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A group of children in yellow school uniforms are walking along a dirt path in a grassy area. In the background, there is a large, historic stone building with many windows and a crenellated roofline. A white tent is set up on the right side of the path. The scene is bright and sunny.

Oh! The places you will go.

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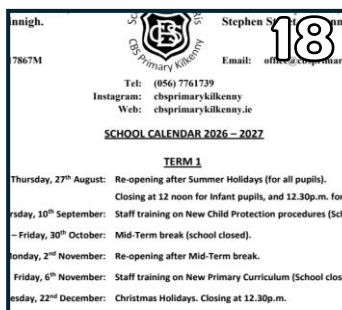
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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

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

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

I'd like to thank the staff in our school who work tirelessly throughout the year. Their hard work and dedication are there for all to see. We take great pride in not only delivering the Curriculum to the pupils but also working on the holistic development of the child.

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

The school is going from strength to strength. Our toilet blocks will be re-configured this summer to cater for boys and girls. The school is now fully vertical (Junior Infants – 6th class), and of course, co-educational at Junior Infant, Senior Infant, 1st Class and 2nd Class level. As we continue to grow, we need more rooms! Furthermore, we have been approved for a five-classroom extension to include three mainstream and two special education classrooms. Exciting times ahead!

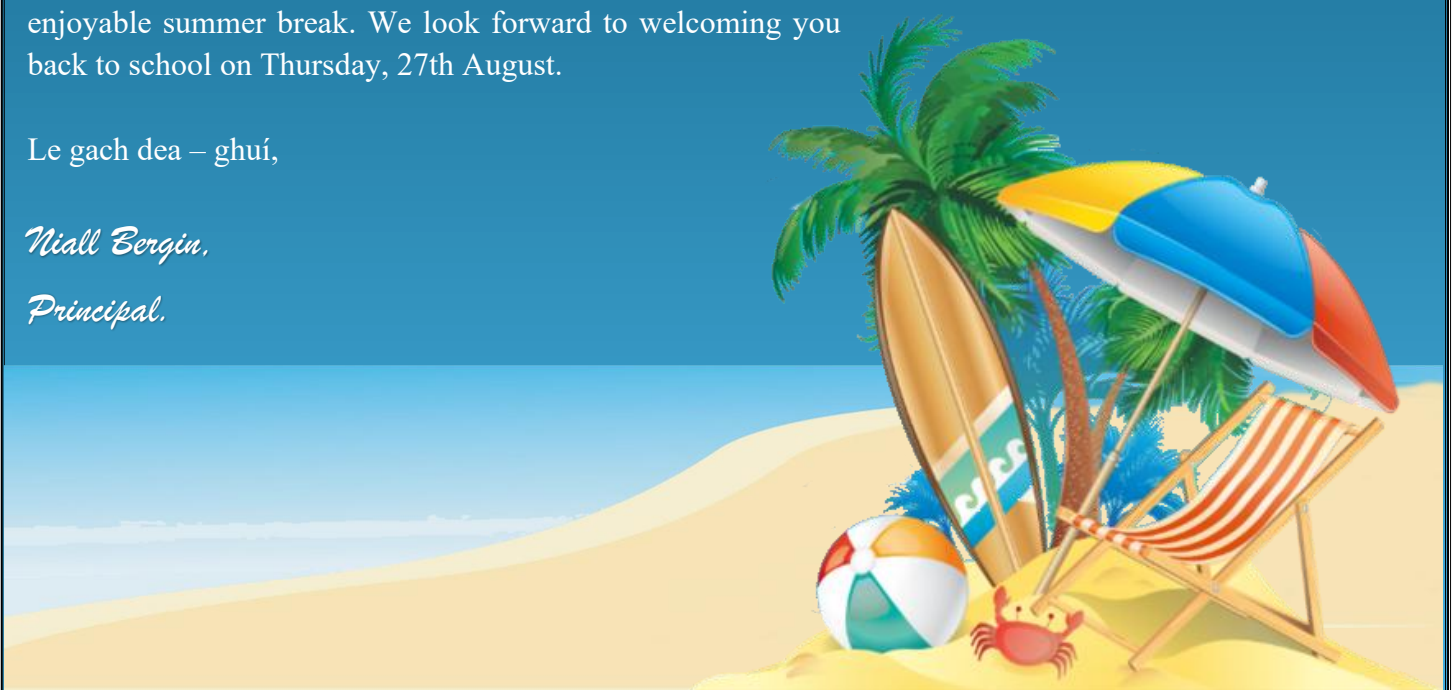
A word also for our incoming Junior Infant pupils, and new pupils who will be joining us in other classes. We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our school.

On behalf of the staff and myself I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Thursday, 27th August.

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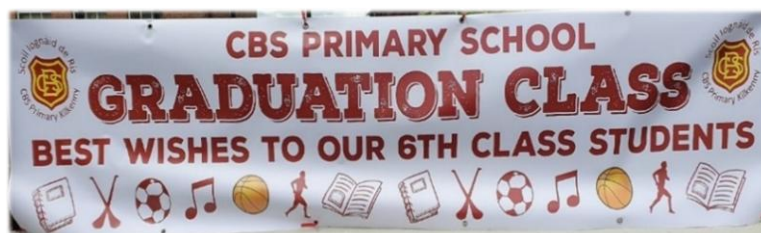
Niall Bergin,

Principal.

