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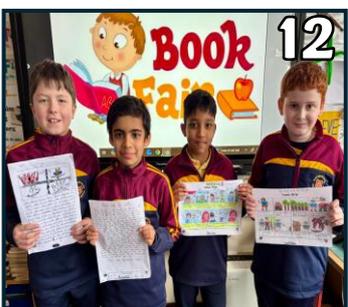
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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

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

A special word for our 2nd Class boys who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, March 12th. We look forward to your First Holy Communion Day on Saturday, May 2nd at 11am in St. Mary's Cathedral.

We take great pride in our school and the quality of education we provide for our pupils. I thank you most sincerely for your continued support, co-operation and commitment to our school. We are blessed with an exceptionally good staff, Parents' Association and Board of Management who want nothing but the very best for every pupil in our school. I'd like to extend our appreciation to Ms. Emily Hayde for the contribution she has made to our school. Ms. Hayde was covering Ms. Ní Bheacháin's leave. We wish Ms. Hayde the very best in the future. We look forward to welcoming Ms. Ní Bheacháin back to school after the Easter break.

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

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

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

Le gach dea – ghuí,

Niall Bergin,

Principal





Confirmation



Well done to the thirty-two 6th Class pupils who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Mary's Cathedral on Friday, March 6th. It was wonderful to have Rev. Dermot Ryan celebrate the Sacrament.

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

A big congratulations to all the C.B.S Boys who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in a beautiful Ceremony in St. Mary's Cathedral on March 6th. We are very proud of each one of you and we hope you will look back on your Confirmation Day with fond memories.



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

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





First Penance/First Holy Communion



On Thursday, March 12th, our 2nd Class boys celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation in St. Mary's Cathedral. Congratulations boys and a huge word of thanks to Mrs. Moloney for preparing the boys so well. We look forward with anticipation to your First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2nd at 11.00am.

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

Parents' Association

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

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

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

School Uniform Policy (Update)

Following an extensive consultation process with parents, pupils, staff, the Board of Management, and consideration of student wellbeing, comfort, and practicality, the school will be moving to a tracksuit-only uniform from the beginning of the 2026-2027 academic year. From this date (**September 2026**), the current formal school uniform will no longer be required or used.

The school tracksuit will consist of:

- A school-branded tracksuit top (no change to current tracksuit top).
- School tracksuit bottoms. **
- A school polo shirt/school training top (no change to current polo shirt-training top).
- School shorts (no change to current shorts).
- Suitable runners.

** The current uncrested tracksuit bottoms will be acceptable (soft phase out in the 2026-2027 school year). However, all newly purchased tracksuit bottoms (school year 2026/2027) will carry the school crest.

Tracksuits and school clothing can be purchased in Duggans and Pauls.

Thank you for your continued support.

School Trip

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

3rd & 4th Class **Thursday, May 7th**
Hidden Valley Resort in Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.
The cost of the trip is €54.

2nd Class **Tuesday, June 9th**
Lets Go Camp in the Kingfisher Club, Waterford.
More details to follow.

5th & 6th Class **Wednesday, June 3rd**
Sport Ireland Campus and National Aquatic Centre.
The cost of the trip is €45.

Junior & Senior Infants **Date TBC**
Details to be confirmed.



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



Credit Union Quiz

Congratulations to our Credit Union team who have made it through 2 local rounds and will now be representing our school and the Kilkenny branch of the Credit Union in the National Finals in the RDS later on April 19th. We wish Adrian Harkin, Jack Flynn, Jack Ruth and Desmond Armitage the very best of luck and a special word of thanks to LJ Glennon who took part in Round 1.

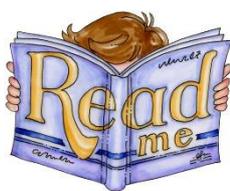
Indeed, it was a very busy term for quizzes. Our U11 quiz team acquitted themselves very well in the Credit Union U11 Quiz and we also had a team who took part in the Cumann na mBunscol Sports/GAA Quiz.





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.

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



During Book Week, 6th class pupils visited the Junior Infants classes for some shared reading.



Extra Curriculum Activities

Extra-Curricular Activities are hugely popular in our school, and we are very happy with the wide variety of activities available in our school.

 Art & Crafts	 Basketball	 Chess	 Choir
 Homework Club	 Lego Club	 Piano	 Tennis
 Gaelic Football	 Hurling	 Swimming	 Tag Rugby

and more throughout the year.

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

Enrolments 26/27

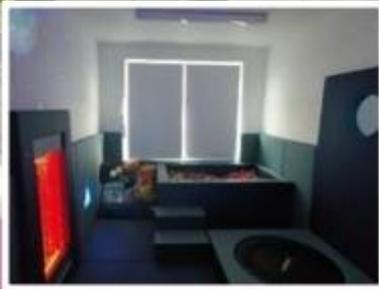
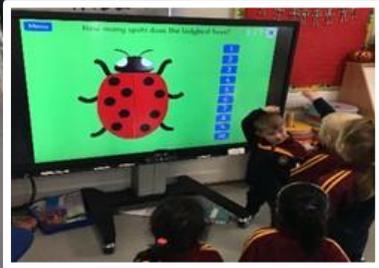
We are still accepting enrolment applications for the school year 2026/2027. Application forms are available from Tom in the office and our [school website](#).

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

We urge you to spread the good word about our school. Remember, next September we will **welcome Junior Infants – 2nd Class girls and boys and boys from 3rd – 6th Class**. We look forward to welcoming new pupils to our school.



Welcoming Junior Infants – 2nd Class Girls & Boys and Boys from 3rd – 6th Class in September 2026.



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



Easter Egg Hunt



On Wednesday, 25th March, we held an Easter Egg Hunt in the school field.

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





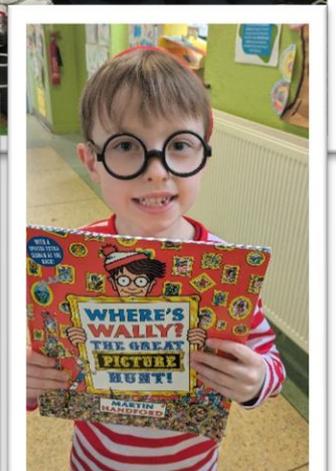
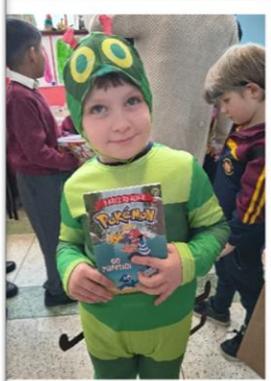
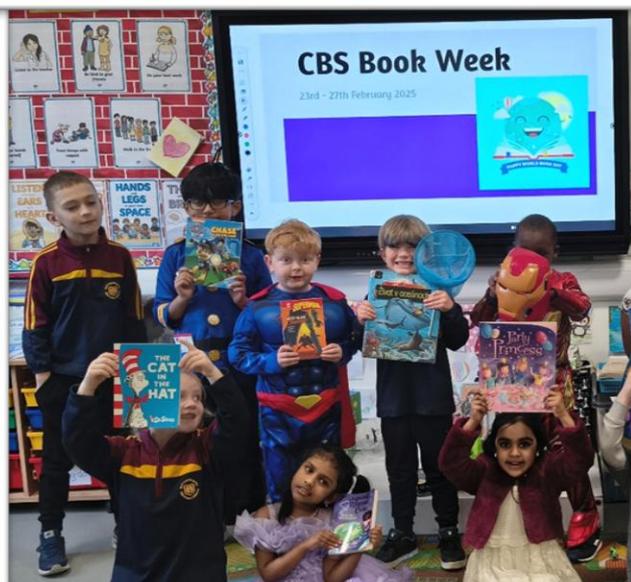
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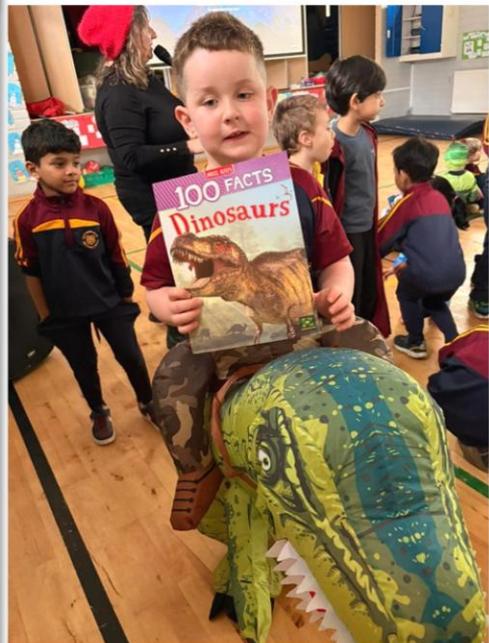




