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Halloween greetings!

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),



Welcome to our Halloween Newsletter. As always, we have had a busy but extremely positive start to the 2026/2027 school year. We welcomed new infant pupils to our school and many new pupils in other classes from Senior Infants to 6th Class.
We are delighted to have you in our school, and we hope you enjoy your years with us. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the children for your constant support, co-operation and encouragement since our reopening on August 27th.

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

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

Just a reminder that the school will be closed from Monday, October 26th to Friday, October 30th inclusive for the Mid-Term Break. I'd like to wish you all a safe and happy Hallowe'en.

Niall Bergin, Principal



First Days at School

KILKENNY CBS – MS. CONDON'S CLASS

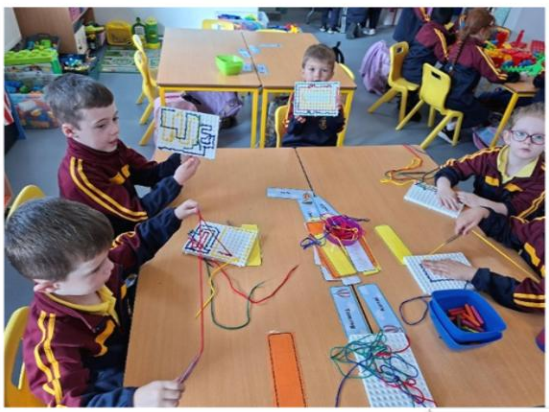


KILKENNY CBS – MRS. LARKIN'S CLASS



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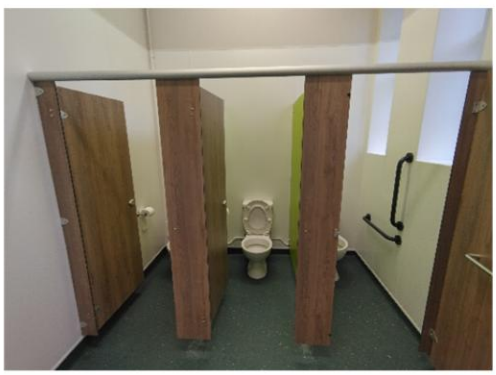




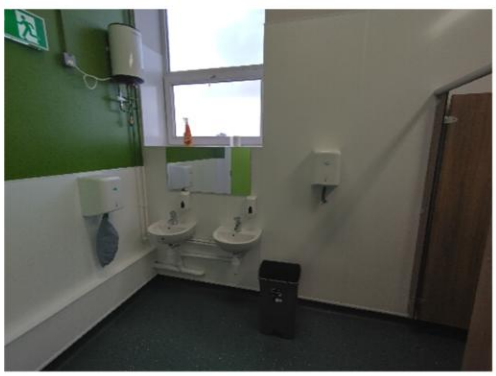

School Developments











Child Safeguarding in our School

At our recent Board of Management meeting, the school's new Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment were ratified. This followed a consultation process involving staff, pupils and parents/guardians. Our new Safeguarding Statement is in line with Child Protection Procedures 2025.



Parents' Association

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

Chairperson: Sarah Shermer
Secretary: Áine Burke
Treasurer: Danielle Malone

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

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

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



Road Safety

We remind you that parents should not be driving onto school grounds at the start or the end of the day. This is to ensure that all pupils can enter and exit the school safely.

We also ask that dogs are not on school grounds as some children can find then intimidating.

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



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

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Parent-Teacher meetings will be held on **Tuesday, November 17th and Wednesday, November 18th**. Our school will **close at 2:15pm on both days**. Appointments for PT meetings can be made after the Mid-Term Break on Aladdin Connect.



Sacraments

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

First Penance	Monday 15th March, St. Mary's Cathedral, 7pm
First Holy Communion	Saturday 15th May, St. Mary's Cathedral, 11am.
Confirmation	Friday 5th March, St Mary's Cathedral, 11am.

Primary Schools Cross Country Event



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

A huge word of well done to every boy who tried out, and in particular, to those who represented the school so well on the day in the Castle Park. A special shout out to Aaron Tyrrell who won a silver medal in the 6th Class race.



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

Team Hope Shoebox Appeal

Scoil Iognáid de Rís is delighted again to be supporting the Team Hope Shoebox appeal in November 2026. Our school will be a collection point for the wonderful boxes that will be distributed to children in need. Below are some of the items that are needed to fill a shoebox but there are also options to contribute online. Over the Halloween break can be a good time to look for items. I will distribute Team Hope leaflets on our return to school. Thanking you in advance for your generosity, Team Hope coordinator, Nicola Ryan



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

TEAM HOPE™
Christmas shoebox appeal

Christmas Cards for Schools

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

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

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



Choir

Our school choir are up and running for 2026-27 under the guidance of Mrs. Bolger. Boys from 3rd – 6th class are welcome to join the choir. Practices take place on Mondays at 12 noon and Tuesdays at 8:40am.

The boys will have a busy November and December as they will be performing at our Information Night and at some Christmas events also. More details shortly.



Music Generation Kilkenny

We are delighted to have Music Generation Kilkenny working in our school. Pupils from Junior Infants – 1st class engage with the Music Makers Programme with Barbara. Pupils in 2nd and 3rd class take part in percussion and samba drumming with Tom, and Paul teaches ukulele lessons for 4th – 5th class, and guitar lessons for 6th class.



In addition to this wonderful work, our 3rd and 4th class pupils will be taking part in the 'Sing Out' Concert on Wednesday, 9th December 2026. Barbara and Clare will be working with these two classes after the mid-term break.



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

Extra Curricular Activities

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



Swimming

Swimming classes for 3rd & 4th class will start on **Thursday, 5th November** and the lessons will continue each Thursday from 9.30am – 10.15am for six weeks in the Watershed. The fee is €55, and payment can be processed on Aladdin Connect, by cash or in instalments.

