

Phone: 056 7761739

Email: office@cbsprimarykilkenny.ie

Twitter: [@CBSPrimaryKK](https://twitter.com/CBSPrimaryKK)

Web: <https://cbsprimarykilkenny.ie>



Uke Jam



Sports Day



Amber Flag



And much more...





Contents

Welcome	3
Run with Ray	4
Music Generation Kilkenny / Uke Jam	5
Parents' Association.....	6
Music Evaluation Report	6
Amber Flag.....	6
Hurling	7
5th and 6th Soccer League.....	7
Incoming Pupils	8
School Books, Workbooks and Copies	8
School Expenses	8
C.B.S. Secondary School Admissions.....	8
Aladdin Connect	8
After the Summer holidays.....	8
Classes for 2025-2026.....	9
School Calendar 2025-2026	9
Green Schools	10
Lego Construction Club.....	12
Tennis.....	13
Enrolments 25/26 Poster.....	14
6 th Class Graduation.....	15
Awards	16
My memories of C.B.S. Primary	18
Ms. Condon's Junior Infants Class.....	20
Mrs. Larkin's Junior Infants Class	23
Mrs. Ryan's Senior Infants Class	25
Ms. Walsh's Class.....	28
Mrs. Moloney's 2nd Class.....	31
Mr. Leahy's 3rd Class.....	33
Ms. Brennan's 4th Class	35
Mrs. Bolger & Ms. Minogue's 5th Class	38
Mr. Reidy's 5th Class	40
Mr. Cunniffe's 6th Class.....	42
Ms. Curran's 6th Class.....	44
Awesome Art & Projects.....	46
Happy Summer	49

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Our third term was busy with plenty of schoolwork, trips, projects, sporting events, competitions and extra-curricular activities. Pride of place goes to our 2nd class boys who received the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday, 3rd May in St. Mary's Cathedral.

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

I'd like to thank the staff in our school who work tirelessly throughout the year. Their hard work and dedication are there for all to see. We take great pride in not only delivering the Curriculum to the pupils but also working on the holistic development of the child. Indeed, the quality of teaching and learning in our school was highlighted in our recent Music Evaluation Report carried out by the Department of Education Inspectorate.

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

The school is going from strength to strength. The school year 2025-2026 will see us become fully vertical (Junior Infants – 6th class), and of course, co-educational at Junior Infant, Senior Infant and 1st Class level. As we continue to grow, we need more rooms! Two more modular units will be arriving in the coming months. Furthermore, we have been approved for a five-classroom extension to include three mainstream and two special education classrooms. Exciting times ahead!

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

On behalf of the staff and myself I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Thursday, 28th August.

Le gach dea – ghúí,

Niall Bergin, Principal.



Run with Ray

We were delighted to welcome Ray D'Arcy and Frank Greally to our school recently. This was part of the Daily Mile/Run with Ray initiative. Ray spoke to our children about the importance of exercise and keeping fit and he even ran a few laps with our pupils.

It was a very enjoyable morning, and a few pupils even made the RTE Radio 1 airwaves!



Music Generation Kilkenny / Uke Jam

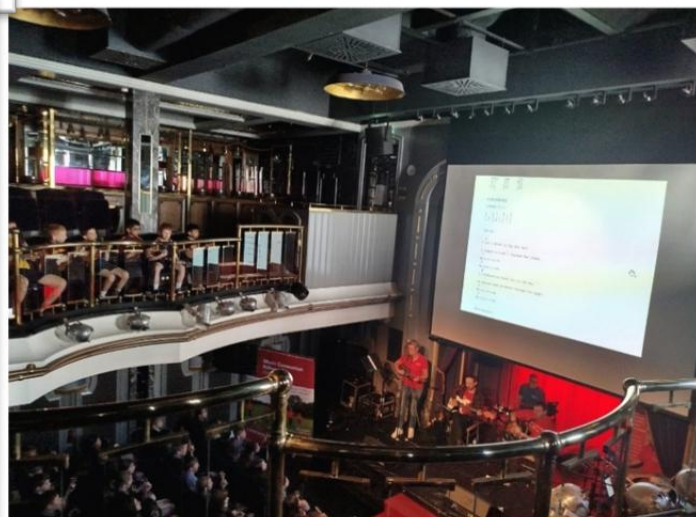
Our 4th, 5th and 6th class pupils took part in Music Generation Kilkenny's Uke Jam in the SET Theatre.



CHILL CHAINNIGH/KILKENNY

It was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to showcase all that they learned with Paul throughout the year. Indeed, it was highlighted in our recent Music Curriculum Evaluation Report that pupils benefitted from co-curricular music lessons through their participation in the Music Generation Programme.

A special word of thanks to all of Music Generation Kilkenny for all the brilliant work they do with the pupils in our school. We look forward to continuing our association with Music Generation Kilkenny in the new school year.



Parents' Association

Our Parents' Association ran a very successful Snack & Browse morning and Bumper Raffle on Friday, May 30th. We are delighted to inform you that just over €5,000 was raised. These funds will be used to purchase more resources for our school which will in turn enhance the learning opportunities and experiences for our pupils. There was a lovely atmosphere in the Hall on the day, and we thank all involved for their support.

A huge word of thanks to our Parents' Association members for everything they do for the school. In particular, a sincere word of appreciation for Joanne Buckeridge (Chairperson) and Louise Cahill whose time on the Parents' Association has come to an end. Their commitment and unwavering support to our school has been amazing and they will be greatly missed.

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



Music Evaluation Report

As you are aware the school recently had a Music Evaluation conducted by the Department of Education Inspectorate. We are delighted to inform you that we received an extremely positive report, and the Inspectorate spoke so highly of our school community.