C.B.S. Book Week

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







Seachtain na Gaeilge

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





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.

After Easter, we will have lots of Green events to look forward to in Term 3 such as ‘Bike Week’, ‘Biodiversity Week’ and ‘Scoot to school’.



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

Miss Boyle and all the Green Team

And remember:

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





FAI Football Competition

Our 5-a-side soccer team competed in the Primary 5's competition recently. The Kilkenny competition clashed with our Confirmation Day, so we took part in the Waterford competition. The boys did exceptionally well remaining undefeated and qualified for the 2nd round (Kilkenny Finals) of the competition which took place in Thomastown. The team competed well but narrowly lost their games on the day. Well done to the team and thanks to Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Reidy for managing the team.



In addition to Steven's great work, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Ms. Walsh and Ms. Cantwell coach pupils every Monday and Wednesday after school for one hour. These sessions are open to pupils from 1st - 6th Class who would like to take part. Hopefully, with an improvement to the weather, we can get our lunchtime hurling leagues up and running after Easter.

Gaelic Football 7-a-side Blitz

In early March, we entered a team in a Gaelic Football 7-a-side blitz in Palmerstown. They played 3 games against Danesfort, St. Patrick's De La Salle and Kilkenny School Project. The boys had great fun and thoroughly enjoyed all. Well done to everybody who took part.



Dicksboro G.A.A.

A sincere word of thanks to Dicksboro GAA for providing a GAA coach, Steven Farrell, to our school every Friday. Every pupil in our school 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. The junior end of our school started hurling after the February Mid Term Break. They are really enjoying themselves. A reminder that hurls and helmets can be purchased through the office.



Soccer at the Astro

With the weather improving, the 6th classes had the opportunity to go to the astro turf and have fun. A sincere word of thanks to Freebooters Soccer Club for allowing us to use their fantastic facilities.





Lego Construction Club

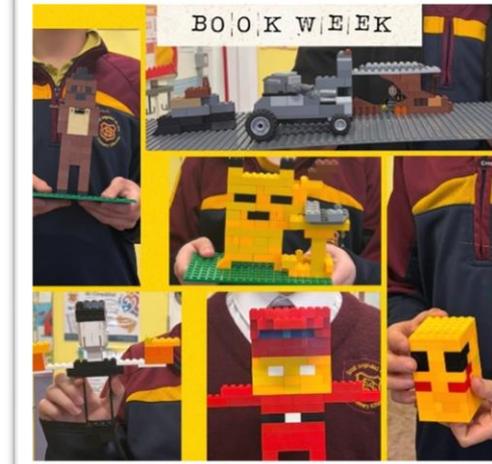
Term 2 of Lego Club provided many opportunities to challenge our members. This term was jam packed with our reliable and ever popular Free Play.



However, included in this term we saw the start of the Winter Olympics, inspiring us to create our own Winter sports challenges.



Book Week inspired our creativity, and we made builds from some of our favourite books, such as Dogman, Skulduggery Pleasant, Pokémon and a historical build from WW1.



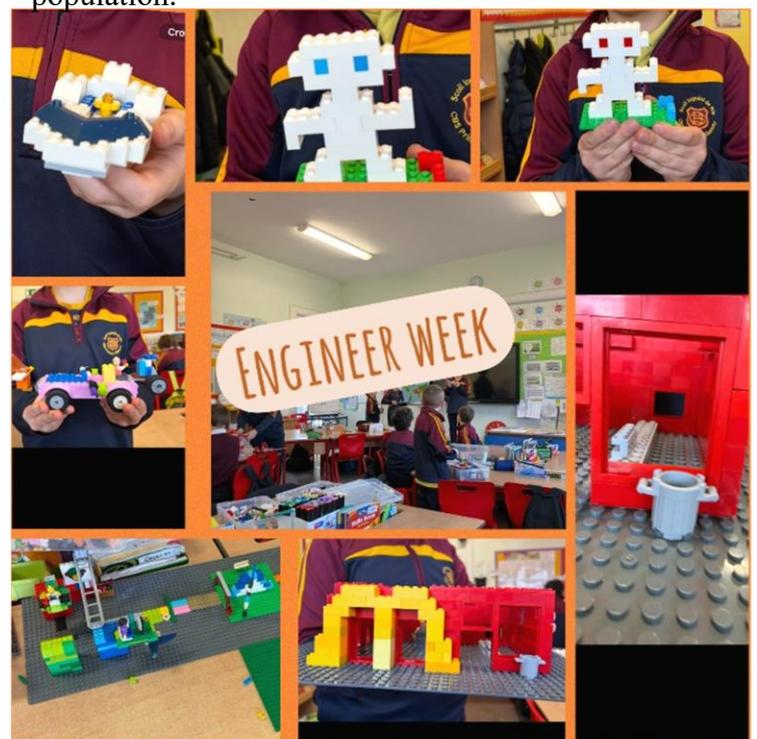
You would assume that all these imaginative and inventive builds would have us resting on our laurels but no!! We were soon into Engineer Week and once again members used their artistic and ingenious ideas to design a city of the future 2050.

Engineers Week 2026

Members approached this challenge with great enthusiasm. The objective was to imagine the city of the future in 2050, using renewable resources and materials to build a city that uses clean energy, considering power sources etc. Can we use materials that are thrown away? Thinking of a safe, clean environment for people to use and include accessible transport systems. Will robots work alongside us? With so much to consider, the brainstorming began and the build of our smart cities of the future. Members worked in groups and presented their completed builds.

Some clever design and innovative features were included, e.g. food waste used to power transport and the use of sun/wind/rain to power factories. An expansion of robotic servers in our restaurants and homes. The use of drones to assist public services. Spaceship travel was a common mode of transport in our 2050 city, and some cities were built on water to use the resource for power. Vertical growing walls to

use space wisely to accommodate a growing population.



On reflection during our presentations, it was clear the sky's the limit with the future engineers of C.B.S. Primary!





