

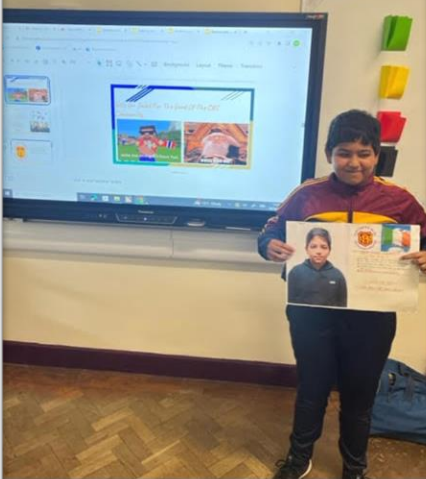
Some highlights this term.

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Welcome to our Halloween Newsletter. It is hard to believe that Mid-Term is upon us!

It is fair to say that a lot has happened since we returned to school on August 31<sup>st</sup>. We opened our doors to Junior Infant girls and boys for the first time ever in our history. I'm delighted to report that our 26 girls and boys are doing really well.

We also opened our first Autism Class, and this venture has been a huge success. A word of welcome to our 2<sup>nd</sup> class boys and new pupils who joined our school over the last two months. We are delighted to have you in our school, and we hope you enjoy your years with us.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you, the parents/guardians of the children for your constant support, co-operation and encouragement. We are extremely fortunate to have a hardworking and dedicated teaching staff, who do a wonderful job in delivering the curriculum to the pupils in their care in an enjoyable, engaging and meaningful way. A special word of thanks to our SNAs, Ms. Malone, Ms. Delaney, Ms. O'Neill, Ms. Butler and Ms. Fortune and our ancillary staff, Tom & Michael who contribute so much to our school. A special mention for Tom who pulls out all the stops to provide such a brilliant newsletter.

A word of appreciation for our Board of Management and Parents' Association for their hard work and commitment to our school.

We are so proud of all of our pupils. We've had a really positive opening two months in school, and we look forward to the weeks and months ahead. Enjoy your well-deserved break boys and girls.

Just a reminder that the school will be closed from Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> to Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> inclusive for the Mid-Term break.

I'd like to wish you all a safe and happy Halloween.

*Niall Bergin, Principal.*



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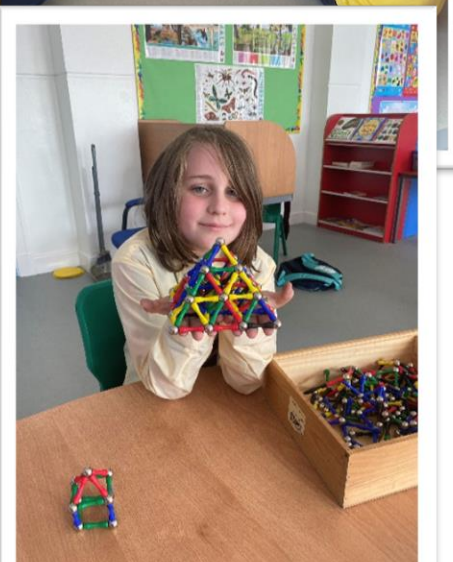
## School Developments

Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> proved to be a momentous day in the history of Scoil Iognáid de Rís. We enrolled Junior Infant girls and boys and opened our very first Autism Class. This was our first step in becoming a fully vertical co-educational school. Two of our classrooms were re-configured during the Summer months in preparation for our new arrivals. Additional work is currently being carried out in the school to accommodate more pupils.

A sincere word of thanks to our Board of Management for the significant role they played in brining the school's vision to fruition.





















### Board of Management

Our current Board of Management's tenure will come to an end on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The Board has been in situ since September 2019. We would sincerely like to thank the people who served on the Board:

Fr. Richard Scriven, Denis O'Reilly, Ann Marie Cahill, David Ryan, Pauline Murphy, Caitríona Kenneally, Tom Cuniffe and Niall Bergin.

The process of forming a new Board has begun. The Board will consist of eight members:

- ERST proposes two Trustee nominees, one of which is the Chairperson.
- Our parental body nominate two parents (a mother and a father) by election.
- Teachers nominate a teacher following election.
- The principal teacher is a member of the Board.
- The Board nominates two community representatives, and all eight nominees are appointed by the Patron Bishop.



### Parents' Association

Our Parents' Association recently held their AGM. Newly elected officers were appointed:

Chairperson:	Joanne Buckeridge
Secretary:	Roisin Tyrrell
Treasurer:	Margaret Harkin

We wish our new officers well and we thank them most sincerely for fulfilling these important roles.

A huge word of thanks to our Parents' Association members for everything they do for the school. Thanks also to you, the parents of our children for

your continued support of school events. Everything is greatly appreciated.

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



### Parent-Teacher Meetings

Parent-Teacher meetings will take place on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Booking for the meetings will be made on Aladdin Connect. Parents can book times when we return after the break. We encourage everyone to book a time slot. Please note school will close at 2.15pm on these two days.

### Open Evening

We will be hosting an **Open Evening on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm** in the School Hall. A reminder that we will be enrolling Junior & Senior Infant Girls and Boys, and boys only from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class.

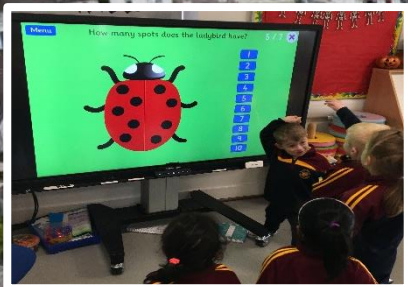
Applications for September 2024 will be accepted from Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> 2024. Application forms will be available in the school office and on our website [cbsprimarykilkenny.ie](http://cbsprimarykilkenny.ie)

We are encouraging you, the parental body, to spread the good word about our school. We look forward to meeting as many prospective parents as possible on the night.



# Open Evening

On Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
@ 7.30pm in the School Hall.



Inviting those interested in finding  
out more about our school.  
(Junior & Senior Infants Girls &  
Boys) and 2<sup>nd</sup> class boys.



Enquiries to [office@cbsprimarykilkenny.ie](mailto:office@cbsprimarykilkenny.ie) or (056) 7761739



## Confirmation & First Holy Communion

Our First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes will be following the 'My Faith' programme in preparation for the Sacraments. At a recent meeting Fr. Dermot Ryan outlined the workings of the programme.

Important Dates:

**First Holy Communion** – 10.30am in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Confirmation** – 11am in St. Mary's Cathedral on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Christmas Cards for Schools

With Christmas fast approaching, we are taking part in an initiative where children in the school draw their own personal Christmas Card.



The completed cards were sent away to a company called "Christmas Cards for Schools" where they were professionally printed. Each child is allowed keep their own card.

Parents have the option of ordering a pack of 10 cards, at a cost of €8 per pack, to send to friends and relations for Christmas. **The deadline for orders is Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November.** Parents are under no obligation to order cards.

## Silver Circle

Silver Circle cards were distributed recently. We encourage everyone to do their best in selling the cards as all funds raised will be put back into improving our school.



The first draw will take place on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November. We have received a very positive response to date and your support is greatly appreciated.

## Team Hope Shoebox Appeal

This year Scoil Iognáid de Rís will once again take part in the wonderful charity event that is the Team Hope Shoebox Appeal. Our school is a collection point for the gift boxes that provide children in poorer countries much-needed joy through gifts and essentials. Over the next few days, your son or daughter will bring home the Team Hope leaflet.



**WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE:**  
Please do not send liquids (shampoo, bubbles), sharp objects, food/chocolate, books with lots of words, scary items (Halloween, war related, masks, toy snakes), breakables or medicines.