Here are some of the findings and recommendations. The full report will be available in September.

Findings

- The overall quality of pupils' learning in Music was very good with pupils demonstrating commendable knowledge and understanding of musical concepts.

- Learning experiences in Music were very good, particularly in song singing and performing, which were deeply embedded in the school culture.
- Pupils' musical achievements were celebrated and learning environments were very positive and inclusive.
- Teaching in Music was of a very good quality, with elements of excellent practice also observed.
- Whole-school planning, including school self-evaluation (SSE), was very effective.

Recommendations

- All pupils should be supported to read musical notation and be provided with opportunities to read and compose simple melodies.



Amber Flag

Congratulations to our Amber Flag team who worked so hard this year. The team has been working for the past five years and renew their flag every year. The focus of the Amber Flag initiative is to promote all efforts to create healthy, inclusive environments that support the mental well-being of the members of the school community. Well done on our super team for organizing Anti-Bullying Week, Wellbeing Week and celebrations such as Neurodiversity Day in our school!



Hurling

A sincere word of thanks to Dicksboro GAA for providing a GAA coach, Steven Farrell, to our school every Friday. Every pupil from 2nd – 6th 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 2nd and 3rd class pupils every Wednesday morning from 8.30am – 9am in the field. This has been a huge success and it is an ideal 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 4th – 6th 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 nod of thanks to Ms. Walsh and Mr. Fitzpatrick for the brilliant work they do with our teams.



A special mention to Dylan McGee (photo below) who played at half-time in the Dublin vs Kilkenny Leinster Championship game.



5th and 6th Soccer League

Our 5th and 6th class boys took part in an internal soccer league. The boys had great fun and thoroughly enjoyed all the games. A sincere word of thanks to Mr. Hickey for organising the league. Pictured are our winners, Shelbourne, and runners up Shamrock Rovers. Well done to everybody who took part.



Incoming Pupils

Currently, we are busily preparing for our bright new future. We look forward to welcoming our Junior Infant boys and girls, and new pupils in other class levels to our school in August 2025.

We are still accepting enrolment applications for the school year 2025/2026. More information can be found on our website

<https://cbsprimarykilkenny.ie/>

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



School Books, Workbooks and Copies

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



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

School Expenses

There are additional **school expenses of €60** which will need to be paid for via Aladdin. This fee includes Art & Crafts, Photocopying, Aladdin Connect, Pupil Insurance, Music Generation (Term 1) and Accelerated Reading*. We would appreciate it if it could be paid using our E-Payment system. A link will be sent to you shortly.

* Accelerated Reading are part of the school expenses for **4th – 6th classes**.

C.B.S. Secondary School Admissions



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



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

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

Aladdin Connect

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

Recently parent(s)/guardian(s) of incoming pupils were sent information and a link to register with Aladdin Connect. Please don't hesitate to contact the school by email if you have any questions.



After the Summer holidays

We will welcome our **new Junior Infant pupils** and **incoming 2nd class pupils** to the school on **Wednesday, August 27th for one hour from 10am - 11am**. The school reopens on Wednesday, August 28th for **all pupils**.



Classes for 2025-2026

Recently parent(s)/guardian(s) were sent an email with the name of their child's class teacher for the coming school year. Below is a complete list of all the classes and their teachers for the 2025-2026 school year.

Junior Infants (Mrs. Larkin)	1 st Class (Mr. Fitzpatrick)	5 th Class (Mrs. Bolger/Ms. Minogue)
Junior Infants (T.B.C.)	2 nd Class (Mrs. Moloney)	6 th Class (Ms. Curran)
Senior Infants (Mrs. Ryan)	3 rd Class (Mr. Leahy)	6 th Class (Mr. Cunniffe)
Senior Infants (T.B.C.)	4 th Class (Ms. Brennan)	Autism Class (Ms. Cantwell)
Special Education Team – Ms. Boyle, Ms. Lawlor, Ms. Ní Bheacháin, Mr. Reidy		

School Calendar 2025-2026

TERM 1

Wednesday, 27th August: Welcoming Junior Infant pupils & 2nd class pupils to the school for 1 hour from 10am - 11am.

Thursday, 28th August: Re-opening after Summer Holidays (for all pupils).
Closing at 12 noon for Infant pupils, and 12.30p.m. for all other classes.

Monday, 27th – Friday, 31st October: Mid-Term break (school closed).

Monday, 3rd November: Re-opening after Mid-Term break.

Friday, 19th December: Christmas Holidays. Closing at 12.30p.m.

TERM 2

Monday, 5th January: Re-opening after Christmas Holidays.

Monday, 2nd February: St. Brigid's Day (School closed).

Thursday, 19th – Friday, 20th February: Mid-Term break (School closed).

Monday, 16th March: School closed.

Tuesday, 17th March: St. Patrick's Day (School closed).

Friday, 27th March: Easter Holidays. Closing at 12.30p.m.

TERM 3

Monday, 13th April: Re-opening after Easter Holidays.

Monday, 4th May: May Bank Holiday (School closed).

Tuesday, 5th May: School closed.

Monday, 1st June: June Bank Holiday (School closed).

Tuesday, 2nd June: School closed.

Thursday, 25th June: Summer Holidays. Closing at 12.30p.m.

** 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. 9

Green Schools



Greetings everyone from the Green Schools committee. It's hard to believe another successful and fun packed year is coming to a close for the summer break. We have had a busy last term and are delighted to share some wonderful news with you all. On Tuesday, May 13th, members of our Green Schools committee attended an awards ceremony in Hotel Kilkenny where we received our 6th Green Flag for our school. We are extremely proud of this achievement which was the culmination of two years hard work and dedication to the Green Schools programme. A Green Flag takes two years to achieve and we look forward to our next Green challenge.