Games for All

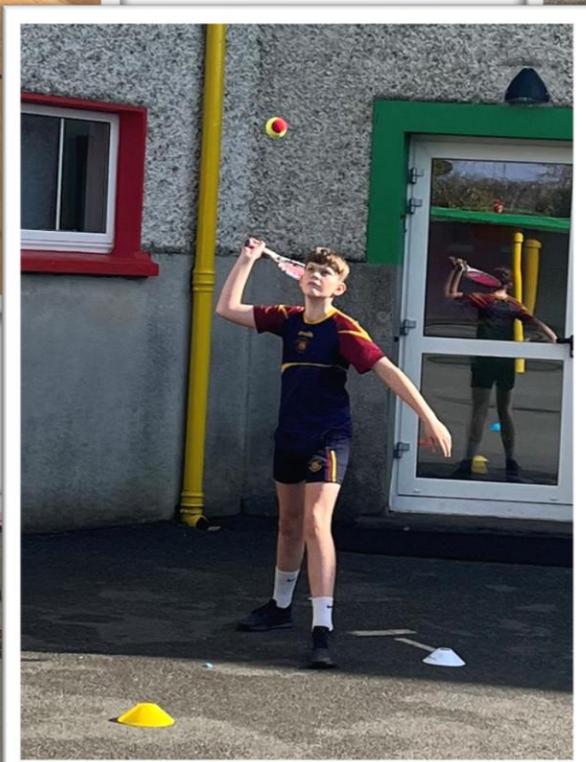
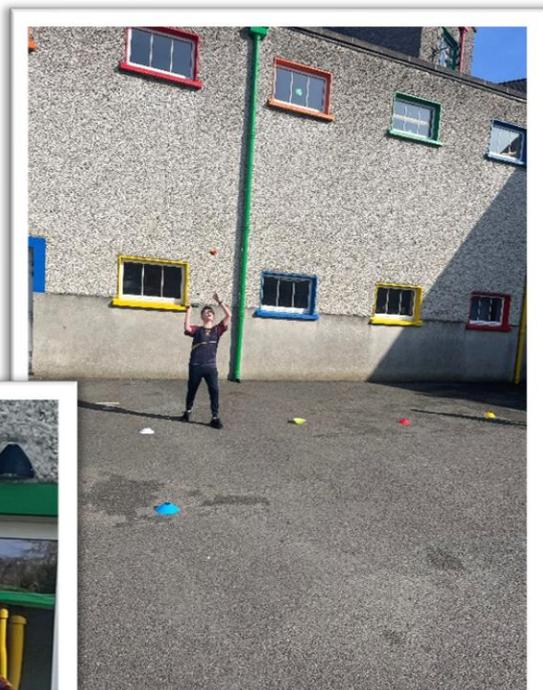
Boys and girls from 1st to 4th Class have had a great time in Games for All every week. We have played playground games like Drop the Biscuit, Snatch the Bacon and Circle Racing. We also played other games like Capture the Flag, Mission Impossible, dodgeball and basketball. We even played board games and card games with each other too. Everyone loved playing the games and getting to know children from other classes too.





Tennis

Nineteen boys from 2nd to 6th Class have taken part in tennis lessons every Thursday. Boys have been working on all the skills necessary to play the game of tennis. Each lesson focused on a 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 this term. Well done to every one of the boys who all made great progress so far this term. We are at the halfway stage in this term, so we look forward to learning new skills such as the volley and the serve during the second half of the term.



Aladdin Connect

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



School Calendar 2025-26

TERM 3

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

Tuesday, 28th April: Primary Curriculum Framework In-Service (School closed).

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.

** PLEASE KEEP THIS CALENDAR FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.





Ms. Condon's Junior Infants Class

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

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

We are very busy here in the C.B.S. and managed to start our first hurling sessions with Stephen. He has been teaching us about the different parts of the hurley, how to hold it correctly, how to stop the sliotar and how to strike a sliotar. It is so much fun.



We have learned about lots of different topics. We learned all about Africa and the African market.



In numeracy, we have been working on our numbers, using playdough, dominos, match sticks, ten frames and many more things to learn about each number. We have begun to add and love using our fingers to count.



We have been learning about fairytales and have been putting on puppet shows in the classroom.



We learned all about the work of the vet and we even had a visit from our local vet Mary, from Archersfield Veterinary Clinic. Mary brought a special guest named James the dog. It was so exciting. We got to pat him, check his heart with a stethoscope and we even helped put a bandage on his paw. It was so exciting.



We went on a walk to look for signs of Spring.





We made and gobbled up pancakes on Pancake Tuesday.



After all of that, we still had enough time to celebrate World Book Day and Seachtain na Gaeilge. When do we have time to sleep?!



We grew broad beans in school, made our own playdough and made beautiful pinch pots from clay.



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

Ms. Condon

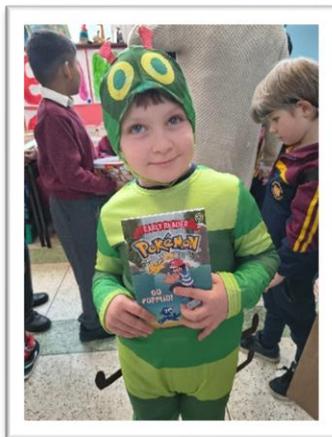


Mrs. Larkin's Junior Infants Class

We've had lots of fun in our class since Christmas time. We have been so busy learning new letter sounds, tricky words and we've done lots of reading.



This term we celebrated CBS Book Week with lots of fun activities including a visit from Khan's book fair. Some children bought some beautiful books to bring home. We even had a visit from the 5th Class boys who did some shared reading with us.



This was a lovely experience. The children are learning to read lots of words themselves now, which is very exciting!

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



We really enjoyed our Pancake Tuesday celebrations by devouring some delicious pancakes in our classroom! Some children enjoyed chocolate spread and marshmallows on their pancakes while others had sugar and lemon. We also made some home-made Play Doh which the children were allowed to bring home to play with.



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



Our theme for the month of February was the Vet. We learned all about the work of the vet and we set up our own vet clinic in the classroom where we could bring our pets when they were sick or injured.



One of the highlights of February was a visit from a real vet. Her name was Mary and she works at Archersfield Vets. We couldn't believe how lucky we were when she brought her dog James with her. He was so friendly and gentle. We were delighted to meet him! Mary told us all about her job and the animals that she helps. We think we have some budding vets in our class for sure!



This term we enjoyed a nature walk in our community. We saw all the signs of Spring including flowers growing, new buds on trees, and the weather was milder. We have been blessed with a little bit of good weather recently, so the children have enjoyed playing in our school field.

We have also started hurling with Steven. The children are learning all the skills and enjoying some fun games.

Our Easter Egg Hunt in the field was the best fun! The 6th Class boys helped us to search for our numbers in the grass. When we found the number, we went to the hall and chose our egg. Everyone was lucky enough to get a delicious chocolate egg. We are looking forward to our Easter holidays now. We can't believe that it's so close to the last term of Junior Infants. How the time has flown by!





Mrs. Ryan's Senior Infants Class

Mrs Ryan's Senior Infants have had a busy second term. The girls and boys have been working hard in class. They have shown great improvements in their reading and writing skills. The children are working through two books a week in class and are enjoying reading them to their families at night.

We have tried lots of new items this term, such as trying to freeze bubbles, designing our dream houses and constructing buildings from boxes. We have also created a tabletop football game at home, celebrated C.B.S. Book Week (with a shared reading session with 6th Class and dressing up as book characters) and we learned how to dance "Shoe the Donkey" with Ms. Walsh's class for Seachtain na Gaeilge.



The students and teachers had lots of fun celebrating C.B.S. Book Week earlier this term. We had our annual My Spud has Talent competition with lots of wonderful entries. We also had a short story competition for 3rd to 6th Class with a wide range of writing talents shown. Junior classes had an assembly to celebrate dressing up as a book character and lots of children bought books through Khans Book Fair in the school. Senior classes also came down to read to the junior classes to share their love of reading. Keep reading every day.



The girls and boys of the C.B.S. had a great time celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge 2026. Lots of classes put extra special effort into their Gaeilge speaking and learning. We had a wonderful day celebrating our Lá Glas with Craic sa Halla. Classes performed Irish poems, songs and dances for each other.