[www.teamhope.ie](http://www.teamhope.ie)   

We understand that it is an expensive time of year, and some parents may not be able to participate but we will also have a donation box for items if people are able to donate individual items like - toothpaste, small toys etc. Thank you once again for your support of this amazing cause, the date for donations is the **November 10<sup>th</sup>.**

*Mrs. N. Ryan, Team Hope Coordinator.*





## School Self-Evaluation

School Self Evaluation (SSE) is a process of evaluating current practice and planning for improvements for the benefit of all. Last year we looked at PE in our school and focussed in on Fundamental Movement Skills. We will continue with the Fundamental Movement Skills this year whilst also reviewing our Literacy and Numeracy plans. We also plan to look at the whole area of Wellbeing in our school community.



## Student Council

Our new Student Council has been elected. Members were chosen by their classmates to represent their class on the Student Council. The boys are very enthusiastic and have lots of ideas how to enrich the experience of the students of the C.B.S.

A word of appreciate for our outgoing Student Council, for everything they did in what was an extremely busy school year.

Newly appointed Student Council members:

- Hugo Dunne
- James Cuniffe
- Zach Glennon
- Dan Rhatigan
- Nicky Cleere
- Jack Carroll
- Shay Hayes
- Mason Costello



## Primary Schools Cross Country Event

In early October we held trials to qualify for the Primary Schools Cross Country Event which was held in the Castle Park.

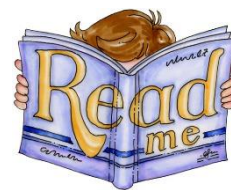


A huge word of well done to every boy who tried out, and in particular, to those who represented the school so well on the day in the Castle Park.

A word of thanks to Mrs. Larkin and Mr. Fitzpatrick for looking after the boys.

## Accelerated Reading

This year we continue with our Accelerated Reading Programme. The aim of this programme is to foster a love of reading in every pupil, motivate pupils to read and set specific targets for every pupil in our school.



Our pupils have been screened and reading levels have been assigned. Books have been categorised and are ready to go. We are currently building up our school library. If you have books at home in good condition and that are suitable for primary school children, that you would like to donate to the school, please send them in to us. All donations will be very much appreciated.

## Aladdin Connect

We use Aladdin Connect daily to help keep parents up to date throughout the school year. This has strengthened the link between our school and parents and helps parents to communicate with the school and monitor progress. The school will also use this app to keep you updated on school events.





## Green Schools



Greetings one and all from the green schools committee.

We have had a busy start this year promoting environmental awareness in our classrooms and how we can help our planet. Since Sept, we have taken part in the national walk to school day initiative which also included greener ways to travel to school, such as park and stride, cycling, car pooling and taking the bus. We collected data and are delighted to inform you our school is doing exceptionally well.

We also took part in climate action week which ran from the 16th – 22nd of October, where classes got to take part in climate study and how we can help.



On Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, we are holding a green-themed fashion event in the hall, entitled 'Go green for Halloween'. Our aim is to encourage pupils to reuse and recycle old costumes or even use recycled materials to create their own spooky designs. Of course, all scary creatures are most welcome. We look forward to seeing all these spooky characters and ghoulish creations on Friday.





On a final note, on behalf of the Green Schools committee and myself Miss Boyle, we would like to wish you all a very happy and safe Mid-Term break and remember whenever possible: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

**Happy Halloween**  
**and Stay Green!!!!**

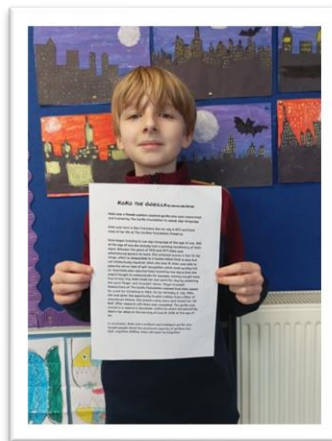
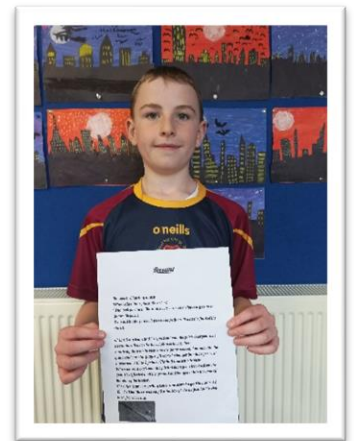
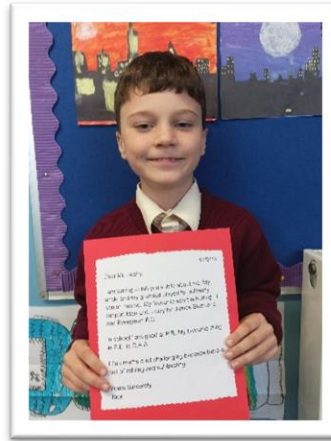
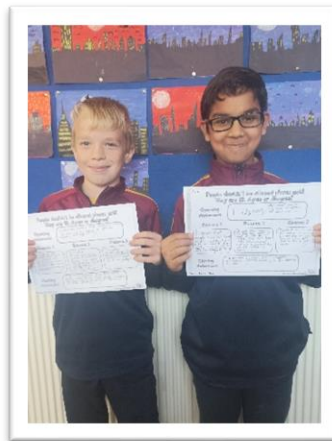
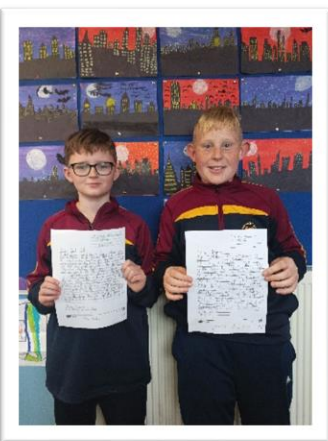


## Writers of the Month

The boys have all been busy writing in various genres since September. We have now chosen a boy from each class group who has shown that he knows the features of the writing genre and has made a big effort at presentation. The genres were persuasive, explanation, recount and writing to socialise.

The boys wrote about many interesting topics including why homework should be banned, why somebody should be voted into the Student Council, how sunflowers grow, why space is so big, what is hibernation, who is Tim Berners Lee, a mysterious wedding and some very interesting diary entries! Amazing writing boys!

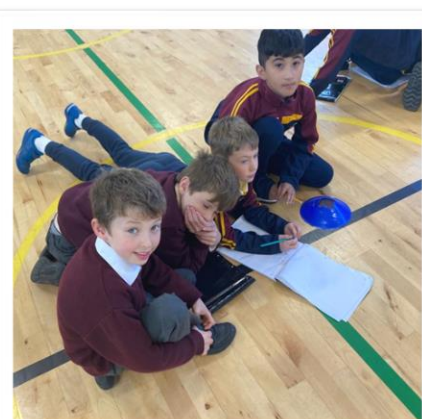
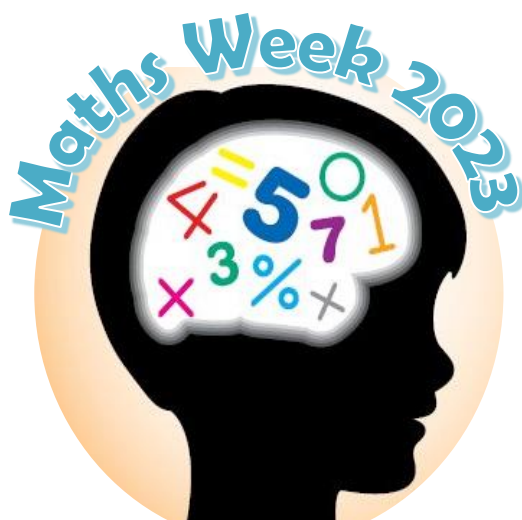
Well done to all the winners and keep up the fantastic work that you are doing with your teachers. We will have plenty more winners this year and next, and we look forward to reading your great pieces of writing!