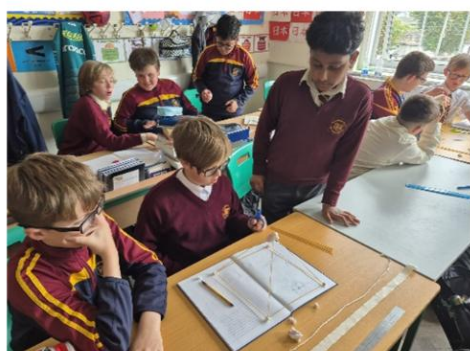


6th Class Graduation

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



Go n-éirí an t-ádh libh go léir!



Awards

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



Class of 1959 Attendance Award



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



Seamus Brennan Creative Arts Award

THE END OF OUR JOURNEY

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CLASS OF

2026



My memories of C.B.S.

My time in C.B.S. was so good. It is mad to think that I'm going out of the school now. All the friends I've made, the great atmosphere of the school. It's just so fun to be in this school and the best thing that we did this year was the movie making, it was so much fun!

C.B.S. Primary is the best!



Ever since I joined the school in 5th class it has been the best two years of my life. I've made so many friends and memories, but one memory stands out to me. In fifth class I took part in the county cross country against over 100 pupils across all schools in Kilkenny, and I came 11th. I couldn't explain how I felt. I was amazed and proud of myself to come 11th and representing the school in such a big competition is one of the greatest memories I have.

I have spent five years in C.B.S. Primary. We have had Sports Days, Snack and Browsers, school trips and much more.



My top two favourite years were 3rd and 6th class. My favourite subjects are PE or History. My favourite memories of school were when we went to Dunmore East and the Snack and Browsers. I loved my journey through primary school and now I am excited to go to secondary school.

Overall, the five years I have spent in C.B.S. have been amazing. I have made many friends and learned so many things along the way. I have always tried my best to listen in class and take part in every subject. I would like to thank Mr. Bergin, Tom, and all the teachers for the effort and time they put into helping me and preparing me for secondary school. I will always have great memories of my time in C.B.S.

My favourite memory was winning the Roinn C championship in 3rd class. I was starting as a full forward and it was a close match, but we won by one point! Winning was one of the best feelings I have ever felt and most of the people I played with are doing well like JJ Cahill. He's now on the minor Kilkenny team, and Pablo Collado is now playing for Atletico Madrid in goal. Hopefully I can have that feeling again in secondary school.



My favourite part of sixth class was movie making. It was easy, enjoyable and funny to see and make movies. Mr. Cunniffe was a very nice teacher and probably my favourite teacher but I'm trying not to pick favourites.



I can't believe that my five years are over in this school, but my best memory is when we went on the Dunmore East school trip. It was one of the best days I had in this school because all my friends went, and the rock wall was very good.



After my five years of C.B.S. Primary, I had an extraordinary time with either hurling or school trips. They did everything so we can be prepared for secondary school and now that we are off to secondary school I think I'm very ready.



4th class was my favourite year of all. We had Ms. Larkin, who was my favourite teacher. During that year, we went to Croke Park and Jump Zone. It was the best school tour I ever had.



I remember a good bit of my time in C.B.S. Primary, I remember first walking through the doors into 2nd class (feels like it was yesterday) and I don't really want to leave primary, but I am excited for all the new things and opportunities. I remember my first goal at lunch time football. I'll miss being here and knowing where to go but hopefully, I'll do great in secondary school too.



It's mad to think that my five years in C.B.S. are nearly over as I still remember the first day starting in C.B.S. Standing outside school wondering what class I would be in, wondering who from my old school would be in the same class as me, what the school was like and what the teachers would be like. Some of my favourite memories were the school trips, I enjoyed everyone. Or the Snack and Browsers or just being around friends.



Classes for 2026-2027

Recently parent(s)/guardian(s) were sent an email with the name of their child's class teacher for the coming school year. Below is a complete list of all the classes and their teachers for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

Incoming Pupils

Currently, we are busily preparing for our bright new future. We look forward to welcoming our Junior Infant boys and girls, and new pupils in other class levels to our school in August 2026.



School Books, Workbooks and Copies

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



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

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 Expenses

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

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

C.B.C. Secondary School Admissions

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



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

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

School Uniform Policy

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.

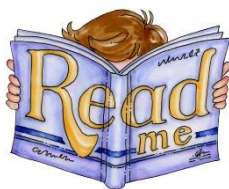
The school tracksuit will consist of:

- 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 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.

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.

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.



A brochure for the next term of Extra Curricular activities will be sent out in the new school year

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](https://www.cbsprimarykilkenny.ie).

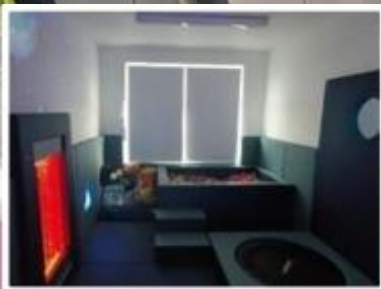
If you have any queries, please contact the school at office@cbsprimarykilkenny.ie

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



Sports Day

We held Sports Days for our Infant classes and for our 1st – 6th classes.