Green Flag Ceremony



Our 6th Green Flag: Global Citizenship - Litter and Waste.



On your Bike

In June we had Róisín Hickey from Cycle Ireland carry out cycling workshops with all our pupils from Junior Infants to 4th class. The pupils really enjoyed the day and not only learned new cycling skills but also promoted greener ways of travelling to school. We thank Róisín most sincerely and look forward to working with Róisín in the future.



Keep Kilkenny Beautiful Pumpkin Project

In June we were also chosen to take part in Keep Kilkenny's Pumpkin Project. We received some pumpkin plants from Lucy Dollard and her mam Maria and fingers crossed we will have our own beautiful pumpkins in time for Halloween.



I would like to sincerely thank our 6th class Green School committee members, who now move on to the next phase of their learning journey- Jack Brennan, Safwan, Matthew and Nathan. You were all such valued committee members over the years and wonderful environmental ambassadors. We wish you all the very best in all that you do and we know you will continue your good work well into the future. A sincere thank you to you all once again.

Below is a little collage of some of our Green pursuits throughout the year. We look forward to continuing our Green Schools work next year.



Our Work

A little excerpt from our Green School member Tiarnán:

Hello, my name is Tiarnán from the Green Schools committee. Being part of the Green Schools helps protect our world. In school we pick up litter and remember to recycle. We just got our 6th Green Flag, and I really enjoy being on the committee as it helps our world. Every little bit counts.

Tiarnán, 3rd class.

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 and a well-deserved summer break. Miss Boyle and all the Green Team.

And Remember:



Let's all connect together to make our world better

Lego Construction Club

As Lego Club finishes up for 2025, we would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to Jordan, Anu, Nathan and David, as they progress on to secondary school. We were lucky to have such creativity and skilled engineering minds as part of our club. We know the future is bright for these talented students.

Throughout the 2024/2025 term we covered many different topics and challenges. Some ever-popular recurring themes included designing/building Beyblades followed by a knockout tournament. We also celebrated Engineers Week, Climate Action Week, castle defences and formula one cars concluding with a very competitive race. We concluded our final term with lots of inventive and imaginative free play. During these sessions we developed our problem-solving skills and built on our confidence when presenting to club members.



We would like to thank Mrs. Moloney for her continued support in allowing Lego Club to use Room 1 and thanks to Tom for all his help in producing the newsletter and his assistance throughout the year.

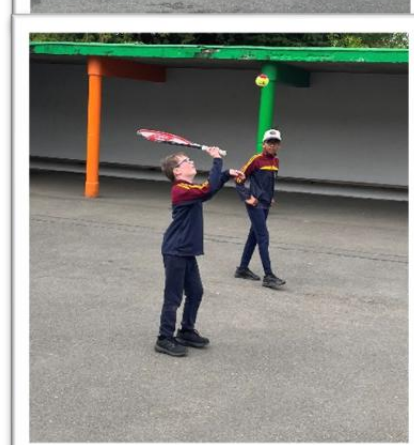
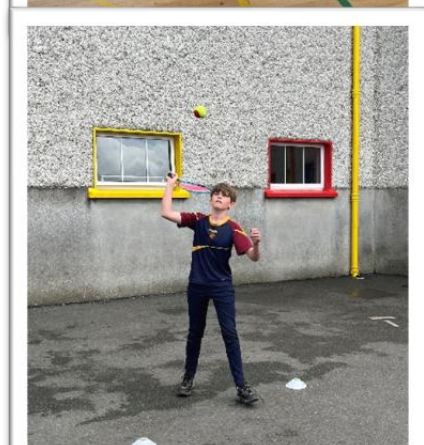
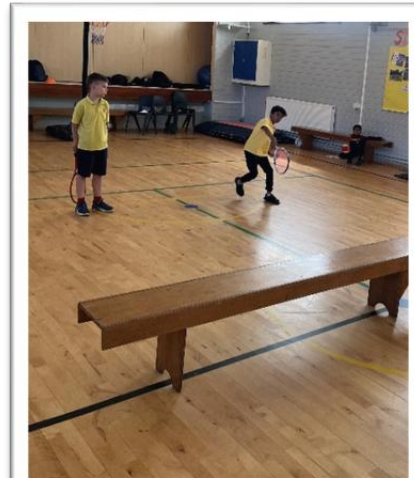


Have a fantastic summer break everyone and remember.....

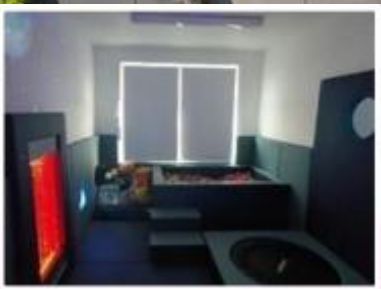


Tennis

Twenty boys from 2nd to 6th class have been taking part in tennis lessons every Thursday evening after school. The boys have really enjoyed the lessons and have made great progress this year. The boys enjoyed learning new skills and playing matches this term. It was great to practice our skills in both an indoor and an outdoor setting with some of the great weather we got this term. It was excellent to see how much the boys improved over the term. Keep up the practice over the summer boys.



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 or (056) 7761739

6th Class Graduation

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

Go n-éirí an t-ádh libh go léir!