## Maths Week

Maths Week was celebrated across the school from October 16th to 20th. It was a hugely enjoyable experience for all of our pupils who got to take part in a wide range of fun mathematical activities. Some of these included classes solving daily maths problems, designing their own headline stories, using IZAK 9 cubes, taking part in online webinars and so much more. We also had our annual junior and senior maths quizzes in the Hall where the pupils were mixed up into different teams with children from other classes. The entire week was filled with fun events and was enjoyed by all.





## School Gaelic Football

Our school Gaelic Football team are currently very busy with training and games. To date the boys have played three games, winning one, drawing one and losing one. A sincere word of thanks to Mr. Fitzpatrick and Ms. Cantwell for their time and dedication to training the team. Thanks also to parents who supported our teams in many different ways during the year.



Lunchtime Gaelic Football Leagues took place throughout the months of September and October under the guidance of Mr. Fitzpatrick.



Approximately 70 boys from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class took part in the Gaelic Football League. It culminated in a Shield and Cup Final on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.



Cup Final



Donegal

V

Dublin



Shield Final



Roscommon V

Mayo



Roscommon emerged victorious against Mayo in the Shield Final and Donegal defeated Dublin in the Cup Final.

The boys really appreciated Mr. Fitzpatrick for all that he did.





## Dicksboro G.A.A.

We are extremely grateful to Dicksboro G.A.A. Club for supporting our school. Every Friday, Stephen Farrell, 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.



and more throughout the year.



## Lego Construction Club

C.B.S. Lego Club members have once again shown creativity and talent when it comes to their amazing builds.

We have designed theme parks, the Eiffel Tower and had lots of fun with imaginative free play.



For climate action week we built a bamboo forest for pandas and showed the effects of melting ice caps for polar bears. We also showed reforestation and preservation of the Amazon rainforest. There was even a design for a hydro power station!



We look forward to more exciting builds during the final weeks of Lego Club term 1.

## Tennis

Twenty boys from 2nd to 6th class have been taking part in tennis lessons every Friday for the last five 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. 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. We look forward to learning new shots such as the volley and smash over the coming weeks. Great effort boys!!!





## School Calendar 2023-2024

### TERM 1

Thursday, 31 <sup>st</sup> August:	Re-opening after Summer Holidays. Closing at 12.30p.m.
Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> November:	Mid-Term break (1 week).
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> November:	Re-opening after Mid-Term break.
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> December:	Christmas Holidays. Closing at 12.30p.m.

### TERM 2

Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> January:	Re-opening after Christmas Holidays.
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> February:	St. Brigid's Day (School closed).
Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> February:	Mid-Term break.
Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> February:	Re-opening after Mid-Term break.
Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> March:	St. Patrick's Day (School closed).
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March:	Easter Holidays. Closing at 12.30p.m.

### TERM 3

Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> April:	Re-opening after Easter Holidays.
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> May:	Mid-Term break (1 week).
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May:	Re-opening after Mid-Term break.
Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June:	June Bank Holiday (School closed).
Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> 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.



## Ms. Ní Bheacháin's Junior Infants Class

What a busy first term for us Junior Infant boys and girls! After our first term in "Big School," we are well and truly settled into life at Scoil Iognáid de Rís. We have been having so much fun and making lots of new friends.





During the first term, we have been working very hard on our phonological and phonemic awareness, focusing on the sounds in words. We have started our phonics sounds now too which focus on the letter that those sounds represent. We are really good at our Jolly Phonics songs and enjoy singing them at Circle Time, especially "Inky the Mouse".



In our "Ready-Set-Go" Maths Stations, we have been doing lots of sorting by colour, size, shape, and texture. We have been matching, copying patterns, and developing our early number skills.

Play/Aistear is one of our favourite activities and we have enjoyed learning through play about ourselves, our homes, autumn, and Halloween.



Lots of fine motor activities including threading, using tweezers, and manipulating play dough, are all helping to build up strength in our hands before we begin formal letter writing.



We hope everyone has a well-deserved break this midterm - from Junior Infants.



## Mrs. Moloney's 2nd Class

Second Class in Room 2 have settled very well into CBS. The two months have flown by, and we had lots of fun and made lots of new friends along the way.

We had two lovely outings - first to Kilkenny Castle for a nature walk and a scavenger hunt in the Castle Park and we collected lots of leaves and nuts and signs of Autumn. We displayed everything on our Nature Table and now we are learning all about animals and their homes. We also visited the Watergate Theatre to see the Barnstorm production of 'Noah Barleywater Runs Away'. We are so lucky to have all these fantastic amenities on our doorstep!



In English we worked on our Explanation writing and have also been very busy reading all our Flying Start readers during Lift Off each week with Ms. Lawlor. We enjoy using the iPads and chromebooks during this time. Every Friday we love our Golden Time when we get a chance to play boardgames, playdoh and build Lego.



Every Wednesday we look forward to our Music Generation workshops with Tom. We use the Samba drums, tambourines and bells and to make lots of rhythms.



During Maths Week we had lots of fun solving problems each day and enjoyed a fun table quiz in the hall with the boys from 3rd Class.



Every Friday we have Gaelic Football training with Stephen our coach. We enjoy all the fun games and have learned lots of new skills.





We had a visit from Fr. Ryan to our classroom and he spoke to us all about our preparation for our First Holy Communion in May.

We dressed up for Hallowe'en and our teacher could hardly recognise us and was on high alert for the day with lots of strange characters in the classroom!



Well done to all the boys in Room 2.  
Tús maith leath na hoibre!





## Ms. Cantwell's Class

Well done to the pupils in Ms. Cantwell's class who have had such a positive start to the school year. We were delighted to welcome some of our pupils to Scoil Iognáid de Rís back in August for the very first time. All pupils have settled in really well and are contributing so much to our school community already.

Our first few weeks have been action packed and full of learning. We have had lots of fun getting to know each other and our school environment. The boys had a great time playing in our school field during break and lunch times in September when the sun was shining. We also really enjoyed learning about autumn and nature over the last few weeks. The boys worked hard to collect items for our nature table both at home and in school. We then used the items for various activities including leaf rubbings, seed planting and discussions about seasonal changes in our environment along with the importance of caring for the environment.

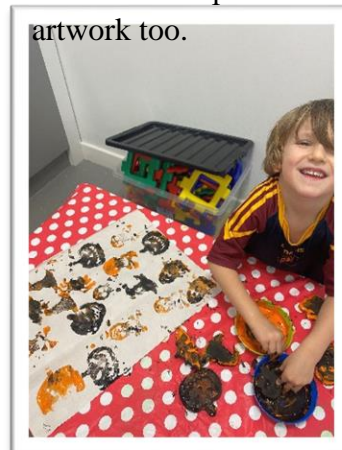
We have a very creative bunch in our class who completed fabulous artwork during September and October. To begin the year, we completed a collaborative colouring piece with the quote "Oh, the places you'll go!" from Dr. Seuss. The piece reinforces the meaningful message we wish to send to all of our pupils, which is to seize new opportunities, keep an open-mind and try new things. All of the boys should be commended for the efforts they have made to achieve this since starting the school year.



We also extended our seasonal theme of autumn into our artwork by painting hedgehogs and autumn trees to create our autumn display.

The boys worked on their fine motor skills through a range of activities at our group table. They also worked on these skills during art lessons by using cardboard and string to create their own spooky mummies, painting witches and making ghost, spider and pumpkin-shaped prints just in time for Hallowe'en. We learned all about the artist Romero Britto who inspired our Hallowe'en Pop Art Pumpkin artwork too.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Matthew on being selected as our class representative for the Green School Committee. Well done Matthew for taking on this responsibility and we wish Matthew all the best with his duties for the year.