Information Evening

We will be hosting an **Information Evening on Wednesday, November 25th at 7:30pm** in the School Hall. A reminder that we will be enrolling **Junior Infants to 3rd class girls and boys**, and **boys only from 4th to 6th class.**

Applications for September 2027 will be accepted from **Wednesday, January 6th to Friday, January 29th 2027** for Junior Infants and other classes. Application forms will be available in the school office and on our website cbsprimarykilkenny.ie

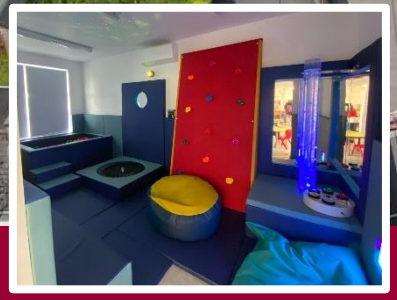
We are encouraging you , the parental body, to spread the good word about our school.We look forward to meeting as many prospective parents as possible on the night.











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Inviting parents interested in finding out more about our school.

Junior Infants – 3rd Class Girls & Boys and Boys from 4th - 6th Class.

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

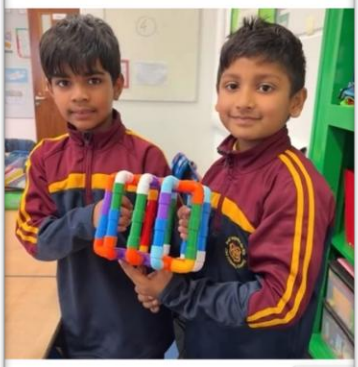


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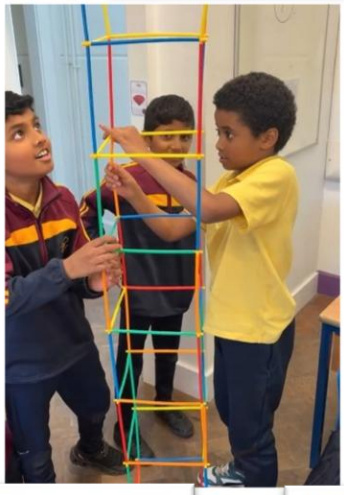
Maths Week

Maths Week was celebrated across the school from October 10th to 18th. It was a hugely enjoyable experience for all of our pupils who got to take part in a wide range of fun mathematical activities. Some of these included classes solving daily maths problems, designing their own headline stories, using IZAK 9 cubes, taking part in online webinars and so much more. We also had our annual junior and senior maths quizzes. The entire week was filled with fun events and was enjoyed by all.











School Gaelic Football

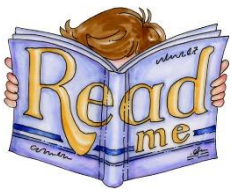
Our school gaelic football team have been very busy over the last number of weeks. The boys had great fun and trained hard. They recorded two very good victories against Freshford and Gowran.

The team qualified for the quarter finals, which took place just before the Mid-Term break. Unfortunately, the team lost out to a very strong Dunnamggin side

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



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.

Freshtoday Menu Update



Please note upcoming menu changes that will be available in schools from **Monday 2nd November**. These meals are available to order by students effective immediately.

See here for more details.

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 Halloween Holidays.

Miss Boyle and all the Green Team



And remember:

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

Go Green for Halloween

On Friday, October 23rd, we held a dress up fashion event in the school, entitled '**Go Green for Halloween**'.

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

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











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Our Green School Committee
2026-27

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

Happy Halloween

And

Stay Green!!!



Art Classes

Our after-school Art Club has been enjoying a fantastic start to the year, with lots of creativity, colour and imagination! The boys have been exploring different artistic techniques and experimenting with a variety of materials to create their own unique pieces of artwork. So far, they have created beautiful galaxy art, capturing the colours and wonder of outer space, and have been developing their drawing skills through Halloween-themed sketching. They have also been busy making some lovely Halloween decorations, bringing a spooky touch of creativity to the season!

Art Club provides the boys with an opportunity to express themselves, try new things, develop their artistic skills and take pride in their finished creations. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, imagination and individuality shine through in their work. We look forward to lots more exciting art projects and creative adventures next term!











Lego Construction Club

Our latest Lego Club term was packed with creativity, imagination and bursting with excitement! Members had a fantastic time exploring various types of builds/themes. These included free play creativity, being astronauts, motorised vehicles and by special request the return of our Beyblade knock out, to name a few.

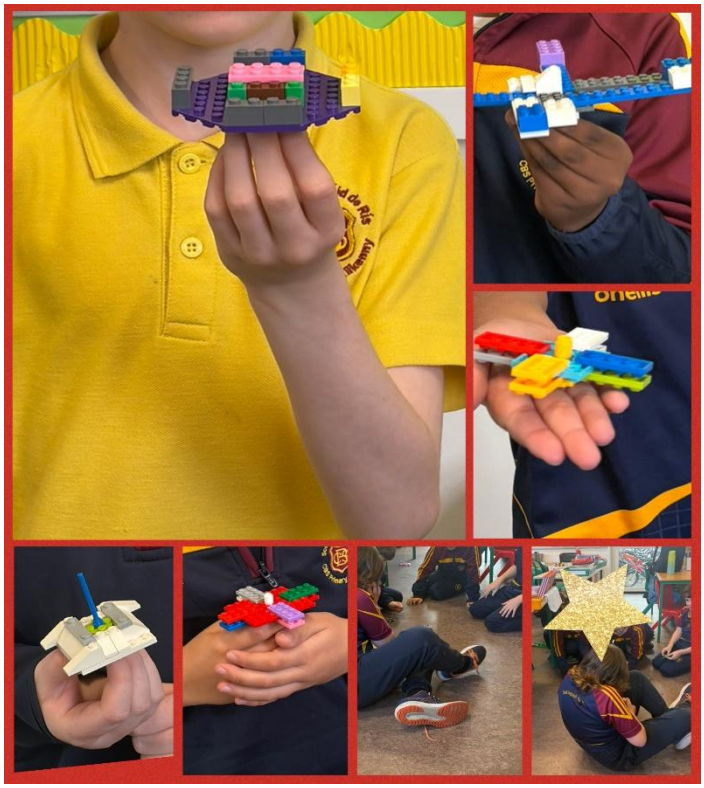
There was plenty of action in our motorised vehicle race as members put their engineering skills to the test to see who would race to victory! We also held a very competitive Beyblade knockout competition which produced lots of friendly rivalry and fun.

