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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Welcome to our Halloween Newsletter. As always, we have had a busy but extremely positive start to the 2025/2026 school year. We welcomed new infant pupils to our school and many new pupils in other classes from Senior Infants to 6th Class. We are delighted to have you in our school, and we hope you enjoy your years with us.



I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the children for your constant support, co-operation and encouragement. Furthermore, a sincere word of thanks for your patience and cooperation. Since our re-opening, a considerable amount of work has been carried out in the school, which naturally impacted on the daily running of our school. Thankfully we now have 2 new classrooms and 2 new SET rooms ready to go. Mr. Fitzpatrick's 1st class and Ms. Walsh's Senior Infants class will move into our new rooms shortly.

We are extremely fortunate to have a hardworking and dedicated teaching staff, who do a wonderful job in delivering the curriculum to the pupils in their care in an enjoyable, engaging and meaningful way. A special word of thanks to our SNAs, Ms. Malone, Ms. Dalton, Ms. O'Neill, Ms. Butler and Ms. Fortune and our ancillary staff, Tom & Michael who contribute so much to our school. A special mention for Tom who pulls out all the stops to provide such a brilliant and informative newsletter. A word of appreciation for our Board of Management and Parents' Association for their hard work and commitment to our school.

We are so proud of all of our pupils. It is wonderful to hear visitors to our school speak so highly of you all. You have settled in really well to the new school year. We've had a really enjoyable and progressive opening two months in school, and we look forward to the weeks and months ahead. Enjoy your well-deserved break boys and girls.

Just a reminder that the school will be closed from Monday, October 27th to Friday, October 31st inclusive for the mid-term break. I'd like to wish you all a safe and happy Hallowe'en.

Niall Bergin, Principal





School Developments

As our school grows, the need for space increases! Two new classrooms and two new Special Education rooms will be opening shortly. A pedestrian gate situated in the laneway beside our school will also come into action soon. Furthermore, a five classroom extension is at the design stage with the design team. Exciting times ahead for our school community. We will keep you posted on developments.

KILKENNY CBS - MS CONDON'S CLASS



KILKENNY CBS - MRS LARKIN'S CLASS











































New School Arrangements

As we prepare this newsletter, the **provisional** plan is as follows:

- 8:30am pupils from 2nd 6th access our Senior Yard which will be supervised.
- 8:45am pupils from Junior Infants 1st class access our Junior Yard (green gate) which will be fully supervised.
- 1:45pm Junior Infants can be collected at black inner gate (as per current arrangements).
- 1:45pm Senior Infants can be collected at green gate.
- 2:45pm 1st class will exit the school via the green gate.

Please note we will contact you before these provisional arrangements take effect.

Road Safety

Our school is situated on a very busy street, we urge parent(s)/guardian(s) to be extremely vigilant when dropping/collecting children from our school.

The pedestrian crossing in front of our school should be used when crossing the road. Furthermore, if you are allowing your child to walk down the pedestrian lane adjacent to our school, coming from Roberts Hill, Fr. Murphy Square etc., please ensure you and your child are exercising due caution on the roads, footpaths before your child reaches the lane.

In the interests of Health & Safety, please note parent(s)/guardian(s) should not drive onto the school grounds at drop-off/collection time.



Parent-Teacher Meetings

Parent-Teacher meetings will be held on Tuesday, November 18th and Wednesday, November 19th. Our school will close at 2:15pm on both days. Appointments for PT meetings can be made after the mid-term break on Aladdin Connect.

Parent-Teacher Meetings



Sacraments

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

First Penance – Thursday, 12th March 2026.

First Holy Communion – 11am in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, 2nd May 2026.

 ${f Confirmation}-11 {\hbox{am in St. Mary's Cathedral on Friday, 6}^{\hbox{th}}}\ {\hbox{March 2026}}.$

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.





Parents' Association

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

Chairperson: Roisin Tyrrell & Sarah Shermer

Secretary: Áine Burke Treasurer: Danielle Malone

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

A huge word of thanks to our Parents' Association members for everything they do for the school. Thanks also to you, the parents of our children for your continued support of school events. Everything is greatly appreciated.

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



Christmas Jumper Sale

Our Parents Association are busy planning a Preloved Christmas Jumper Sale. We are appealing for any Christmas Jumpers or Christmas clothing that you may no longer have use for. All clothes can be dropped into the school after midterm break and the PA will be in touch early November with further details. All money raised in this fundraiser will go towards school resources.



Team Hope Shoebox Appeal

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



How to fill a shoebox for Team Hope: https://share.google/kylqa5GIEKotDT2fw

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

Mrs. N. Ryan, Team Hope Coordinator.







Choir

Our school choir are up and running for 2025-26 under the guidance of Mrs. Bolger. Boys from $3^{rd} - 6^{th}$ class are welcome to join the choir. Practices take place on Mondays at 12 noon and Tuesdays at 8:40am.



The boys will have a busy November and December as they will be performing at our Information Night and the Lions Club Christmas Appeal on Thursday, December 11th.