Ms. Walsh's Senior Infants Class

Senior Infants have been so busy this term learning lots of new things and taking part in so many fun activities.

We celebrated Book Week in February, dressing up as our favourite story book characters. We also did some shared reading with 6th Class, where they came to our classroom and read us some stories. We even read some of our books for them too!



During Seachtain na Gaeilge we had a great time getting dressed up in green to celebrate our 'Lá Glas.' We learned a new dance called 'Shoe the Donkey' and performed it for the whole school along with Mrs. Ryan's Senior Infants Class.



We learned all about spring flowers this month and painted our own using forks and straws. We are now experts on daffodils, snowdrops, tulips and bluebells.





We also started our hurling coaching with Stephen on Fridays. We've really enjoyed practicing our dribbling and striking skills.

Last of all (and our favourite) was the Easter Egg Hunt we had with the help of 6th Class. We had a great time running around the field with our partners looking for the right numbers to find our eggs.



Well done to all the wonderful boys and girls in Senior Infants. Enjoy the well-deserved Easter Break.



Mr. Fitzpatrick's 1st Class

World Book Week

The boys and girls in 1st Class had a lovely time celebrating World Book Week at C.B.S. this year. They engaged in a range of activities from guided reading with other children, creating bookmarks and dressing up as some of their favourite characters from various books that they have read! To top it off the boys and girls took a visit to the book fair here at C.B.S. and really enjoyed picking out some new books to read!



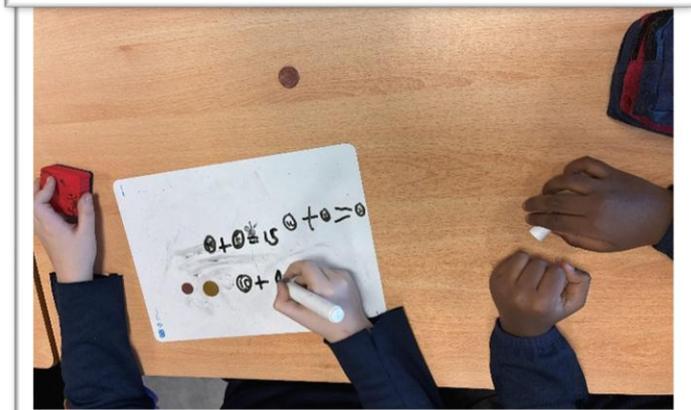
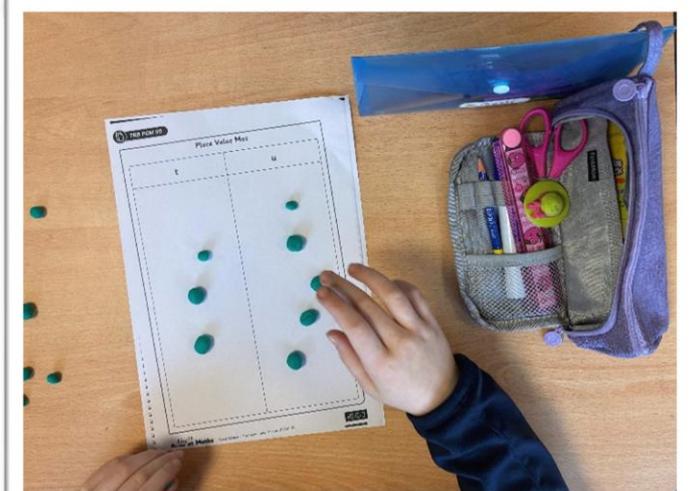
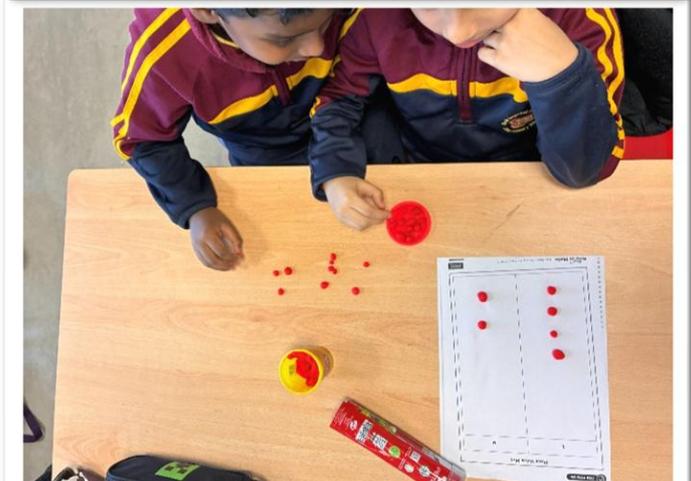
Seachtain na Gaeilge 2026

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2026 was celebrated this term by everyone at C.B.S. 1st Class were encouraged to use Irish every day to help promote our language and they did a fantastic job at doing so in the classroom and in the yard at break time. At the end of the week, we had a great celebration by performing and listening to other classes at assembly. Every class was asked to perform a couple of pieces as Gaeilge! 1st Class called out the poem 'An Teilifís' and sang a song called 'Bróga Nua' all as Gaeilge! They all did a fantastic job performing to the other classes!



Maths

1st Class hard at work.



GAA & PE

1st Class have continued to make great progress with their GAA coach Steven working on the skills of hurling and being active. During PE, the class has been focusing on the fundamental skills of movement and throwing.



Easter Egg Hunt

The annual C.B.S. Easter Egg Hunt was another huge success! 1st Class paired up with 6th Class helpers and went on an Easter Egg Hunt out in the field. Everyone really enjoyed the activity and more importantly everyone found an Easter egg!!





Ms. Cantwell's Class

Hello everyone! Welcome back to our newsletter. We have really enjoyed Term 2 and are so excited to update you about all the exciting activities we have been working on since the beginning of this term.

In January, we celebrated the beginning of a new year. We decorated calendars as gifts for our families and recorded our wishes for the year ahead. As February approached, we learned all about St. Brigid and even practised weaving with different materials to create the various sections of her cloak. We worked together to create our collaborative art piece which we displayed in our classroom for the month of February.



During February, we marked the Chinese New Year by learning more about the festival, recalling the story behind the 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac and identifying the horse as the animal for 2026. We completed another collaborative art project to represent the Chinese New Year Dragon and dragon dance that often take place as part of the festival.



March has been another busy month with further events to celebrate!

Book Week and the Book Fair were very successful. We loved designing our own bookmarks to use during DEAR time and dressing up as our favourite book characters!



We discussed the 2026 Winter Olympics and some of our older pupils completed project work on the topic to present to the class. It was also fantastic to have opportunities to explore the school's LEGO and STEM kits with their peers.



We loved learning all about the signs of spring and even went on a spring nature walk to Kilkenny Castle Park. We brought checklists and discovered signs of spring such as daffodils, blossoms, buds, seedlings and several different tree types!





This also tied in nicely with our celebration of National Tree Week as we could be leaf detectives and use the leaf and tree identification charts to discover which trees were present in the Castle Park and around our local area. We enjoyed completing our nature walk journals afterwards which focused on our five senses and proudly displayed the finished pieces in our classroom.



Seachtain na Gaeilge was a lovely opportunity to highlight our pupils' love of Gaeilge! We all enjoyed adding extra Irish phrases to our daily activities and learning some Irish songs and poems. 'Lá Glas' was very enjoyable to be a part of. It was great to participate in and watch the fantastic Irish performances during 'Craic sa Halla'.



We also recalled the story of St. Patrick and completed arts and crafts of rainbows with a giant pot of gold at the end to mark the occasion. We didn't struggle to come up with ideas of what we would do if we found a pot of gold!