We enjoyed seeing everyone take part and we hope you do too!





Sports Day



Music Generation Kilkenny / Uke Jam

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



It was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to showcase all that they learned with Paul throughout the year. Thanks also to Tom Duffy and Sandra Collins for providing their music expertise with pupils from Junior Infants to 3rd class.

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



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. Primary, we would like to wish you all a very Happy and Safe Summer Holidays.

Miss Boyle and all the Green Team

And remember:

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



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.



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.

It is great to see all of our pupils taking part and enjoying playing the game. 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.



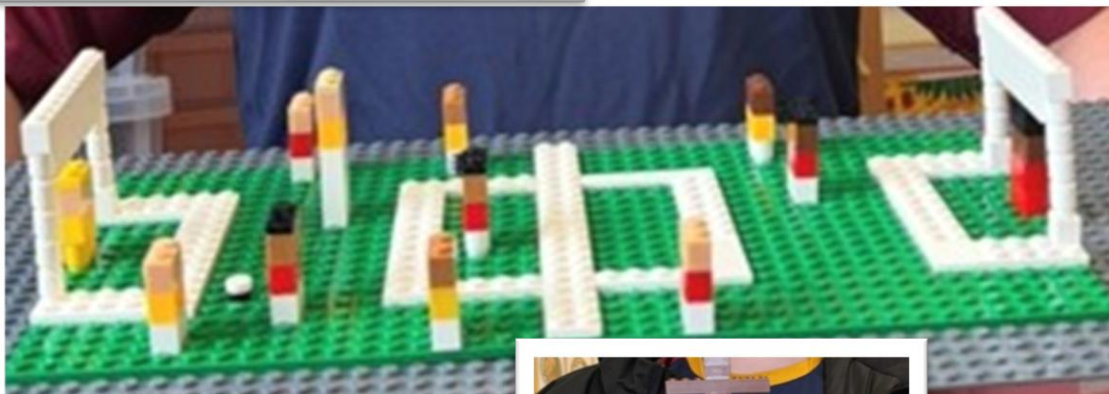
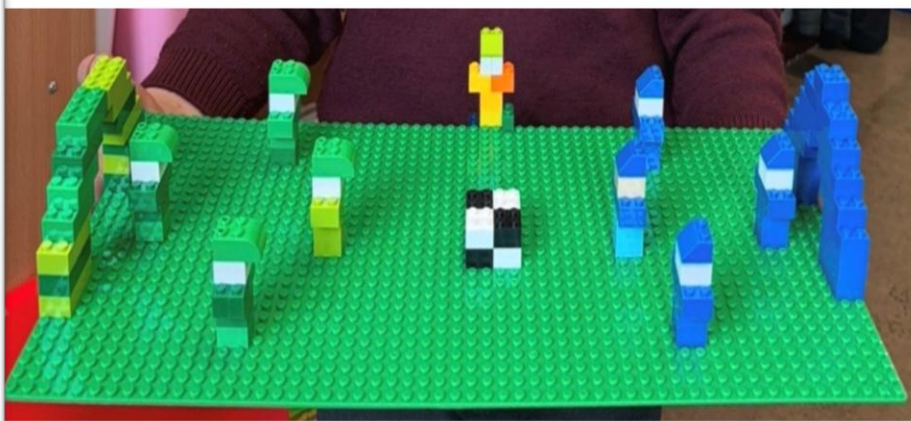
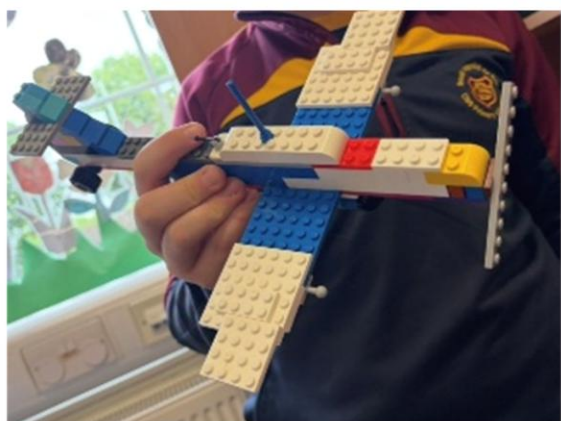
Lego Construction Club

As we end another fantastic year of Lego Club, we would like to say a special farewell to our 6th class members, Desmond, Dima and James as they embark on their next exciting chapter in secondary school. Their contribution has been significant and their mentoring to younger members a joy to witness. The creativity, skill and support shown during collaborative builds and their outstanding engineering abilities have been inspiring. These skills have shown their capability of amazing builds but more so the skills they will bring forward into life. We wish them every success and have no doubt their futures are bright.

For our final term we produced a lot of innovative and original builds. From designing and building our own “digital” 3D games, which ranged from the ever-popular Pokémon, singing monsters, Fifa to Minecraft. We also included biodiversity builds and motorised vehicles which ended in an extremely exciting race.



Freeplay as always is a popular aspect of Lego Club builds. These open-ended challenges give members the opportunity to explore their own ideas through creativity. They enhance and develop valuable skills, including problem-solving, innovation, critical thinking and perseverance. Sometimes what we envisage doesn't work out and we develop the skills to rethink our plan and tweak things, overcoming the challenge along the way to success!