Christmas Cards for Schools

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

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

Parents will have the option of ordering a pack of 10 cards, at a cost of €8.50 per pack, to send to friends and relations for Christmas. The deadline for orders will be decided after the mid-term break. Parents are under no obligation to order cards.



Music Generation Kilkenny

We are delighted to have Music Generation Kilkenny working in our school. Pupils from Junior Infants – 1^{st} class engage with the Music Makers Programme with Sandra. Pupils in 2^{nd} and 3rd class take part in percussion and samba drumming with Tom, and pupils from $4^{\text{th}}-6^{\text{th}}$ class have ukulele lessons with Paul.

In addition to this wonderful work, our 3rd and 4th class pupils will be taking part in the 'Sing Out' Concert on Friday, December 12th. Barbara and Claire will be working with these two classes after the mid-term break.

We thank Music Generation Kilkenny for their expertise and commitment to our school.



Information Evening

We will be hosting an Information Evening on Thursday, November 27th at 7.30pm in the School Hall. A reminder that we will be enrolling Junior Infants to 2nd class girls and boys, and boys only from 3rd to 6th class.

Applications for September 2026 will be accepted from Monday, January 5th to Friday, January 30th 2026 for Junior Infants and other classes. Application forms will be available in the school office and on our website <u>cbsprimarykilkenny.ie</u>

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















On Thursday, November 27th @ 7.30pm in the School Hall.

Inviting parents interested in finding out more about our school.

Junior Infants — 2nd Class Girls & Boys and Boys from 3rd - 6th Class.

See the fantastic facilities that we have to offer in Scoil Iognáid de Rís.



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





Primary Schools Cross Country Event

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



A huge word of well done to every boy who tried out, and in particular, to those who represented the school so well on the day in the Castle Park. A particular word of congratulations to Aaron Tyrrell who won a silver medal in the 5th class race.



A word of thanks to Mr. Cunniffe and Mr. Farrell for looking after the boys.

Green Schools

How can parents, guardians and all community members help?

Here are some tips from our Green Schools committee.

- Encourage pupils to bring reusable flasks and lunchboxes to school.
- Reduce, reuse, recycle when possible.
- Plant flowers and plants to attract bees and butterflies.
- Bring old clothes to clothes banks.
- Recycle batteries.
- Encourage greener ways to travel when possible- such as walking, cycling, carpooling, park and stride.

We all have a part to play in looking after our environment, however big or small. Every little helps.

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 midterm break.

Miss Boyle and all the Green Team.

And remember:

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



Extra Curricular Activities

Our Extra Curricular Activities Programme started in early October. 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.

Swimming

Swimming classes for 4th & 5th classes will start on **Thursday, 6th November** and the lessons will continue each Thursday from 9.30am – 10.15am for six weeks in the Watershed.

The fee is €55, and payment can be processed on Aladdin Connect, by cash or in instalments.

C.B.S. Afterschool Yoga

We are really enjoying our afterschool yoga and mindfulness classes. We are learning how to be mindful with our movement, build strength and flexibility while learning to use our breath to create energy or calm. Lots of games, music, relaxation and of course yoga flows. Building friendships and having fun



Go Green for Halloween



On Thursday, October 24th, we held a dress up fashion event in the school, entitled 'Go Green for Halloween'.

Our aim was to encourage pupils to reuse and recycle old costumes or even use recycled materials to create their own spooky designs.

Of course, all other scary creatures are also most welcome. We enjoyed seeing all these spooky characters and ghoulish creations on the day and we hope you do too!









Go Green for Halloween













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Our Green School Committee 2025-26

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

Happy Halloween And Stay Green!!!







Maths Week

Maths Week was celebrated across the school from October 13th to 17th. It was a hugely enjoyable experience for all of our pupils who got to take part in a wide range of fun mathematical activities. Some of these included classes solving daily maths problems, designing their own headline stories, using IZAK 9 cubes, taking part in online webinars and so much more. We also had our annual junior and senior maths quizzes. The entire week was filled with fun events and was enjoyed by all.







School Gaelic Football

Our school gaelic football team have been very busy over the last number of weeks. The boys have made huge improvements game on game, and they have qualified for the quarter finals which will take place after the Mid Term break.

A sincere word of thanks to Mr. Fitzpatrick, Ms. Cantwell and Mr. Farrell for their time and dedication to training the team. Thanks also to parents who supported our teams in many different ways during the year.







Dicksboro G.A.A.

We are extremely grateful to Dicksboro G.A.A. Club for supporting our school. Every Friday, Steven Farrell, Games Promotion Officer for Dicksboro, calls to our school to coach all of our pupils. This has proven to be a huge hit and the pupils are really enjoying the sessions. The children have been working on their hurling/camogie skills since September.













Lego Construction Club

Term 1 of CBS Lego Club has shown once again the creativity and imagination of our amazing members. Club members build, create, and battle their way through the most exciting and varied themes every week.