Awards

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



Class of 1959 Attendance Award



Class of 1959 Attendance Award



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



Seamus Brennan Creative Arts Award



Maths
+ - × ÷

CLASS
OF

History



GEOGRAPHY

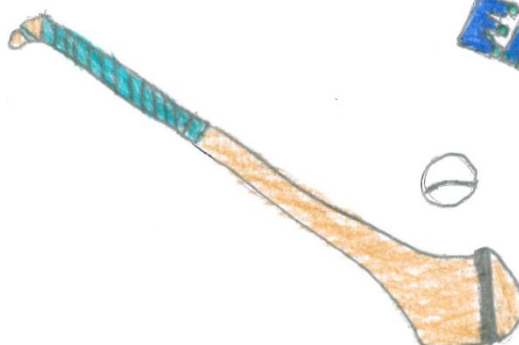
IRISH



20
25



SCIENCE



ENGLISH

My memories of C.B.S. Primary

Looking back on my years at C.B.S., I have so many great memories from each class. In 2nd class with Mr. Reidy, I remember how exciting it was when we first got to try Chromebooks. It felt like a whole new world opening up right in our classroom.



Then in 3rd class with Mrs. Ryan, school was filled with fun and laughter, and we always looked forward to the next activity.



4th class brought a sense of adventure with Mrs. Bolger and Ms. Howell, especially when we went to Dunmore East Adventure Centre, which was one of the best trips ever.



In 5th class, Ms. Brennan introduced us to "Teach the Teacher," which was such a cool experience, and we also got to visit Jump Zone and Croke Park, two unforgettable highlights.



Finally, 6th class was packed with fun, especially playing football and enjoying all the amazing things we got to do together as our final year. Every year had something special, and those memories will always stay with me.



Every Friday we go to the field at 13:00 for hurling with a GAA coach. His name is Stephen, and he is from Dicksboro GAA club. We go for a 45-minute session. Sometimes it's in the field or when it's wet it's in the Hall. If it's in the field we puck, do drills and then play a match. If it's in the Hall, we play a warmup game and sometimes a basketball game. It is really fun to do. All the classes do it and like it

We had great fun on the 6th class school tour. We went to Dunmore East Adventure Centre. We did three land and three water activities. We went on the Wibit, paddle boarding and kayaking for the water activities and for the land activities we did archery, caving and the climbing wall. I would rate this school trip a 9/10. It was the best school trip I ever had!



The five years I've had with this school have been extraordinary. I've had many good memories and made many friends over these years. From second to sixth class, I've tried my very best to listen and try in subjects, including the ones I'm not good at. This school has taught me very well due to all the great teachers I've had over the years and prepared me very well for secondary school.



Ms. Condon's Junior Infants Class

Our final term in Junior Infants has been action packed. It is hard to believe that these wonderful boys and girls have finished their first year in primary school. Well done to you all. What a year the boys and girls have had, and the final term didn't disappoint.

We had so many exciting activities this term. In literacy we really saw the boys and girls become more independent readers. They worked on combining, 3D shapes and learned all about money. We spent time learning about the emergency services and the airport. We even went hunting for ladybirds and daisies and learned all about magnets. To top it all off, we paid a visit to the Fire Station and used the hoses to spray water like a real fire fighter.



We took part in Bike Week activities in the school yard with Róisín. That was great fun. We walked to the Mayfair Library for the first time, and we even walked to the Castle Park for a play and had an ice-cream. It was the best day. Ray D'Arcy came to our school, and he went for a run with us. We enjoyed it so much as we know how important it is to stay fit and healthy. We started hurling training with Stephen and had the best Sports Day in the field. We ran, played with the parachute, played water games, had an egg and spoon race, a sack race and completed an obstacle course.





Our School Tour was a trip to Castlevew Farm in Cullohill and although the weather was a bit miserable, it didn't dampen our spirits. We had another brilliant day together playing, feeding the animals and driving on the racetrack.



After all that action, it is no wonder that you all need a well-earned rest. It has been an absolute privilege to teach your children and be in their company every day. I wish you all a very happy, healthy and safe summer.
Slán agus beannacht,

Catriona Condon

Mrs. Larkin's Junior Infants Class

This term in Junior Infants has been action packed and so much fun! We started hurling training with Stephen in the field. We learned the ready position, how to hit the sliotar on the ground and, most importantly, how to enjoy the game of hurling!



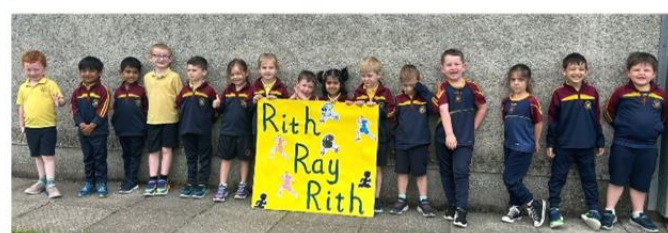
Would you believe that we were lucky enough to pay a visit to our local fire station? We met two kind firemen named Des and Adam. They showed us the equipment, the fire engines, and the ladders. We were allowed to try on the fireman's hat, climb up into the fire engine and we even got to fire the hose at some target bottles! Mrs. Larkin might have accidentally been the target at one point too! We had great fun and learned so much about the important job that a fireman does.



We continued to work hard in our classroom learning our letter sounds, numbers, and so much else! We learned too much to mention it all. We got back to the business of having fun when we boarded the bus to Castle View Farm in Cullohill, Co. Laois for our school trip. We didn't allow the weather to dampen our spirits as we fed the animals and played in the playground and the maze. Inside, we had so much fun on the go-karts and in the many different play areas. Some of us needed a good snooze on the bus on the way home.



Ray D'Arcy visited our school to run the Daily Mile with us on June 18th. He told us about Zig & Zag and



all the fun jobs he had on the t.v. We ran around the field with him and had a disco afterwards.



Since then we have visited the Castle Park in the beautiful sunshine. We went on swings, slides, roundabouts & climbing frames in the playground and then we had a game of soccer in the grass. We finished off our trip with a delicious ice-cream from Kitty's Cabin. Just the treat we needed after all that exercise!