Easter is approaching fast and is another event which we marked by completing arts and crafts, participating in Easter Egg hunts and learning all about the story of Easter. We had great fun planting our 'Chia Pets' during the week too and cannot wait to watch them grow!

We look forward to the Easter break and hopefully returning to more days of sunshine and opportunities for outdoor learning and play. Have a happy and healthy Easter break!

Ms. Cantwell



Mrs. Moloney's 2nd Class



Room 1 have been very busy over the last term. In English we enjoyed a block of Station Teaching where we worked on Report Writing and Procedural Writing in our Writing Workshop and played lots of fun games in phonics with Ms. Hayde. We also celebrated World Book Day and enjoyed dressing up as our favourite characters.



We had some fantastic entries into the 'My Spud has Character' competition. We also completed wonderful projects on our favourite countries which we presented at Assembly and entertained our friends with the 'Seven Continents' song.



In SESE we learned a lot of facts about The Winter Olympics in Cortina and used the iPads to find out lots of information about the various events.

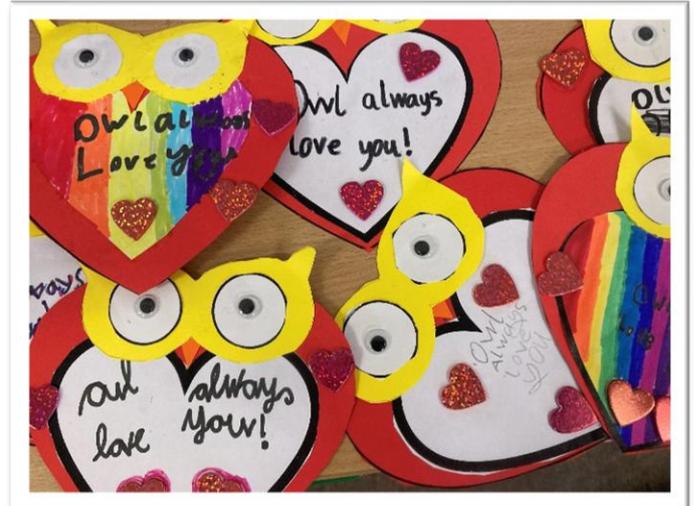
We celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge and had great fun performing the Hocaí Pocaí at the 'Craic sa Halla'! We are continuing to use our Frásaí Gaeilge as much as we can each day.



We had six great swimming sessions in the Watershed and have also enjoyed some soccer sessions over on the astro pitches. We continue to enjoy our after-school hurling sessions every Wednesday and our sessions with our coach Stephen on Friday mornings. They cannot believe how much we are improving each week!

We had fantastic fun-filled Samba Drumming sessions with Tom from Music Generation Kilkenny each Wednesday, playing the agogo bells, tambourines, shakers and a selection of drums.



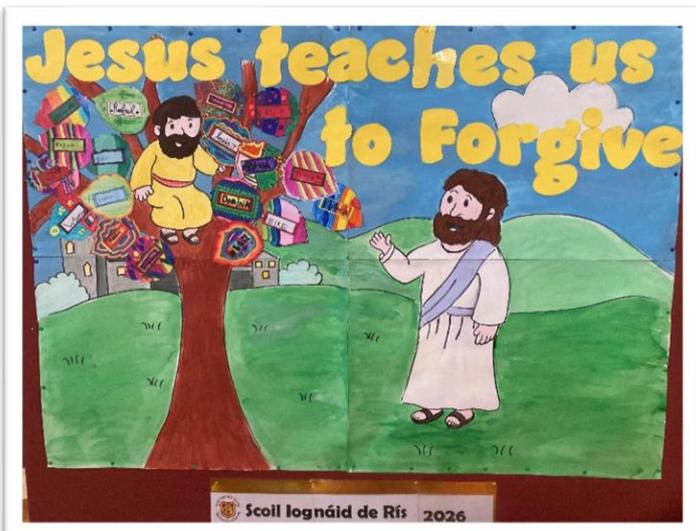


We made lovely heart-shaped clay pots in art for Mother's Day and enjoyed decorating our window for spring. As you can see, we have some amazing and very talented artists in Room 1.



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

We finished off the term with an Easter Egg Hunt in the school field. A huge 'thank you' to all the boys in sixth class who were so kind and helpful.



Well done to all the wonderful boys in Room 1. Bain sult as an sos dea-tuillte! Enjoy a well-deserved rest! Cáisc shona daoibh go léir!

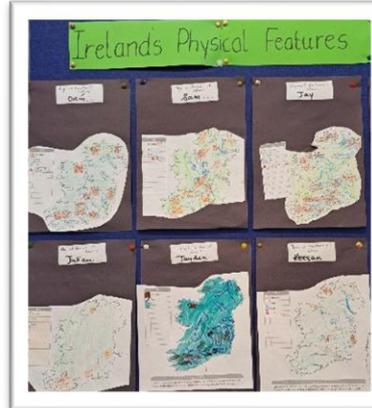




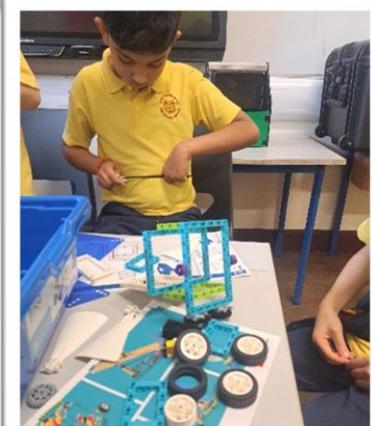
Mr. Leahy's 3rd Class

Happy Easter Everyone! Welcome to the 3rd Class Easter Newsletter. Boy have we been busy! We can't wait to share all the amazing things that have been going on in Room 10.

History has seen us enjoying lots of group work activities learning about Ancient Celtic Ireland and the Vikings.



We had a chance to play with the Lego sets in the school and built some cool things.



Geography has seen us learning about Europe as well as river features like meanders and waterfalls and how they form.



PE has seen us playing games in the Hall with Stephen, our hurling coach on the wet days. We have been lucky to catch some of the good weather and made it to the Astroturf for PE also.



Maths has seen us working on Fractions and telling the time. We've played lots of knockout games and online games to develop our abilities which has made it fun.



World Book Day was great, and we really enjoyed having Khan's Books set up shop in our school. Some boys entered the My Spud has Character Competition. Their efforts were well received. Good job boys. Congratulations to Alex and Oisín who won prizes in the short story competition.



Pancake Tuesday was a blast. Mr. Leahy made us all pancakes in class. They were 10/10!



We really enjoyed preparing for our St. Patrick's Day performance. We practised hard with our drumming teacher Tom who helped us to add beats to our Irish Song 'O ró se do Bheatha Bhaile'. Mr. Leahy accompanied us on the guitar and the performance went well.



We really enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt that was held this week where we all got an Easter egg.





Ms. Brennan's 4th Class

Welcome to Term 2's news headlines from the pupils of Room 7! We have had a lovely time together over the last few months. We finish off our term this week by choosing winners for our Google Slides presentations in SESE, completing some tests and visiting the cathedral in the run-up to Easter. Now let's look at just some of our recent highlights...

We visited the Castle Park for National Tree Day and, using maps, identified some trees as they begin to come to life in Spring.



Well done to Tiarnán, James and Kacper, who, along with Thomas in Room 12, represented our school at the Under-11 St. Canice's Union Schools Table Quiz.



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



Rinne Rang a Ceathair an-iarracht i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge. Chanamar 'Killeagh' trí Ghaeilge don 'Craic sa Halla' ar 'Lá Glas'.



In History, we worked in pairs to create a Timeline recording important moments in the history of Kilkenny City.