Week 1 was our **Free Play Fun** and is where some of our most unique builds come to fruition. During our Free Play sessions, you have the ability to create anything you dream up — spaceships, castles, robots, animals... the possibilities are endless! Members can build solo or team up with friends for even bigger and better creations. Presentations to the groups are optional, but they give some amazing insights, tips and tricks that can help with future builds.















Week 2 was Build Your Own Minecraft Game

Members designed their own Minecraft-style game/landscape. Creating their own world, design characters, caves and waterfalls to name a few. This provided a mix of digital inspiration and hands-on creativity further developing their skills.







Week 3 was Create Your Own Beyblade Challenge Always a popular session, participants designed, built, tested and tweaked their spinning battle top Beyblade before the ultimate test

The LEGO Beyblade Knockout Tournament!

Members participated in a Beyblade battle knockout tournament. Using an arena and spinning their unique custom-built Beyblades going head-to-head.

These matches provided much excitement and some very surprising results. A few David and Goliath battles ensued. We will continue our knockout tournament after Halloween break to crown the ultimate champion.

There are three more sessions when we return after our break. We look forward to having more fun and innovation from a very talented CBS team! We would like to thank Ms. Walsh for the use of Room 1.







Tennis

Twenty one boys from 2nd to 6th class have been taking part in tennis lessons every Thursday for the last three weeks. Boys have been working on all of the skills necessary to play the game of tennis. Each lesson focused on specific shot or skill. Our focus was on learning the skills through fun co-operative and competitive games.

The boys have worked on their forehand and backhands so far. Well done to each and every one of the boys who all made great progress so far this term. A special word of well done to the boys for their great attitude towards learning new skills and shots. We look forward to learning new shots such as the serve, volley and smash over the coming weeks. Great effort boys.













Tennis

We do tennis with Mr. Reidy every Thursday. First, we do warm up exercises. After that we do some drills and skills. We play games like red light, amber light and green light. Later we do ball games like throwing and passing the ball. Then we use rackets to serve the ball to our partner or roll the ball to the cone. After a while we bounce the ball to the other person and the other person has to hit the ball with the racket. Tennis is great fun and we look forward to it each week.

By Jeremiah, Edwin & Nathan





School Calendar 2025-2026

TERM 1

Friday, 24th October: Presidential Elections (school closed).

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

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

Tuesday, 18th November: Parent-Teacher meetings (School closing at 2.15pm)

Wednesday, 19th November: Parent-Teacher meetings (School closing at 2.15pm)

Thursday, 27th November: Information Evening at 7.30pm in the School Hall

for Parent(s)/Guardian(s) for of incoming students,

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).

Friday, 6th March: Confirmation in St. Mary's Cathedral at 11am

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.

Saturday, 2nd May: First Holy Communion in St. Mary's Cathedral at 11am.

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.





Ms. Condon's Junior Infants Class

What a busy first term we have had in Junior Infants! The children have settled into our school so well and have been learning so much. Most mornings, we have our fine motor activities and that is helping strengthen our fingers for our writing. 6th class boys come and help us which is so much fun.







We have been learning all about syllables, rhymes and we are almost ready to start our sounds. After the mid-term we will begin our sounds using the Jolly Phonics Programme.



In Maths we have worked on sorting colours, shapes and much more. We learned how to make patterns. We have been counting and have started learning our numbers. We even used a five frame. Maths Week was so exciting as we went on a Maths hunt, played hopscotch with 5th class and the children made Maths hats and posters. The standard was unbelievable, and it made for a very exciting day in school.







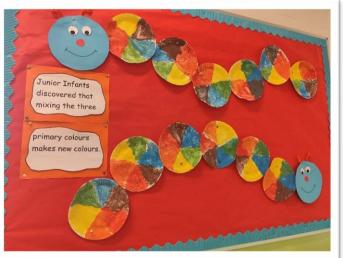




We went on our first class outing where we went on an autumn hunt and went to see Kenny's Well. We have been learning all about autumn, hedgehogs, squirrels and leaves. We have been cycling every week with Róisín and have learned some new skills.



We learned all about the colour wheel and the three primary colours and even did an experiment called travelling colours.



We have been busy preparing for Hallowe'en learning about all the traditions and even making our own potions!!







It is amazing to see these little boys and girls grow and adapt to their new school life. We look forward to the next term. Well done to you all and I hope you enjoy the much-earned rest.

Ms. Condon





Mrs. Larkin's Junior Infants Class

All the boys and girls in Junior Infants have settled in well to CBS. They have been working hard at all their lessons and have been very busy making friends along the way.

We were so fortunate to have two 6th class boys helping us three mornings per week with our fine motor activities. The big boys love to have the opportunity to help us out and the junior infants have made great friends with them! In Junior Infants, learning through play is so important.





In September, the children played a lot in the home corner, making meals for each other, playing families and packing the shopping away.

In October, our theme was 'The Farm'. We set up a farmer's market in our classroom where the children could work or go shopping. They learned about produce from the farm, about the animals on the farm and about different types of fruit and vegetables. We also enjoyed a lovely nature walk in our local community where we were busy spotting all the signs of Autumn.