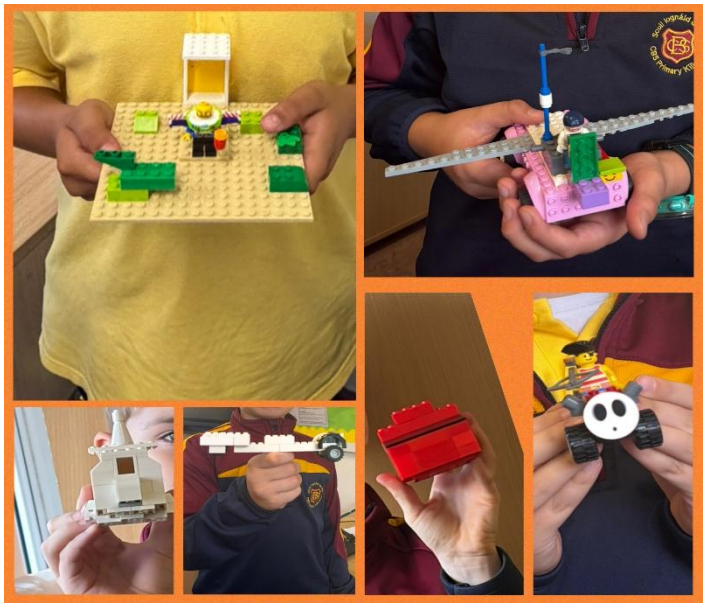
Throughout this term members demonstrated so much more than building skills alone. They showcased their incredible imaginations, perseverance, patience and attention to detail. These are all extremely valuable skills and encourage resilience and problem-solving skills.

The process of experimenting with different design ideas, testing various techniques and making adaptations when things didn't go to plan all strengthen these skills. Members displayed strong teamwork, excellent communication and turn taking skills during sessions.

As you can see Lego is about much more than bricks! It provides valuable opportunities to develop fine motor skills, spatial awareness, engineering and design lens, as well as creativity and independent thinking. Learning from mistakes, exploring limitations, strengthening social skills and confidence.

Members have the option each week to experience independent work and collaborative builds. They can showcase their builds to other members at the end of our sessions. During this time, they can explain techniques and the thought process behind the project. This gives each of them the freedom to have fun whilst learning along the way. We are sad that our first term is soon coming to an end but look forward to term 2 in the New Year and to see the amazing builds that will be created then!







Tennis

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

Well done to each and every one of the pupils who all made great progress so far this term. A special word of well done to the boys and girls for their great attitude towards learning new skills and shots. We look forward to learning new shots such as the serve, volley and smash over the coming weeks. Please note the next Tennis class is on **Thursday, 19th November.**













School Calendar 2026-27

TERM 1

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, 17th November:	**Parent-Teacher meetings (School closing at 2:15pm).**
Wednesday, 18th November:	**Parent-Teacher meetings (School closing at 2:15pm).**
Wednesday, 25th November:	**Information Evening at 7:30pm in the School Hall for Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of incoming students.**
Tuesday, 8th December:	**Staff training on New Primary Curriculum (School closed).**
Tuesday, 22nd December:	**Christmas Holidays. Closing at 12:30pm.**

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).**
Friday, 5th March:	**Confirmation in St. Mary's Cathedral at 11am.**
Monday, 15th March:	**First Penance in St. Mary's Cathedral at 7pm.**
Wednesday, 17th March:	**St. Patrick's Day (School closed).**
Friday, 19th March:	**Easter Holidays. Closing at 12:30pm.**

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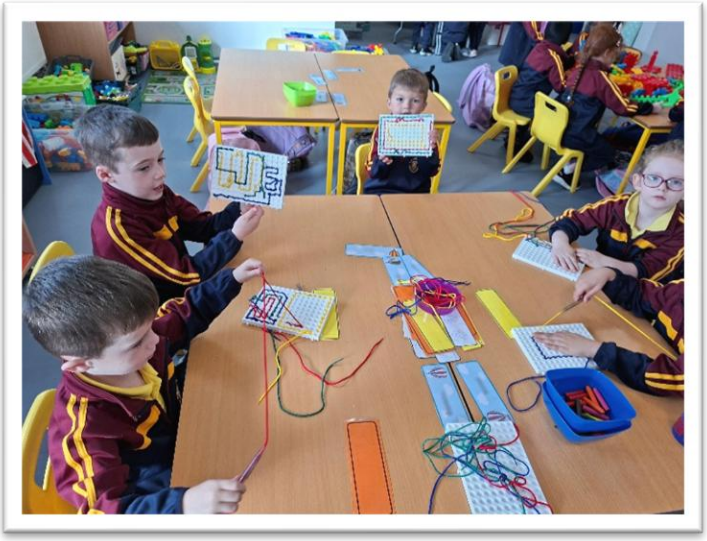
Monday, 5th April:	**Re-opening after Easter Holidays.**
Thursday, 22nd April:	**Staff training on New Primary Curriculum (School closed).**
Monday, 3rd May:	**May Bank Holiday (School closed).**
Tuesday, 4th– Friday, 7th May:	**School closed.**
Saturday, 15th May:	**First Holy Communion in St. Mary's Cathedral at 11am.**
Monday, 7th June:	**June Bank Holiday (School closed).**
Friday, 25th June:	**Summer Holidays. Closing at 12:30pm.**

** 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

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





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









In maths we have worked on sorting colours, shapes and much more. We learned how to make patterns. We have been counting and have started learning our numbers. We even used a five frame. Maths Week was so exciting as we went on a maths hunt, and we had the most amazing parade where the children showed other classes their maths hats and posters. The standard was unbelievable and it made for a very exciting day in school.