On Friday we had a Sports Day in the field. There were six different stations to visit: Water Races, Potato & Spoon and Sack Race, Parachute Games, Penalty Shoot-Out, Running Races and the Obstacle Course. Each station was so much fun & we got the best exercise again! Nobody worried about who won or lost, we just enjoyed ourselves.



We will finish off our time in Junior Infants with a Teddy Bear's Picnic in our field. We're allowed to bring a teddy bear, a blanket and a treat. We will also have a bubble party and a disco. After all that exercise and hard work we will really deserve our time off this summer! Have a great summer holiday from Mrs. Larkin and all the boys & girls in Junior Infants!



Mrs. Ryan's Senior Infants Class

Senior Infants had a great term 3 with lot of trips outside of school and a variety of activities inside of school also.

We started back to our hurling session with the return of the better weather, the girls and boys have made excellent progress, keep up the hurling over the summer.



We took part in a cycling session with Roisin Hickey of Cycle Ireland and also enjoyed seeing the chicks hatch from Nore Valley Park.



We took a trip to visit the local historical spot of Kenny's Well as we explored our theme of water. We

also completed experiments about floating and sinking and if items were waterproof.



We explored the wild flowers and areas in our school field as we went on our mini beast hunt.



We had great fun with the visit of Ray Darcy to the school to Run with Ray and the children enjoyed the different activities on our Sports for All day.





We took a trip to the Mayfair Library, for everyone to sign up to the library and explore what the wonderful building has to offer. I encourage every child to join up to the Summer Stars programme and keep reading over the summer.



We visited the Butler Gallery to look at the exhibition by Paul Bokslag. The children enjoyed looking at the large scale pieces. The tour guide was very impressed with the children's behaviour and the questions the girls and boys asked.



We had a wonderful trip to Castlevew Open farm, the rain did not dampen the spirits and all children had a wonderful time.

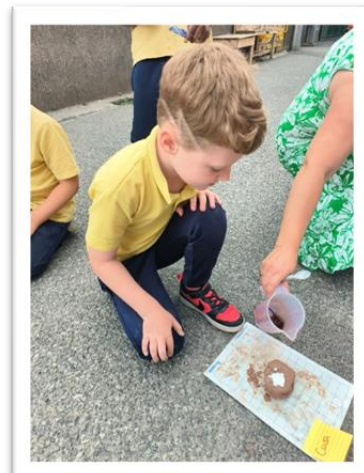
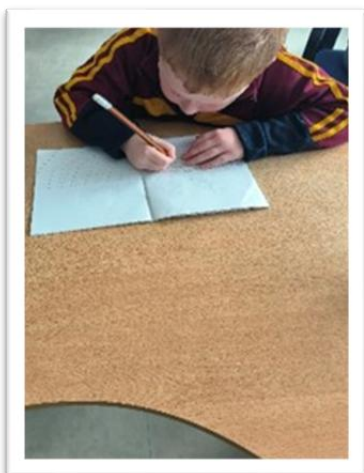


We finished off the term with making our clay volcanoes and our outdoor volcano experiment.



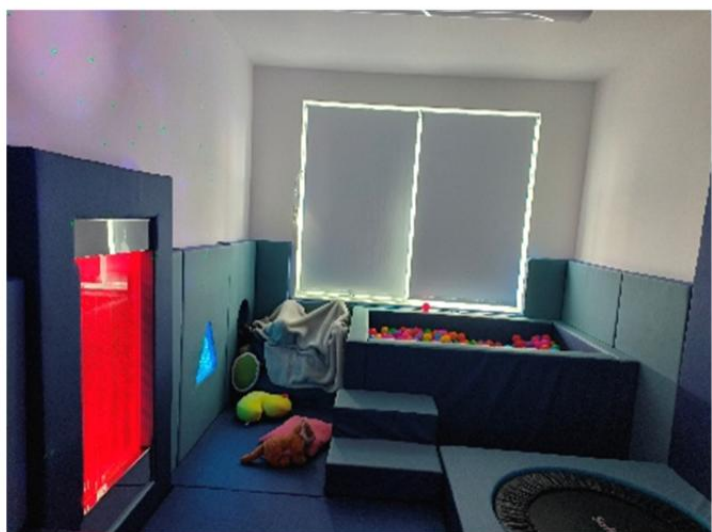
Ms. Walsh's Class

Hello everyone and welcome to the final edition for this school year from Ms. Walsh and Ms. Cantwell's class. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has welcomed me into school since January, particularly the 6 boys I have the pleasure of seeing every day. I have thoroughly enjoyed every moment with them. They have worked hard and so deserve the summer break that awaits them!



All work and no play?

The boys excelled and really raised the bar when it came to work achieved in class this final term. Of course, it wasn't all work and no play as you will see below.....



Edmund Rice Day

We welcomed children from other classes into our room for Edmund Rice Day in early May. They were invited to make a jigsaw, have some down time in our sensory relaxation room and to use our soft play area outside for some activity stations. It was great to see our fabulous resources being enjoyed by the wider school population!



School tour

We had a busy month in May with the 3rd and 4th class tour to Hidden Valley in Co. Wicklow and then in June the 6th class went to Dunmore Adventure Centre. and Senior Infants went to Cullohill pet farm. The weather didn't dampen the fun that was had by all!



Chicks in school

The incubator project proved to really capture their hearts and imaginations. It was wonderful to see new life being born thanks to the live stream into the classroom. Coupled with daily visits to see the eggs progress, it was a very exciting and memorable time in school.



Sports Day

The boys thoroughly enjoyed being involved in Sports Day. It was run across two days, and the sun came out to cheer everybody into having fun and spending time with friends making lovely memories.