On a final note, we would like to sincerely thank Mrs. Moloney for allowing Lego Club to take over her room every Monday. It is much appreciated and her continued support in providing that welcoming space for members to enjoy is never taken for granted!

Also, thank you to Tom for all his assistance in helping to organise Lego Club and sharing his expertise and advice producing another excellent newsletter.

May your summer be filled with endless fun, amazing memories and adventures.....

From all at Lego Club



School Calendar 2026-27

TERM 1

Thursday, 27th August: Re-opening after Summer Holidays (for all pupils).
Closing at 12 noon for Infant pupils, and 12.30p.m. for all other classes.

Thursday, 10th September: Staff training on New Child Protection procedures (School closed).

Monday, 26th – Friday, 30th October: Mid-Term break (school closed).

Monday, 2nd November: Re-opening after Mid-Term break.

Friday, 6th November: Staff training on New Primary Curriculum (School closed).

Tuesday, 22nd December: Christmas Holidays. Closing at 12.30p.m.

TERM 2

Wednesday, 6th January: Re-opening after Christmas Holidays.

Monday, 1st February: St. Brigid's Day (School closed).

Thursday, 18th – Friday, 19th February: Mid-Term break (School closed).

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

Friday, 19th March: Easter Holidays. Closing at 12.30p.m.

TERM 3

Monday, 5th April: Re-opening after Easter Holidays.

Monday, 3rd May: May Bank Holiday (School closed).

Tuesday, 4th – Friday, 7th May: School closed.

Monday, 7th June: June Bank Holiday (School closed).

Friday, 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.

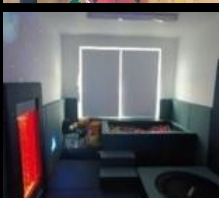
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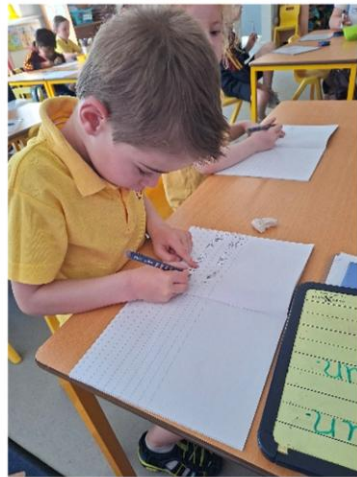
See the fantastic
facilities our
school has.



Ms. Condon's Junior Infants Class

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

We had so many exciting activities this term. In literacy, we really saw the boys and girls become more independent readers and writers. They worked on combining, 3D shapes and learned all about money.



We spent time learning about the emergency services and even had a visit from two local Gardaí where we got to play in the Garda van.



We learned all about the airport.



We played with magnets and learned about magnetism.



To top it all off, we paid a visit to the Fire Station and used the hoses to spray water like a real fire fighter.





We walked to the Mayfair Library, and we chose two books to bring home. It was a great day.



We started hurling training with Stephen and had the best Sports Day in the field. We ran, played water games, had an egg and spoon race, a sack race and completed an obstacle course and even had a penalty shoot-out.



Our School Tour was a trip to the Watershed where we did an activity camp. We did obstacle courses on inflatables, bounced, jumped, played games on the astro and even went down the slide into a big pool of water. It was so much fun. We laughed a lot especially when Ms. Condon got splashed!!



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

Catrina Condon

Mrs. Larkin's Junior Infants Class

What an action-packed and fun last term we have had in Junior Infants! The children have grown so much, developing lovely friendships, independence, and new skills. Through play, stories and engaging activities, we've learned a great deal together, and we made sure to have plenty of fun along the way!

Our first exciting outing was to the Fire Station where we met firefighters Des & Ciarán. They showed us all the equipment, the fire engines and we got to use the hoses to do some target practice! I think there are definitely some budding firefighters in our class!



We were also lucky enough to have a visit from Garda Steve who taught us lots about road safety and the job of a policeman. Some children were arrested and put in handcuffs; it was great fun!!!!



In our class we learned about the life cycle of the butterfly. Mrs. Larkin brought some caterpillars in, and we looked after them from tiny caterpillars to the chrysalis stage and then to beautiful butterflies! We loved having them in our classroom but after a few days it was time to let them go free in our school field. They didn't want to leave us; we have seen them flying around our field since then!



We also had a lovely visit to the Mayfair Library. Now all our class are members of the library and are looking forward to reading lots of exciting books over the summer.



Our school trip to the Watershed was action-packed! We went on water slides & bouncy castles, and we played lots of fun games outside.



We also had a really fun sports day in our school field. It was a hot day, so we enjoyed plenty of water breaks. There were so many fun activities including a water course, penalty shoot-out, sack race, obstacle course and so much more!



We rounded off our last term in Junior Infants with a lovely trip to the Castle Park. It was early in the morning, so we almost had the playground all to ourselves. It was great fun.



Our last day saw us in the field for a Teddy Bear's Picnic and Bubble Party. It's hard to believe we could have fit in any more fun, but we did! What a smashing year we have had together in Junior Infants, have a great summer!



Mrs. Ryan's Senior Infants Class

Mrs. Ryan's class have had a wonderful Term 3 in Senior Infants. We have enjoyed the good weather, tried new things and been out and about in the community.

We had a lovely time celebrating Wellbeing Week and creating peace in school and at home.



