenny.ie or (056) 7761739

Amber Flag

This year our Amber Flag team will be looking to go bigger and better to create awareness and promote positive mental health for our school community!



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 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 school committee and I, can we take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe Summer and remember: **STAY GREEN**.

Miss Boyle and all the Green Schools Committee.



Student Council



Our 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 AR Programme is proving to be very popular throughout the school. Every pupil spends 15 minutes each day reading individual books at the pupil's own level and is asked to read for a minimum of 15 minutes each night.

At our whole school assemblies, we celebrate the progress made by all. In Term 3 we ran an AR raffle competition for the boys, to encourage their reading habits.

C.B.S. Chess Club

By IM Mark Quinn,
(FIDE Trainer & Irish Junior Squad Coach 2023)

As a chess coach who was obliged to teach chess online for two years, owing to the pandemic, it was a real pleasure to get back teaching chess in person last January in C.B.S.



My sincere thanks to Principal Niall Bergin for championing the merits of chess and for giving me the opportunity to come in and give a weekly class. My thanks also to Thomas Sinnott, who ran a tight ship as far as all the admin and organizing was concerned, thereby enabling the chess club to run like a well-oiled machine.

Owing to the wide variety of experience and differing levels of knowledge, during the first term, I divided the class into two groups: Complete Beginners (The Challengers) and Experienced Beginners. This was to give newcomers to the game a chance to find their feet playing players their own level before taking on more experienced players.

The Experienced Beginners Spring Term competition was jointly won by Diarmuid Kealy and Conor Bowe, while the Challengers Competition for new players was won by George Ng, who shaded first place by half a point from Daniel Tuohy in clear second and George's younger brother Ben who finished clear-third. The standard of both competitions was extremely high, and such was the level of improvement across the board—every pun intended—can't resist – sorry 😊 – I was able to run a single competition in the Summer Term.

A number of new recruits to the club in the Summer Term presented an additional challenge to the victors from the Spring term. There were several examples of talent and creativity displayed in the chess club during the chess competition which was held over 5 weeks. See [link](#) for more details.

One of the real benefits of being in a chess club is the opportunity to analyse your games with a coach or other players in your class. In this way, it is possible to discover all sorts of hidden defensive resources and attacking possibilities that may have been overlooked in the course of battle.

Even in an endgame, simple traps and tactics can decide a game!

I am fairly confident that had I been playing white against an IM or GM, I would also have offered a draw as white or accepted a draw as black. Both Jakub and Conor showed exceptional judgment in assessing the position and both players made a strong and wise practical choice. This happens to be one of the key areas where chess thinking can cross over into and assist in real-life decision making.

Thanks to Diarmuid's win over Conor in round 4, Conor had to be content with a highly creditable joint first-place once again, this time with Ryan Matthew. Daniel Tuohy and Cian Delaney finished joint 3rd-4th. Connor Ryan was the most improved player in the Summer Term.

Many thanks to all the parents who enrolled their kids for the Chess Club this year. I am very much looking forward to returning to C.B.S. in September.

In the meantime, I would just like to let you know I am running a chess camp for kids at Kilkenny Rugby Club from the 17th-19th July. See <https://chessbud.ie/killarney-kids-camp/>

I am also running an Online Summer Training Programme throughout the summer till the 31st of August for those kids can't make the camp – for those rainy days when football and hurling may not be an option!

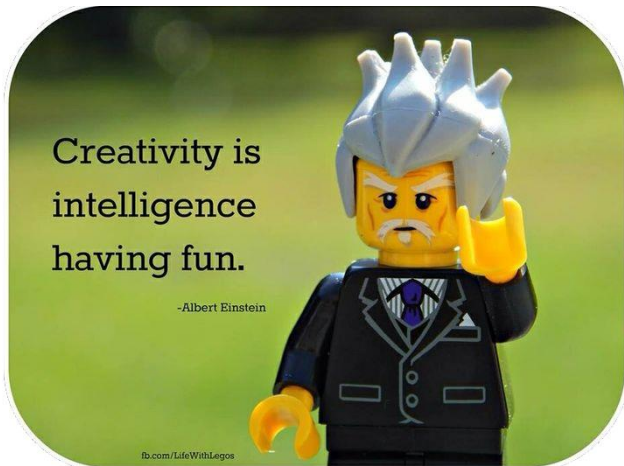
See <https://chessbud.ie/online-summer-programme/>

Wishing everyone at C.B.S. a fantastic summer holiday!

IM Mark Quinn

Lego Construction Club

Our final term in Lego Club was all about creativity, design & play!



Club members designed their own board games.

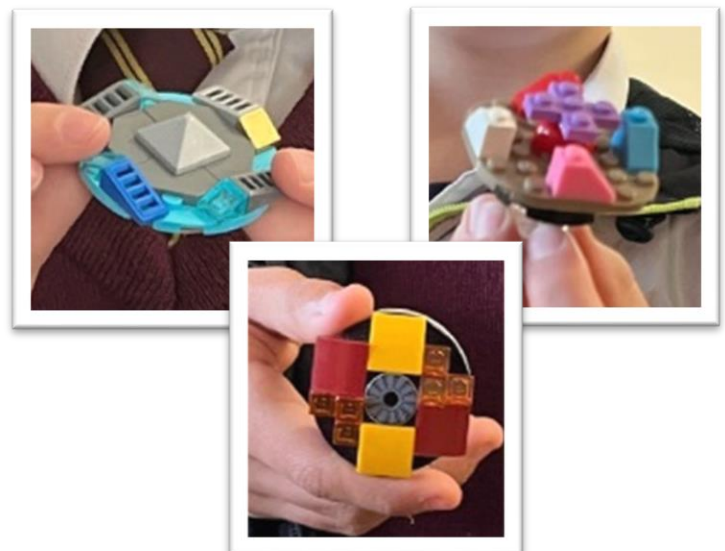


Another design feature included Beyblades. They had much to consider for this assignment. After all, to become the winner of our tournament, their Beyblade must withstand all opponents.

During all this fun and excitement members were considering gravity, friction and motion. Whilst designs were varied, they needed to include armour, spin mechanisms, face bolt and tip.



The tournament was a success with Conor coming out as overall winner. However, the Beyblades continued to be played with throughout many sessions and were definitely a very popular build.



Tennis Lessons

Twenty boys from 2nd to 6th class have been taking part in tennis lessons every Friday evening after school. The boys have been learning all of the skills necessary to play the game of tennis. The boys focused on a different shot or skill every week and took part in a number of mini games in order to work on each shot or skill. The boys finished out the term by competing in a fun tournament in our last lesson. It was great to see the progress the boys made over the course of the lessons, and I would encourage the boys to continue to work on the skills over the summer.