Well done on reaching the end of another school year! I wish you all the most relaxing and enjoyable summer! I know that you are all able for the next school year and all the work and fun it brings!

Take care, *Ms. Walsh*



Mrs. Moloney's 2nd Class

We have come to the end of another busy term in Room 1 and all the boys are ready for a nice relaxing summer break! We had many memorable moments but the highlight of this term was the celebration of our First Holy Communion in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, May 3rd. Fr. Ryan celebrated the Mass and we would like to thank Fr. Ryan and Sr. Nuala for guiding us along the way and for making our day such a special occasion.



We have been very active this term in Room 1. We continued with our action packed hurling sessions with Stephen every Friday morning in the field and we are a fantastic group of hurlers - watch out for us in the future! We had many hurling sessions with Mr. Fitzpatrick before school and a lunchtime hurling league and would like to thank Mr. Fitzpatrick for making all our sessions great fun. We also played soccer many times over on the Astro turf.



We also enjoyed engineering tasks in STEM using the brand new STEM kits and task cards and our Samba Drumming sessions with Tom.



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



and tug of war events. Congratulations to all the winners and more importantly to everyone who took part on the day.

To finish out the year and as a special treat for all our hard work we had a lovely trip to the Castle Park where we enjoyed icecream in the sun!



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

We had great excitement when Keelan won the Golden Ticket from Fresh Today and received a fantastic one for all shopping voucher.

We all took part in our very first Sports Day in Scoil Iognáid de Rís and we really enjoyed the long puck

I would like to say a huge 'Well Done' to all the boys in Room 1. You are an amazing group of boys and I hope you have a lovely rest over the holidays. Tá sos maith tuillte agaibh go léir. Bain sult as na laethanta saoire!

Mr. Leahy's 3rd Class

The summer has arrived and school is out! We have had an amazing final term in 3rd class. Here are some of the highlights:

Sports Day

We had great fun preparing for our Sports Day. We ran off the Long Puck beforehand in the field. Well done to all the boys for taking part.



Cycling Workshop

We took part in a cycling workshop in the yard and field with Roisín from Cycle Ireland. We really enjoyed it and some boys even learned to cycle for the first time.



Clay

In art we made clay pots which we then painted. The plan was to plant some flowers in them but we ran out of time. Hopefully the boys will get a chance to finish working on them over the summer.



PE

During PE Mr. Leahy set up a foot golf course in the field. We had fun playing in groups of four. We also played a giant game of X's and O's. We had a competition in class to upgrade our orienteering maps of the school. Well done to Tiarnán for winning. We had great fun searching all over the school with our new maps.



School Trip

We went on our School Trip with 4th class to Hidden Valley in Co. Wicklow. We took part in Lazer Tag, Crazy Golf and Downhill Tubing. As you can see from the photographs, we had a ball!



Hurling Blitz

We took part in a Hurling Blitz in Palmerstown with some other local schools. The weather held up for us and thanks to some parents being available for lifts, we got out and back safely.



Fire Station

We had a really informative visit from our local fireman, Ryan. He spoke to us all about fire safety. He then invited us to the fire station on our last day of school. During the tour we got to sit in the fire truck and even use the hoses. It was really fun.



Park Visit

We walked to the Castle Park for a talk with a local beekeeper. We learned all about the amazing world of bees. It was very interesting.



These were only some of the highlights over the past weeks. As you can see it has been an action packed year. We have learned so much. We are looking forward to the summer and all that 4th class will bring. See ya!

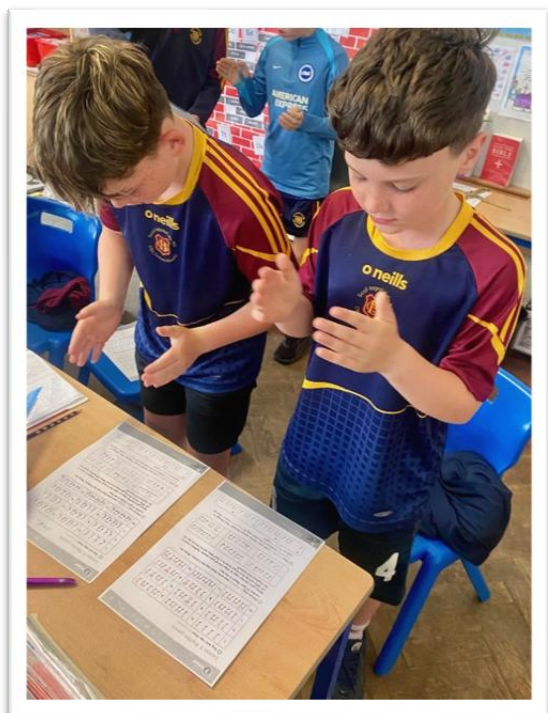
Ms. Brennan's 4th Class

Hello everyone! We can't believe that we have reached the end of our year together in Ms. Brennan's 4th Class. Since our last newsletter, and in between all our hard work and summer tests, we've fitted in time to make some fun memories. Keep reading to see some of the highlights. Have a great summer everyone!

We performed at the Uke Jam with Music Generation at the SET Theatre recently. It was fun to play all the songs we have learned with Paul, alongside lots of other children, and accompanied by a full band. We created quite a stir as five classes from the C.B.S. walked to and from the event! 😊



In Ms. Brennan's Music lessons, we learned about elements of music like pulse, beat, timbre and pitch, and clapped-out beats to songs we have learned.



The arrival of eggs (and then chicks!) from Nore Valley Farm created great excitement in our school, including for the pupils of Room 7.