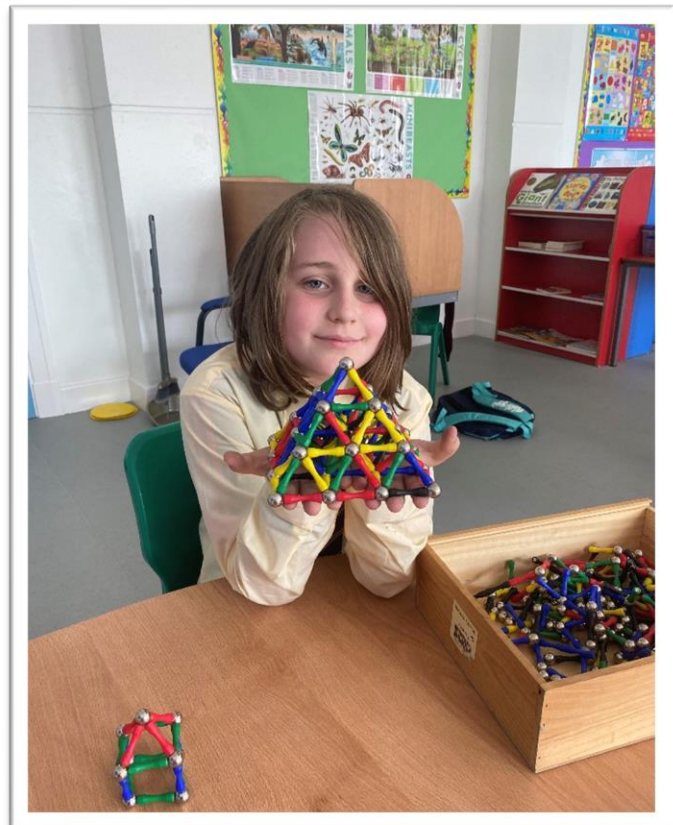




The interactive whiteboard has been put to great use in our class for a wide range of group work activities such as learning songs, playing mathematical games, watching videos and following yoga lessons. During maths week, the boys were enthusiastic about engaging with the digital poster and the activities that went with it.



We had lots of fun learning through sensory play, using water, sand, rice, pasta, playdough and foam trays. The boys have also loved joining their classmates for Music Generation, GAA, Maths stations and much more.



Thank you to Mrs. O'Neill, Mrs. Malone and Mrs. Delaney for all their hard work in helping our pupils to settle in. We look forward to all that is to come this year in our class and in our school. What a fantastic start to it all! Enjoy your well-earned mid-term break boys.

Ms. Cantwell





## Mr. Leahy's 3rd Class

Well, I dare say, it has been a busy term in Room 1. We have all settled in really well and are enjoying 3rd class immensely.

As Gaeilge, we have been working on our Cómhrá (Conversation) Skills among other things. We have been chatting in pairs most days. The highlight has been our Rap Battle. Well done to John and Thomas our winners and a special word of thanks to all who took part.



History has been great fun over the past few weeks. We have covered topics like Our Family Tree, The Stone Age, Ancient Egypt, Myths and Legends and The Origins of Halloween among others. We have enjoyed creating mind-maps and colouring competitions.

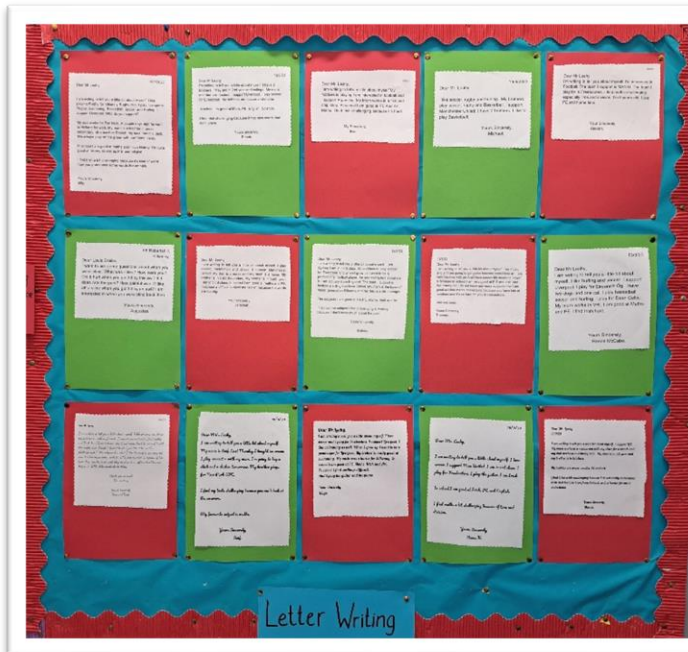


In Geography, we have been focusing on the counties of Ireland. We have been playing knockout games in class based on who can name a county first. Each week we have taken a province culminating in a final test this week on the whole of Ireland. We hope to do well. Other topics included map work based on Modern Day Egypt.

Our Novel is coming along nicely. It's entitled 'Cool' by Michael Morpurgo. It's about a boy our age called Robbie who has an accident. Our genre writing has been great fun, we have been busy creating letters and



explanation writing. We have used the chromebooks to type some up.



In music, we have been enjoying our Music generation workshops each Wednesday morning with Tom. Samba drumming is great fun. We have been learning 2 songs in class. 'I see fire' by Ed Sheeran and 'Shine a light on her' by Mcfly.



We have enjoyed our trips this term. The first to a Bookville Art Exhibition and the second to a production in The Watergate.

We have been super busy in Art, creating spooky castles, Halloween monsters, developing line drawing and painting amongst others. It's been great fun.



In PE, the most exciting thing without doubt has been our ongoing Benchball tournament. Seven teams are battling it out. Gaelic Football on Fridays has also been great.



Well done to all boys who put themselves forward for the student council. The work the boys put into their entries was very impressive. A special work of congratulations to Hugo who was elected. That's all for now. Enjoy the holidays.



## Mrs. Ryan's 4th Class

The boys have been delighted to welcome three new boys to our class this year. Aron, Tahmid and Mahir have settled in well and are working hard at their schoolwork and have been making new friends. We have had a busy two months and the boys have adapted well to 4th class work.

We have been enjoying our Friday training sessions for GAA with Stephen from Dicksboro. The boys are listening well and improving greatly as we were also concentrating on Gaelic football in our PE sessions. We have just started our Tag Rugby sessions with Noel, and it was great to see the boys so active. During the month of September, we included a "mile a day" into our daily routine. Well done to the boys who tried out for the School Cross Country team for the event in the Castle Park.

We also started Samba Drumming with Music Generation.



We started Samba Drumming in September. It is really good. Our music teacher's name is Tom. He's a good teacher, he plays fun games with us. We are doing actions to the music. My favourite part is playing the drums. The sound of the drums is very loud. I like the loud sound. I learned to play the boomwhackers last year. I like music.

*Éanna*

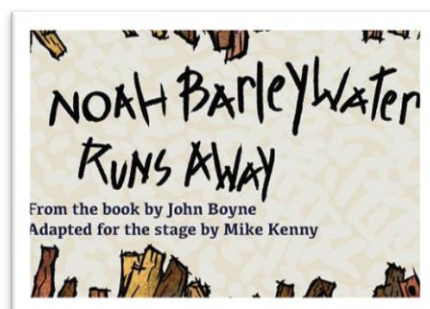
As part of Bookville the class took part in two Zoom sessions, the boys particularly enjoyed the session ran

by Christopher Edge linked to his book "Escape Room" and were well able to solve the puzzle tasks during the Zoom session.

We have been lucky to be able to take some trips outside the school and began with a trip to Butler Gallery to see "The Art of Sport" exhibition, the boys enjoyed seeing the wide variety of types of art on display.