We created paper rockets, improved our hurling skills with Stephen, wrote reports about vegetables, and worked on our spelling and our numbers from 1 to 10.



We also explored the themes of the garden centre, water and camping.



We joined the library and borrowed some books.



We had a visit from the Gardaí and stepped inside the Garda van.



We had great fun at all the different activities for Edmund Rice day and our school trip to the Watershed.



We have hunted for mini beasts and enjoyed our Junior Sports day.



Thank you to all the parents and families for a lovely last term and I wish all the girls and boys every success in 1st Class. From Mrs. Ryan.

Ms. Walsh's Senior Infants Class

What a busy final term the boys and girls have had in Senior Infants! We had so many exciting trips and were also busy learning in the classroom!

We learned all about Space in May. Designing and launching our rockets outside was so fun.



Our art lessons focused on fabric and fibre. We planned and made our own costumes using lots of different materials. Teamwork was important here - holding, cutting, gluing and measuring the fabric



In maths we had a great time creating and extending patterns using a variety of items. We even made patterns for our classmates to continue.



In May we also had two Gardaí come to visit us. They spoke to us about keeping safe over the summer when swimming, travelling in the car and playing outside. They even let us have a look in their van and try out some equipment.



In June we learned lots about water and tried out some classroom items to see which would float. We then wrapped our hands in different materials to check which were waterproof.



Without a doubt our favourite two days in school were our tour to the Watershed and the Sports Day. There were so many fun activities for the whole day. The waterslide was a big hit and even the teachers got wet with the big splashes!



The hot weather didn't stop sports day where we were racing, jumping and climbing among lots of other activities. We even got to take penalties on some 6th Class boys - just like the World Cup. So many goals were scored Ms. Walsh lost count.



After all that hard work the boys and girls in Senior Infants deserve a well-earned summer break. It has been such a privilege to be their teacher this year and see their brilliant progress. I wish you all a safe and happy summer.

Ms. Walsh



Mr. Fitzpatrick's 1st Class

The boys and girls of 1st class have worked very hard this year and have earned a well-deserved rest over the summer! I wish them all the best as they move onto 2nd class next year! Enjoy the summer!!

School Tour

The boys and girls in first class had an action-packed school tour at the Watershed this year. They had lots of fun on inflatables and waterslides!! They all took part in a range of activities throughout the day with lots of laughter and excitement! A favourite on the day was the waterslide where 1st class had a big splash at the end!!



Classroom Activities

First class have continued with their hard work this year. They had great fun using STEAM kits allowing them to be creative when constructing various structures. They also had the opportunity to share their wonderful reading skills with 4th class during reading buddies. As always, we make use of hands-on learning here in first class! 1st class have completed wonderful work all year collaborating with one another building great relationships and friendships along the way.





Sports Day

The annual sports day was a big hit once again for first class. They had a great day taking part in a wide range of activities set up by teachers in the sunshine. They had obstacle courses, sack races, dodgeball and tug-of-war to name just a few!!



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, they have worked on a number of skills over the past couple of months and really enjoy being active playing small sided games together!



Ms. Cantwell's Class

Hello everyone and welcome back to our newsletter. We have lots of exciting news to share with you from our final term of the school year.

During the month of April, we celebrated 'Wellbeing Week'. We loved watching videos, participating in mindfulness activities and completing artwork linked to the daily themes. We particularly enjoyed the lesson about 'The Power of Yet' and developing a Growth Mindset. Some of our pupils created posters with personal examples to work towards.



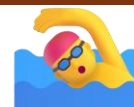
We continued with our theme of sowing and growing seeds during April and May. There was great excitement when our wildflower seeds began to shoot up in the window box outside our classroom. We have been taking great care of them since, checking on them and watering them daily. They have grown so tall! We learned all about the parts of the plant and what plants need to grow.



We celebrated Edmund Rice Day in May with lots of fun activities. Everyone enjoyed moving from station to station in their groups with peers from different classes. It was fantastic to see pupils from lots of classes having fun in our sensory room and soft play area during the day.



Another exciting activity this term was our swimming sessions in The Watershed. We loved spending time in the swimming pool and using the public bus to get to and from the Watershed. It was a great adventure each week!



All pupils were delighted to go on their School Tours with their classmates. Some pupils went to Hidden Valley Resort to play laser tag, others went to Sport Ireland Campus and the National Aquatic Centre, and our younger pupils went to the Watershed where they played on the inflatable obstacle courses and waterslides!

We were so happy to welcome some of the victorious Minor Kilkenny Camogie team to our school in June and even got to hold the Leinster and All-Ireland cups!



Our Sports Days for both junior and senior classes in the school went really well. All pupils participated in the practices and some events on the day. We had great fun with the various novelty races, and the younger pupils loved the wide range of activities involved!



We spent some time learning about the FIFA World Cup and selected one country each to complete a research project on. We learned lots of interesting facts and were delighted with our final projects.



Well done to all pupils on what was an extremely enjoyable and successful school year. We learned lots and had great fun along the way. Have a fantastic summer break boys!

Ms. Cantwell

Mrs. Moloney's 2nd Class

We have come to the end of another busy term in Room 1, and all the boys are ready for a nice relaxing summer break! We had many memorable moments, but the highlight of this term was the celebration of our First Holy Communion in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, May 2nd. Fr. Ryan celebrated the mass, and we would like to thank Fr. Ryan and Sr. Nuala for guiding us along the way and for making our day such a special occasion.