In Art, we have been working on everything from weaving with hessian, and from drawing our favourite mammals, to constructing daffodils using paper bun cases!



In PE lessons, we have tried activities such as dancing (modern and folk) and different types of ‘rolls’ in gymnastics.



Well done to everyone who wrote stories or made ‘Spud’ characters as part of our school’s Book Week celebrations! Room 7 also got the chance to visit Khan’s Bookshop and speak with an author called TJ Murphy.



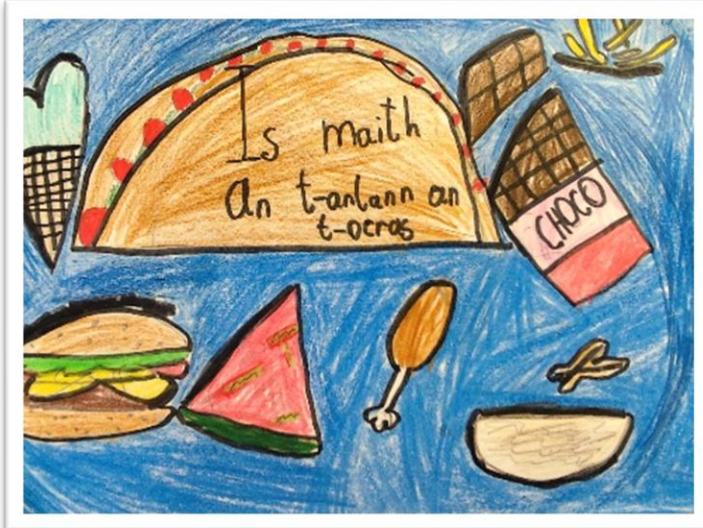
In Religion lessons, we have been learning about important events that are marked during Holy Week, as we approach Easter Sunday.





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

It has been a busy term in Room 12. Our highlights were Book Week and Seachtain na Gaeilge! We enjoyed performing at 'Craic sa Halla' and watching all the other classes perform. We also created some seanfhocail posters and player profiles in Irish.



Book Week!

Kahn's Book Fair was great, and we all loved browsing for books in our school.



Our class were invited down to Mrs. Larkin's Junior Infants class. Each of us was partnered with one junior infant. The students that went down read stories with junior infants. The junior infants chose the books, and we talked about the books with them and then read the story. It was lovely to meet the infants and share our love of reading.



The Credit Union Quiz Chapter Level

I was so excited to be part of the quiz team this year. Adrian and I were the first to arrive at the Thomastown Hall. Desmond came shortly after. Then Mr. Leahy arrived and he brought JAFFA CAKES! Jack Flynn came and the camera man took our picture and the quiz started.



There were five U13 teams and five U11 teams. We all had the same questions until round 10 and about that time I was the most stressed I have been in my whole life!

The Gaelscoil came first then the announcer said our team's name that I didn't know! Adrian, Desmond and Jack started celebrating and I realised we had gone through to the national finals! We took our pictures with our trophies. I can't wait for the finals on the 19th of April!

Jack Ruth

FAI Soccer 5s

I was chosen for the school senior soccer team to play the first round of the tournament in Waterford. It was different since the teams usually play in Kilkenny but since the Confirmation for the 6th class was on the same day as the Kilkenny tournament we couldn't play in it. So, we went down to Waterford and there were 4 other teams in our group. We won 3 games and drew 1 other, so we qualified for the county finals. But this time we were playing against teams from Kilkenny. This time the teams were way harder, and we lost against De La Salle and St. Canice's. We did well and enjoyed the experience and I can't wait to play next year.

Billy



Hurling Team CBS

I am a member of the C.B.S. hurling team. We train on Mondays and Wednesday from 3:00pm to 3:45pm every week. 2nd – 6th Classes can train. Our coaches are Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Bergin, Ms. Walsh and Ms. Cantwell. They are great coaches and motivate us in hard situations.

We have played two matches this season and they were against De La Salle and Danesfort. We lost against De La Salle, and we won against Danesfort.

Our coaches were very proud of us that we won and said that we were unlucky against De La Salle. They were very good. Everyone on the team played well and played their part.

Oisín, Aaron & Reece

P.E.

In this article we will tell you about P.E. in our school. This month we have been practicing catching, balancing and hopping/jumping. We also do fun games including, dodgeball, handball, rounders, 1 on 1 soccer and basketball. We also went to the astro field. We also do exercises and drills. We look forward to P.E. time each week and cannot wait for the weather to improve to spend more time on our field.

Gregorz and Ehaab



Art

We did lots of different art this term. Firstly, we did a drawing of a flower garden inspired by Monet. We also did art inspired by Van Gogh. We started fabric and fibre this term and did some yarn painting before we started our weaving.

Donovan & Martin





War Horse 🐎 **Book Review**

What is the book about?

The book is about a horse that lived during the first world war.

Who are the main characters?

The main characters in the story are Albert, Captain Nicholls, Major Martin, Sergeant Thunder, David, Topthorn and Joey.

Where is the story set?

The story takes place in France during the first world war.

What did you like about the book?

Bhavin: I liked the bits where there was drama and I also liked the book because it was way more intense than any other book I've read in my life.

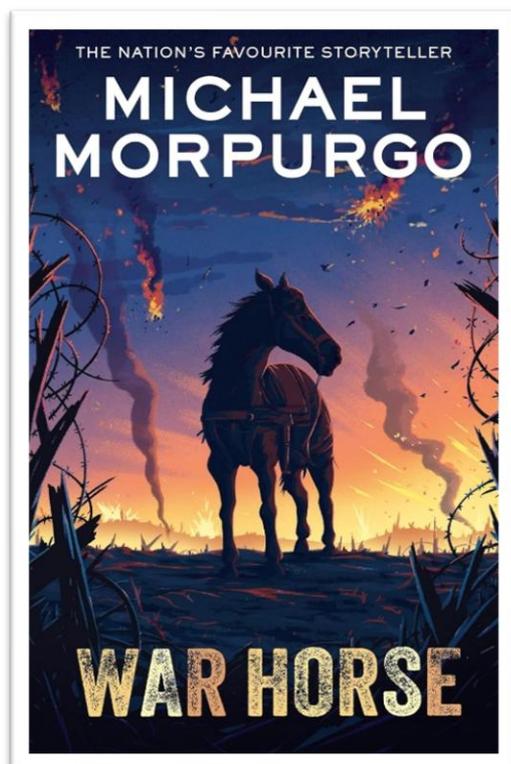
Luca: I liked the book because it was fun to read and was very interesting and is one of my favourite books in the whole wide world.

Rating

Bhavin: ★★★★★

Luca: ★★★★★

Luca and Bhavin



Lent

Lent is a Christian festival that runs for six weeks leading up to Easter. Lent starts on a day known as Ash Wednesday. The last week of Lent is known as Holy Week. It is a 40-day Christian season of preparation for Easter. It helps us to remember the time Jesus spent fasting and is an important time for fasting and prayer.