Our art lessons have been very exciting as we have made so many different things, from fluffy monsters and shape monsters to autumn trees and Halloween spiders! It's clear we have many budding artists in our class.



We love our music lessons every Thursday with Sandra. We are learning new songs, playing games, and learning how to keep the beat.







We have also been lucky enough to have cycling lessons with Róisín and Jason. This was great fun with lots of games and even races!



Maths Week was such fun for us as we enjoyed Maths games in class, a Maths trail with 6th class and lots of children made amazing Maths hats and posters. We visited all the classes to show off all our hard work.





This week our theme is Halloween, and we have read lots of lovely stories and learned some great Halloween songs. Our favourite is the Wackiest Witch song! We have done some Halloween colouring, pattern pages and we've even played a fishing game where we must catch some Halloween treats and characters. We are really looking forward to Thursday when we can dress up in our costumes and show them off to all our school friends. We will have great fun in the hall doing our costume parade and dancing to Halloween songs. We are very excited to go trick or treating too. Have a happy and safe











Mrs. Ryan's Senior Infants Class

The girls and boys in Room 6 had a wonderful start to Senior Infants. They have been working really hard in class and have enjoyed a wide variety of activities. The girls and boys have been very kind to each other and played well together; they also welcomed new members to our classroom. We celebrated several pupils' birthdays this term Noah, Fiadh, Rodrigo and Abdullah.













We have been lucky to have Sandra from Music Generation and Roisin from Cycling Ireland working with our class this term.









We also enjoyed taking part in Maths Week and created great number posters to show the other infant classes.









We have explored our autumn theme and created our leafmen inspired by the book "Leafman" by Lois Ehlert.

We even tried to draw a portrait of Mr. Bergin.















Ms. Walsh's Senior Infants Class



The boys and girls in Room 1 have been working hard since returning to school at the end of September. We have been practicing our letters, numbers and lots of new songs among many other things.

We teamed up with 5th class during Maths Week and completed a Maths trail looking at all the different numbers, shapes and colours around our school building and yard. The 5th class boys were really kind and helpful and we enjoyed the activity so much.





We also completed our cycling workshops with Róisín this term. We learned all about turning and using our brakes, playing lots of fun games on the pedal and balance bikes.





Learning through play is a big part of Senior Infants and we have been so busy this term building with Lego and cubes, drawing, dressing up and even making spooky potions in the Witches' Den.







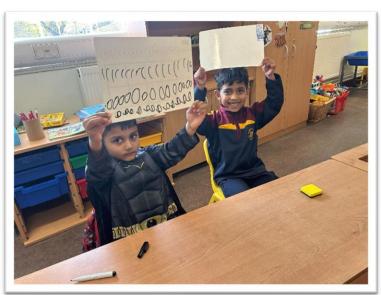






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Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable Halloween break!















Ms. Cantwell's Class

Hello everyone! It is hard to believe that we are approaching the first mid-term break of the school year. We have had a fantastic start to the school year, and the pupils should be so proud of all of their hard work. Similar to last year, our first couple of months back at school have certainly been action packed and full of fun and learning!







We were very lucky to have spent so many breaktimes playing together out in the school field with the lovely weather during September. Some of our pupils also had cycling lessons, tag rugby and GAA sessions over the last few weeks while some other pupils enjoyed doing some running training in the school field with their classmates. We also practised our throwing skills this month by using the basketball hoops in our school yard. There was great excitement when we scored a basket or two!







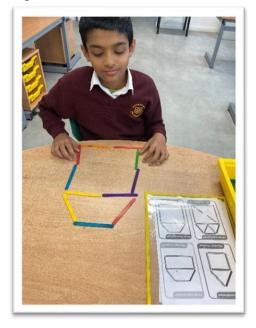
We explored the signs of autumn outdoors too during September and October. We completed some autumn themed artwork and activities to go with it. We made dragon flies using 'helicopter seeds' and painted autumn trees using the colours we saw during our learning in class and during our outdoor exploring.



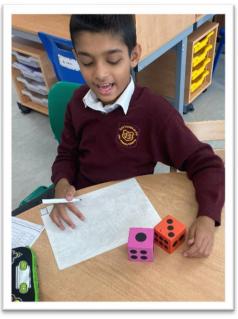




Maths Week was another enjoyable time in our school this term. We completed some mathematical activities using lollipop sticks, pom poms, magnetic tiles and lots more concrete materials. We worked hard to create different shaped houses and buildings, make patterns, sort and count our pom poms and even completed maths quizzes!







The build up to Halloween has been very exciting in our class and the pupils really enjoyed decorating our spooky classroom once again with the help of Mrs. O'Neill, Mrs. Malone and Mrs. Dalton.

We have been so excited about Halloween that we incorporated the theme into our artwork and fine motor skills work this month. We made potions and practised squeezing all of the spooky liquid into the 'cauldron', we found lots of spiders in our rice and letters tray, and we even found a very large, furry spider and a purple bat in amongst our cuddly teddies in the sensory room!









