



# Scoil Iognáid de Rís

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

With the arrival of our Easter Holidays we can all look forward to a well-earned rest after an extremely busy and enjoyable term. Our second term as always was busy with trips, projects, sporting events, competitions and extra-curricular activities. Pride of place goes to our 6<sup>th</sup> Class boys who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> in St. Mary's Cathedral.

A special word for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Class boys who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to your First Holy Communion Day on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11am in St. Mary's Cathedral.

We take great pride in our school and the quality of education we provide for our pupils. I thank you most sincerely for your continued support, co-operation and commitment to our school. We are blessed with an exceptionally good staff, Parents' Association and Board of Management who want nothing but the very best for every pupil in our school. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank, SNA, Ms. Karen Kelly for the wonderful contribution she has made to our school. Ms. Kelly is taking up a new position after the Easter break. We will miss her, but we wish her the very best in the future. Ms. Kelly will be replaced by Ms. Martina Dalton for the third term.

We look forward to working with the pupils in Term 3. Fun days lie ahead with a return to school trips, Sports Day, Edmund Rice Day and so much more on the horizon!

As our school continues to grow, so does it's footprint. Two modular classrooms are scheduled to arrive for the 2025-2026 school year. Building works are also scheduled to take place in the coming years, with a further five classrooms due to come on stream. Exciting times ahead!

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

I take this opportunity to wish all in our school community a Happy and Peaceful Easter. Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh go léir.

Le gach dea – ghuí,

*Niall Bergin, Principal.*







## Confirmation



Congratulations to the twenty-eight 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Mary's Cathedral on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. It was wonderful to have Bishop Niall Coll celebrate the Sacrament.



Our appreciation to Mr. Cunniffe and Ms. Curran for doing such a wonderful job in preparing the boys for their big day.

Thanks also to Mrs. Bolger and John O'Neill for adding so much to the ceremony with the beautiful music. It was wonderful to have our school choir performing at the ceremony.

A word of thanks to Rev. Dermot Ryan and Sr. Nuala for their help in preparing the boys for their special day. We count ourselves lucky to have them working with our school.

Most importantly, well done boys. We are very proud of each one of you and we hope you will look back on your Confirmation Day with fond memories.







## First Penance/First Holy Communion



On Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, our 2<sup>nd</sup> class boys celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation in St. Mary's Cathedral. Congratulations boys and a huge word of thanks to Mrs. Moloney for preparing the boys so well. We look forward with anticipation to your First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11.00am.

A special word of thanks to you, the parents of the boys for your commitment to the parish programme which involves attending monthly masses. As always, thanks to Rev. Dermot Ryan and Sr. Nuala for their invaluable support and kindness shown to the boys. It is very much appreciated by us all.

## Parents' Association



Two STEAM Kits being presented to our school by members of our Parents' Association. We cannot wait to put these to great use. Very kindly donated by CluneTech.

The C.B.S. Primary Parents' Association are organising a Snack & Browse morning and Bumper Raffle for Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, to assist the school in raising funds to support the school. More details will be provided closer to the time.

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 pupils, for your contributions. 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)

## Early School Closures

Please note our school will close early on **Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** and **Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** staff in-service.

School will finish on **Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** at 1.45pm for all of our pupils.

School will finish at 12.30pm on **Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** for all of our pupils too.

## School Trip

It's that time of year again. School trips are back! Below is a summary of the upcoming school tours:

**3rd & 4th Class** **Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Hidden Valley Resort in Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.  
The cost of the trip is €55

**2nd Class** **Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Lets Go Camp in the Kingfisher Club, Waterford.  
The cost of the trip is €48.

**5th & 6th Class** **Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Dunmore Adventure Centre, Dunmore East.  
The cost of the trip is €65.

**Junior & Senior Infants** **Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Castlevew Open Farm in Cullohill, Co. Laois.  
The cost of the trip is €30.

A reminder that it isn't too late to place a deposit to secure your child's place on the trip. The cost of the trip can be paid in instalments, either online 5 (Aladdin) or to Tom in the office.







## Wellbeing Week 2025

Wellbeing Week is a very fun week. During Wellbeing Week we have lots of fun activities. We have Mindful Monday, Thankful Tuesday, Wellbeing Wednesday, Thoughtful Thursday and Friendly Friday. Every morning we have “Wake Up To Shake Up” at 9:30a.m. We also have “Stop and Drop” at 12:00 noon. On Wednesday we had an Easter Egg Hunt. It was great fun and everyone got an Easter egg. On Friday we will have Neurodiversity Day. We can wear colourful/unique clothes. The whole school will make a rainbow moments art where everyone will write their rainbow moments on a hand. Every class will have a different colour. Wellbeing Week is very enjoyable!

*By Adam Sipos, Johaan Puthuva and Tahmid Hossain.*

## Neurodiversity Day

Our school is celebrating Neurodiversity Day on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Neurodiversity is a word used to explain the unique way people's brains work. Celebrating neurodiversity is all about recognising the strengths and talents of people who think and learn differently. It is important that you are kind and accepting of everyone. Albert Einstein, Greta Thunberg, Charles Darwin and Elon Musk are all famous people that have autism. Albert had dyslexia as well. For Neurodiversity Day we will all wear colourful/unique clothes to celebrate our individuality.

*By Jack Smith.*



## Extra Curriculum Activities

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.**

A brochure for the next term of Extra Curricular activities will be sent out in the near future.

## Enrolments 25/26

We are still accepting enrolment applications for the school year 2025/2026. Application forms are available from Tom in the office and our [school website](https://www.cbsprimarykilkenny.ie).

If you have any queries, please contact the school at [office@cbsprimarykilkenny.ie](mailto:office@cbsprimarykilkenny.ie)

We urge you to spread the good word about our school. Remember, next September we will **welcome Junior Infants – 1<sup>st</sup> Class girls and boys and boys from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class**. We look forward to welcoming new pupils to our school.



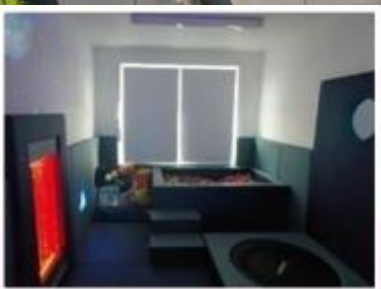
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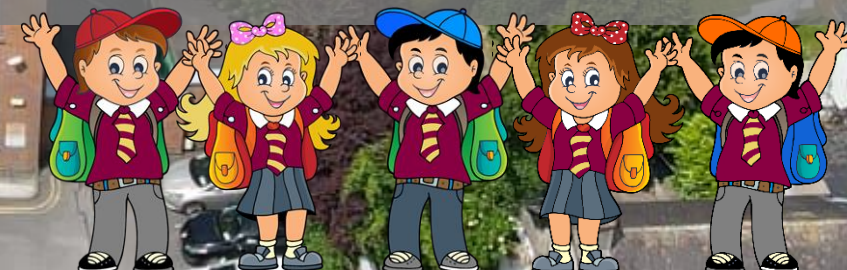


# Welcoming Junior Infants – 1st Class Girls & Boys and Boys from 2nd – 6th Class in September 2025.



See the **fantastic facilities** that  
Scoil Iognáid de Rís has to offer.