We went on our first class trip where we went on an autumn walk. We drew about our walk. We have been learning all about autumn, hedgehogs, squirrels and leaves. We have been busy preparing for Hallowe'en learning about all the traditions and even making our own potions!! We are so lucky that we have Barbara from Music Generation coming each week teaching us fun songs.



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

Ms. Condon



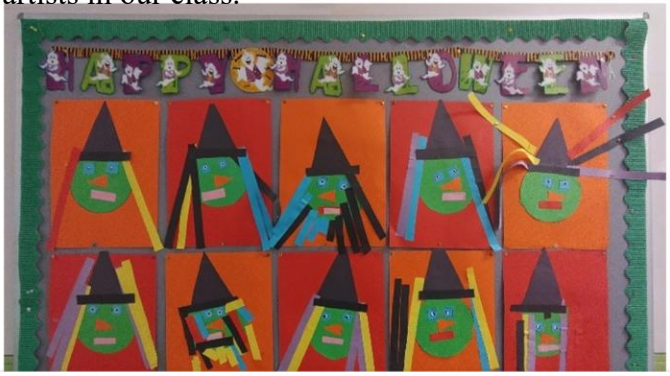
Mrs. Larkin's Junior Infants Class

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

We have been so fortunate to have some sixth-class boys helping us with our fine motor activities and station teaching. The big boys love to have the opportunity to help us out and the junior infants have made great friends with them!

In Junior Infants, learning through play is so important. In September, the children played a lot in the home corner, making meals for each other, playing families and packing the shopping away. In October, our theme was the Farm. We set up a farmer's market in our classroom where the children could work or go shopping. They learned about produce from the farm, about the animals on the farm and about different types of fruit and vegetables.

We also enjoyed a lovely nature walk in our local community where we were busy spotting all the signs of Autumn. Our art lessons have been very exciting as we have made so many different things, from self-portraits and shape witches to autumn trees and animal silhouettes! It's clear we have many budding artists in our class.





A couple of weeks ago we said goodbye to our good friend Gabriel who is moving to Brazil with his family. We will miss him!



We love our music lessons every Thursday with Barbara. We are learning new songs, playing games, and learning how to keep the beat. Everybody loves Barbara's best friend Bobby the Butterfly!

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





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











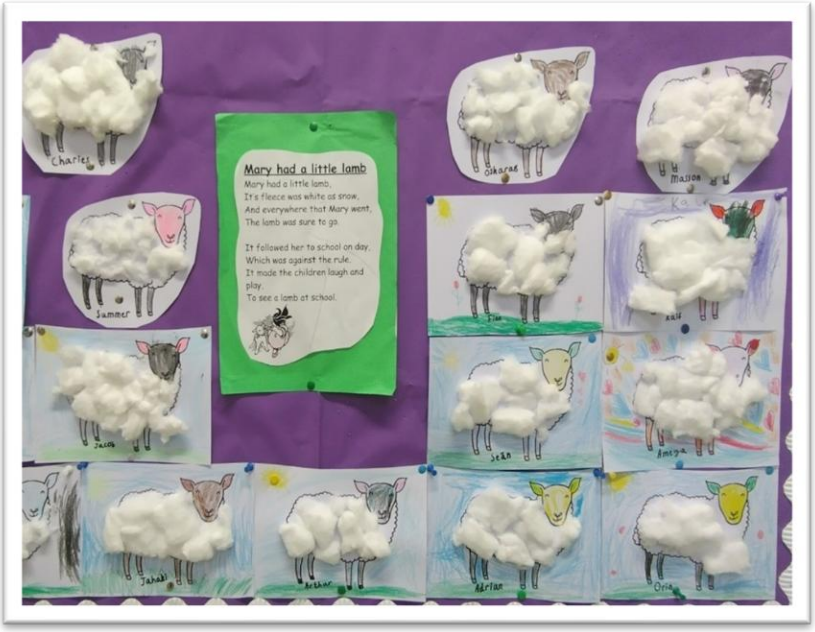


Mrs. Ryan's Senior Infants Class

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



We have learned lots of rhymes including 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive and Mary had a little lamb. We performed these for the girls and boys from Junior Infants to 2nd Class at our Junior Assembly.





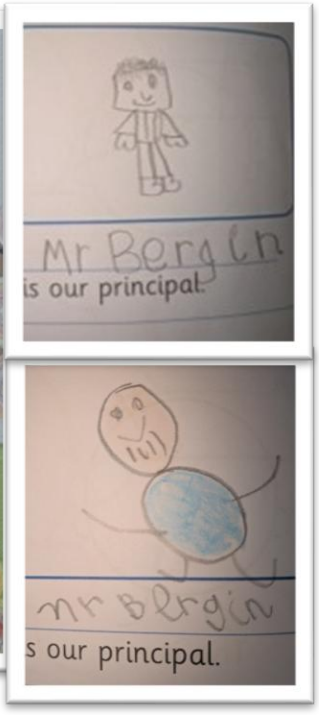
We have been lucky to have Barbara from Music Generation working with our class this term. We also enjoyed taking part in Maths Week and created great number posters.



We have explored our autumn theme and created our autumn tree and concentric circle art inspired by the artist Kandinsky "Squares with Concentric Circles". We even tried to draw portraits of Mr. Bergin.