Leinster Primary Schools Tennis league

Nine boys from 4th to 6th class represented the school in the Leinster Primary Schools Tennis league this year. The boys had a very positive campaign. The boys lost a very competitive fixture versus Gaelscoil Osraí in their first match. They then followed it up with a win in their second fixture versus Gaelscoil Ceatharlach. The boys then played against St. Patrick's De La Salle and lost out narrowly which meant they narrowly missed out on qualification for the knockout stages. Well done to the boys for representing the school so well. A huge word of thanks to Kilkenny tennis club for the use of their facilities for the competition and to parents of the boys who provided lifts to and from matches.



Classes for 2023-2024

Recently parent(s)/guardian(s) were sent an email with the name of their child's class teacher for the coming school year. Below is a complete list of all the classes and their teachers for the 2023-2024 school year.

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| Junior Infants (Ms. Ní Bheáchain) | 4 th Class (Mrs. Ryan) | 5 th Class (Ms. Brennan) |
| 2 nd Class (Mrs. Moloney) | 4 th Class (Mrs. Larkin) | 6 th Class (Mr. Reidy) |
| 3 rd Class (Mr. Leahy) | 5 th Class (Mrs. Bolger/Ms. Howell) | 6 th Class (Ms. Curran) |
| Autism Class (Ms. Cantwell) | Special Education Team - Ms. Boyle, Mr. Cunniffe, Ms. Minogue (Ms. Lawlor) | |

School Calendar 2023-2024

TERM 1

Thursday, 31st August: Re-opening after Summer Holidays. Closing at 12.30p.m.

Monday, 30th October – Friday, 3rd November: Mid-Term break (1 week).

Monday, 6th November: Re-opening after Mid-Term break.

Friday, 22nd December: Christmas Holidays. Closing at 12.30p.m.

TERM 2

Monday, 8th January: Re-opening after Christmas Holidays.

Monday, 5th February: St. Brigid's Day (School closed).

Thursday, 15th – Friday, 16th February: Mid-Term break.

Monday, 19th February: Re-opening after Mid-Term break.

Monday, 18th March: St. Patrick's Day (School closed).

Friday, 22nd March: Easter Holidays. Closing at 12.30p.m.

TERM 3

Monday, 8th April: Re-opening after Easter Holidays.

Monday, 6th May – Friday, 10th May: Mid-Term break (1 week).

Monday, 13th May: Re-opening after Mid-Term break.

Monday, 3rd June: June Bank Holiday (School closed).

Friday, 28th June: Summer Holidays. Closing at 12.30p.m.

** 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

We have come to the end of another busy term in Room 2. The highlight of this term was the celebration of our First Holy Communion in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, May 20th. Twenty-two boys from the class received the sacrament and Fr. Jim Murphy celebrated the Mass. We would like to thank Fr. Scriven and Sr. Maria for guiding us along the way and for their many visits to our classroom.



We have been very active this term. We enjoyed our Sprocket Rocket Programme where we learned lots of new cycling skills every Thursday. To finish we had a wonderful morning at City Hall where we took part in some trail cycling with Cycling Ireland.



This term we also went to the Watershed for our block of swimming lessons. We continued with our action-packed hurling sessions with Philly every Friday morning in the field and we are a fantastic group of hurlers - watch out for us in the future! We also played soccer over on the Astroturf.



We celebrated Blessed Edmund Rice Feast Day with an amazing array of activities-soccer, yoga, drama, art and rounders followed by ice creams and fun in the field.



Our school trip to Let's Go Camp in Waterford was also a fun filled day. We had great fun on the bouncy castle, the disco ball, zorbing, archery, tug of war, karting and trampolines. The sun shone brightly the whole day and we enjoyed a picnic outside.



We all took part in our very first Sports Day in Scoil Iognáid de Rís and we really enjoyed the long puck and long jump events. Even the rain could not dampen our spirits as we ran and hopped and balanced beanbags and jumped through hoops. The Tug of War was very exciting and a very close call indeed!



We could not believe that we have our very own long jump pit in the school field and had great fun in the sunshine practising our jumps for the competition! Congratulations to all the winners and more importantly to everyone who took part on the day.

We also worked really hard in class in every area and put a huge effort into our Accelerated Reading Programme and also our Music Generation Workshops.

It is hard to believe that our time in Second Class has come to an end and in September we will be the big boys showing the new boys the ropes!

I would like to say a huge 'Well Done' to all the boys in Room 2. You are an amazing group of boys and I hope you have a lovely rest over the holidays. Tá sos tuilte agaibh go léir. Bain sult as na laethanta saoire!

Awesome Art from Room 2



Ms. Boyle's 3rd Class

Greetings to everyone from Room 4. It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of term 3 and almost winding down for our Summer Holidays. We have had an exceptionally busy third term and the boys have been learning lots of new things across the curriculum whilst fitting in some engaging and fun packed activities along the way.

The boys continued to use chromebooks this term and our focus was on procedural writing.

Congratulations to Kayden, who won writer of the month this term on his procedural piece; 'How to make scrambled eggs'. Very tasty and tempting indeed!!!



The boys have also been learning lots of new math's concepts this term and constructing 3D shapes was definitely one of their favourite activities. The boys made lots of 3-D shapes using cocktail sticks and marshmallows and designed some of their own creations too.



As Part of our Social, Personal and Health Education Programme this term, we were very fortunate to have a visit to our 3rd classes from three local fire officers who carried out a fire safety programme with the boys. We were also invited to our local fire station on the Gaol Road to experience firsthand a glimpse into the job our invaluable emergency services provide for our community. A keen favourite with the boys, who also got to try out the fire hoses for themselves. A massive word of thanks to firefighters Philip, Corabh and Ryan who made this trip possible and such fun for the boys.



The boys continued their hurling training with our coach Philly every Friday and it's definitely the highlight of each week. A massive thank you to Philly for his continued dedication and hard work with the boys all year.



Term 3 also saw the commencement of our Sprocket Rocket Safe Cycling course every Thursday which was enjoyed immensely by the boys. A big shout out and many thanks to Róisín and Charlie, our incredible instructors. Having spent several weeks learning how to cycle safely, the boys got to try out their skills over at local government buildings in John Street.



In May we celebrated the feast day of Blessed Edmund Rice, the founder of our school. We had a fun packed day for the boys which included art activities, people who inspire us, rounders, dodgeball to name but a few. The day was topped off with some scrumptious ice creams.

Music Generation continued throughout Term 3 with Mark and the boys are thoroughly enjoyed using all the percussion instruments. The boys got to show case all their skills during a small concert held in June for parents.