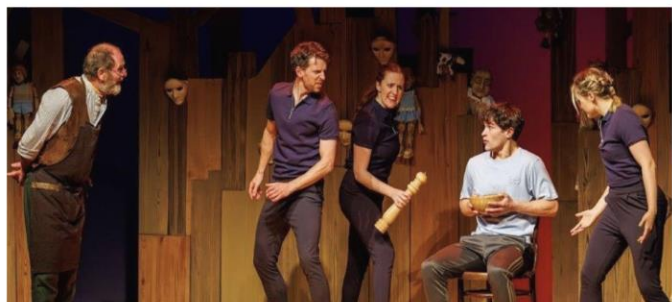
We also were able to visit the Watergate Theatre for Barnstorm Theatre's production of "Noah Barleywater Runs Away" The boys really enjoyed the experience.





“At first, I thought the background was scary because of the puppets but I got used to it. I think the actors did a really good job. I love the flashbacks they were my favourite parts.

*James C.*



The trip was amazing, and my favourite part was at the very end when it's revealed that the old man is Pinocchio. I was shocked when it was shown and couldn't believe my eyes. The play was brilliant, emotional and dramatic. The actors were amazing, and they did nothing wrong. I would go there again.

*Adrian*

I really enjoyed this show because they were very dramatic, and my favourite part was when the old man started to explain how he was the fastest in the country. Then the old man started running like he started running again and then the king and queen came to see him running. My favourite character was Noah because he was very good at acting, it was very funny when the masks started talking about why he left his mother and his father. Anyway, it's the best show I have ever seen probably better than some movies but that is all I have to say.

*Dylan*

I liked this, the actors did very well with their movement and expressions. My favourite part was when his mother took him to a rollercoaster and the pool that was a beach. Overall, I loved this play because of the actors and the way it was written was fantastic.

*Conor*





## Mrs. Larkin's 4th Class

The boys in Room 7 have settled in really well to 4th Class and have been very busy since coming back to school in September.

They have been enjoying their Gaelic Football coaching on Fridays with Stephen and have learned lots of new skills. They look forward to starting Tag Rugby this week.



Another exciting addition to 4th class has been the introduction of ukulele lessons. The boys have really enjoyed these lessons with Paul and there are certainly some budding musicians amongst us!



## Rugby World Cup Competition 2023



The Rugby World Cup has brought some great excitement to Room 7. The boys did some research on the countries of the world cup on chromebooks and learned lots of interesting facts. We were lucky to get New Zealand in our school draw, so watch this space! We may be the winners!

Bookville brought lots of interesting opportunities for us, and we were able to take part in two Zoom calls with authors Christopher Edge and Helen Rutter. Our class were excellent at solving the puzzles that were put to us. We also took a visit to Butler Gallery to see the Art of Sport exhibition which we really enjoyed.



Maths Week was great fun with lots of daily activities including puzzles, games and a quiz in the Hall.

Our latest trip was to the Watergate to see a play called 'Noah Barleywater Runs Away'. We had a great day! At the moment we are looking forward to a tour of Kilkenny Castle at the end of this week. We are certainly busy in Room 7!



## Mrs. Bolger & Ms. Howell's 5th Class

We have had a great start to 5th Class in Room 12. The boys are very lucky to have not one, but two teachers this year and both Mrs. Bolger and Ms Howell are enjoying teaching them.

We would like to wish a very warm welcome to two boys who have joined our class this year. Nicolas de Miguel is joining us from Spain, Jerald Manoj has joined our class from India. Welcome to Ireland and welcome to CBS Primary School.

Our class had a visit from local author Ann Murtagh. We learned about her exciting and interesting historical fiction novel, *The Climbing Boys*. We learned a lot about the history behind her novel. We got a chance to think about what life was like for 'Climbing Boys' in Dublin in the 1830s.

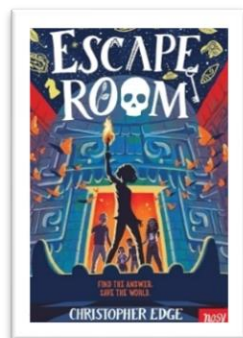


We also took part in the Bookville Festival this year. The boys received the Bookville Festival book, and we visited the Bookville Sandwich Project Exhibition, an enjoyable event for all.



We have had a very active start to the year with the boys enjoying Tag Rugby with Noel. They are also developing their Gaelic football skills each week with Stephen.

We also took part in a Virtual Workshop with Escape Room author Christopher Edge. We had to complete a number of challenges as a class in order to escape the various rooms. We managed to escape thankfully. It was a very enjoyable morning.





We took a trip to the Watergate Theatre to see the Barnstorm Theatre Company's show, Noah Barleywater Runs Away. The boys enjoyed the show.

The boys are enjoying learning how to play the Ukulele with Paul from Music Generation. We are looking forward to building on the songs we learned last year.

Our school choir has started up again with Mrs. Bolger. We are delighted that a number of boys in our class have joined the choir. We are looking forward to hearing their beautiful singing throughout the year.



We had a great week for Maths Week last week. We enjoyed activities and learning how to use maths in the world around us. Our class took part in a Maths Quiz with the senior classes in the hall. We entered a daily Maths challenge. Well done to the winners in our class who received a Homework Pass.



Some of the boys took part in the Cross-Country athletics in the Castle Park. Well done to Nicolas de Miguel and Michael Marinov for representing our school and our class. They did us proud.

We are looking forward to starting our swimming lessons after the Mid Term Break.

We hope you all have a lovely Halloween Break.

Mrs. Bolger & Ms. Howell





## Ms. Brennan's 5th Class

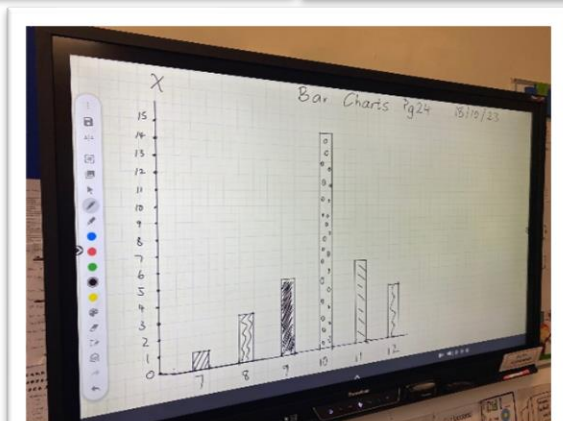
Welcome to October's news headlines from Room 9! We are a class of 22 5th Class boys, led by Ms. Brennan. We've had an exciting and busy start to our year together. Read on to see just some of what we've gotten up to.

Room 9 hosted a Rugby World Cup table quiz with Room 12 (Mr. Reidy's 6th Class) just before the kick-off of the tournament. We had great fun answering questions about the sport, the Irish team, and the host country, France. There were prizes for the top three teams.

We had lots of 'craic is comhrá' as Room 9 took part in an online Tráth na gCeist (table quiz) organised by Kilkenny Education Centre, Waterford Teachers Centre and Wexford Education Centre. There were lots of general knowledge questions and a chance to develop our Gaeilge in a fun way.



We took part in the Maths Week Senior Table Quiz in the hall recently. This was a great chance to work on strands across the curriculum in a fun, collaborative way. Well done to Tomás, who was part of the winning team! Well done also to boys who won daily puzzle challenges as part of Maths Week, including Yehor, Leos and Tugra. This past month in Maths class, we have learned how to keep tallies and construct bar charts.





We have been learning a lot about the rules and skills of Gaelic Football every Friday with our coach Stephen from Dicksboro G.A.A. Club. Special mention to Raphael and Jack, who are representing our class on the school's Gaelic Football team. Speaking of sports, well done to the boys from Room 9 who took part in the recent Cross-Country event in the Castle Park: Tugra, Cian, Jack, Micah and Raphael. We are very proud of you all!

We love Visual Arts in Room 9. One of the activities we've done so far this year was to learn about Colour Theory and paint a colour wheel.



We were very lucky to have a visit recently from a local author of historical fiction for children, Ann Murtagh. She led a presentation all about the themes explored in her book and told us about some of the research she had to do. We got the chance to ask questions about writing and life in Dublin the 19th Century for children.