Check out our **website**, **social media**,  
or **contact us** for more information.



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





# Easter Egg Hunt



On Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, we held an Easter Egg Hunt in the school field.

We enjoyed seeing everyone take part on the day and we hope you do too! Thank you so much to our amazing Parents' Association for helping us to run this event.







# Easter Egg Hunt

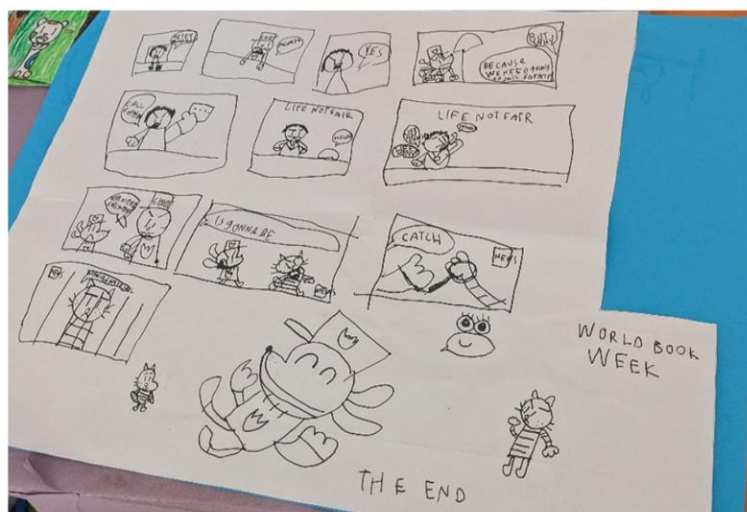
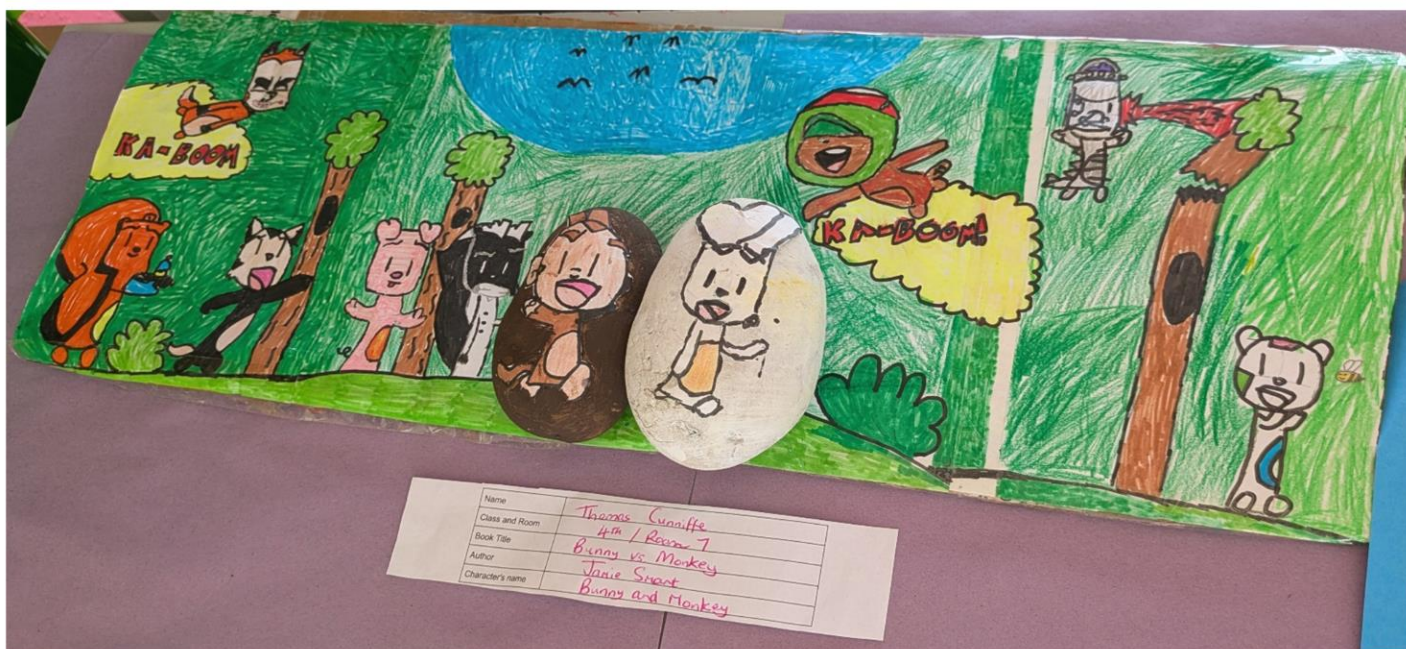






## C.B.S. Book Week

As a whole school we had a great time celebrating C.B.S. Book Week in February. The girls and boys in all classes really enjoyed the wide variety of activities from the “My Spud has Character” competition, to the short story competition where the audience could be the junior classes or their peers. Some of the junior classes dressed up as their favourite book characters and the senior classes were very kind to read to the younger classes to celebrate. We also had Khan’s Bookshop in for our annual book fair.





## Seachtain na Gaeilge

C.B.S. Book Week was swiftly followed by the start of Seachtain na Gaeilge, where pupils are encouraged to speak as much Irish as they can and engage in Irish cultural activities. Senior classes took part in Kahoot quizzes and the whole school enjoyed dressing up for our annual Lá Glas and our Craic sa Halla. There were a wide variety of talents on display from Adrian on the banjo playing Shoe the Donkey for Senior Infants dancing, to Irish action poems, Irish songs and even some mindful shared yoga.