Ms. N. Walsh's Senior Infants Class

The boys and girls have settled in so well to Senior Infants and have been working very hard. We have been practicing our counting, letter writing and reading. In art we learned all about the primary colours and mixed them together to make secondary colours.



Learning about families:

We learned lots about families this term. We drew pictures of our families, made family trees and even designed thank you cards to thank our parents for all the things they do to care for us.



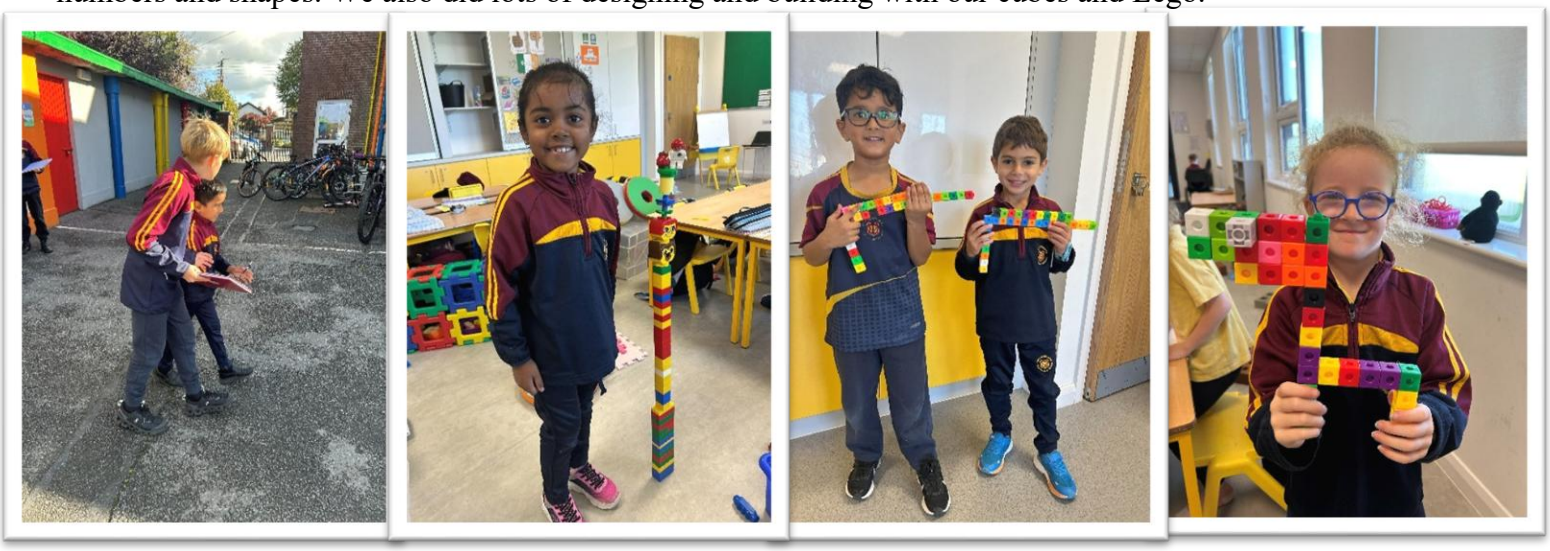
Playtime:

Our favourite time of the day in Senior Infants is definitely playtime. We dressed up as Witches and made potions in the Witches' Den. We love to build, draw and make things with playdough during this time too. On Tuesdays we do our playtime outside - practicing our kicking, throwing and hula hooping! Making up our own games for our friends to play is really fun too.



Maths Week:

During Maths Week we teamed up with a 6th Class buddy for a maths trail. We looked all around the school for numbers and shapes. We also did lots of designing and building with our cubes and Lego.



Halloween:

There was great excitement on our last day before midterm when we dressed up for Halloween. We played lots of Halloween games like bobbing for apples and the flour game. It was really messy and everyone had a great time.





Happy Halloween everyone and enjoy the well-deserved break!



Mr. Leahy's 1st Class

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to Mr. Leahy's 1st Class Halloween Newsletter. We are so excited to tell you all about the fun we have been having since starting this year. We have been very busy as you will see from our photos. Maths has seen lots of fun with station teaching involving shapes, tens and units and place value.

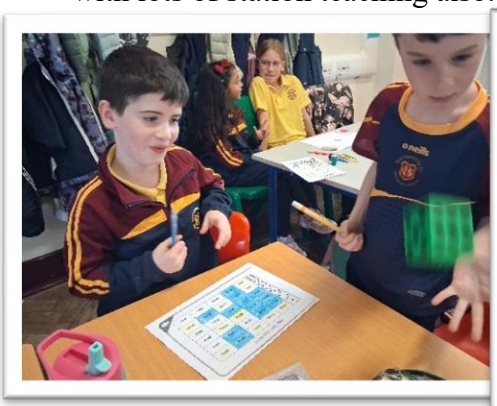


In Art we have been improving our drawing along with making hot air balloons, Autumn scenes and our favourite, the Spooky Cereal Box Monsters.



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In Literacy we have been making great strides in our reading and phonics skills. Mr. Leahy has made it really fun with lots of station teaching also.

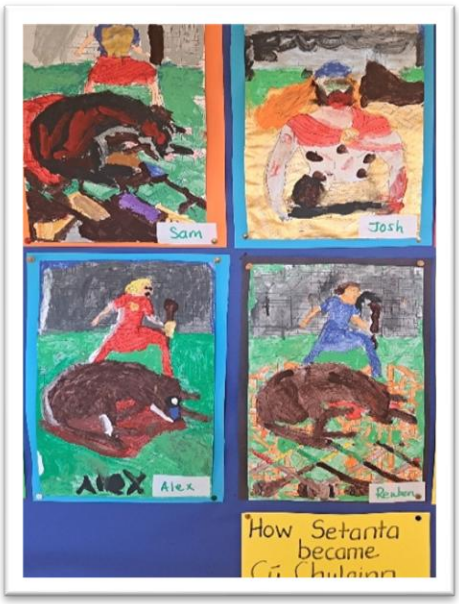






In History we have learned about the origins of Halloween, and we even interviewed Cú Chulainn. In Science we learned all about spiders.