We have been very active this term in Room 1. We continued with our action-packed hurling sessions with Stephen every Friday morning in the field and we are a fantastic group of hurlers-watch out for us on the School Team in the future! We had many fun-filled hurling sessions with Ms. Cantwell and Ms. Walsh after school on Wednesdays. We also played soccer many times over on the Astroturf.



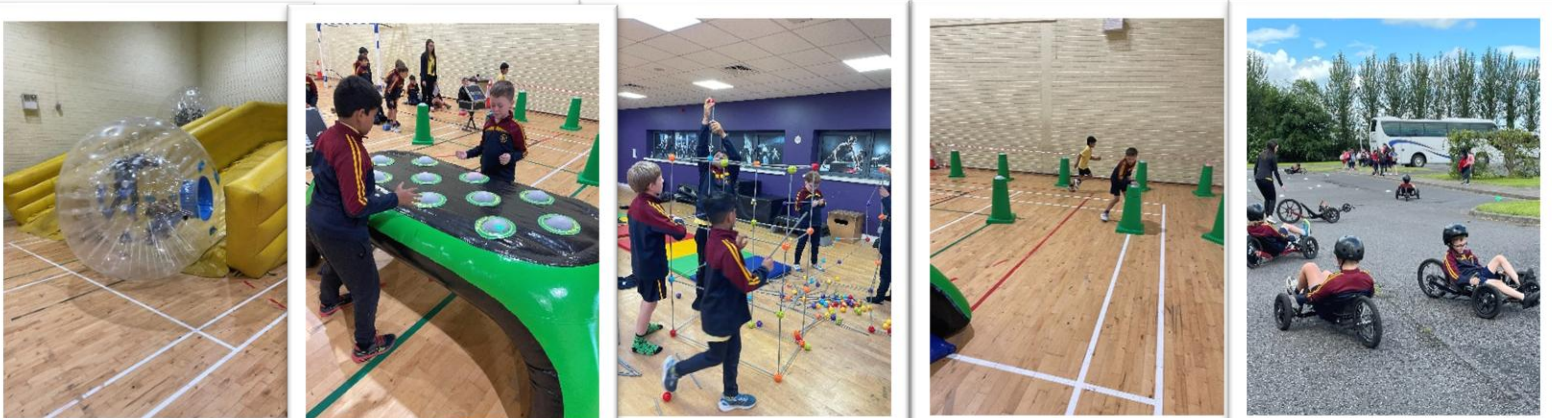
We enjoyed engineering tasks in STEM using the STEM kits and task cards. We have amazing future architects and engineers in Room 1 and as you will see from our photos are not afraid to take on 3,000-piece Lego sets! Dominik and Wojciech brought their Lego to school and Parker sent us a photo of his wonderful masterpiece. We worked on Space Projects using the iPads and learned many new interesting facts.



Our school trip to Let's Go Camp in Waterford was also a fun filled day. We had great fun on the bouncy castle, the disco ball, zorbing, archery, tug of war and carting.



We all took part in our very first Sports Day in Scoil Iognáid de Rís and we really enjoyed the long puck and tug of war events. Congratulations to all the winners and more importantly to everyone who took part on the day.



After our Communion, as a special treat for all our hard work we had a lovely trip to the Castle Park where we enjoyed ice-cream in the sun!

This week we also visited the Mayfair Library and brought home our forms for the Summer Stars Reading Challenge. The librarian explained how to take part, and we are looking forward to taking up this challenge!



It is hard to believe that our time in Second Class has come to an end, and in September we will be in Third Class and moving upstairs!

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

Mr. Leahy's 3rd Class

As 3rd Class draws to an end, it falls to us to share our final Newsletter of the year with you. Packed with fun and brimming with lasting memories, this year has topped the bill! Let's show you what we've been up to.

Our reading has continued to make great leaps and bounds due to our team teaching where we read together in small groups. We have new and familiar books. We enjoy reading to each other and playing comprehension games.



We spent some time enjoying dot art. It was important to learn to be patient, but we were really happy with the outcome.



Our school trip was a massive success. The boys had a ball as you can see.



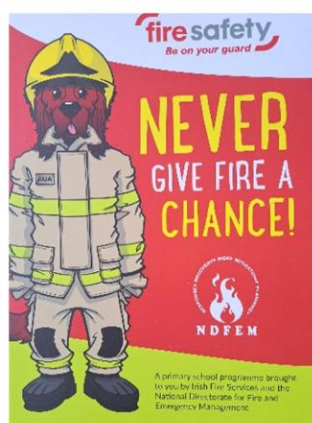
Our sports day has been the centre of all things in recent weeks. We held our Long Puck in the field on the lead up to the big day. Well done to everyone for taking part. We had to run off qualifications also to decide who made it through to the sprints, long race and spud and spoon. Competition was fierce, but the boys have responded well and have enjoyed every minute of the build-up.