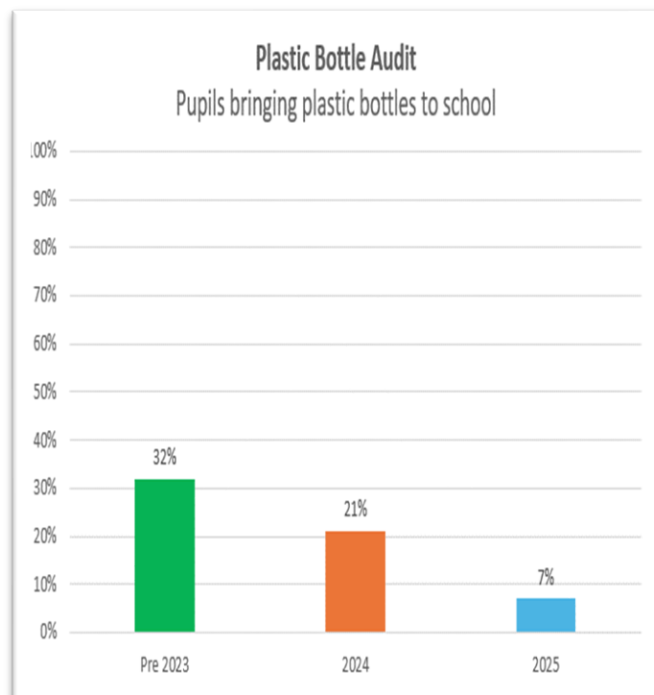




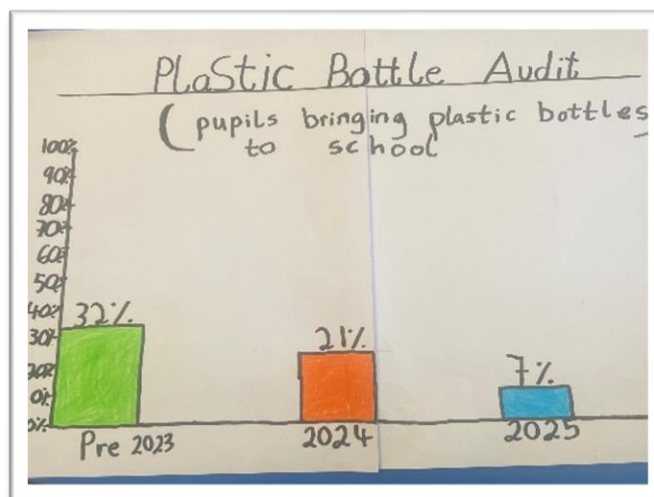
## Green Schools

Greetings everyone from the Green Schools committee. We have had a busy second term. Our committee took part in a wonderful workshop with an environmental consultant named Craig Benton. We looked at ways to improve our waste management in the school and how and what we can recycle more.

We carried out a survey of plastic bottles that only get one use and our improved results are fantastic. It really shows how much C.B.S. boys and girls care about the environment. Keep up the great work everyone and remember, using reusable lunchboxes and drink bottles not only reduces our waste but greatly helps our planet.



The pupils then called to each class in the school to share all the waste tips they had learned. We also got brand new bins for our classrooms and they look pretty neat.



During term 2, we also had a visit from Margaret Whelan, an Environmental Officer from Kilkenny County Council and she was very impressed with the work we are doing in the C.B.S.





She commended our great efforts and gave us the green light to apply for our sixth Green Flag. Fingers crossed our sixth Green Flag will be awarded from An Taisce in term 3 and will fly proudly outside our school.

In the mean-time however, on behalf of all the Green Team and all at C.B.S., we would like to wish you all a very Happy and Safe Holiday.

*Miss Boyle and all the Green Team.*

And remember:



After Easter, we will have lots of Green events to look forward to such as 'Bike Week', which will be taking place in our school from the 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> of May.



Let's all connect together to make our world better.







### 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.

way for boys to shake off the cobwebs before they go to class!

The boys also have hurling at lunch time on Wednesdays. Pupils in 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class have the same opportunities every Thursday. Our school hurling team are in full swing at the moment also. The boys train every Monday and Wednesday after school. A sincere word of thanks to Ms. Walsh and Mr. Fitzpatrick for the brilliant work they do with our teams.



Congratulations to the winners of the latest Accelerated Reading Raffle Keep up the great work

### Dicksboro G.A.A.

A sincere word of thanks to Dicksboro GAA for providing a GAA coach, Steven Farrell, to our school every Friday. Every pupil from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class is provided with the opportunity to take part in hurling coaching. It is great to see all of our pupils taking part and enjoying playing the game.

In addition to Steven's great work, Mr. Fitzpatrick and Ms. Walsh coaches our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Class pupils every Wednesday morning from 8.30am – 9am in the field. This has been a huge success and it is an ideal



## Lego Construction Club

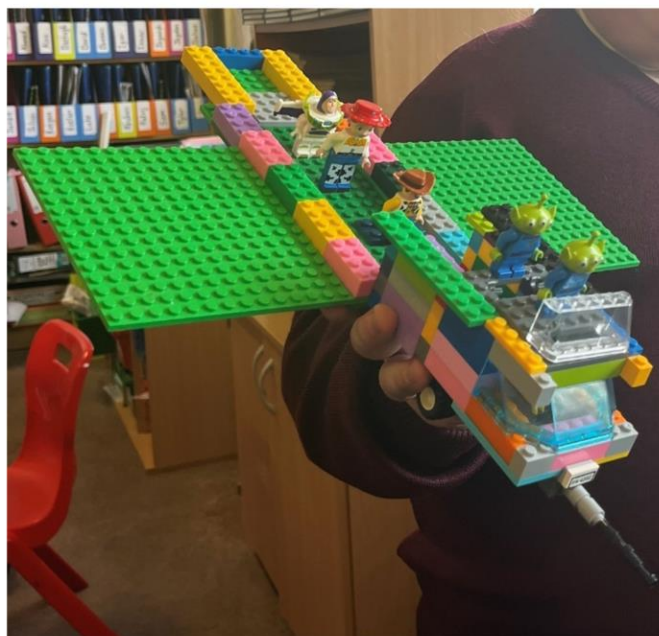
Term 3 in Lego Club coincided with Engineers Week, an assignment we are always up for. This year, we designed and built a plane to assist evacuation from a worn torn country. As you can see club members used their amazing engineering skills to once again rise to the challenge.



Our Beyblade Week where we built and competed against one another was another highlight. Whilst definitely competitive, the main feeling was one of excitement, enthusiasm and exuberance!!!



Freeplay sessions were once again a popular choice with lots of imaginative builds and play. The importance of these sessions cannot be underestimated to develop creativity, problem solving skills, turn taking and spatial intelligence to name a few.



Members present their builds at the end of each session and this develops confidence and self esteem. All builds are well received and there is plenty of conversation, encouraging good communication and social development.

Term 4 is a short term for Lego Club but nonetheless we can guarantee there will still be brilliance on display.

We would like to finish by thanking Mrs. Moloney for her generosity in letting us use Room 1 for Lego Club. Wishing all our school community a very happy and peaceful Easter break.





## Tennis

Twenty boys from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> have been taking part in tennis lessons every Thursday evening after school. The boys have made excellent progress over the course of this term. 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. We put a big focus on match practice this term. The boys really enjoyed this part of our sessions. It was great to see the improvement the boys made over the term.







## 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 free app to keep you updated on school events.



## School Calendar 2024-25

### TERM 2

**Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> April:** Easter Holidays. Closing at 12.30p.m.

### TERM 3

**Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April:** Re-opening after Easter Holidays.

**Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May:** First Holy Communion in St. Mary's Cathedral at 11am.

**Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> May:** May Bank Holiday (School closed).

**Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> May:** School Tour (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class).

**Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May:** School Tour (2<sup>nd</sup> Class).

**Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** School closing at 12.30pm for Staff Inservice.

**Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> May:** Information Evening for parents of incoming students.

**Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> May:** Snack & Browse.

**Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June:** June Bank Holiday (School closed).

**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June:** School Tour (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Classes).

**Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> June:** School Tour (Junior & Senior Infant Classes).

**Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June:** Sports Day.

**Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June:** Graduation - 6<sup>th</sup> Class.

**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June:** Summer Holidays. Closing at 12.30p.m.

\*\* School holidays have been agreed between Scoil Iognáid de Rís 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.