PE saw us enjoying Gaelic Football with our coach and playing lots of fun games with Mr. Leahy. It has been a great start to the year.







That's all for now. Happy Halloween!







Ms. Ní Bheacháin's 1st Class

Ms. Ní Bheacháin's First Class have made a fantastic start to the new school year! The boys and girls have settled back into school routines really well and it has been wonderful to see them happy, confident and ready to learn.



We have been busy taking part in some fun extra-curricular activities too. The children have really enjoyed learning some new Gaelic football skills each week with their GAA coach Steven.



We have also enjoyed some wonderful music sessions with Barbara from Music Generation Kilkenny. The children have been learning lots of fun songs and rhymes, using body percussion and chime bars to keep the beat and explore rhythm.





The children are showing great enthusiasm for their learning and are developing their independence, confidence and teamwork skills every day. It is lovely to see them supporting one another, sharing ideas and giving their best effort in all that they do.



Well done to all the boys and girls for such a positive start to the year — keep up the fantastic work, First Class!

Ms. K. Walsh's Class

The start of the year was a busy time for our class, and we learned lots of new things.

In science we were learning about our senses. We completed experiments of touch, sight, sound, and smell. Our favourite one was the taste test, where we tasted sweet, salty and some sour things!





In history we learned about farms in the past and how there used to be no machines. We decided to give it a try and made some butter. We did this by shaking cream in a container until it turned to butter. Next, we tasted our delicious butter on some crackers.



In maths we focused on number in September and learned to play a counting game called 'Fizz Buzz'. We also learned about 2D shapes. We made some animals using tangram shapes.



In October we focused on the theme of Autumn. We learned about different types of trees and went on a nature hunt to find some signs of October. We also created some silhouettes of animals that hibernate in art.

For Halloween we learned a song called 'Samhain Scanrúil' and drew some spooky Halloween windows using oil pastels.





Well done to all the boys in our room for working so hard this term.







Ms. Brennan's 2nd Class

Welcome to October's news headlines from 2nd Class! We are a class of 33 boys and girls, led by Ms. Brennan. We've had an exciting and busy start to our year together. Read on to see just some of what we've gotten up to.

We have started lessons with Music Generation and are getting the chance to play samba drums and a wide variety of other percussion instruments. It's great fun!



As part of the Bookville Festival, 2nd Class visited Mayfair Library for a workshop with the writer and illustrator, Niamh Sharkey. We learned all about how she wrote her book 'Leaflings'. She also guided us through how to make our own Nature Journals. It was an amazing experience!











We carried out research on Autumn trees using the school iPads.





We've been doing lots of reading so far in 2nd Class. We have literacy stations twice a week, and we also get the chance to visit the class library during DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) time. Some pupils are currently enjoying the adventures of Pippi Longstocking!



Well done to Robin, Prashi and Jamie for representing 2nd Class on the Green Schools Committee. They got the chance to speak to the junior classes at a recent assembly in the hall. We have also begun our involvement with the 'Picker Pals' programme at lunch times.

In Maths, we've been working on our addition tables and talking a lot about Place Value. We also had a good time playing that old favourite: Snakes and Ladders!





In a recent Drama lesson, we acted out the famous tale of 'The Enormous Turnip'. As you can see, our class did a super job!

We have had a busy time in our PE lessons, taking part in athletics circuits, Gaelic football, basketball and the fundamental movement skills of running and kicking.







We've been getting ready for Halloween! Boo!







Ms. Cantwell's 3rd Class

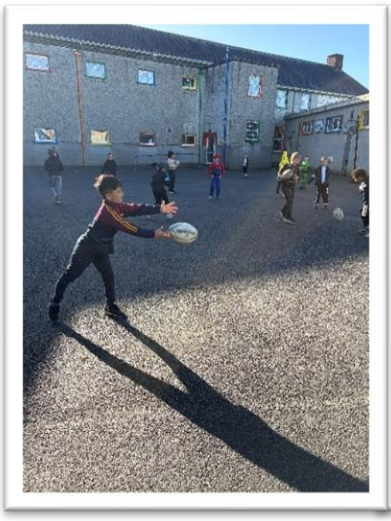
What a fantastic start to the school year we have had in third class! Since September, the children have settled in so well and have embraced all the new learning opportunities and activities with great enthusiasm. It has been wonderful to see them growing in confidence, working together and enjoying their learning each day.

Morning Meetings

We begin our days with our morning meetings, which provide a lovely opportunity to come together as a class, share news and ideas, and prepare for the day ahead. These meetings help us build a strong classroom community, develop our listening and communication skills, and practise kindness, respect and cooperation. They are a wonderful way to start each day feeling connected and ready to learn!

Active Learning and Teamwork

We have been keeping active with our weekly Gaelic football and Tag rugby coaching sessions with Steven and Noel this term. The children have really enjoyed developing their skills, practising new techniques and learning the importance of teamwork, cooperation and fair play.