The above was a just a small sample of what the boys have been up to in Term 3. At this stage we must not forget what was probably the ultimate highlight for many, and that was our school trip to Killaloe in County Clare - a truly breath-taking spot. This was immensely enjoyed by all the pupils who had a fun packed day. Activities included sailing, kayaks, high ropes and team building games.



And that's a wrap for this year folks. Finally, can I take this opportunity thank you all most sincerely for your continued support and co-operation throughout the year and to wish you all a very happy, safe and well -earned summer break. From Miss Boyle and all the boys in Room 4.



Mr. Leahy's 3rd Class

Hi everyone, we can't believe it is that time of year already. We are nearly finished 3rd Class but before we do we want to share with you some of the fantastic things we have been involved in since last we spoke.

We have to begin with our amazing school trip to Killaloe Adventure Centre. The weather was amazing. We spent the day climbing, surfing, sailing, paddle boarding and archery however it was the kayaking that came out in our vote as being the class favourite. This trip was one of the highlights of the year. We were all very tired on the bus home. Some of us even managed a little snooze, believe it or not.



Our Sports Day was great fun. We spent the days before running off the long jump and long puck. On the day we had sprints, long races, the spud and spoon race and a novelty race that Mr. Leahy made up involving crawling and bean bags. Well done to all who took part.

We had some summer tests to revise for and do this month. We worked hard and tried our best for our Summer Report Cards.

Our student teacher, Mr. Doheny, was with us for several weeks. He did loads of fun lessons with us, and we learned lots of interesting things.

We had a very enjoyable visit from 2 local firemen. They spoke to both 3rd Classes about Fire Safety. They extended an invitation to us to visit the fire station which we did the following week. We got to hold the fire hose, sit in the fire truck and even see Mr. Leahy go up in the lift. We think he was a bit afraid because he didn't go up too high, but he tried his best not to let on.



In P.E., apart from preparing for the Sports Day, we tried bowling in the yard and visited the Astro turf for some soccer. It's great having the Astro turf so close.



reflection of our favourite summer activities. See our cool pics!



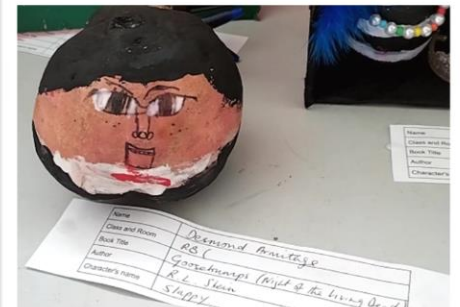
This last week of school Mr. Leahy taught us a cool card game. We played it in groups. It involves turn taking, counting, explaining, decision making, strategy, and rule following. All important skills for the future. Mr. Leahy has also allowed us to have an afternoon where we bring in some board games to work on some of the same skills mentioned above.

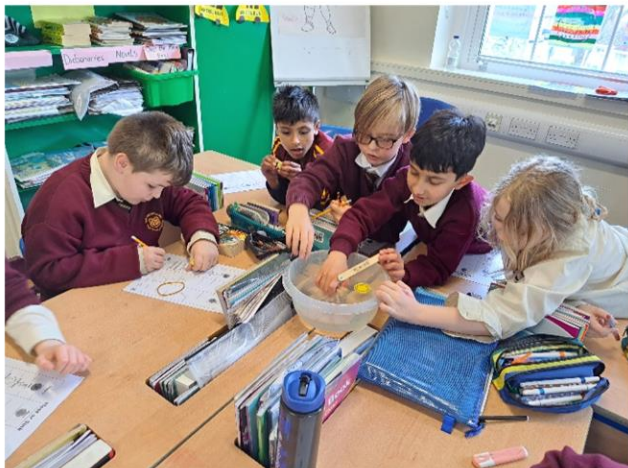
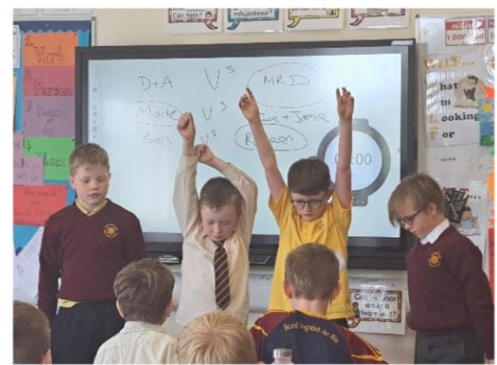
In Art we designed some summer themed glasses which was fun. Mr. Leahy invited us to draw the

We, in Room 8, would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a lovely summer and best of luck next year in 4th Class. A huge thanks to our parents also for all they have done throughout the year. That's all for now, see ya folks!

Room 8 Highlights

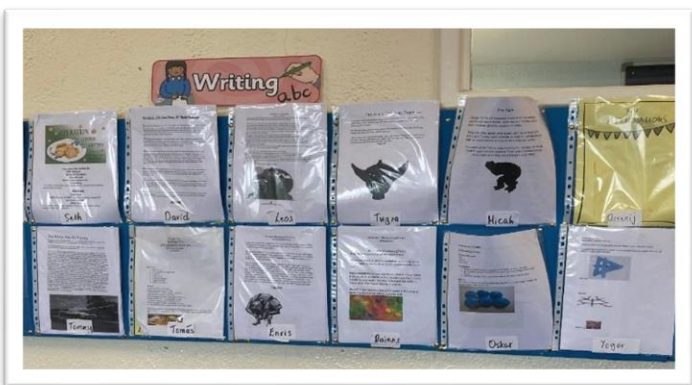






Mrs. Bolger & Ms. Howell's 4th Class

Term 3 proved to be action-packed from start to finish. In class we studied Narrative writing and the boys produced really entertaining stories on our chromebooks. Our writing wall is now looking more impressive than ever.



Another highlight from term 3 was learning about Ireland's first World Cup - Italia'90 in History. We integrated this topic with Art and Music and the boys especially enjoyed singing along to "Give Em A Lash Jack".

Our FRIENDS program proved a big hit with the lads, and we rewarded all their effort with a picnic in the Castle Park. A huge thanks to Ms. Curran for facilitating the lessons.



In ukulele, the lads continued to make great progress. The ukulele lessons came to a great end with the boys showcasing their talents at the concert for parents in the hall. The boys performed 'Demons' and 'Hall of Fame'.

The school trip this year was a big success. The boys loved the archery, high ropes, kayaking and paddle-boarding at Killaloe Adventure Centre and it was great to see them giving all the activities a go.



Another highlight of the final term was the school Sports Day. The lads truly enjoyed the lead-up to the big day, practising for all the different events and running off the qualifiers.