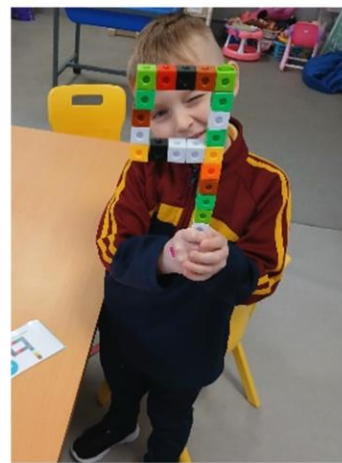
## Ms. Condon's Junior Infants Class

Dia Dhaoibh go léir!! What a busy term it has been. Junior Infants have been extremely busy and seeing their progress is just so fantastic. We are all very proud of them.

The class have been learning so many sounds and some tricky words. They are reading books, using their fingers to follow the words and making sure they talk about the pictures. They have even been doing some writing using fingers spaces and full stops. It is amazing to see, and we have just started some work on spelling. Junior Infants love sounding out the words and are definitely better than Ms. Condon!!



In numeracy, we have been working on our numbers and using play dough, dominos, match sticks, ten frames and many more things to learn about each number. We have been learning about money, extending and shrinking patterns and we even started learning how to add.





We had a visit from a vet, Richard Ryan when we were learning all about the vet. It was so exciting. We had puppet shows when we looked at different fairytales and we are learning all about the fire station too. We made and gobbled up pancakes on Pancake Tuesday. We grew broad beans in school, made our own playdough and made beautiful pinch pots from clay. It was so much fun. After all of that, we still had enough time to celebrate World Book Day and Seachtain na Gaeilge with our song Cúig mBuidéal Glasa.



These boys and girls deserve a big rest after all of their hard work, and we look forward to seeing you all again at the end of April as we begin the final term. Have a lovely Easter break.

Ms. Condon



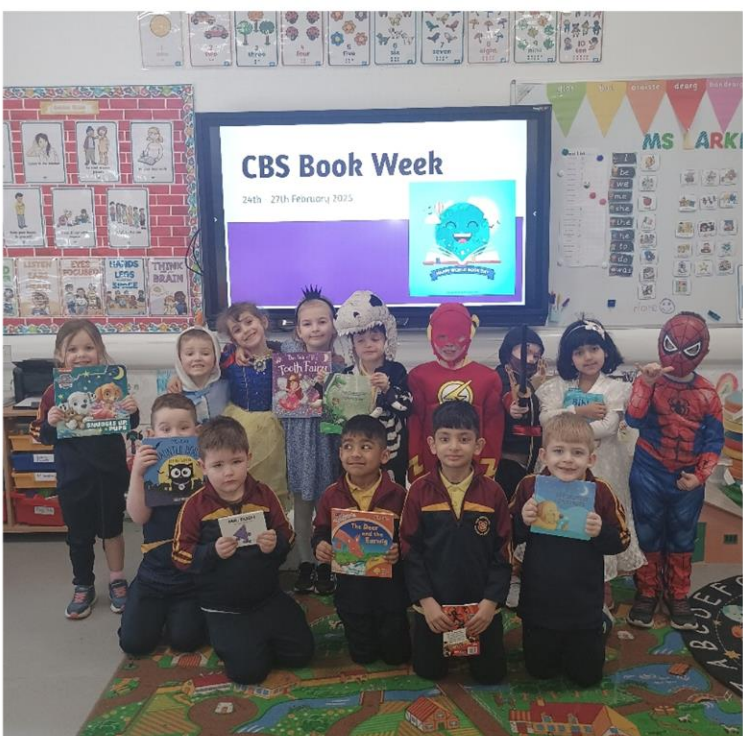




## Mrs. Larkin's Junior Infants Class

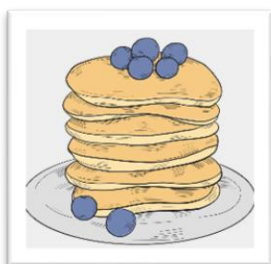
We've had lots of fun in our class since Christmas time. We have been so busy learning new letter sounds, tricky words and we've done lots of reading. This term we celebrated C.B.S. Book Week with lots of fun activities including a visit from Khan's Book Fair. Some children bought some beautiful books to bring home. We even had a visit from the 5<sup>th</sup> Class boys who did some shared reading with us. This was very exciting for us. Reading for the first time is an amazing experience and the children look forward to reading lots of books in the future!

We have also learned so much about numbers 1-10, shapes and patterns and even adding! We have great fun during station teaching playing board games and interactive games on the whiteboard. Our STEAM kits are also great fun during stations, we love to build lots of interesting structures!





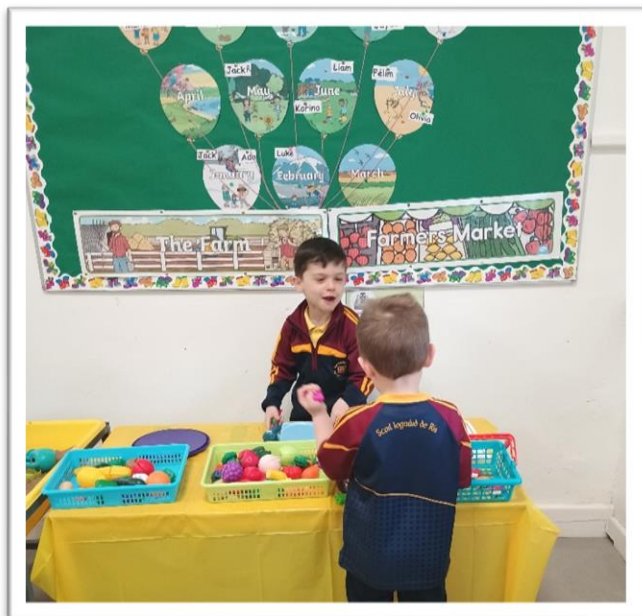
We really enjoyed our Pancake Tuesday celebrations by devouring some delicious pancakes in our classroom! Some children enjoyed chocolate spread and marshmallows on their pancakes while others had sugar and lemon.



The lead up to St. Patrick's Day was very exciting for us as we looked forward to performing our Bogha Báistí poem in the Hall for the whole school. Everyone loved it! It was lots of fun to watch the other classes perform too.



Soon after St. Patrick's Day we were lucky enough to have Ms. Cullen come and teach us in our class for three weeks. She taught us all about the farm and the farmer's market. We were able to work on our own farm and at the market. We even got to clean the mucky animals after they had been out in the field!



One of the highlights of this term was a visit from a real vet. His name is Richard. He told us all about his job and the animals that he helps. We think we have some budding vets in our class for sure!



This term we enjoyed two nature walks in our community. We saw all the signs of Spring including flowers growing, new buds on trees and the weather was milder. We have been blessed with great weather recently so the children have enjoyed lots of play in our school field. Some big news in Room 4 is that we now have 5 pet caterpillars! They are tiny at the moment but, just like us, they will grow big and strong. We will look after them and watch as they transform into beautiful butterflies. We are looking forward to setting them free in our school field. We can't believe that we are so close to the last term of Junior Infants, how the time has flown!







## Mrs. Ryan's Senior Infants Class

Senior Infants have had a very busy second term, they have worked so hard at their reading, writing and maths skills .



They have also worked hard on their character creating skills in designing their own friendly monster.