We went on a super school trip to Hidden Valley in Co. Wicklow. We got to try combat laser tag, downhill tubing and adventure mini golf.



Ms. Brassil taught us a lesson where we used iPads to play a grammar game all about syntax in sentences.



We loved the workshop about practicing our balancing and improving our cycling skills with a tutor called Róisín. This included having a 'slow bike race'!



In the hall recently, we tried out our school's STEAM Kits and had enjoyed collaborating together to develop our creativity and problem-solving skills.



This month, we've been running a 'Teach the Teacher' project, where we each take a turn to become the teacher, teaching a chosen topic or skill to the teacher and the other students. 'Teachers' also need to prepare an activity to check for understanding and that learning has taken place. We had a huge variety in our lessons: from Thistles and The Spartans to Seals and Elephant's Toothpaste! Well done to everyone who took part.



We recently got a chance to participate in the Heritage in Schools Archaeology Day at the Heritage Council headquarters. We learned about archaeology, medieval customs, geology, ancient weaponry and art in the Book of Kells. We also got a treat from the ice-cream van!



There was huge excitement in the school when we got to meet Ray D'Arcy and RUN WITH RAY!



Mr. Hickey organised a cool soccer tournament for us. It was great to play in the sunshine.



Well done to everyone for taking part in our annual Sports Day. Here's just some of the winners from Room 7.



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

Term 3 proved to be action-packed from start to finish.

In English class we studied report and explanation writing and the boys produced some excellent pieces of work. They even got to present their reports on a slideshow to the class.



In ukulele lessons, the lads continued to make excellent progress. The ukulele year came to a great end with the boys showcasing their talents in the Set Theatre at the Ukulele Jam.



The school trip this year was a huge success. The boys really enjoyed the trip to Dunmore East Adventure Centre where they got to have fun on the Wibit and tried kayaking, paddleboarding, caving, archery and climbing.



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



A huge well done also to Adam, Hugh and Dylan and who represented our class at the swimming gala.



Looking back on Term 3 – Pupil Reflections

This was my first Edmund Rice Day celebration, I wasn't sure what to expect. Speaking with the boys I knew it was going to be a good day. There were a few different activities organised, and we got to try everything. We played tag rugby and rounders outside. The weather was great. I played tennis in the Hall and after that we went upstairs and did some Graffiti art. It was a fun day, and I am already excited for next year. (Johaann)



There was a lunchtime soccer league between 5th and 6th class students over a few weeks. I enjoyed playing with my friends. Unfortunately, we lost 2-1 in the final, but it was fun playing in front of the other students. We also played in a school blitz in Thomastown. It was great to put on the CBS jersey and play together. (Aron)



European Archaeology Day - Heritage in Schools

On Friday, 13th June our class travelled to Heritage Ireland Headquarters. We participated in lots of different activities starting with a talk from Dave Swift who demonstrated artefacts and reproductions of coinage, armoury, weaponry etc. from when Kilkenny was the capital of Ireland c1642-49.

We then got to play traditional and bespoke games. The boys loved the marble mazes, puzzles and chess and dexterity tests.

Finally, we had a workshop with a blacksmith who let boys participate in pumping the bellows and hammering steel. We thoroughly enjoyed the day.



Finally, we would like to say a huge well done to all the boys for the fantastic effort they put in all year and especially in revising for their end-of-year tests. We have really enjoyed getting to know the boys this year and wish them all the very best in 6th class. A huge thanks to all the parents for your co-operation and support this year. We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Summer.

Ms. Minogue and Mrs. Bolger

Mr. Reidy's 5th Class

Mr Reidy's 5th class have had a very busy and enjoyable number of weeks since the Easter break. There have been many great moments this term. We really enjoyed our hurling sessions with Stephen, our preparation and participation in Sports Day, our soccer sessions on the Freebooters pitch. We are really enjoyed our Edmund Rice Day activities. A real highlight was our school trip to Dunmore East Adventure Centre. We will tell you more about this and much more below.

Sports and PE

We have gotten to try our hand at many more sporting activities this term. We really enjoyed our preparation and participation in our school Sports Day. Every boy in our class took part in an event on the day and we really enjoyed it.

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.



We have continued to use the fantastic facilities and Freebooters FC and love going over there for our soccer sessions. We also got to play rounders and kick rounders in the field and really enjoyed that.

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 oil pastel version of a summer sunset and our beach scene art. Our art lessons have been great fun this year.



Ukulele

We have really enjoyed our recent Ukulele lessons with Paul. The lessons finished up in mid-May with our Uke Jam in the Set Theatre. It was great to get to play along with a live band and to sing along with other schools. We would like to thank Paul for all of the excellent lessons this year.



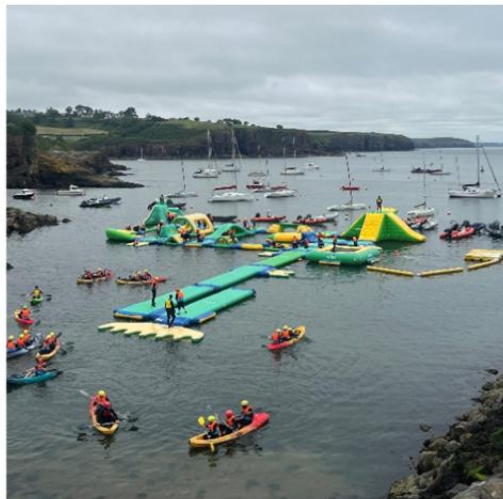
Chromebooks and iPads

We have really enjoyed our work on the chromebooks and iPads recently.