This term the boys also participated in a Cycling course. The boys' skills really developed throughout the 4 weeks. They especially enjoyed the cycling track set up in the grounds of County Hall for the final week.



We were very sorry to say goodbye to Gabriel Martins who has returned to Spain. Gabriel was a great asset to our class and was very popular with his classmates. He got really involved in all aspects of school life and we wish him all the best in the future.



We would like to say a huge well done to all the boys for the fantastic effort they put in all year and especially in revising for their end-of-year tests. We have really enjoyed getting to know the class this year and wish them all the very best in 5th class. A huge thanks to all the parents for your co-operation and support this year. We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Summer.

Ms. Howell and Mrs. Bolger

School Choir

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all the choir members for the commitment and dedication they have shown since January. They have displayed a positive attitude in both early morning practices and performances. I have been blown away by the talent of the boys and look forward to building on our hard work in September. We will be welcoming new members and learning some popular songs.



Have a lovely summer boys!

Mrs. Bolger



Mrs. Ryan's 4th Class

Room 9 had a busy last term with lots going on between trips, performances and tests.



Room 9 performed their drumming piece, prepared with Jeremy Hickey as part of the BLAST programme, for two other classes in the school. The boys enjoyed the experience and worked well together with Jeremy. The boys also worked well with Paul and the boys in Room 3 as part of their ukulele performance for parents. Keep up the good work next year, some boys have made huge progress in just one year.



The boys were lucky to have Ms. Collins teaching them for a number of weeks and they learned all about Rothe House and got to go on a walking tour of Kilkenny to visit areas they had learned about.

Room 9 were very excited to go on their outdoor adventure school tour this year, to the UL Adventure Centre, Killaloe. After a long trip on the bus the boys threw themselves into the activities including climbing, water sports and archery. The boys were very well behaved and tried their best to participate. Some great heights were reached.



Room 9 finally finished putting together their entry for the Woodies Garden Competition by creating their garden on the first-floor landing for boys on the upstairs corridor to see.

The boys voted on the combined plan of garden's designed by boys in the class. As you can see from the photo the boys look very happy with themselves and had a potato plant and sunflower to bring home to continue their gardening skills.



The boys also tried their best in all the sporting activities for our Sports Day, well done to all the boys who participated and especially to Milo and Liam who represented Room 9 on the fourth class relay team. Well done, to the fourth class for coming 2nd against very competitive 5th and 6th class teams.

We finished the year with a trip to the city library to sign boys up as members and to hear about the Summer Stars reading programme. I would like to congratulate all the boys on their hard work this year and especially the great effort they have made at the Accelerated Reading programme which has led to great improvement in the reading levels. I wish them every success in 5th Class.

Nicola Ryan



Ms. Cantwell's 5th Class

Kilkenny City Walkabout

On Monday, 12th June we did a Zoom call with the Heritage Council and an architect who spoke about Kilkenny city. We started to talk about the old buildings of Kilkenny. We were talking about refurbishing old buildings in Kilkenny city. We gave them our ideas for what we would turn some of the old buildings into if we got the chance.



After that, on Wednesday we went on a walk around Kilkenny city. Then we went to Saint Mary's church, and we learned about the church and so much more. When we first arrived, we learned that there were skeletons under the church site. After that, we found a graveyard for noblemen. We also found the grave of John Rothe. Then, we went to the Kilkenny City Hall, and we learned all about Anthony Blunt. He was a very unfair man, who became the mayor in 1770. He punished minor criminals harshly and was known as "Whirligig Blunt".

Finally, we went to Scrumdiddlys and our whole class got to pick what flavours and toppings they liked on their ice cream.

By Shahab, David and Imad

Snack and Browse

Snack and Browse was on Friday, 2nd June. We could bring in things to sell that we didn't need any more like games, books, toys or gifts.



There were cakes, buns and other treats for sale too. We brought in some money to buy things for ourselves and our families. The money raised goes to the school. Parents were there to help in the Snack and Browse. It was a fun day.

By Patrick

Our School Trip

We went on our school trip to UL Adventure Centre in Killaloe on Wednesday, 31st May. The bus journey took 1 hour and 45 minutes. When we got there, we had some food. After food one group went into the water and the other group did land activities. Our group did the water activities first. We started with canoeing and standup paddling. After the standup paddling, we went on the boat. Then we had more of our lunch. After that we swapped over to do the land activities. We did the climbing wall and tree top activity. When we were done, we had food and got back on the bus to go home. My friends and I fell asleep on the way home. We had a great day!

By Evan and Nathan



Music Generation Kilkenny Concert

On the 15th of June we had a concert with Music Generation Kilkenny. We played the ukuleles and the third class played boomwhackers. We practised for the concert in the weeks leading up to it. We played 'Demons' and 'Save your tears' for the performance. It was a super fun day.

Some other songs we learned and practised with Paul this term were 'Flowers', 'Hall of Fame', 'Knocking on Heaven's Door', 'Paradise', and 'Zombie'.

By Toni and Leandre



School Hurling



Our school hurling team won the county final against Freshford in UPMC Nowlan Park. We've been training hard all year with Mr. Bergin and Ms. Cantwell. Our panel consists of players from 3rd, 5th and 6th class. We had training on Mondays and Wednesdays after school. Meanwhile every class in the school has also been training with Philly during school time on Fridays.



We had lost to Freshford four weeks before that in the Tommy O'Brien Cup. Freshford then went on to win the Tommy O'Brien cup with a 9 point win over St. John's.



The Soccer League

The soccer league began in June and included fifth and sixth class and if someone was not able to participate in a match, someone from fourth class would fill in for them.

Mr. Cuniffe split the fifth and sixth class pupils who wanted to participate into eight teams. Those teams were: Spain, Brazil, Germany, Argentina, France, Italy, Croatia and Netherlands.

Halfway through the tournament, four teams were knocked out. The remaining teams were Spain, Brazil, Croatia and Netherlands. These were the teams that made it to the semi-finals. It was Spain vs. Netherlands and Brazil vs. Croatia.

After the semi-finals, it was Spain and Brazil that came out on top. Spain beat the Netherlands and Brazil won against Croatia. Meaning Spain and Brazil were going to compete in the finals.

During the first half, Brazil scored the first goal of the game, but Spain scored a last-minute goal at the end of the first half. A few minutes into the second half Spain scored the winning goal and for the rest of the match Spain put up a good defence to keep them from scoring. In the end, Spain won the tournament with a score of 2-1.