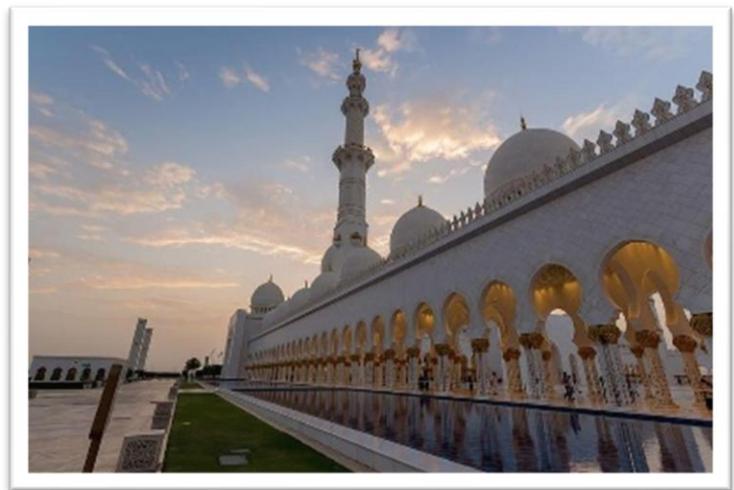


Reece K. & Nathan

Ramadan

Ramadan is when Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset. They can't even have a drop of water. It's way harder in summer when Ramadan falls in summer. You must fast from about 5am to 10pm. It's hard. Therefore, this year it's not that hard because you must fast from 5am to 6.30pm. After Ramadan is Eid. There are 2 Eids in a year. The one after Ramadan is when you get money or gifts. This year Ramadan flew by because it's over tomorrow. I can't wait till next year's Ramadan.

Haziq



On behalf of all the students in Room 12, we wish everyone a happy and safe Easter break.

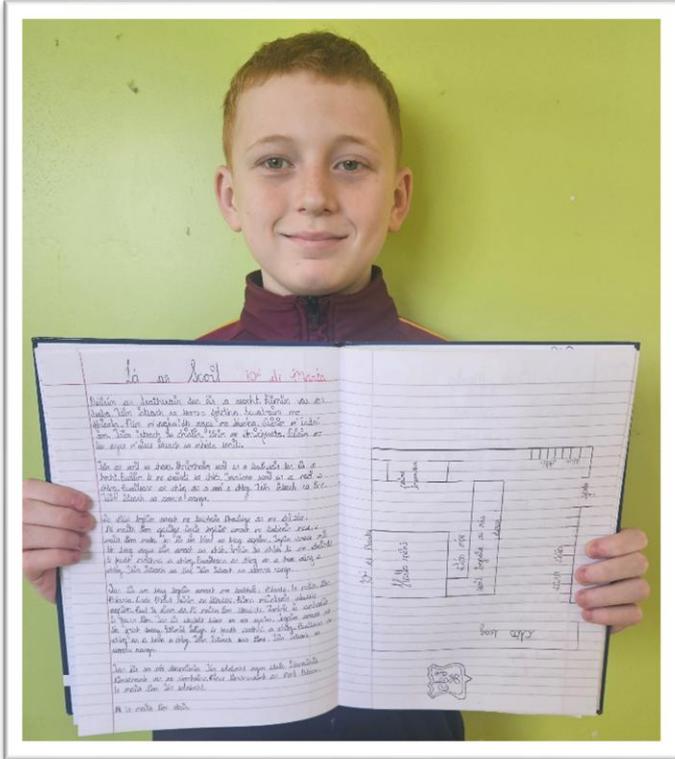




Ms. Curran's 6th Class

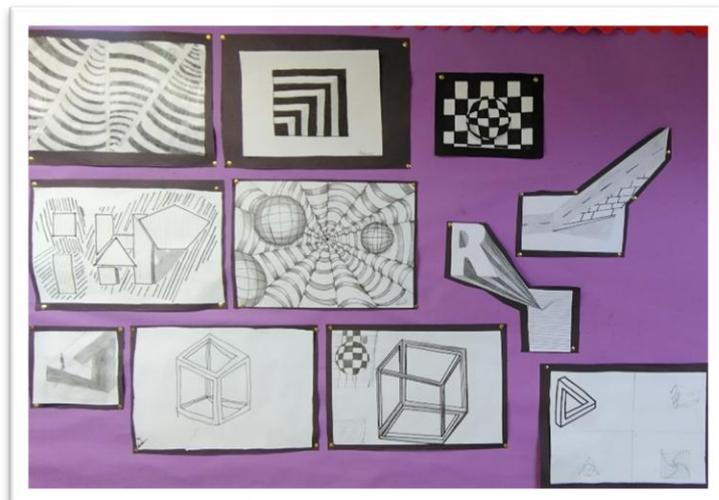
Scribner Na Míosa

Comhghairdeas le Jack Scribhneoir Na Míosa do Mhárta, as a chuid scríbhneoireachta ar lá ar Scoil! Maith thú Jack! Scribhneoireacht den scoth!



Artist of the Month

Congratulations, Tejus! Your artwork looks amazing. You have used a perspective style that makes the drawing look like it extends far into the distance, which is very cool. The spheres you drew show a good understanding of shapes and how to make them look 3D. Your shading is neat and helps the drawing look more real. The lines and patterns are very well done, showing your hard work and focus. Keep up the great work! 🎨👏



Project of the Month

Congratulations to **Hamdan** on being awarded **Project of the Month** for his outstanding work on Brazilian footballer Raphinha! His project was exceptionally well-presented, creative, and well researched. Hamdan's effort in combining informative content with a super sketch made his work engaging and impressive. Well done, Hamdan — keep up the great work! 🇧🇷📖🏆



Book Week 2026

Room 8 showed fantastic enthusiasm and care during their Buddy Reading session with Mrs. Ryan's Senior Infants as part of Book Week 2026.



They demonstrated wonderful patience, kindness, and leadership, supporting the younger children with their reading. It was lovely to see the strong connections formed through shared stories, with smiles all around. Well done to everyone in Room 8 for being such excellent reading role models!

Accelerated Reading Raffle

Congratulations to Max, Raymond and Ridhit on winning the fantastic Khan's Bookshop vouchers in the Accelerated Reading Easter Reading Raffle. Well done also to all of Room 8, who have shown great commitment to Accelerated Reading. Keep up the wonderful effort!



Credit Union Quiz Team 2026

We are incredibly proud of LJ Glennon and Jack Flynn for their fantastic efforts representing our school on the Credit Union Quiz Team. A special mention goes to Jack Flynn, who will now go on to represent the school at the All-Ireland Credit Union Final on Sunday, 19th April in the RDS, Dublin. Jack will be joined by Jack Ruth, Desmond Armitage and Adrian Harkin, forming a very strong team for this prestigious event. We wish them all the very best of luck and know they will represent our school with pride. We are extremely proud of the entire team and all they have achieved — well done everyone!



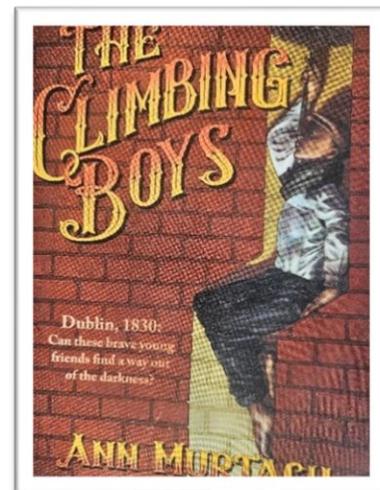
FAI Soccer Tournament

Well done to Joey, Finn and Charlie who proudly represented our school at the FAI Schools Soccer Tournament in Waterford and Thomastown. The boys showed great skill, teamwork and determination throughout the competition, representing the school with pride both on and off the pitch. Their effort and positive attitude were a credit to themselves. We are very proud of their achievements — fantastic work, boys! 🏆 🙌



The Climbing Boys

Room 8 are studying *The Climbing Boys* by local author Ann Murtagh. Set in Dublin in 1830, the novel tells the powerful story of young chimney sweeps and the harsh conditions they endured, while highlighting themes of friendship, courage and hope. The boys have made great connections between the novel and their history work on Daniel O'Connell, gaining a deeper understanding of life in Ireland during that time and the fight for change and justice. It has been a fantastic way to bring their learning to life through both reading and history.