Despite our snowy start to 2025 and celebrating lots of birthdays this term, the children have enjoyed learning about countries like France, celebrating Valentine's Day and the enjoyment of a shared reading session with older children.



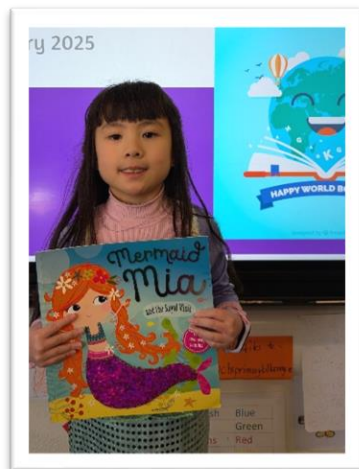




They have worked on their reporting skills with descriptions of Spring and fact files about animals and flowers.



The Senior Infants really embraced C.B.S. Book Week and looked fantastic as their chosen characters.



The girls and boys worked hard on the performance for Seachtain na Gaeilge and were amazing performing Shoe the Donkey and their shared Sun Greeting with 5<sup>th</sup> Class.





Recently we have been looking at the Garden Centre and the children have enjoyed planting sunflower seeds and art displays of golden daffodils and imagined flowers. The children had lots of fun at their Easter Egg hunt this week.



**Happy Easter  
from Room 6.**







## **Mrs. Moloney's 2nd Class**

Room 2 have been very busy over the last term. In English we enjoyed a block of Station Teaching and worked on Report Writing and Procedural Writing in our Writing Workshop with Ms. Brassil, and played lots of fun games in phonics with Ms. Walsh. We also celebrated World Book Day and we had some really fantastic entries into the 'My Spud has Character' competition. We also had a lovely afternoon of 'Buddy reading' with the boys from 6<sup>th</sup> Class.



This term we also took part in the Food Dudes Programme and enjoyed tasting different fruit and vegetables each day. We also continued with our Picker Pals Programme with one pupil bringing home the Picker Pals Kit each weekend.

We celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge and had great fun performing the Hocaí Pocaí at the 'Craic sa Halla'! We are continuing to use our Frásaí Gaeilge as much as we can each day.

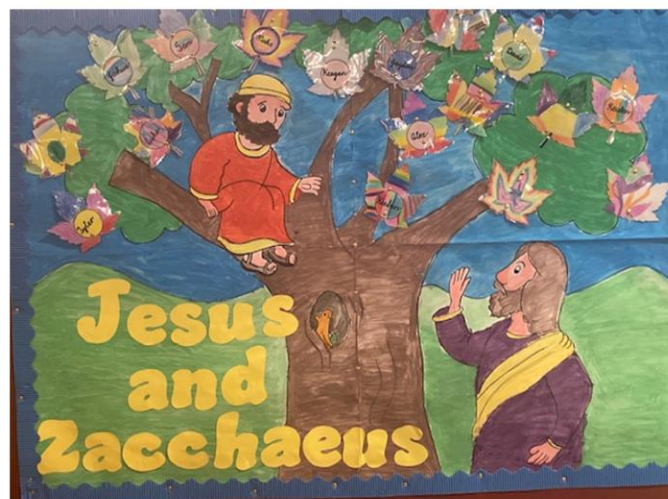
For Engineer's Week we tried to come up with some very interesting inventions of our own and when we displayed our ideas we realised that we have some amazing engineers in our room-The future is bright!





We had six great swimming sessions in the Watershed and have just finished off a block of soccer sessions over on the astro pitches. We continue to enjoy our lunchtime hurling sessions with Mr. Fitzpatrick every Wednesday and our coach Stephen on Friday mornings. They cannot believe how much we are improving each week! We spent a fantastic day at a 2<sup>nd</sup> Class hurling blitz in Dicksboro with lots of other schools in town and had a chance to show off our amazing hurling skills.

In March many of the boys celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation in St. Mary's Cathedral. A huge thank you to Fr. Ryan and Sr. Nuala for all their help and guidance. We had a really beautiful ceremony and are looking forward now to our First Holy Communion in early May.



We finished off the term with a fantastic 'Wellbeing Week'. The highlight of the week was a lovely change to 'Mindful' homework! The sun shone and we learned a lot about taking the time to look after our minds and bodies, looking out for 'Rainbow Moments' in our day and also the importance of being kind to one another.

Well done to all the wonderful boys in Room 1. Bain sult as an sos dea-tuille! Enjoy a well deserved rest.



We had fantastic fun-filled Samba Drumming sessions with Tom from Music Generation each Wednesday!





## Ms. Walsh's Class

Hello everyone. It's hard to believe we are at the Easter holidays stage in our school year already. All the boys have been working really well, trying their best every day and should be very proud of themselves!

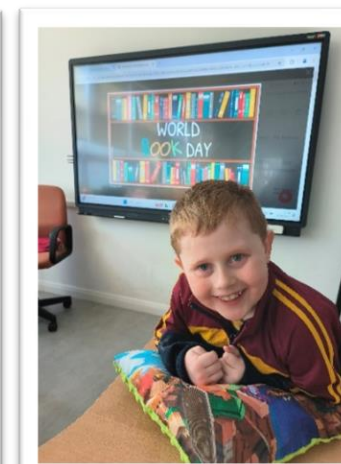
We celebrated two saints' days. For St. Brigid's Day we made the traditional crosses and learned about the magic of St. Brigid's cloak.



For St. Patrick's Day we discussed St. Patrick and the parades that take place. This culminated with Craic sa Halla and Lá Glas, with the boys performing with their classes for a whole school performance.



The boys brought in their favourite book and really enjoyed paired reading with the older classes as part of World Book Day.



As part of our sensory stations we sampled some pancakes and toppings for Pancake Tuesday and in late March we sampled the variety of fruit and vegetables for Food Dudes.

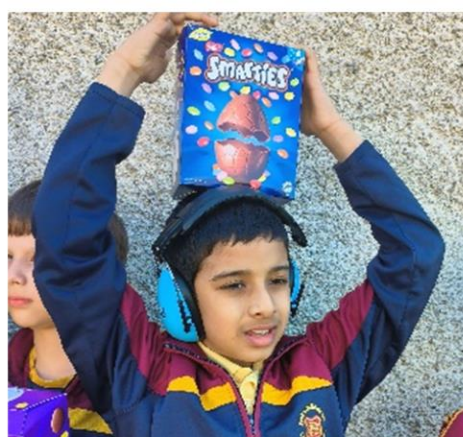






The boys learned about the changes we can see with the arrival of Spring and we went on a Spring walk to discover Spring flowers in the locality.

## SPRING



Our final week before the Easter holidays was spent discovering ways to help us in our wellbeing. We enjoyed some mindful colouring, breathing exercises and walking in the sunshine hunting for easter eggs!



Wishing you all a lovely Easter break and looking forward to seeing you all for our final term this academic year!