By Connor, Michael and Martin

Huw Lawlor presented us with our medals on Tuesday, 20th June at Assembly in the Hall. It was great fun because everyone was there, and we were just amazed at the amount of support we got in Nowlan Park when we won and in school for our medal presentation. JJ, our captain, made a brilliant speech after the match. Big shoutout to the most amazing waterboys in the county, Mick Connors and Éanna O'Reilly.



By Kyle, Jack, Charlie, Dan



Our Sports Day

Our School Sports Day took place on Friday, 23rd June. To begin, we had our sprint semi-finals from 2nd-6th, starting with 2nd class. Then we had our sprint finals with four people qualifying from each semi-final.

After that, our first set of novelty races from 2nd-6th class were run off. Our novelty races were the three-legged and wheelbarrow races. This was followed by the long races. Each class level had up to 16 people in the long race.

Next up was the second round of novelty races and then we watched the 2nd class tug of war.

To finish, we had the relay races. Earlier in the week we had both the long jump and long puck qualifiers and finals. We enjoyed taking part in all of the different events during the week and on the day. Well done to everyone who took part!

By Kyle and Evan

Ms. Brennan's 5th/6th Class

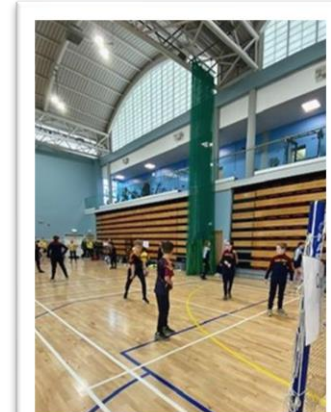
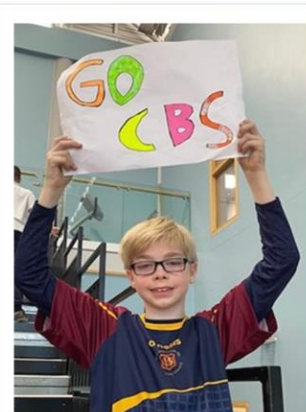
Wow, what a busy and enjoyable term it has been for the pupils of Room 6! See below for just a flavour of what we've been getting up to over the last few months. Best of luck to the 11 boys of 5th Class as they move into 6th. All the best also to the mighty 6th Class, as all 13 of them head to the C.B.S. Secondary to begin an exciting new adventure! Have a lovely summer everyone.

We spent a number of weeks working with Mr. Reidy and Mrs. Larkin on our Literacy Stations. This gave us the opportunity to explore areas of literacy in greater depth, such as grammar, phonics and comprehension.

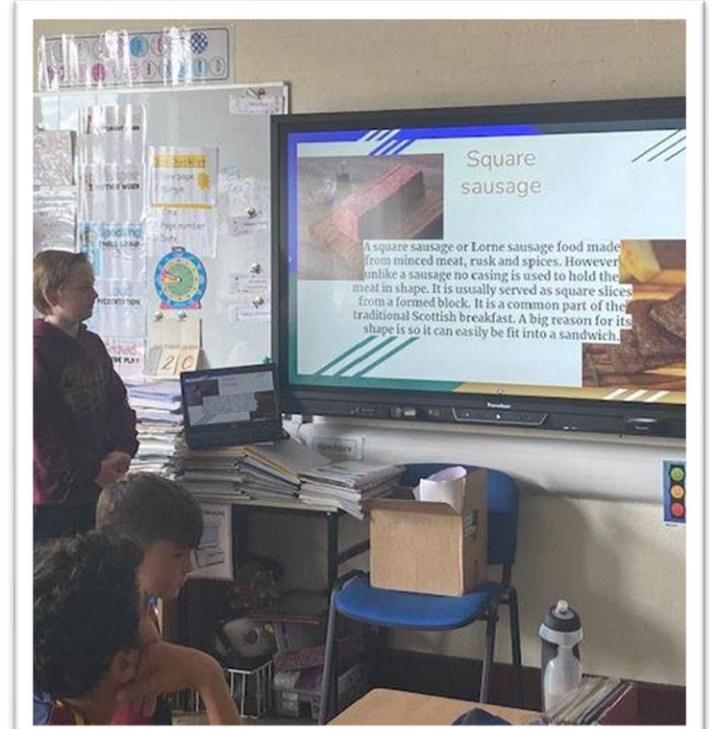
We planted wildflowers with our visiting artist Kasia to conclude our time with her as part of the [Teacher-Artist Partnership](#). We also tended to the garden at the front of the school, and made it look colourful and welcoming for the open nights for our new pupils and their families.



We took part in a fun volleyball tournament in the Watershed, involving a number of schools in the city, and run by Transition Year pupils from the Presentation Secondary School.



On Blessed Edmund Rice Feast Day, we attended Mass in the Hall, before taking part in a number of fun activities, and finishing with some free play on the pitch (with a sneaky ice-cream too!).



This term, we got lots of opportunities to become even more skilled in our use of technology, creating a number of super presentations for English. We also continued a great tradition for June called 'Teach the Teacher'. This is an opportunity for pupils to prepare a lesson to teach their friends, and their teacher, on a topic of their choice. So far, we've had lessons on Bears, Scottish Food, Soccer Aid, Lamingtons, Jesse Lingard and The Eye!



We had a fantastic school tour to the UL Adventure Centre in Killaloe. On a sunny, warm day, we got to try archery, climbing, kayaking, maths games and so much more.



We had summer tests this term. We loved to revise together in study groups.



It's been an especially wonderful few months for the boys from Room 6 involved in the school's hurling team: Cian, Harry, Richard and Lucas. After some hard-fought games, sometimes played in intense heat, our team triumphed in the championship and brought home the big prize. We had a presentation of our medals in the hall, led by Kilkenny hurler Huw Lawlor. Well done boys!



We had the great opportunity to perform for parents as part of a concert for Music Generation Kilkenny. We have all developed as musicians this term, specialising in the ukulele. We played ‘Counting Stars’ and ‘Lean on Me’.



We had great fun recently at the annual school Sports Day. Along with the traditional competitions like the Sprints, we also got to take part in events like 3-legged Races and even a Slow Bicycle Race!



Ms. Minogue & Ms. Lawlor's 6th Class School Trip to Killaloe, Clare

Killaloe was a terrific experience for 6th class since we had a lot of fun and got to swim a lot. And, as an example, we did a number of other things.

We did archery and climbed a large frame. After that, we went sailing and kayaking, both of which were great fun.

I also helped Ms. Lawlor when she was climbing up the climbing wall, by holding the safety line, which was a good thing because I persuaded her to give us no homework!

The water activities were my favourite part of the trip but since it was so enjoyable, I don't have a least favourite part because I had such a terrific time in Killaloe. We also engaged in stand-up paddle boarding, which was silly but a lot of fun because we kept falling off and slipping and sliding.