We cannot wait for our Halloween Dress Up Day on Thursday where we will get to show everyone our amazing costumes! We look forward to seeing what everyone dresses up as on the day too.

Happy Halloween and enjoy the well-deserved mid-term break boys!

Ms. Cantwell







Mr. Fitzpatrick's 1st Class

Extra-Curricular

First Class have been busy taking part in fun extra-curricular activities! The children have really enjoyed learning new skills in hurling and cycling. In hurling, they practised striking, catching, and working together as a team with their GAA coach Steven. During cycling sessions, the pupils learned how to ride safely and look after their bikes. Everyone had great fun, stayed active, and grew more confident with each activity!























Music Generation Kilkenny

First Class have been enjoying wonderful music sessions with Sandra from Music Generation Kilkenny. The children have been learning lots of fun songs and rhymes, using body percussion to keep the beat and explore rhythm. They love clapping, stamping, and tapping along to the music, and each lesson is filled with singing.

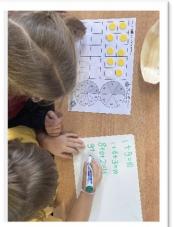


Maths

Boys and girls of 1st class have been very busy using concrete materials to help them learn important mathematical concepts so far this year. They have enjoyed using such materials to aid them in their learning of shapes, addition and lots more!





















Mrs. Moloney's 2nd Class

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



We had a lovely outing to the Castle Park to celebrate National Tree Day. We had a nature walk and a scavenger hunt, and we collected lots of leaves and nuts and signs of Autumn and used our leaves to create wonderful Leaf Men' in Art Class. The theme for the day was 'Building a Better Future', and we are celebrated the 'Scott's Pine' tree. We looked at how amazing trees are, why they are so important to our planet and the simple things we can do to care for nature.







We are looking forward to our visit to the Mayfair Library in early November and are so lucky in our school to have all these fantastic amenities on our doorstep!

During Maths Week we had lots of fun solving problems each day and enjoyed a fun table quiz to finish off an enjoyable week.

We looked at Exploration Writing in English and Enjoy DEAR time each day with our Library books.

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





On Friday morning we have hurling training with Stephen our coach. We really enjoy these sessions and have learned lots of new skills and enjoyed many mini matches. We also visited the astroturf regularly to brush up on our soccer skills. Every Friday afternoon we love our Golden Time when we get a chance to play boardgames and build Lego with our friends. We have some amazing engineers in our room.

We dressed up for Hallowe'en, and our teacher could hardly recognise us. We played Hallowe'en Bingo, and our teacher was on high alert for the day with lots of strange characters in the classroom! Well done to all the boys in Room 11 for all your hard work this term. Tús maith leath na hoibre! Enjoy a well-earned rest and Happy Hallowe'en to all!









Mr. Leahy's 3rd Class

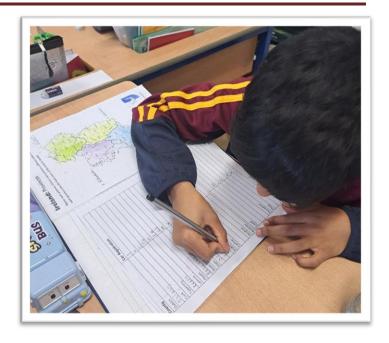
Hello there everyone and welcome to the 3rd Class section of the Autumn Newsletter. We have been working really hard since September, and we cannot wait to tell you about our endeavours. We have had a student teacher, Ms. Glavin, helping to teach us over the past few weeks. She has made lessons fun and interesting.





In English we worked hard over the course of September reading lots of examples of letters. We then wrote a letter to Mr. Leahy which we typed on the chromebooks. They are proudly displayed in the corridor.

In Geography we have been learning a lot about our place in the world. Our lessons have included Irish Provinces and Counties. We used the iPads to help with our map activities which was fun and played lots of memory games in class where the last one left standing won points for their team. We also did several lessons about the types of buildings and homes found around us.



History has been just as fun covering topics like the Stone Age. Here we looked in particular of evidence from the Mesolithic period and created our version of Cave Paintings as seen in the Lascaux Caves in France. These along with other activities about Newgrange formed the basis of our projects. These projects can be seen on the corridor. We also learned about the Celtic Stories Fionn MacCumhaill.

As Gaeilge, we have been very busy. We have been improving our Irish Comhrá (Conversation), reading scéalanna, and even writing letters.

In Music, we have really enjoyed learning to sing some new songs with Mr. Leahy playing the guitar. Music Generation has also been great. We have all had the chance to play lots of different percussion instruments each week. Ms. Galvin has also been teaching us about the pulse of a piece of music.

In Maths we have worked hard at perfecting addition and subtraction. We used lollipop sticks and counters to learn about renaming. This made it easier to understand. Maths Week saw us playing lots of games and having fun.







PE has been super exciting with trips to the Astroturf, hurling with Steven and a Benchball Tournament. The boys in our class enjoyed trying out for the school cross country team.