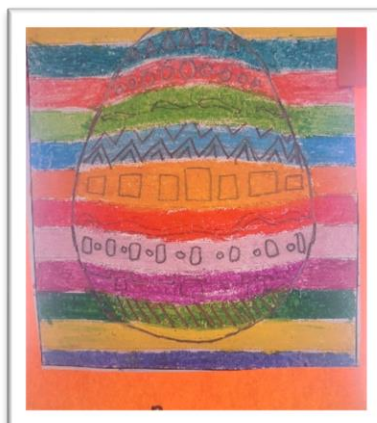
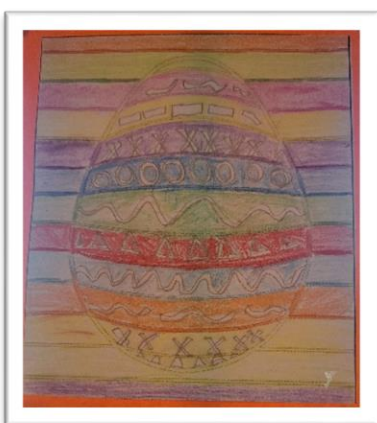
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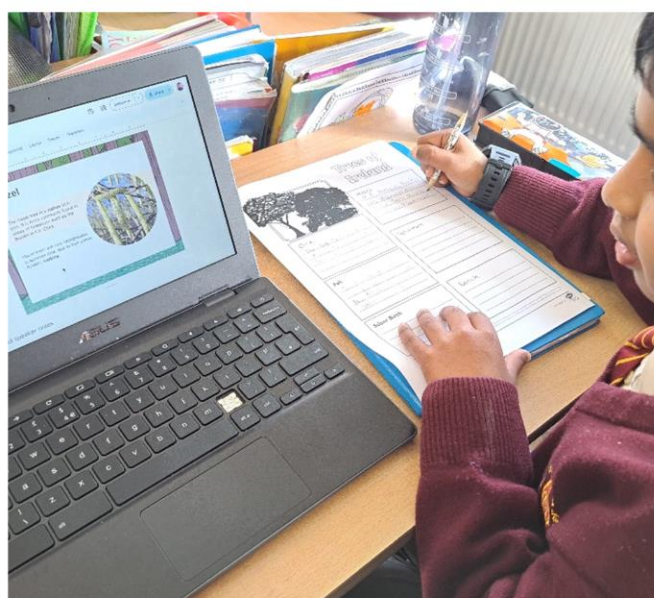
## Mr. Leahy's 3rd Class

Wow, we have been super busy since the last time we spoke to you! We are really excited to share everything we have been up to.

Art has seen us working on Roman Soldier Mosaics, Canvas Art inspired by Romero Britto, drawing using perspective (As we seen in our studies of Da Vinci's Last supper), Valentines Day cards. Easter saw us creating 3D Easter Egg drawings.



In Science we learned about the different materials used in building a house. We delved into the properties of materials and had fun on the chromebooks testing them out. We also learned about native trees in Ireland and enjoyed reading all about them on the chromebooks.







Our English studies have been great fun. We finished our first Novel 'Stanley' and began our second entitled 'The Butterfly Lion' which we are really enjoying. In our Genre Writing we wrote stories for the Infant classes. Some boys volunteered to go and read their stories to the infants which went down really well. Lately we have been working on Report Writing. Everyone was given an animal beginning with a different letter, which we then researched and prepared a report on.

In Geography we created projects on the country of our choice. We had great fun researching them, drawing maps and flags to accompany our facts. We also took on the role of tourists in London using maps of the underground to get around. We paid up! We really enjoyed it.

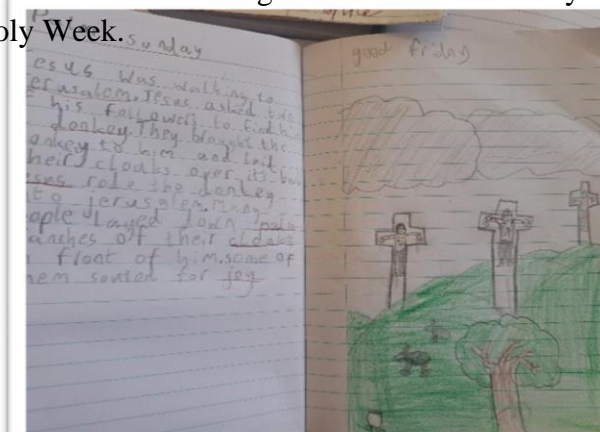


P.E. has seen us playing Dodgeball, Rounders, Hurling with Steven and even playing Ball Tag which we enjoyed so much that we play it at lunch times now.

Seachtaine na Gaeilge was great craic! We performed an Irish song for the other classes down in the Hall. We even did a bit of dancing, believe it or not!



Easter saw us learning about the Easter story and Holy Week.



In Maths we have been working on fractions, decimals and time. Three important but also fun topics that has seen us working in pairs and teams, with counters and even completing challenges online.



## Ms. Brennan's 4th Class

Welcome to Term 2's news headlines from the pupils of Room 7! We have had a lovely time together over the last few months. We finish off our term this week with our last trip to swimming lessons at the Watershed for the year, completing some tests and visiting the Cathedral. Now let's look at just some of our recent highlights...

Well done to Sydney, Jack, Billy and Greg for representing our school at the St. Canice's Union Schools Table Quiz.



We made eye-catching posters to mark the school's Anti-Bullying Week initiative.



We have been making great progress with learning the ukulele. Some songs we've performed have included 'Stand by Me', 'Demons' and 'Let It Be'.



We used pipe cleaners to make St. Brigid's Crosses and Brídeog dolls.







Drama lessons have been great fun recently. One activity involved playing a charades game!



Rinne Rang a Ceathair an-iarracht i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge. Bhuaigh Oisín, Donovan, Michael agus Isaac teastais ar 'Lá Glas'.



During our Food Dudes Week, we had great fun trying fruits and vegetables and completing an activity booklet.



Well done to Sydney, Jerry, Thomas, Jack, Greg, Alan and Isaac who wrote stories as part of our school's Book Week.



Here's Atakan having fun during our Science lesson on Magnetism!







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

### Gaelic 7s Tournament

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, 10 pupils from C.B.S. Primary were asked to attend a Gaelic 7s tournament in St. James' Park. In their group was St. Canices, Ballycallan and Graignamanagh. Dylan McGee, Jamie Duggan, Adrian Harkin, Éanna O'Reilly, Charlie Parsons, Jack Scanlon, Aaron Tyrell, Billy Brady, Joey Floyd-Ryan and Jack Larkin-Flynn each participated. They left school early at 1:00pm and returned at 2:45pm along with Mr. Fitzpatrick and Ms. Walsh. The boys fought hard and played extremely well, but unfortunately, failed to beat St. Canices and Ballycallan. Although they did defeat Graignamanagh. The boys returned happy and victorious at 2:45pm just as school ended.

*Written by Éanna O'Reilly and Adrian Harkin*

### Book Week

#### Reading with infants!

Our class were invited down to Mrs. Larkin's Junior Infants class. Each of us was partnered with one junior infant. Most of us came down because we volunteered. The students that went down read stories with junior infants. When time was up, Mrs. Larkin surprised us by giving us bookmarks that were decorated by the junior infants.