We had a lot of fun while climbing, but it was also nerve-wracking because it appeared that there was no harness, but it turned out that there was. After that, everyone liked the sailboat ride, but I found it really horrifying to leap into the cold wavy lake since I thought a shark would pounce at any second. P.S. No sharks actually bit me; it was just in my head, but it was a little unsettling.

Yes, I had an excellent day, but after such a long day of amazing and enjoyable water and land activities, I was exhausted. Thanks, Killaloe, for a great time. 👍

Written by Josh Dunphy



Astroturf

This year we have been to the astroturf a number of times and the last few years. When we go to the astroturf we usually play a mini football tournament between different teams that we select beforehand. If you win a game, you get 3 points, if you draw you get 1 point, and a loss is 0 points. The last time we went to the astroturf I was on Bobby and Pablo's team; we ended up being the winners with the most points out of any team. I love that we have been given the rare opportunity to use the astroturf at any time during our five years in C.B.S. Primary Kilkenny.

Written by Mick Connors

it was extremely interesting to see the many ways words could be said. The books we read were fun as well 👍. Two books that made a strong impression were 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' and 'Holes'. We also went out to Mr. Reidy's room to read texts in stories. Overall, the English Stations this year in 2023 were fun.

Written by Henry William Phelan



Blessed Edmund Rice Day: Friday, 5th of May

On Friday, 5th of May, we celebrated Blessed Edmund Rice Feast Day. We started the day with a Mass with Fr. Scriven. Then we did lots of fun activities like yoga, tennis, rounders and tag rugby. There were activities all day and each activity were 45 minutes long. We also did art with Ms. Brennan. It was all really fun. Art was my favourite thing we did.

Written by Charlie Brett



English Stations: This year in 2023

English stations had a variety of different activities, going from: The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, to simple texts about Historical events. A lot of teachers came to help us with this. It was fun.

Each table learned a different subject with a 10–12-minute timer to do the work. My favourite part was probably the words that could mean another, because

Snack and Browse

The Snack and Browse this year was really good. There were lots of very tasty buns, cakes, crisps and other nice things. There was also a great raffle and a fun competition where we all had to guess how many jellybeans were in this really big jar. All of the other things for sale were great too. I am sure that everyone had great fun and that lots of money was raised for the school.

Written by Daniel Tuohy

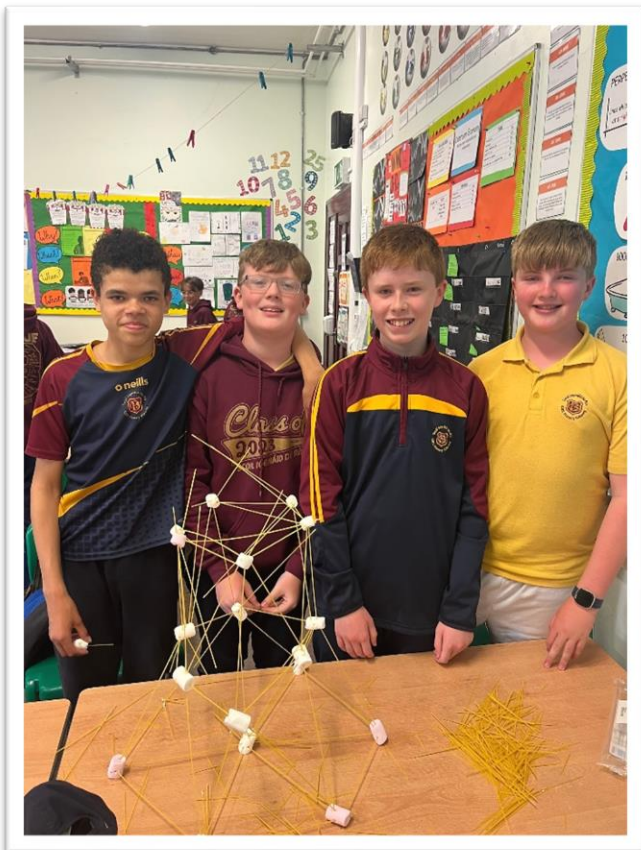
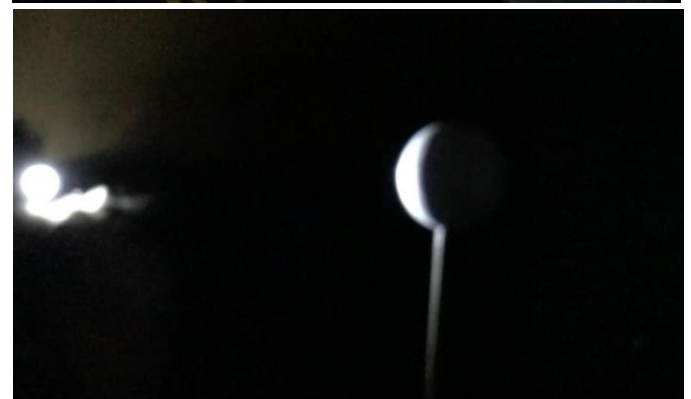
Earthquake Safe Tower Challenge

The Earthquake Tower challenge was really fun and challenging. We each got a pack of marshmallows and lots of dry spaghetti and were challenged to build a tower as high as we could while still making it stable. Some people started off by building a foundation while some people went straight into building it as high as possible without a plan. We had great fun and made a big mess, but we tidied it up at the end. The winners were Daniel, Jeremy, Caleb and Henry.

The Moon

We explored the moon and the phases it goes through during a cycle. We had to create a dark room and use a styrofoam ball stuck in a skewer. We imagined we were the earth and the moon was rotating around our orbit. We then shone a torch to watch and see how the different positions affect the shape of the moon we could see.

We also investigated how high we can jump and multiplied it by 6 to see how high we could jump on the moon. We then checked our weight and divided it by 6 to find out how much we would weigh on the moon.



Written by Diarmuid Kealy

Construction of a mini city

During our time at C.B.S. Primary School 6th class, our teacher Ms. Lawlor divided us into groups to make a mini city out of kitchen and toilet rolls. She gave us 2 weeks to complete it. I was gone for some of my group's work but in the end, we made a really good city. It was an excellent activity to improve our co-operation skills and I hope we can still remember this skill for as long as we live.

Written by Mohamed (Modi) Elfaedy



Volleyball Tournament

During our time at C.B.S. Primary we entered a Volleyball Tournament including Ms. Brennan's 5th/6th class, Ms. Lawlor's 6th class and a lot of other schools around Kilkenny. We had practised and trained with a few girls from the Presentation Secondary School. We had around 6 weeks of practice every Monday. The Volleyball tournament was around 2 and a half hours altogether. There were around 20 courts in the Watershed Kilkenny in total. We had lots of fun and there were different awards given out at the end of all the matches.