Art has seen us improving our Line Drawing, Leaf Art and constructing Halloween themed Cereal Box Monsters.















That's all for now. Until next time, Happy Halloween!





Ms. Brennan's 4th Class

Welcome to October's news headlines from Room 7! We've had an exciting and busy start to our year together. Read on to see just some of what we've gotten up to.

We played co-operative games over the first couple of days of the term, as we settled back into school after the summer break.





In Science, we learned how to make an air-powered car using a balloon!





Noel from Kilkenny Rugby Club paid us a visit for two fun Tag Rugby sessions.



We were talking about school, and rooms in our home as part of Gaeilge lessons this term.



Bhíomar ag caint faoin scoil, agus faoi sheomraí inár dteach mar chuid de na ceachtanna Gaeilge an téarma seo.

Congratulations to Harry, who was recently elected on to the Student Council, following lovely speeches from all the candidates. It was also a great opportunity to learn more about politics in Ireland,



including the upcoming Irish Presidential election.

We have been enjoying our hurling sessions on Friday afternoons!







The pupils of 4th class have started their ukulele lessons with Paul from Music Generation.



Tiarnán and the Green Schools Committee have been busy around the school.





In Art lessons, we've been working with clay to create Autumnal trees.



Well done to Jack, Harry, Chase, Rían, Tiarnán and James, who represented 4th Class with pride at a recent Harriers Cross-Country event.



As part of our work in History on Ancient Greece, we had a fun Drama lesson where pupils had the opportunity to 'interview' a Greek god! Here's Harry and Eoin in action.



Maths Week is always an exciting time in the CBS. Here's one of our quiz teams working hard to find a solution to some tricky questions!







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

My first day at CBS Primary

I was very nervous on my first day at the CBS Primary, but after we went into the class, I realized it was a half day, so I was very happy. First thing in the morning we do Irish, then Maths. At the CBS we have lots of different activities and the teachers and pupils are friendly. We do lots of fun stuff like games while doing work and PE like rugby and hurling. I love CBS Primary School.

By Bhavin

Maths Week

Let's talk about Maths Week. Firstly, I would like to say it was fun, and we did a lot of maths. We did a maths quiz with 6th class. It was enjoyable, and 2 teams drew at 33 out of 36 points. Mr Cunniffe gave an extra question, called a tiebreaker and they drew again. Either way it was a great afternoon, and I hope we do it again soon. We also did a Maths trail with Ms. Walsh's class senior infants. It was cool, and they were good at maths and a well-behaved class. Maths Week was brilliant, and I hope we do it again next year.

By Haziq & Asad







The Neuron

We have been learning about neurons for the past month. We did a project of building a neuron out of anything we wanted. It was very fun! Our teacher made a competition and the best neuron wins! I can't wait to see who wins! Hopefully it's me.

Neurons are tiny little cells. Neurons live in our brain. They help us to learn. Did you know you have more than a billion neurons! Let's learn some fun facts about the neuron!

- Dendrites

 Soma

 Synapse

 Ranvier node

 Axon hillock

 Sheathed axon

 Myelin cell
- Counting all your neurons would take more than 3,000 years!
- Your brain has more than a hundred billion neurons!
- Did you know that we have more neurons than the number of stars in our galaxy, The Milky Way.
- Our neurons send signals at super speed. They use electricity to power our brain.
- We can learn anything!

By Ehaab & Marcel





The CBS Choir

In the CBS Primary School there is a wonderful choir, in which children learn different songs depending on the time of year. If the year is coming close to Communion or Confirmation the songs are religious songs such as, Eagles wings, Holy, Holy, Holy and Christ be our Light.

The choir performs at Open Nights, Kilkenny Castle and Saint Mary's Cathedral. Joining the choir is free, fun and awesome. You should really look into it! Going back to songs, some of the songs we are doing right now are N17, Kileagh and Old Town. They are really nice songs. But what I look forward to most is the Christmas Choir, sometime about 15th or 20th of December we perform a bunch of Christmas songs. My favourite is Felis Navidad.

By Isaac

Hurling CBS Primary

Our hurling coach is Stephen. We do games, skills and matches every Friday. Stephen is from Dicksboro. He helps our school team. He comes every Friday to help with our skills and fitness. He helps people who have never played hurling before and people who have played for years. He encourages people to be good at hurling and go for a team. We look forward to every Friday to go hurling with Stephen.

By Reece. K and Atakan. A

CBS Gaelic Football

This year we are training with the Senior Football Team. We train every Monday and Wednesday. We start training at 2:45pm and we finish at 3:45pm. We begin training with drills and we do a match at the end of training. We have played 5 matches so far. We won 3 and lost 2 so we are in the quarter final after mid-term. We love playing with our school team. The training sessions are great fun, and we love wearing the CBS colours.