As part of our Physical Education classes this term, Room 9 has had the opportunity to work with Noel from Kilkenny Rugby Club. We love these lessons as Noel puts a huge emphasis on fun and participation for all!



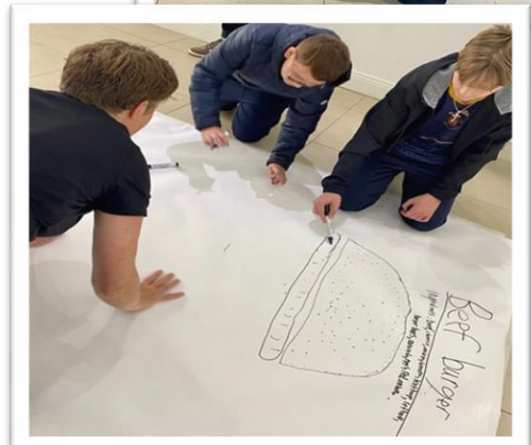
We have had great experiences in Drama lessons so far this year. One day, we improvised conversations that characters from our novel 'War Horse' might have. Pupils demonstrated great teamwork and thoughtfulness in their performances.



We are back working once again this year with Paul from Music Generation. Our ukulele lessons are very enjoyable. We've been revising some songs from last year and learning some notes to help us master new material in 5th Class.



As part of the local Bookville Festival, we had an interesting time on a visit to the Kilkenny County Council exhibition space on John Street. An artist called Lisa led a workshop which encouraged us to think about the themes of food production, climate change and biodiversity.

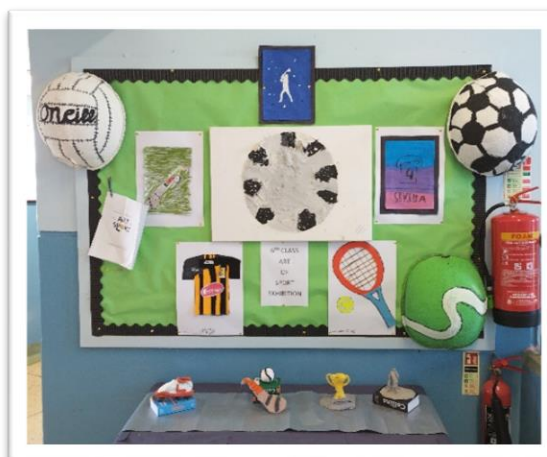




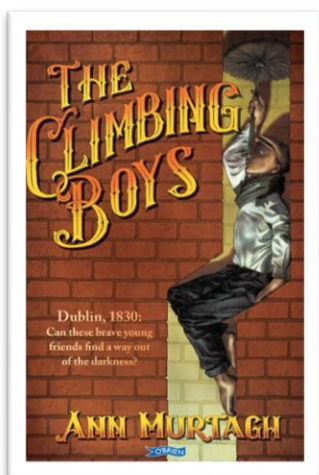
## Ms. Curran's 6th Class

Well done to all the boys in Room 8 on a very busy and productive first term in 6th Class.

In September we took a trip to Butler Art Gallery to visit the Art of Sport Exhibition. After their visit the boys very creatively created their own CBS Art of Sport exhibition which including pieces art using all strands of the Curriculum to portray their favourite sports.



Author Ann Murtagh visit Room 8 to talk about her latest novel 'The Climbing Boys'. Her talk was very engaging for the boys. The school have since purchased a set of Books and we are really enjoying reading 'The Climbing Boys' as a class.

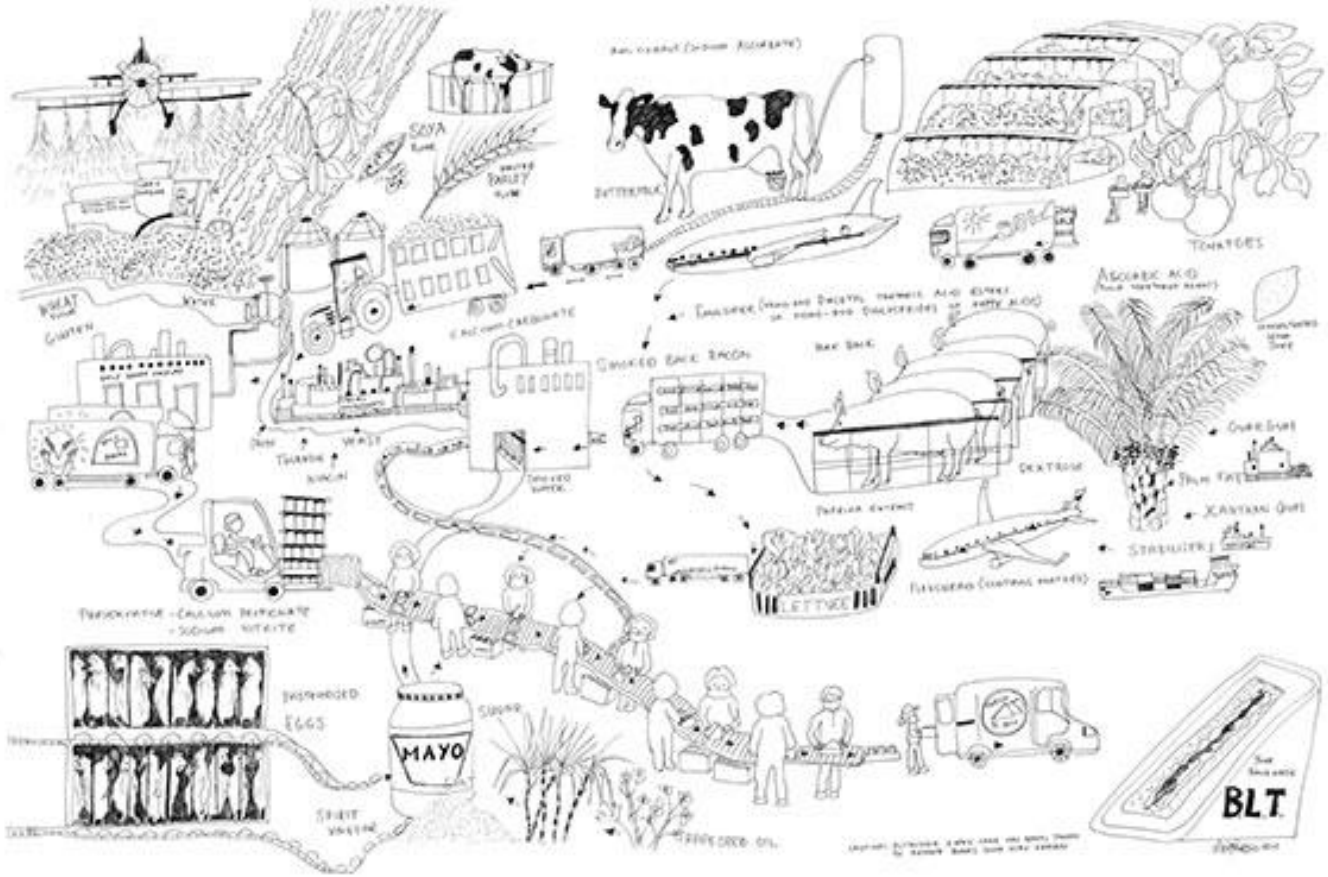


Our class scientists impressed with their knowledge of science in our recent experiments investigating density and solubility.