I hope we can all agree this was great fun and we will remember it for years.

Written by Fionn O'Donnell

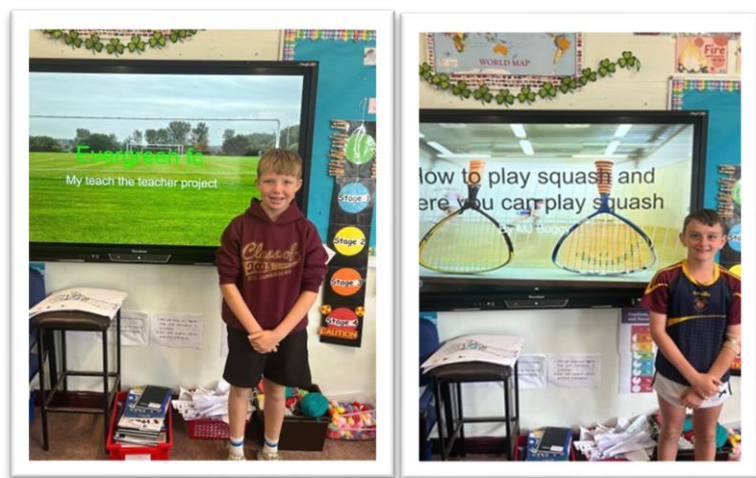


Teach the Teacher

For the last week or so we have been working on a presentation to teach the class and the teacher. We will be presenting them along the week. we have all been working hard.

The aim of “Teach the teacher” is to give pupils a chance to teach others about a new subject. It can be about a wide range of topics ranging from football clubs and games, to ADHD and how to play cricket.

Written by Lorcan Carroll



Kilkenny County Hurling Final

The match started and we were off to a good start. We got the first two scores of the game (MJ Buggy scored the two points) then they started to get into the game with a point of their own and going into half time it was CBS 0:03 and Freshford 0:02. We got into the game the minute the ball was thrown in. JJ scored the first point of the second half from a free at the midfield line and then that made the match a two-point game. Lucas won a free a few moments after JJ scored the point, he lobbed the ball in, and Stephen got the ball in his hand and headed for goal. Not even seconds later the ball was in the back of the net. The score was now CBS 1:05 to Freshford 0:04. Then Freshford got three points and we were under pressure but after 26 minutes and 18 seconds of the second half the whistle was blown and C.B.S. Primary had won the Kilkenny Roinn C County final!!!!

*Written by Stephen McCormack,
Bobby Owens, Mj Buggy*

Football Tournament with Mr. Cunniffe

Mr. Cunniffe held a mini football tournament in the school with 8 teams, and each team with 8/9 players. There were 2 groups and the teams in group 1 are Spain, Italy, Holland and France and the teams in group 2 are Croatia, Brazil, Germany and Argentina. Every team qualified out of their group and then there was the quarter finals.

It was France vs Croatia, Holland v Argentina, Brazil vs Italy and Spain vs Germany and there were 2 shockers with Croatia beating France, and Holland beating Argentina. Then Spain beat Germany and Brazil beat Italy. Now it's the semi-finals, with Holland v Spain and Brazil v Croatia. Spain was missing one of their best players, but JJ Cahill scores and Spain beat Holland, and then Lucas Duggan scores against Croatia, and Brazil wins their match.

And now it's the grand final, Spain v Brazil. In the first half Lucas Duggan scores a banger to make it 1-0 to Brazil but JJ Cahill scores in the last minute of the first half to make it 1-1. Going into the second half Spain gets a free and he shoots, but it deflects off Patrick Claffey, and Rhys Hayes is in the right spot at the right time to slot it into the bottom left corner to win the game.

Written by Rhys Hayes and JJ Cahill

Music Generation Concert

Since 5th class we have been doing Music Generation with Paul. Ukulele has been great fun for all of us and it was fun learning many songs such as 'Riptide' and 'Flowers'. We had a final concert with the whole school in June.



We performed 'Lean on Me' along with Ms. Brennan's class and Mrs. Moloney's class. We also played 'Over the Rainbow' as a solo performance. Many parents came to watch and we did really well.

Written by Jeremy Lagerwall

Swimming Gala



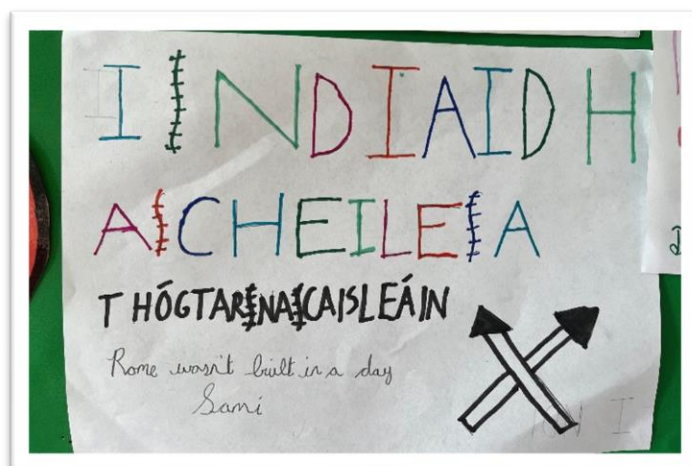
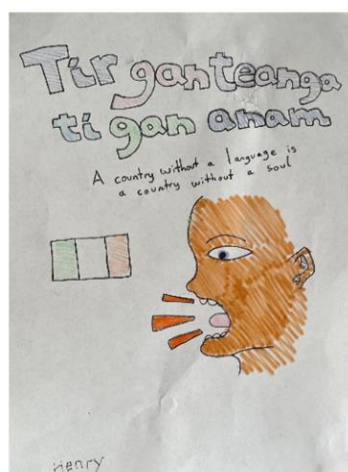
This year in the Swimming Gala we had 3 competitors from our class who did brilliantly. Out of all the boy schools ours came 2nd with a total of 5 golds, 1 silver and a lot of bronze.

Even if someone didn't win a medal, we all still encouraged and congratulated everyone who took part and gave it a go.

Written by Syd Harkin

Comórtas Seanfhocail

Bhí Comórtas againn chun póstaer a dhéanamh le pictiúr a tharraing a théann leis na seanfhocail éagsúla.



Clay

For art we were challenged to create a pencil holder using clay. We used lots of different skills like slipping, scoring and blending to help keep the pieces together which is a challenge. We pinched and coiled the clay for different effects. We then used acrylic paint for strong colours.