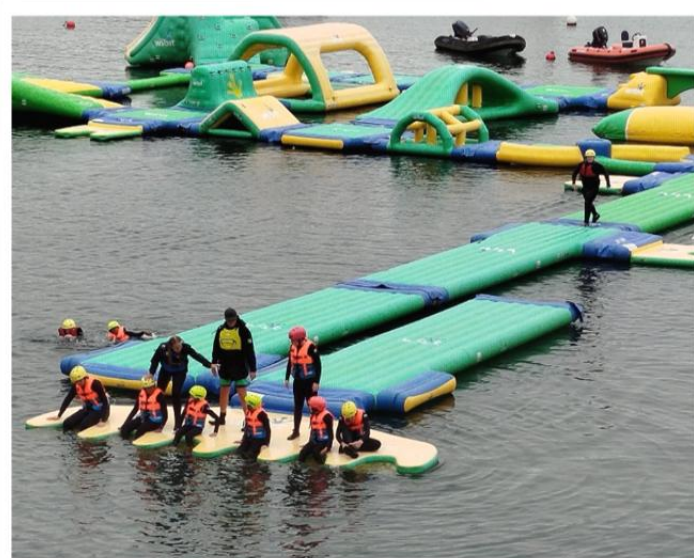
On the chromebooks we have been busy writing our own report writing pieces. We have also been completing biographies about our favourite sports stars and researching a capital city of our choosing. We have been using the iPads to complete Kahoot and Blooket Quizzes based on the topics we have covered in class. The quizzes are great fun.

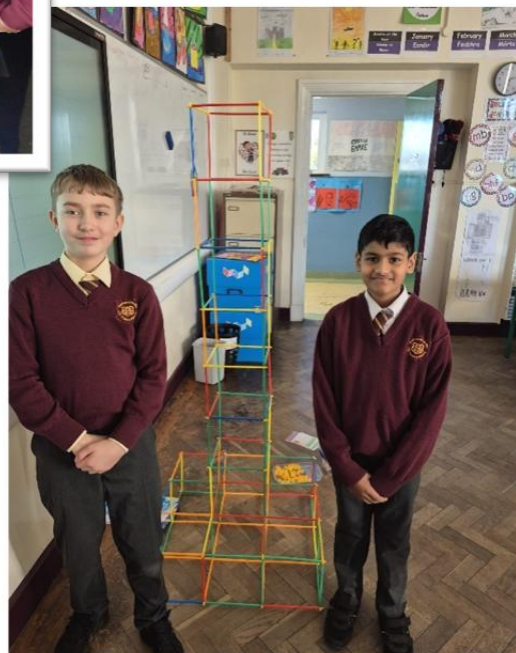
Dunmore East Adventure Centre

We really enjoyed our school trip to Dunmore East Adventure Centre. We got to take part in indoor and outdoor activities. The indoor activities were wall climbing, caving and archery. The outdoor activities were kayaking, paddleboarding and Wibit Wipeout Aquapark. It was a great trip. The highlight was the Wipeout Aquapark which was great fun.

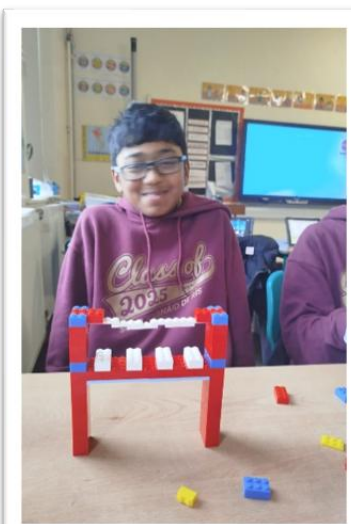


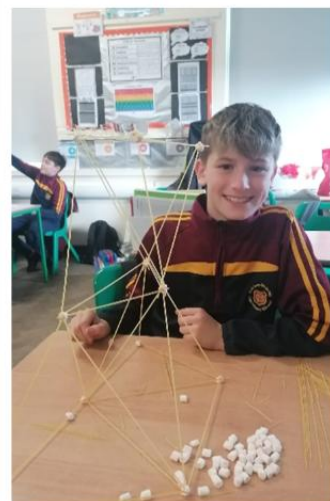
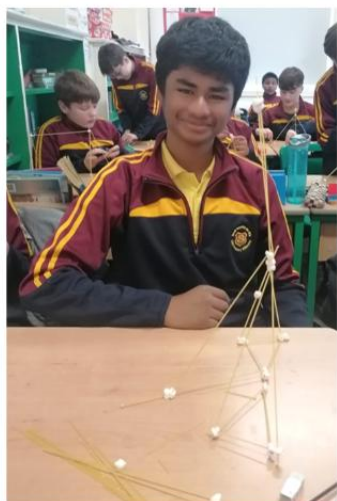
Mr. Cuniffe's 6th Class





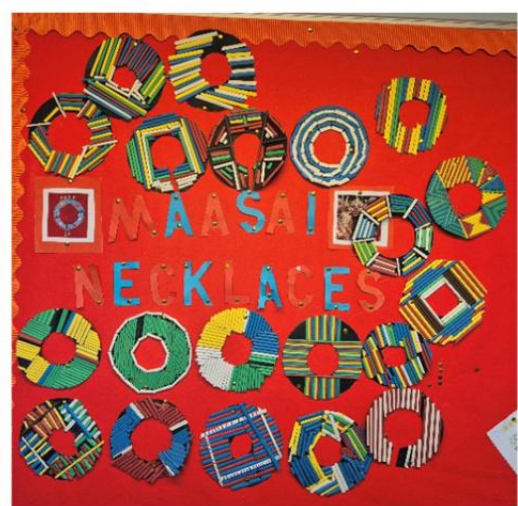
Ms. Curran's 6th Class





Awsome Art & Projects









Summer 2025



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

We look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Thursday, 28th August 2025.