#### Short story competition!

Mrs. Ryan held a short story competition for Book Week. Many students entered this competition after the success of last year's competition. Mrs. Ryan judged the competition. Adrian Harkin, Ben Rhatigan, James Cunniffe and Harry Tynan Kiely all entered the short story competition in our class and won highly recommended.

#### My spud has character!

On the Friday of Book Week, the results of the 'My Spud Has Character' were announced. Mrs. Ryan also held this competition. There were more entries for this competition than there were from the short story competition. There was a table that displayed all the potatoes just beside Room 12. It was a sight to behold.

#### St. Canice's Credit Union Schools Quiz

Well done to all the pupils who represented our school at the St. Canice's Union Schools Table Quiz.







### C.B.S. Volleyball

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes had a block of volleyball training this term. We had five lessons before the volleyball blitz. Students from the Presentation Secondary taught us skills and prepared us for a blitz. Our lessons mostly involved basic skills such as passing, shooting and teamwork. Each lesson lasted around 45 minutes with many fun games included. The volleyball blitz was on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Many people trained hard for this event. There were teams from different schools in Kilkenny. It was great fun.



### Food Dudes

As you may know our school has been doing Food Dudes every year. Food Dudes provide the students in our school with fruits and vegetables to taste and try out. This year we had fruit such as apples, bananas, blueberries and mandarin oranges and vegetables including peppers, cucumbers and cherry tomatoes. We are very happy to have Food Dudes in our school and we look forward to having them again next year.

*By Dawid & Dima*

### Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge is a massive week in our school where students take part in multiple Irish activities. Students will also take part in a performance on Friday 'Craic sa Halla' where all can wear green. These usually are songs and dances. Students are rewarded for speaking Irish as well.

For Seachtain na Gaeilge this year we did yoga and spoke positive affirmations in Irish with the senior infants. We did multiple poses such as downward dog, plank and touching toes. We also took part in an Irish quiz which was loads of fun. Overall Seachtain na Gaeilge is a lot of fun to take part in!



*By Conor Bowe and Ales Rampacek*





### Soccer Tournament

C.B.S. entered two teams in the soccer tournament this year. We all got called to the office at 11:30am and left at 11:35am and were very excited. We were told that the teams were Aron, Jamie, Dylan, Milo, Joey, Jack, Mason and Daniel. The other team was Safwan, Finn, Cian, Eric, Seth, Mikey and Nathan.

The first team had St. Canice's and Callan C.B.S. in their group. The second team had Thomastown and Gaelscoil. The first team won one, lost two and drew one. The second team won two and lost two. In the end everyone enjoyed it, had lots of fun and missed a lot of school.

*By Jamie and Aron*

### Book Review - Midnight Gang

The Midnight Gang is about a boy named Tom who goes to Lord Funt Hospital after getting hit on the head with a cricket ball. At the hospital, he meets other kids Amber, Robin, George, and Sally. They are part of a secret group called the Midnight Gang. Every night, they sneak around the hospital to make each other's dreams come true.

Tom becomes friends with them and joins their adventures. Together, they have lots of fun but also face problems, like sneaking past a Matron and breaking every hospital rule ever.

### Hurling

#### Hurling sevens

The hurling sevens took place over a month ago. It took place in O'Loughlin Gaels, between C.B.S. Primary, Danesfort N.S. and St. Johns. C.B.S. were very good in the first match but unfortunately, they didn't win. Danesfort were a very strong and physical team which led to a loss.

#### School hurling

Our school hurling team has had a good run this year winning one and losing two. Our school has a very bright and potential team bringing third to sixth class on our hurling panel. We are playing a very important match today and we are going to play our hearts out at Castlecomer. This is in the championship of a past principal of the school.

#### Hurling with Steven

Our hurling with Steven is always on a Friday at 1.45pm to 2.30pm. We like this because it gets the whole school involved in hurling. We really appreciate Steven coming in as it not only improves skills it also encourages others that don't follow hurling to maybe consider joining a club.





## Mr. Reidy's 5th Class

Mr. Reidy's 5<sup>th</sup> class have had a very busy and enjoyable number of weeks since the Christmas break. There have been many highlights. We really enjoyed our hurling sessions with Stephen, our volleyball lessons and competition in the Watershed, our soccer sessions on the Freebooters pitch and preparing for our Seachtain na Gaeilge activities. We are really enjoying Wellbeing Week this week. We will tell you a little bit more about some of the highlights below.

### Sports and PE

We have gotten to try our hand at many more sporting activities this term. We really enjoyed our volleyball lessons with the transition year pupils from Presentation Secondary School. The sessions finished up with a volleyball blitz in the Watershed Kilkenny. It was a really fun day which we all enjoyed. A huge thank you to our coaches from Presentation Secondary School for all of their help and guidance over the past few weeks.



Our hurling sessions with Stephen are also a highlight of every week. We have been working on all of the skills needed to play the game. We love the drills and matches that we get to play.



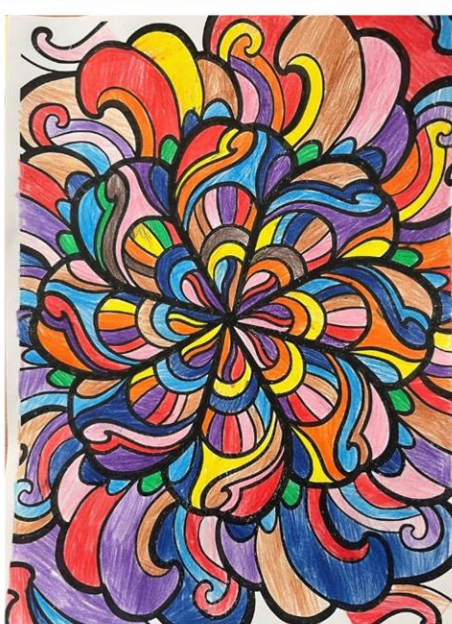


In recent weeks we have gotten to use the fantastic facilities over at Freebooters FC. We have really enjoyed our PE lessons over there.



## Art Lessons

We have really enjoyed our art lessons over the past few weeks. We have created loads of great art. One of our favorite lessons was when we made our chalk pastel version of the Northern lights and our spring tulip field paint art. We also completed Easter art over the past few weeks with the highlight being our patterned Easter Bunnies.







## Ukulele

We have really enjoyed our recent Ukulele lessons with Paul. Over the past few weeks we have been learning loads of songs in preparation for the Uke jam later this year. We have learned songs such as 'Count on Me' and 'Demons' this term. It is a highlight of our week.



## Chromebooks and iPads

We have really enjoyed our work on the chromebooks and iPads recently. On the chromebooks we have been busy writing our own procedural writing pieces. We have also been researching the countries of our choosing and creating a Google Slides presentation on them. We have been using the iPads to complete Kahoot and Blooket Quizzes based on the topics we have covered in class. The quizzes are great fun. We also got to try our hand and English and Maths games which are always enjoyable.

## C.B.S. Book Week

We really enjoyed C.B.S. Book Week this year. We wrote our own Narrative Writing stories for the story competition and had two competition winners in our class. We also had boys enter the 'My spud has character' competition.

The highlight of the week was when we paired up with senior infants with each boy reading to a boy or girl in the senior infant class. It was a great week.