By Oisín & Jack

Tag rugby

Our class played tag rugby this term, and we would like to tell you about it. I 'Martin' would like to say that I think that rugby was very fun. It is an exciting game and is perfect for kids. Luca and I would like to say also that this game can be intense, hard work but worth it. Noel does brilliant games. It is very enjoyable and exciting. We enjoy it so much that we love the coach because he gives us funny nicknames like 'Gobby' or 'Speedy' and 'Curly Sue'. We learn lots of skills that we can use in other sports too. We really want to do it again soon.

By Martin and Luca

Ukulele with Paul (Music Generation)

We are going to tell you about ukulele with Paul. We have lessons every Tuesday. First, Paul tells us the chords and how to play them. Then we put our new chords into practice in songs. Here are some of the songs that we have played over the last couple of years: Demons, On top of the world, Counting Stars, Shotgun, Let it be, Zombie and many more.

We have played most of these songs at the Ukulele Jam. Going to the Ukulele Jam is great craic. We get to perform with lots of schools in the SET Theatre and sing all the songs together.



Overall, Paul is the best ukulele teacher ever and we look forward to these lessons each week.

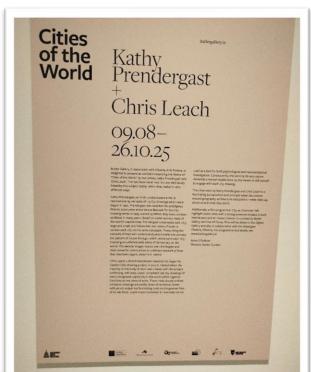




Ms. Curran's 6th Class

Visit to Butler Gallery

A big thank you to the staff at Butler Gallery for facilitating our 6th class boys on a very engaging and informative tour of Butler Gallery and exhibition exploring the theme of 'Cities of the World' by two artists, Kathy Prendergast and Chris Leach. Kathy compresses each city, large and small, and follows her own sense of scale to contain each city on the same size paper. Chris Leach completed 196 tiny drawings of every recognised capital city in the world which together functions as one piece of work. The boys used magnifying glasses to try and identify each city and compare and contrast architecture and the way in which each artist capture each city on paper.





Maths Week - Maths Leaders

Well done to our Room 8, 6th class boys who displayed fantastic leadership skills while using their maths talk skills to lead Mrs. Larkins Junior Infants Maths Trail. A perfect activity for the end of CBS Maths Week 2025.



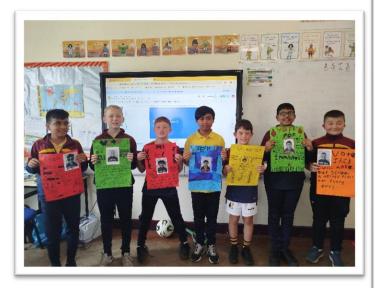






Student Council Elections

Our Student Council Election Campaign has come to a close. The boys worked hard on their campaign posters, speeches and agendas. After a well contested campaign there were two clear winners. Well done to Raymond and Cillian who will be part of our School Council for their final year in CBS.



Artwork

We hope you enjoy this artwork as much as we enjoyed making it!





Well done to all the boys in Room 8 for all your hard work this term. Enjoy a well-earned rest and Happy Hallowe'en to all!







Mr. Cunniffe's 6th Class

Junior Infant Stations

This year, Room 9 are doing stations with junior infants. Each week two different boys from our class go down to Junior Infants, four mornings a week to work with them. The stations take around twenty to thirty minutes. The junior infants are doing a lot of different activities, with the guidance of the 6th class boys. There are different activities every week, but they are all to improve their skills like cutting with scissors and many other things. We all really enjoyed it and look forward to when it is our turn to go again later in the year.

By Adam Sipos and James Cunniffe

Japan brochure

In school we had a brochure competition about Japan. We folded a page into thirds and recorded facts about Japan with drawings as well. The front cover included the Japanese flag and Nippon, Japanese for Japan. On page 2 we had a fact file of Japan. Page 3 was all about Mount Fuji. Page 4 was a map of Japan. Page 5 was about samurai and page 6 was a topic of our choice. Five winners were selected. We voted on the top 3 and Mr. Cunniffe chose another 2. Adrian, Desmond, Ales, Hugh and James C. won. It was an incredible experience, and everyone had lots of fun.

By Adrian Harkin and Desmond Armitage





Maths Week

During Maths Week our class did a lot of fun activities some of which are:

- A maths quiz with the 6th and 5th class.
- Brain snacks.
- Maths games.
- Izak9 cubes.
- And lots more.

The maths quiz was a tie between 2 teams, the people on these teams were:

Team 1: Corey, Ryan, Luca, Saif.

Team 2: Dawid, Johan, Greg, Senan.