Amber Flag - Gratitude Art Competition

Our winners of the Gratitude Art Competition for the Amber Flag are proudly being showcased in Lakeside Family Practice. Make sure to keep an eye out in case you are ever in the waiting room area.



Jack Buckridge
4th Class



Alan Babiarczyk
2nd Class



Grzegorz Duda
6th Class



Josh Dunphy
6th Class



Jordan Claffey
4th Class



Oliver Lichowski
3rd Class

Arts and Crafts Club

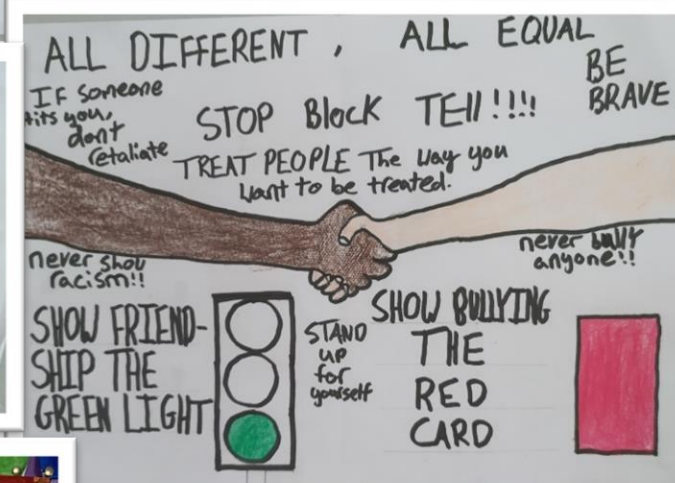
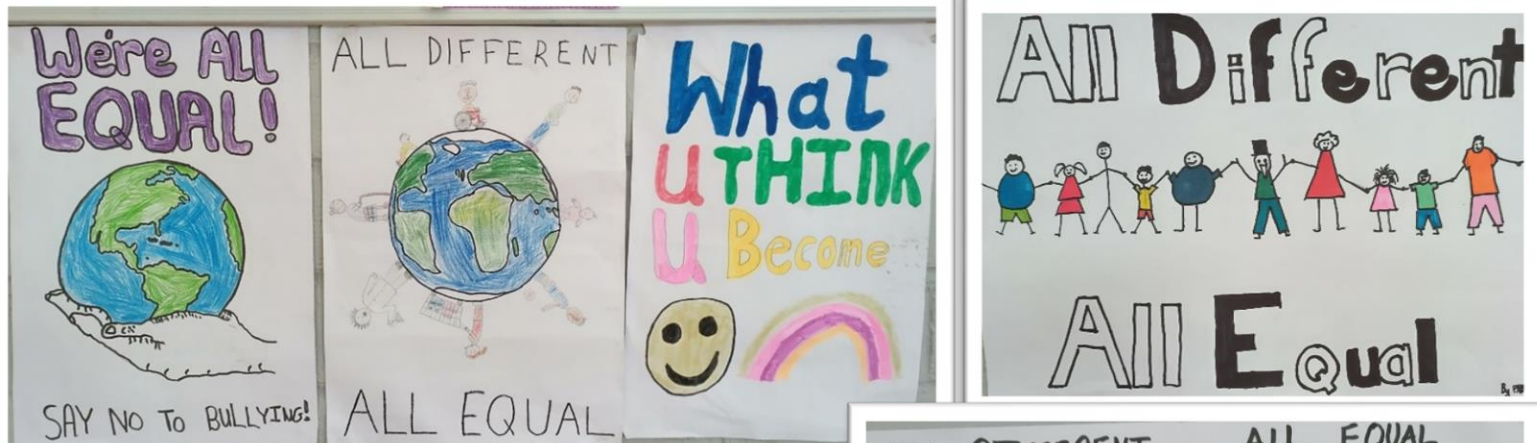
This term the Arts and Crafts club have been busy at work. They have produced some beautiful and creative pieces. From weaving paper cups, designing a silhouette sunset scene, to working with perspective and sculpting figures out of tin foil. We have definitely put our fine motor skills to the test.

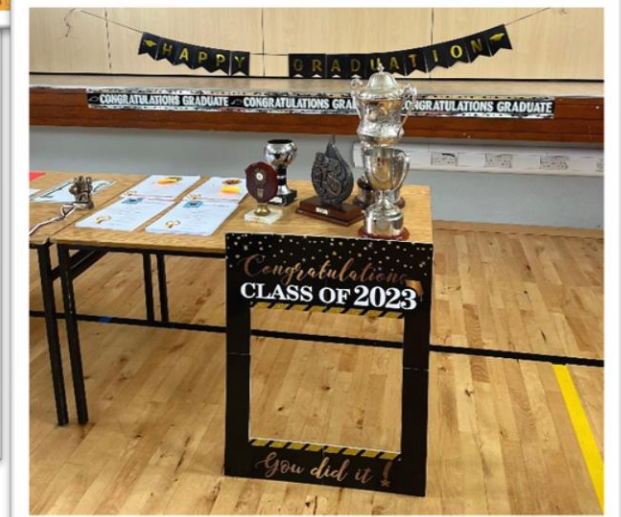




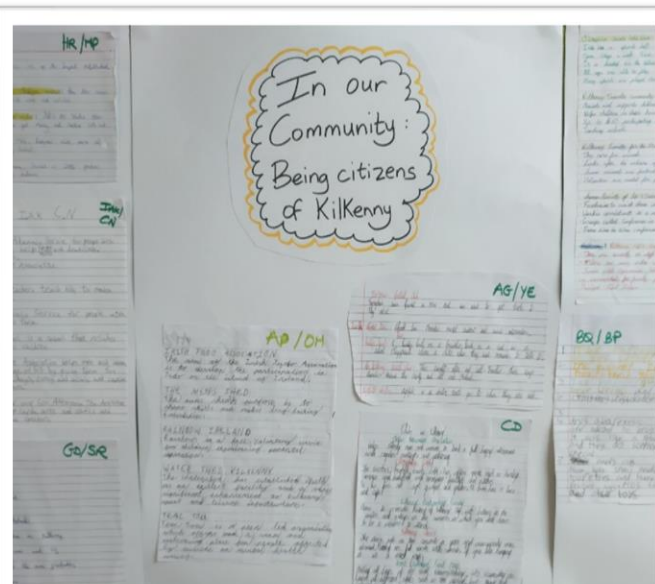












Summer 2023



**On behalf of everyone in C.B.S. Primary School, we wish you a great Summer.
We look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Thursday, August 31st, 2023.**