Creativity in the Classroom

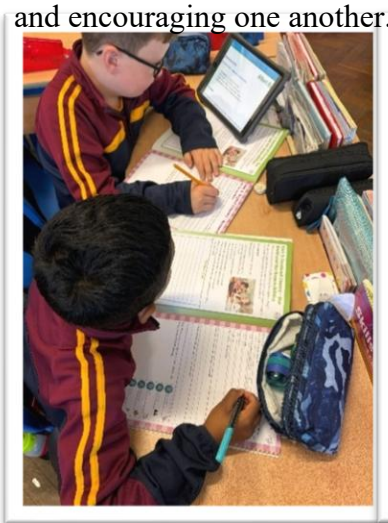
Our classroom has been a hive of creativity, with lots of fantastic artwork on display! The children enjoyed designing and creating their own colourful 3-D name art, experimenting with shapes, colours and patterns. As Halloween approached, we also created some spooky Halloween Mummy art, which added a lovely seasonal touch to our classroom displays. The children have shown great imagination and creativity in their work.





Learning Through Stations

Each week, the children have been taking part in station teaching for English and Maths. These activities provide opportunities to practise important skills, explore new concepts and work both independently and collaboratively in small groups. The children have enjoyed the variety of tasks and the chance to learn in different ways while supporting and encouraging one another.





Music and Percussion

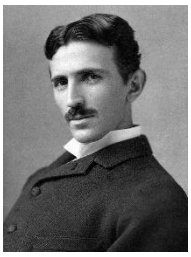
Our weekly Music Generation sessions with Tom have been another exciting part of our school week as part of the percussion programme. The children have been exploring rhythm, beat and sound while developing their musical skills through practical, hands-on activities. These sessions provide a wonderful opportunity to express creativity, listen carefully, work together and enjoy making music as a group.

Celebrating Maths Week

Maths Week was full of exciting, hands-on learning! The children explored mathematical ideas using STEM kits, taking on challenges, solving problems and putting their thinking skills to the test. During October, we also focused on the concept of time, using practical activities to help develop our understanding of clocks, time and everyday timetables. It was wonderful to see the children learning through exploration, discussion and problem-solving.



Discovering Famous Inventors



Our research projects have given the children the opportunity to become little researchers and discover the fascinating world of famous inventors and their inventions. They explored how different inventions have changed the way we live, learned interesting facts about the people behind them and developed their research and presentation skills. It has been lovely to see their curiosity grow as they discovered how creativity and new ideas can make a difference in the world.

Halloween Fun

We have been learning all about Halloween, exploring its traditions and enjoying some spooky seasonal activities along the way. A real highlight was our Halloween Dress-Up Day at school, when the children arrived in a fantastic variety of creative and colourful costumes. There were lots of spooky characters, imaginative outfits and plenty of excitement and laughter throughout the day! It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to get into the Halloween spirit and enjoy some festive fun together in the hall.



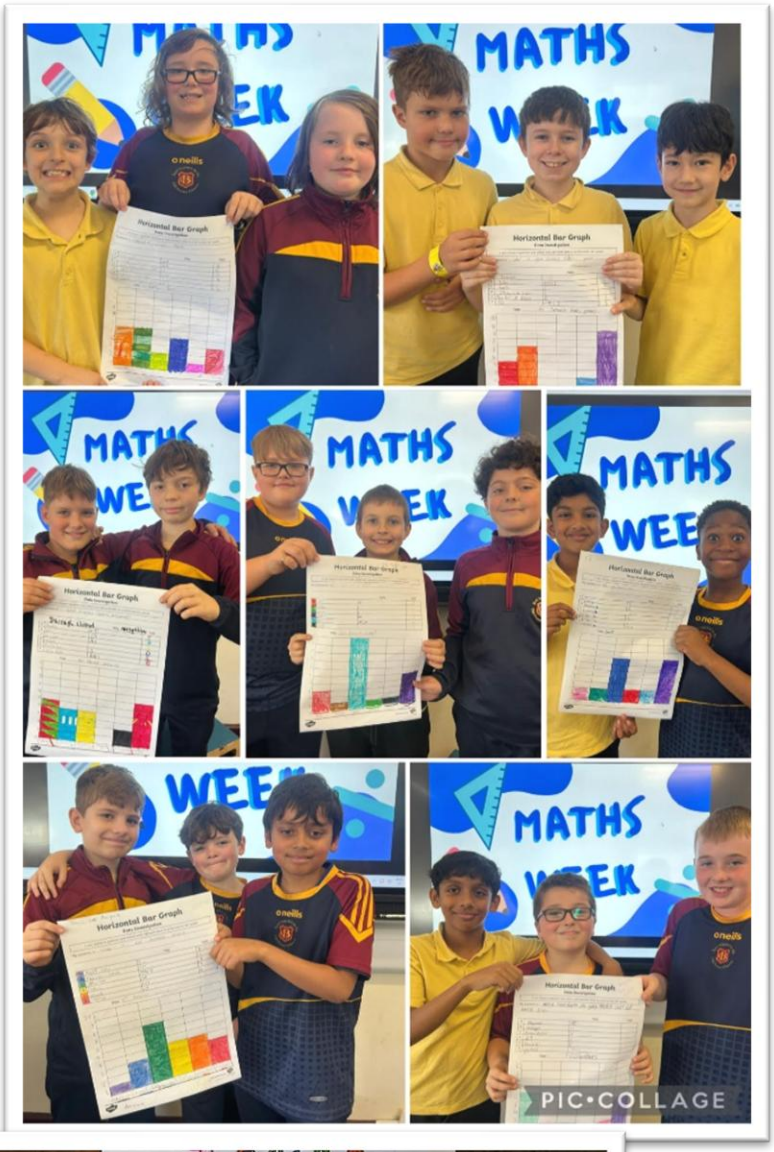
We have had a busy and rewarding start to the year. We look forward to lots more learning, laughter and new adventures in the months ahead! Happy Halloween! Enjoy the well-earned midterm break.

Ms. Cantwell

Ms. O'Neill's 4th Class

It has been a wonderful and busy start to the school year in 4th Class! The boys have been working hard, exploring new topics and enjoying lots of exciting, hands-on learning experiences across the curriculum.