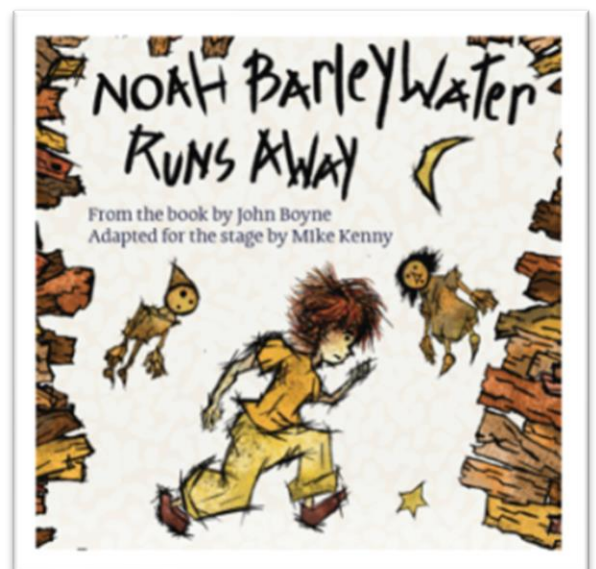


In October we partook in a thought provoking workshop by Author Lisa Ingleton in Bookvilles Festival 2023 pop up studio on John Street. The boys had the opportunity to meet with the author and discuss how many food miles a sandwich can clock up before it makes it on to your plate. They had fun creating their own sandwiches with reduced food miles and they even invented a pig who played County!



Maths week 2023 was certainly fun and challenging for all in room 8 from IZAK9 Cube Challenges with Mr. Cuncliffe, Emoji equations, Maths Quiz, Archery Mazes and Honeycomb grid. Well done to all on your enthusiasm and super efforts.

Our Dabble Doo Drama programme has been a big hit for Room 8 so far. The boys were fortunate to be able to take a theatre trip to the Watergate to see real drama in action in Barnstorms Production of Noah Barney Waters Runs Away.





## Mr. Reidy's 6th Class

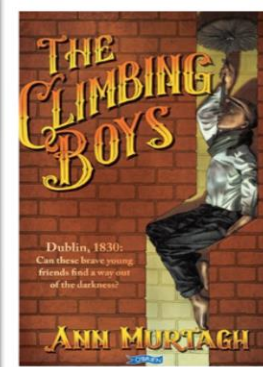
The 6th class boys in Room 11 have made an excellent start to the school year. The boys have displayed a great attitude in all activities this year. There have been many highlights even at this early stage of the school year. Some of which included visiting The Art of Sport exhibition, swimming in the Watershed, visiting a Bookville exhibition, Gaelic Football, visiting the Watergate Theatre, a visit from author Ann Murtagh, Maths Week, Ukelele, art activities and many more. The boys have written articles about their experiences below.

### The Author's Visit

In September we had an author visit our classroom. Her name was Ann Murtagh. She spoke to us about her new book called 'The Climbing Boys'. She released the book on 25th August 2023. The book is about a poor boy who has to leave school and to work as a chimney sweep with his brothers because his dad broke his arm, and they needed money to get food and pay rent. She spoke to us about what Ireland was like in the 1800's and why she chose to write a book set at this time.

The author also spoke about her other books that she wrote like 'The Sound of Freedom' and 'The Kids of Summerhill' and other books like that. After that we got to ask her questions about the life of an author. We asked what had inspired her to become an author and got great advice on how to improve our story writing. We would like to thank Ann for the excellent talk and advice.

*By Adrian & Steven*



### Bookville Exhibition and Workshop

We recently went to the Bookville exhibition located on John Street. The artist there was called Lisa Fingleton where she took us on a visual journey of where sandwiches come from. Lisa is an artist who was inspired by a BLT that she picked up from a petrol station and she decided to make art so we could see where sandwiches come from with drawings such as growing tomatoes or growing wheat. After we did some learning about where she comes from and all about growing foods, we got to get into groups of 5 and make our own eco-friendly city in the future. This activity was very fun for us, and we had a great time with her.

*By Ben C. and Ben Q.*





## Swimming

For this term, we have gone to the Watershed for the last 6 weeks. These swimming classes take place on Thursdays. Each week we are divided into groups. The groups were based on swimming skills. Every Thursday, we would learn new swimming skills and do jumps, and dives. Some new skills include we have mastered include the front crawl, back crawl Breaststroke etc. We also learned how to dive properly while Swimming. At the end of every swimming class, each group would have a “play time” where we could have time to use floats and play with balls for 10 minutes. I’ve learned a lot from this experience of being able to go swimming every Thursday and I can imagine lots of other pupils have had the same experience that I had with swimming.

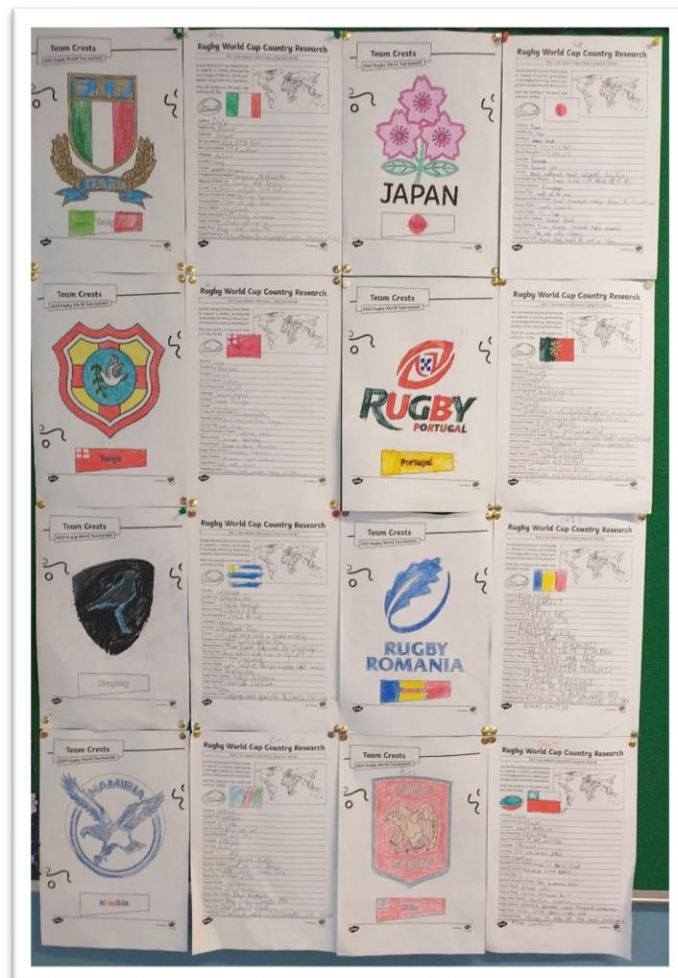
*By Jack D.*

## Art of Sport

We went to the Art of Sport Exhibition which was located in Butler Gallery. It has 28 selected artists to show off their art pieces to the public. The Art of Sport exhibition was in partnership with the Kilkenny Arts Festival. The art of Danish, Dutch, British and American artists were in this exhibition, artists such as Charles Brady, Louis le Brocqy and Elinor Wiltshire. We really enjoyed the works of all these artists, especially the works of Paul Pfeiffer. There were some scenes of sports that you could listen to. Our class enjoyed the artist who made a painting and got an AI generated painting which we had to guess what one was painted by an artist and what one wasn't. There were sculptures of mesh footballers and before and after photos. My personal favourite was the life size sculpture ALL HAIL which was made by Andy Fitz. A figure is bent over, a football is balanced on its back, performing a trick. These are just some of the amazing things we found in this exhibition.



*By Ben C. and Ben Q.*





## Art

So far this year we have done lots of art. We have enjoyed making rugby crests, kits and balls. The kits were great fun to make. We had inspiration from the real kits, and we got to make our own team crests and teams.

We have made Halloween art as well. We made line art which is made by spreading lines in different directions then we have to paint all the background with light colours, after that we cut the parts of the paper that we don't need, and we stick it on a black A4 sheet. We have also been to an art exhibition in Butler gallery, and we have met up with the author and illustrator who had made the book 'The Sandwich story' and we drew our own eco-friendly villages and designed our own locally sourced sandwiches. Overall, the art so far this year has been great fun.