## Easter Egg Hunt





## Mr. Cunniffe's 6th Class

### Junior Infants Stations

Every week from Tuesday to Friday, two people from our class get the chance to go to the Junior Infants' classroom to help out with a station activity. It's something we all get to take turns doing, and it's a lot of fun. When we go, the Junior Infants teacher gives us a special job to do with the children. The job changes every time, so each person gets to do something different when it's their turn.

Every person who goes to the Junior Infants class gets a different activity to do. Some might read a book with the children, others might help with puzzles or art. No matter what the job is, it's always fun and a great experience. It's also a really good way to practice being responsible and helpful, especially with younger students. Going to the Junior Infants' class has been one of the most fun things we've done this year. I'm looking forward to seeing what activity I get to do the next time I go!

*By: Tugra and Jerald*

### Volleyball

Every year 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class take part in a volleyball competition organised by the Presentation Secondary School. We get seven weeks of training and then there is a fun volleyball blitz in the Watershed. The Presentation Secondary girls prepared us well for the volleyball blitz. We played against De La Salle. We went there for the whole school day and at the end of the day the Presentation Secondary girls gave a speech in front of all the pupils. they gave out prizes for certain categories like skill, team work etc. It was a really enjoyable experience.

*By Yameen and George*



### Wellness Week

Wellness Week is the week when you have no written homework and you are doing a lot of fun exercises for the whole school week. One of the best exercises is to 'shake up and wake up'. Our teacher put on a video of a dance and we have to try to copy them. The best dancer every day won a prize.



*By Yehor*

### Short Story Competition



This term, our class has been working on short stories. We worked for about two weeks and the results were great. Some pupils made stories for the infants, some made stories for young children, some made stories for older children and some for teenagers.



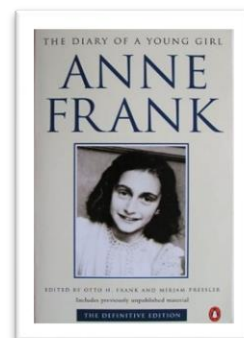


Here are some of the books: 'Super Dog', made by Maks. 'John and the game controller', made by Nathan Butler. 'The story of the fruits', made by Mason. 'The infected', made by Seth. 'The maze of lost minds', made by Enris. 'Time disruption', made by Raiens. 'Eagle 1', made by David, and lots more. The winners were: 'Eagle 1', 'Maze of the lost minds' and 'The infected'. We have great imaginations and our stories are very good. It inspired David to continue writing 'Eagle 1' and publish it in the future. Overall, the stories were all amazing, creative and imaginative.

*By David and Nathan Bu*

### Anne Frank

Our class did a project on Anne Frank. We learned a lot about Anne Frank and WWII. Anne Frank was a German-born Jewish girl who kept a diary documenting her life in hiding in Amsterdam during WWII. We learned about the hidden annex behind Anne Frank's father's factory. They had a hidden door to get into the annex covered by a bookcase. They hid out in the annex for two years. They celebrated those two years. They eventually got caught by the Nazi party. Only one of the family members survived. It was Otto Frank who then published the diary. We also made WWII recruitment posters.



*By Raiens and Enris*

### Confirmation

We were preparing for Confirmation for the last few months by going to mass each week and learning all about what it means to become an adult member of the Catholic Church. We practised every week with the Presentation School. Some of us got jobs like reading, the presentation of symbols, bringing up gifts and singing the Psalm. Mr. Cunniffe and Ms. Curran put lots of work and effort into it. On the Confirmation Day the church was packed. It was a really good ceremony. Our sponsors sat with us and came up with us when it was our time to be confirmed by Bishop Coll. We will always remember the day that we were confirmed. Thanks also to Fr. Ryan and Sr. Nuala for helping us so much all year.

*By Milo and Nathan Br*



### Psalm singing at Confirmation

We were so proud to be chosen to be the two boys who got to sing the Psalm at Confirmation. We started practising in the classroom with Mrs. Bolger. A week before the Confirmation, we went to the church to practice. We also practiced with the two Presentation girls who were chosen to sing as well. We had to practise every day and every evening with our siblings, parents and cousins. We will never forget the day when we got to sing 'The Lord is my Shepherd'. Thank you so much to Ms Bolger for preparing us so well.

*By Dylan and Tom*



## Easter Egg Hunt



On 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025, we hosted an Easter Egg Hunt for all the classes in the school. The first class to do the Easter Egg Hunt was the junior infants. The sixth class had to hold the junior infants by their hands and walk around a marked off area. They would get a raffle ticket with a number and then have to proceed to find a lollipop stick stuck in the ground with the same number written at the top. Then we proceeded to do that with every class. The area expanded for third class and onwards; there would be 3 classes going at once. After the Easter Egg Hunt finished it was practically the end of the day and it was a fun day. Thanks so much to our Parents' Association for helping to organise this event. It was brilliant to see every single pupil go home with an Easter Egg that day.

*By Seth and Maksymilian*



## FAI Football tournament

In March, sixteen 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class boys got to represent the school in the FAI soccer tournament in Thomastown. This was a brilliant day. The players picked for the football were picked by watching us in the lunchtime league and by having some trials also. I was picked to go to the tournament. We got to the last game and if we won we would have gone through to the next stage. Unfortunately, the other team scored late on in the match. Then we went back to class. It was a brilliant day.

*By Mason and Nathan S.*







## Ms. Curran's 6th Class

### Confirmation 2025

Congratulations to all the boys who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Mary's Cathedral on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Well done boys on a beautiful ceremony and hopefully a special day you will remember for along time. Don't forget to go to Mass over Easter and keep that spirit alive! A big thank you also to the rest of Room 8 who helped the boys by working independently and collaboratively while we prepared.



### Volleyball

Room 8 were fortunate to have a block of volleyball lessons which involved students from Transition Year in the Presentation Secondary School coaching the boys over a number of weeks. At the end of their coaching sessions, the boys participated in a fun volleyball tournament against other Kilkenny schools, and impressed everyone with their volleyball skills. Well done to Leos on winning best player for C.B.S. No doubt you will put your garden volleyball set you won to good use over the Easter Break.



### Well Being Week 2025 / STEAM Kits

A fun week was had by all in Room 8 for Well Being Week 2025. We finished the week by celebrating Neurodiversity Day on Friday. What better way to mark the day than to show how wonderfully creative and different we are in our approach to designing, problem solving and approaching tasks.



### Easter Egg Hunt

What a lovely sunny day we had in Room 8 for our school Easter Egg Hunt. Another chance to head to the field in the sun. I have to compliment the boys on their fun and cheery attitude for this one. Another lovely C.B.S. memory for the boys as the last term of their time in C.B.S. is approaching. Hard to believe.



### St. Canice's Credit Union Schools Quiz

Well done to all the pupils who represented our school at the St. Canice's Union Schools Table Quiz.





## Art

The boys in Room 8 impressed with both their clay pot making skills and their impressions of the works of Vincent Van Gogh. Well done boys on both art lessons, the results were fantastic.



















# Easter 2025



On behalf of everyone in  
C.B.S. Primary School,  
we wish you a Happy Easter holidays.

We look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 2025.