Mr. Cunniffe's 6th Class

Credit Union Quiz

After our previous victory in the Schools Credit Union quiz, we were set to head out to Thomastown for round 2. Four other schools in our category were also there. There were 6 rounds each with 12 questions as there were before. These questions included "What was the name of Ernest Shackleton's ship on his voyage to Antarctica", we stayed strong through the rounds and ended up coming in 2nd place, only 1 point behind the Gaelscoil in first. We had tickets to round 3 in the RDS.

Desmond Armitage and Adrian Harkin



Short Story Competition

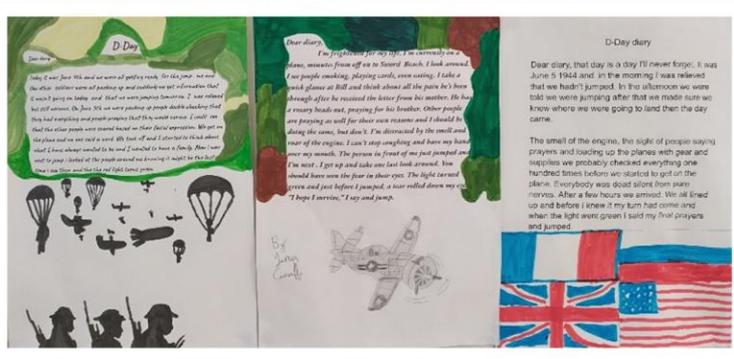
A few weeks ago, we had the Short Story Competition during Book Week. There were a lot of great entries from all the classes, but the winner is still unannounced. Mrs. Ryan will tell us the winners soon though. We were surprised by how many stories there were. Almost the entire class wrote a story. Everyone read out their stories in our class, and we were amazed by how funny and imaginative they were, especially The Football Match of the Century by Corey.

James Cunniffe and Ben Rhatigan 46

World War II

These past 2 weeks we have been learning about WW2 and its fascinating facts. We were informed about the order in which it happened, and we also tried to understand why. WW2 started in 1939 but really started in 1933 when Hitler and the Nazi party started their rampage in control of the country trying to exterminate the Jewish race.

Conor Bowe and Hugh O'Donoghue



Novel

We started the boy in the striped pyjamas in January and we are finished now. The book was very good and is about a boy named Bruno who had to move to Out with (Auschwitz) with his family. There he finds a boy named Shmuel who was put into a concentration camp during WW2. Bruno finds Shmuel in the camp and befriends him. He visits Shmuel almost every day once he is finished with his homeschool.

Rian

FAI 5 aside

The 1st game we won 4-1, the 2nd game we won, the 3rd game we drew and the 4th we won. We won the Waterford tournament. We are through to the Kilkenny finals against De La Salle and St. Canice's. We lost all the games, but it was a good experience, we all enjoyed it and had fun.

Jamie Duggan, Aron Manoj and Harry Kiely



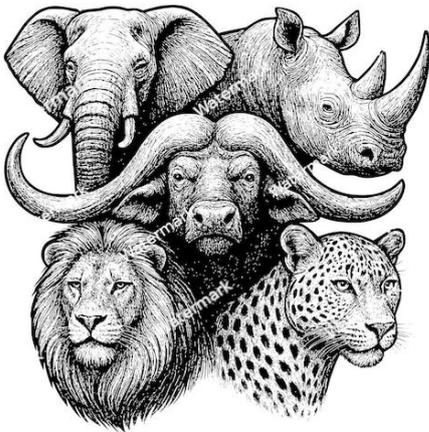
Handball

When we got into school, we had to go to Mr. Bergin's office to get lifts over to O'Loughlins. Mr. Reidy was bringing us over, but we had to get the jerseys first. When we got to O'Loughlins we had to watch the games before Dylan was on and he won easily. Then it was Danny and Noah at the 12th game and sadly they lost to a very good Thomastown side. In the end Dylan made it to the semi-final and lost but they all represented the school very well.

Dylan, Danny and Noah

Kenya

The big five animals of Kenya are lion (Simba), leopard (Chui), African elephant (Tembo), black rhino (Kifaru), and Cape buffalo (Nyati). These are the most iconic and historically challenging species to hunt on foot. Now revered as the premier sights on a safari. Best spotted in Masai Mara or Tsavo during dry seasons.



Lego kits

Recently as part of stations, we got to use the Lego Kits and iPads together. There is an iPad app that can connect to a motor inside a lego brick, and these motors can move with a click of a button. We could build stuff like a little car that could move with instructions on the app.

James Phelan and Radeen



Confirmation

On March 6th at St. Mary's Cathedral we made our Confirmation. C.B.S., Presentation and the Mother of Fair Love all made it together. It started with the procession which was led by Ben and Lucy Rhatigan. Fr. Ryan did the Mass. The prayers of the faithful were read and gifts were brought forward. The psalm was sung by Adam Sipos and Adrian Harkin and two girls from the Presentation. As we were being confirmed by Fr. Ryan, our sponsors had to stand behind us with their right hand on our right shoulder. After we were confirmed Fr. Ryan continued with the Mass. It was a very enjoyable day for everyone.

Adam Sipos and Adrian Harkin

Apollo missions

A few weeks ago our class learned about Apollo missions. The Apollo mission was a mission to land humans on the moon and study the moon. We were split into groups of 3. There were 2 Apollo 11's, Apollo 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and Artemis 2. The winners were Apollo 17 and Artemis 2.

Johan and Tahmid

Entrance Exam

On the 28th of February we had an entrance exam for secondary school. We had to be there at 8:50a.m. The test started at 9am and finished at 12 noon.

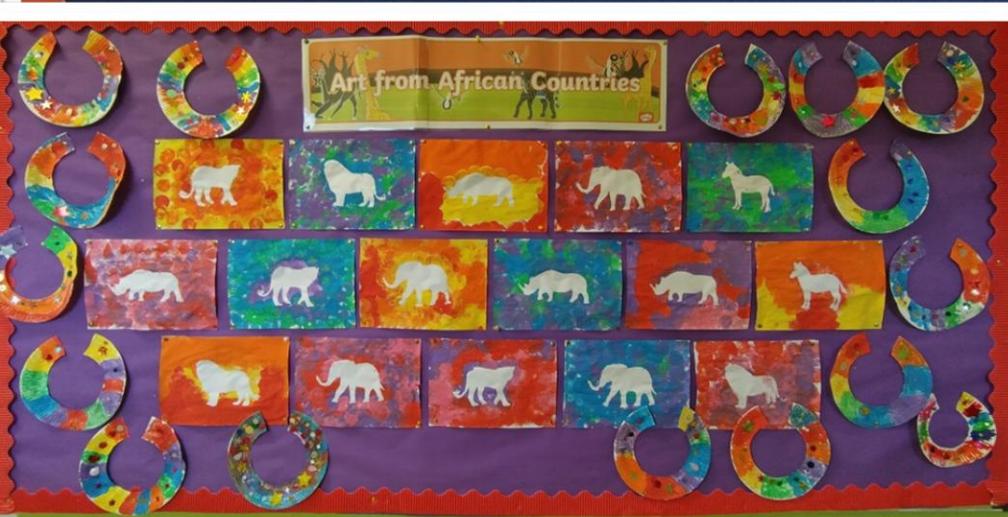
First, we had a CAT4 test (Cognitive Abilities Test). Some of the tests had 24 questions and we had 8, 9 or 10 minutes to complete, while some of them had 18 questions. Halfway during the CAT4 test we had a 20-minute break. After we finished the CAT4 test we had 30 minutes to complete a maths test. After the maths test it was finally time to go home.

Adam and Ryan





Awesome Art & Projects





GEOGRAPHY



Mammals



Rain, Rain, Go Away!





Easter 2026

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

We look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Monday, 13th April 2026.