By Corey Fox and Dawid Dolasinski







Butler Gallery Visit

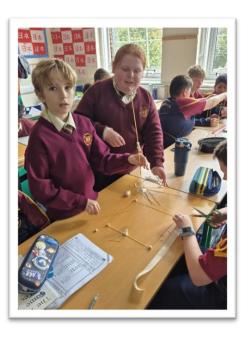
On Friday the 17th of October our class had a trip to Butler gallery to see the Cities of the World exhibition. First, we had a basic tour around the gallery. The first place we went was to a small room with photos of the history of Butler Gallery. James told us about the history of Butler Gallery. We then went upstairs where we saw paintings from many different artists that were based in Kilkenny. That was not the main reason we were there; we were there to go and see the Cities of the World exhibition. The exhibition was in a white room with a wall in the middle that didn't reach either side of the room. The two groups of pieces of art in this exhibition were capital cities carved into pieces of wood 40mm by 32.5mm. They were made by Chris Leach. These pieces were put on the white wall in the middle of the room. The other pieces were maps of capital cities drawn by hand on A4 paper made by Kathy Prendergast. These were on the outer walls of the room. All together there were 113 cities made by Chris Leach and 196 by Kathy Prendergast. We thought that it was amazing how skilled the artists were. We look forward to visiting sometime in the future.

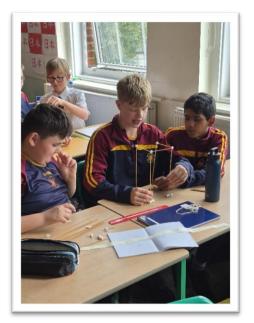
By Conor Bowe and Noah Quirke Duggan

STEM Spaghetti Tower Challenges

This year we did a challenge where we had to build the largest spaghetti tower we could using only spaghetti, tape, string and marshmallows. Although the spaghetti and marshmallows went bad, they still worked very well. The tallest tower was probably 56cm but mine was like 45cm. We were only allowed to build it for 20 minutes and it had to stay standing to count. This challenge was very suspenseful and.... well challenging.

By Jack Smith and Dima Sulyk







Cross Country

Cross Country trials take place every September from third to sixth class. 3rd class ran 500m, 4th class ran 800m, 5th class ran 1000m and 6th class ran 1200m. On the day of the race everyone was very nervous. There were thirty kids competing from CBS Primary Kilkenny. As we headed down to the Castle Park there was a load of nervous chatter, mixed emotions and excitement in the air. We waited around for them to call the races (especially the sixth class one). As we watched, the nerves were higher







than ever before. We watched as our fellow schoolmates achieved brilliant results such as James O Connor coming fifth and Aaron Tyrell getting second. As we heard the sixth-class girls being called, we started to prepare for our race by doing stretches. The nerves were really starting to hit us. The race was long and tiring with a pupil from Gaelscoil coming first but the satisfaction of finishing the race was brilliant.

By Harry Kiely and Ryan Mathew

Sport

On Tuesday we do rugby with Noel from 1:00pm - 1:45pm which we do for three weeks, and he does games like countries where you have to rob the rugby ball from the other team and actual rugby games which are always great fun and very competitive. Finally, we have been swimming in the watershed for the last couple of weeks. There is a set timetable for everyone. Our slot is from 9:30am to 10:15am which is just in time, so we get back for break time.







On Thursday for P.E. We have been going to the cage in Freebooters. We all loved doing the exercise on a Thursday evening. We have some great footballers in our class and there have been some great games. A special mention to Matthew Stapleton who scored an absolute wonder goal to draw the game in the last second! These last few weeks we've been doing hurling with Steven. He has started hurling training with the hurling panel and it's from 11:00am - 12:30pm. We think that it's a very good way to exercise on a Monday and a Friday.

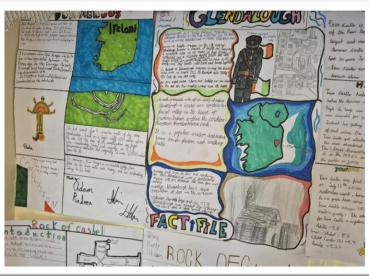
By Dylan McGee and Hugh O' Donoghue

Irish History Projects

This year we had to make a project based on Glendalough, Trim Castle, The Rock of Cashel, Dun Aengus or Skellig Michael. We had 2 weeks to finish it and the best 2 won a homework pass and everyone else got a subject pass. We worked in groups. The winners were Rock of Cashel and Trim Castle. We enjoyed the group work because it was a change from normal work. We had to use the chrome books to research all the facts. The projects are displayed in our classroom. This was really fun because we worked with friends and not by ourselves.

By Ales Rampacek and Aron Manoj















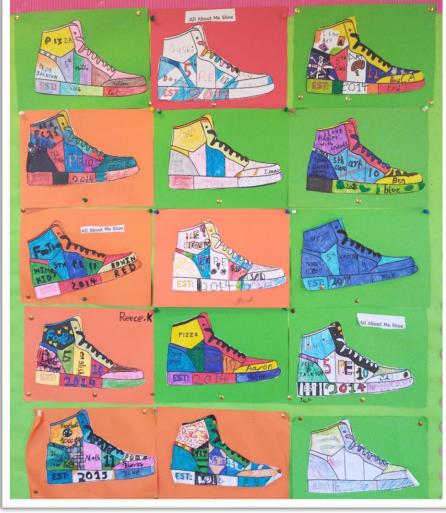


















We look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Monday, November 3rd, 2025.