-By Shay H. and Imad





## Maths Week

We really enjoy Maths Week which took place from the 16th to the 20th of October. Firstly, and probably most traditional are the Daily maths questions. In our class we had two winners Imad and Shay. The prize of course is a homework pass, the questions really help all the children to practise and utilise their maths skills in a practical way.

Another fun activity was the senior maths quiz in which all classes 4th class and upwards were brought in the school hall and split up into 30 teams of which the sixth class all got to be captains of their own teams. The questions were challenging but within reason for everybody. Team 7, the team which I, Cian Delaney was captain of ended up winning with a score of 26 out of 30 It was very fun for everyone involved.

The final activity was the Izak9 cubes which was a really fun way of solving problems and doing maths sequences. From putting the multiples of three in order to finding secret patterns in the cubes, the class was never short of something to do in this activity.

Overall, this was an enjoyable and somewhat different week than usual. Thank you all for reading and I hope you like this term's newsletter.

*By Cian D.*



## Student- Council

Hi, my name is Shay Hayes, and I am the sixth-class representative of room eleven on the Student Council. In every class there is a student council representative for the school. The process of getting into the student council required effort and dedication. You had to create a poster and make a slideshow or a speech about why you should be in the student council. For the slideshow or speech, you had to emphasise what you will do for the school. In total 5 boys our class went for a place on the student council. Everyone had excellent ideas on how they would help to improve the school and help others in the school. When everyone was done presenting what they had created we went down to the P.E hall and cast our votes. It was really exciting and enjoyable. I look forward to working with all of the other student council members this year.

*By Shay Hayes*





### Ukulele Classes

For the past 3 years our school has been doing ukulele on Tuesdays. Ukulele usually starts at 1:00pm to 1:45pm. Ever since we started the ukulele some students have fallen in love with the instrument and some students have gotten a ukulele of their own. This year in 6th class we look forward to learning new chords, songs and frets. Our ukulele teacher is Paul and this year he has helped us relearn songs, chords and frets so we can get back into the gist of the chords. This year Paul has taught us fret songs “like Seven Nation Army”, James Bond Theme and more. In the years Paul has taught us ukulele we have gotten into more musical instruments such as piano and guitar. For the many days, weeks and months to come we hope to learn new songs, frets and chords.



This term Paul has sprung us into action and brought the talent back in us and we have relearned songs like Counting Stars, Riptide, Over the Rainbow, Seven Nation Army and James Bond. Today in honour of it being October Paul taught us Ghostbusters theme and Monster Mash and new chords like AM7, D7, AM&J and we learned them in a matter of minutes. Today in the last ukulele lesson of this term we did more on Monster Mash and Ghostbusters and we attempted Spooky Scary Skeletons (it was very hard) we also all played the Ghostbusters song, and we smashed it.

Thank you,

*By Alex*

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**





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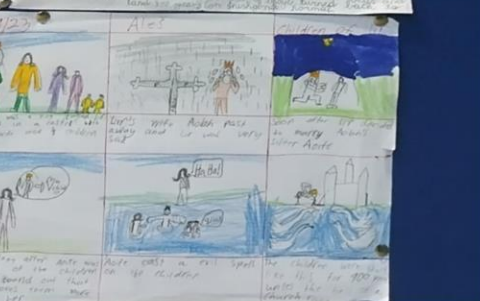
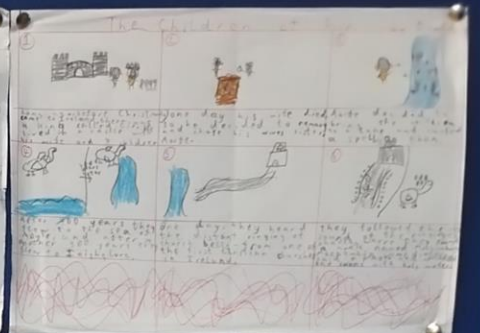
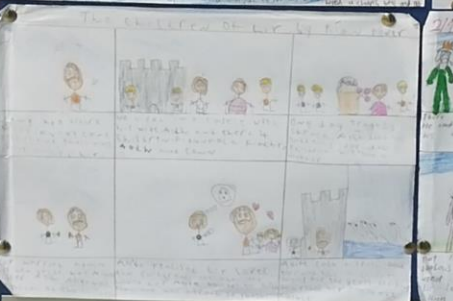
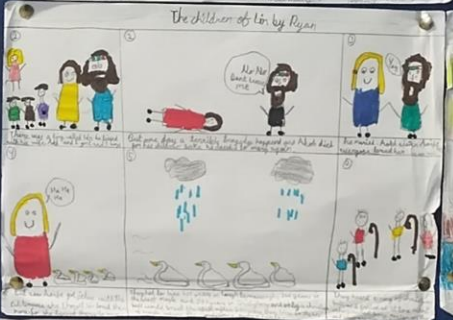
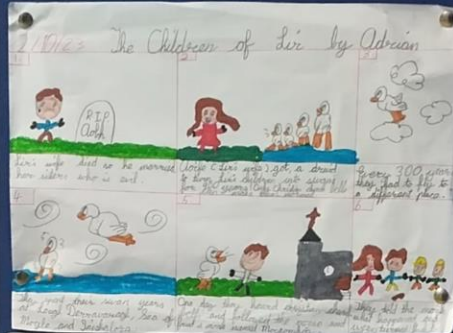








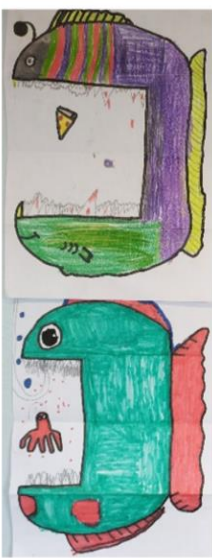
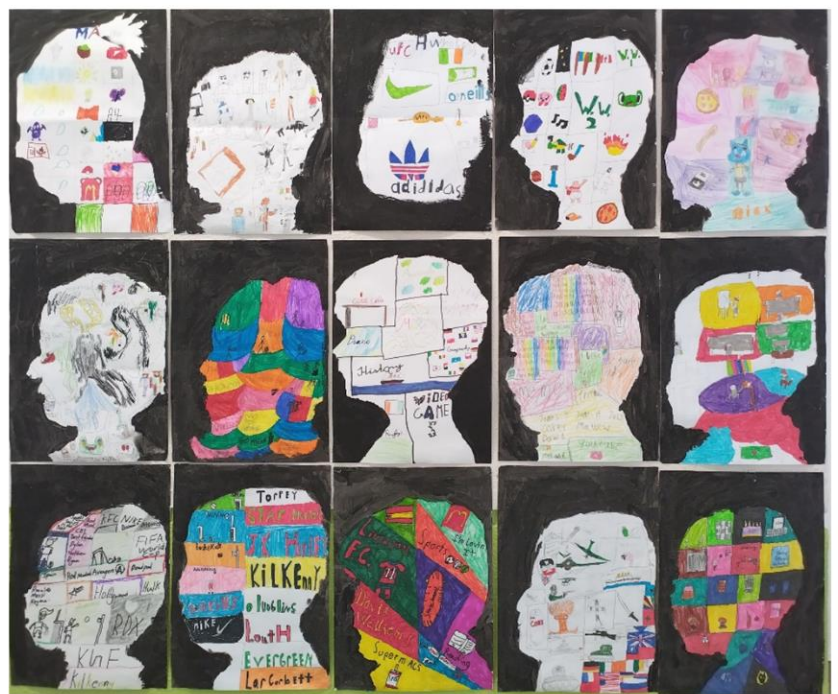
# The Children of Lir Room 6



## Pet Portraits in the style of Dean Russo











# Autumn 2023

**On behalf of everyone in  
C.B.S. Primary School,  
we wish you a happy and safe  
Mid-Term break.**

**We look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Monday, November 6th 2023.**