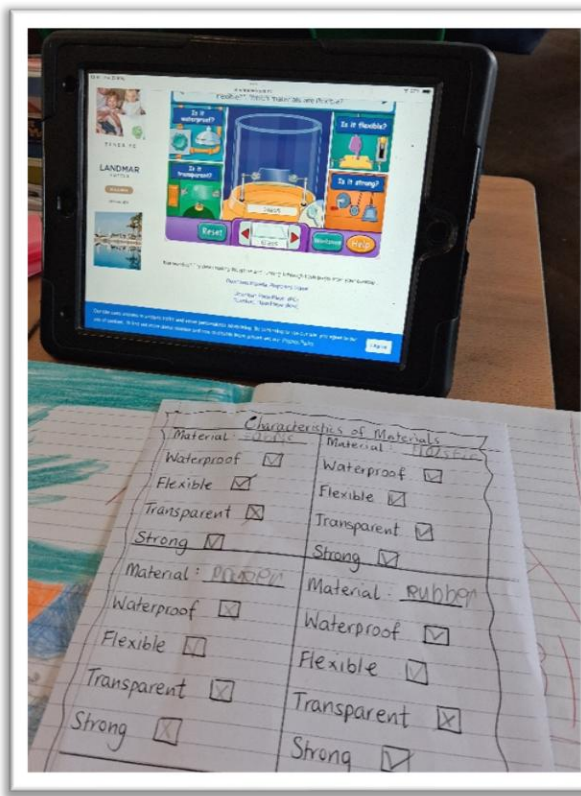
The sports day itself is always a highlight and with the weather blessing us with a sunny afternoon we battled it out for bronze, silver and gold. These are the days we'll remember.



A visit from our local Firemen was an added highlight. They spoke with us about fire safety and decisions that can save lives. They left us with a fun booklet full of engaging activities.



Science has seen us enjoying working with our STEM kits in class. In teams we had the opportunity to build, create, investigate and design. Lots of learning amongst the fun. We also learned about properties of materials and tested them using the interactive option on the iPads.



PE in the Astroturf is always a highlight, and the boys were delighted to get some time there in our final days.



With all of this and lots more it has been a year to remember. We now look forward to our summer and year ahead full of more chances to learn and enjoy being in the CBS.

Ms. Brennan's 4th Class

Hello everyone! We can't believe that we have reached the end of our year together in Ms. Brennan's 4th Class. As we reach our last few days, we still have some great activities planned, like a pizza party and a soccer game in the park! Since our last newsletter, and in between all our hard work and summer tests, we've fitted in time to make some fun memories in Term 3. Keep reading to see some of our highlights. Have a great summer everyone!

We had great fun at the annual Edmund Rice Day, playing lots of different games and learning about the life of the important person who founded the Christian Brothers.



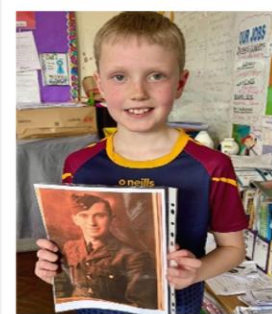
We performed at the Uke Jam with Music Generation at the SET Theatre recently. It was fun to play all the songs we have learned with Paul, alongside lots of other children, and accompanied by a full band.



We went on a super school trip to Hidden Valley in Co. Wicklow. We got to try combat laser tag, along with spending some time in the Aqua Park!



Learning about 'The Emergency' and Ireland in World War II in History was a great opportunity for Rían to share his family's story. Thanks for sharing Rían!



On some hot days recently, we got to play soccer on the Astro pitch and cooled down afterwards with some tasty ice-pops!



We recently got a chance to participate in the Heritage in Schools Archaeology Day at the Heritage Council. We learned about archaeology, geology and ancient weaponry, and got a guided tour of the graveyard at St. Canice's Cathedral. And, very importantly, we got a treat from the ice-cream van!

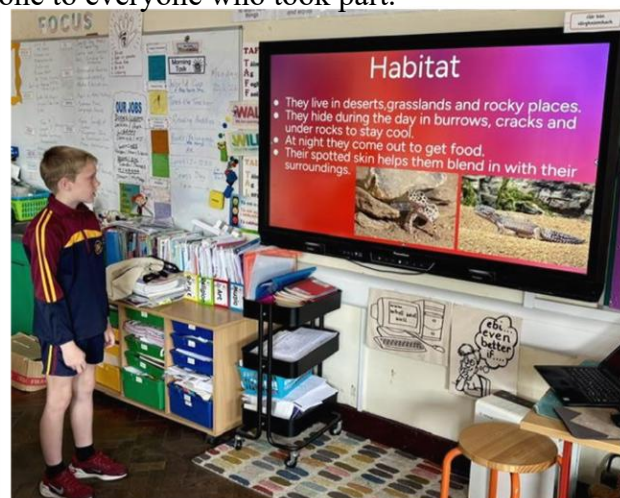


We also recently paid a visit to the Medieval Mile Museum to gain an insight into life (and death!) in Medieval Kilkenny and the detective work done by archaeologists and historians.



This month, we've been running a 'Teach the Teacher' project, where we each take a turn to become the teacher, sharing our knowledge of a chosen topic or skill with the teacher and the other students. 'Teachers' also need to prepare an activity to check for understanding and that learning has taken

place. We had a huge variety in our lessons. Well done to everyone who took part.



We visited 1st Class recently for a 'Reading Buddies' session. It was great to see the progress made by our younger students with their reading this year!



We are proud of everyone for taking part in our annual Sports Day.



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

This summer term has been our busiest yet! We have had great weather and lots of time on the field with our friends. Our school tour, sports day and Heritage Day were highlights of Term 3. We are looking forward to a well-earned break for the summer, and all 6th class has to offer next year!

Sports Day

Sports Day was amazing! We had loads of fun, races and lots of craic! First, we had Short Sprints, a quick race for speed and stamina. 1st came Aaron Tyrrell, 2nd was me (Thomas Cunniffe) and 3rd was Max Udatny.

After that, there was the Wheelbarrow Race. It was great! Sydney Blanchfield and I came 1st, then Luca Di Florio and Michael Dempsey came 2nd together and 3rd came Aaron Tyrrell and Reece McCabe.

Next was the Long Race, a test of speed and endurance. Sprinting ahead at the end was Aaron Tyrrell coming in first, then in 2nd was me again and third came Greg Karejwo.

Near the end, we had the 3-Legged Race, a race of trust and timing. In 1st place was Michael Dempsey and Reece Kelly, coming in 2nd were me and Sydney Blanchfield and then in 3rd came Max Udatny and Ehaab Adil.

Finally, there was the Relay Race. On the team for 5th class was Aaron Tyrrell, Max Udatny and Sydney Blanchfield and I. It was our team against 4th class, 6th class and the other 6th class. First sprinting in second was our Max Udatny, passing the baton on our Sydney Blanchfield. Sydney started to pick pace, while I was getting ready to sprint like my life depended on it. The baton was then passed on to me, and I started to sprint like a cheetah. I caught up with 6th class who were in 1st place and then I passed the baton to the amazing Aaron Tyrrell. He didn't wait. He kept running and running until he was well ahead of 6th class. It was then; we came 1st! That was the end to the perfect Sports Day.

By Thomas Cunniffe



Sports Day

Sports Day was on Monday 22nd June. It was so fun. The first activity I took part in was the wheelbarrow race. I didn't place but still had fun. After that I took part in the 3-legged race with Martin. We came in 5th place :(I also saw the relay race and our class won wooooo!

By Mahdi

STEM

We worked in teams to make marble runs. We really enjoyed constructing, testing and editing our designs.



The School Hurling Team

I was part of the school hurling team this year. We trained on Monday and Wednesdays. In our first match we beat St. John's then Thomastown, Ballyhale and Paulstown. In the Tommy O'Brien Cup, we played against Comer and Won. After that, we beat Coon Muckalee, 9-17 to 4 points. After that, in the Championship we beat Lisdowney, and they didn't even score but then we lost in two semi-finals. It was a difficult end but a good year overall.

By Jack Ruth

Recount - My School Trip

Firstly, everyone got to school at 8am. There were 2 buses, Bus A and Bus B. Half our class went on Bus B with Ms. Curran's class. My half of the class went on Bus A with Mr. Cuniffe's class. We left at quarter past 8. The bus ride took 1hr 30 mins. Then we put our bags down and met our coach for the day and the building was massive.

The first activity we did was Olympic handball. It was fun. Atakan was in the goal. We played one game against Reece and Michael's team and won the game.

Next, we played basketball. The hoops were big. We played snatch the bacon. The other team won. Then we went back to go do high jump and long jump. We did long jump first. There was a sand pit, and the longest jump was Aaron's.

Next, we did high jump and the highest jump was Max's. After lunch we walked to the Aqua Centre with water slides and lazy rivers and a pool. The best water slide was the dark hole.

By Haziq and Michael

Recount - Snack and Browse

On Friday we had our Snack and Browse. We (5th class) started at 11:30am with 4th class. There were lots of items like fizzy drinks, crisps, some toys and some books for kids. There were some items for low price, like 50 cents for crisps, and fizzy drinks for €1.50. I bought four crisps, 2 drinks and a biscuit. I had five euros and fifty cents, during the time. We had thirty minutes to buy stuff, but the thing that I was

surprised by was that €8 for a tracksuit top really was cheap, in some stores they're €50 euro.

After the big break we had another ten minutes to buy even more stuff. The drinks were reduced to €1. I had lots of fun and snacks to eat and drink.

Heritage Day

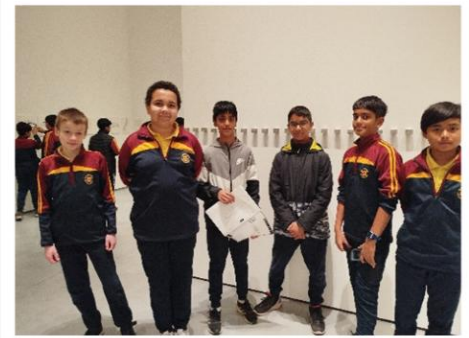
The 12th of June 2026 was Heritage Day. This year we were all excited for it. When we exited the building, we walked 5-10 minutes to the Heritage Council Headquarters building. After we got there, we first did was a geologist workshop. When we left it, we were playing with wooden games like Irish chess which was fun. Then we walked into a room, and a prop maker was talking about his collection and his real artefacts. After he stopped talking, he let us hold the items and it was fun. Then we got ice cream and then we got free time.

By Asad



Ms. Curran's 6th Class





Mr. Cunniffe's 6th Class













Summer 2026

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

We look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Thursday, 27th August 2026.