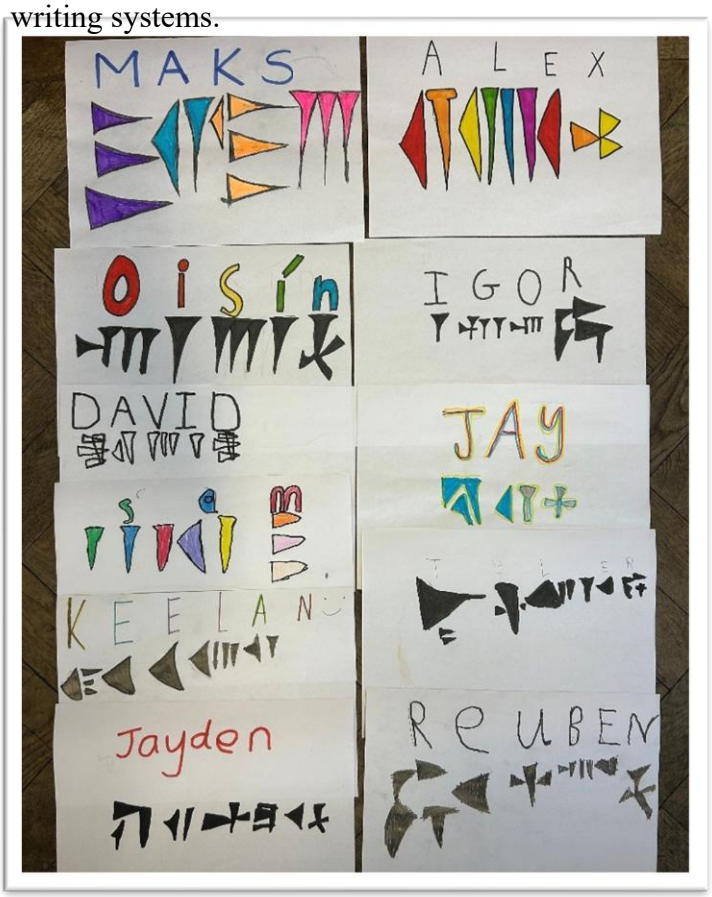
During Maths Week, the boys became data detectives as they put their mathematical skills to the test! They carried out their own surveys, practiced organising information using tally marks and created their own bar charts to display and interpret their results. They also took part in a fun Flip the Bottle Challenge, collecting and recording data to see what their results revealed. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring maths to life through teamwork, problem-solving and practical activities!



In Geography, the boys explored the important topic of endangered animals, learning about the threats facing different species and why it is so important to protect wildlife and their habitats. They discovered how human actions can affect animals and discussed ways we can help to protect them. Linking this learning with English, the boys explored animal rights and developed their persuasive writing skills. They created colourful, eye-catching posters promoting the work of the ISPCA, using persuasive language to encourage others to treat animals with kindness and respect.



In History, we travelled back thousands of years to discover the Ancient Sumerians, one of the world's earliest civilisations. The boys learned about life in ancient times and explored the fascinating development of cuneiform, the writing system used by the Sumerians. They particularly enjoyed becoming historians themselves by having a go at writing their own names using this ancient form of writing! It was a great way to bring our learning about the past to life and discover how people communicated long before the invention of modern writing systems.



There has also been plenty of creativity in Visual Arts this term! With Halloween approaching, the boys experimented with painting, colour mixing and blending, exploring how different colours could be combined to create interesting effects and spooky Halloween-inspired artwork.



They also put their creative skills to work making beautiful Halloween wreaths to take home and display. The boys thoroughly enjoyed creating their own decorations and adding a festive touch to their homes for Halloween!



It has been lovely to see the boys' enthusiasm, imagination and willingness to get involved in all of these activities. From collecting data and creating persuasive posters to exploring ancient civilisations and producing wonderful Halloween artwork, 4th Class have had a brilliant term of learning, discovery and creativity.





Mrs. Bolger & Mrs. Moloney's 5th Class

We have had a great start to 5th Class in Room 12. We would like to wish a very warm welcome to two boys who have joined our class this year. Muhammad Ali Taimur and Jerald Jinse are settling in really well and are a great addition to the class.

We have had a very active start to the year with the boys enjoying Tag Rugby with Noel. They are developing their Gaelic football skills each week with Stephen. The boys have also completed their 6 weeks of swimming lessons in the Watershed

We took part in the Bookville Festival this year. The boys visited the Bookville 'Signals' Exhibition at The Mayfair Library and really enjoyed the interactive nature of the exhibition.







The boys are enjoying learning how to play the Ukulele with Paul from Music Generation. We are looking forward to building on the songs we learned last year.



Some of the boys took part in the Cross-Country athletics in the Castle Park. Well done to Harry, Jack, Tiarnán, Rían and James for representing our school and our class. They did us proud.

Our STEM kits have proved a big hit with the boys, and it is great to see how well they cooperate with each other when designing and constructing in small groups.



We hope you all have a lovely Halloween Break.



Mrs. Bolger & Mrs. Moloney

Mr. Morrissey's 6th Class

It has been an exciting and busy start to the school year in 6th Class! The boys have been working hard, exploring new topics and enjoying lots of exciting, hands-on learning experiences across the curriculum.

Gaelic Football Team

It has been a busy campaign for our school football team. We really enjoyed playing all the games. We had two good victories against Gowran and Freshford which meant we qualified for a quarter final against Dunnamaggin. They proved to be too strong for us on the day. Thanks to our teachers and parents for helping us out over the last few weeks.

By Billy and Jack



Cross Country Race

We started to walk down to the Castle park with 3rd – 6th class with Mr. Cunniffe and Mr. Ryan. We had 25 boys down for the race. It was great, everybody tried their hardest. There were load of other schools there, including: Muckalee, St. Canice's, St. Patrick's De La Salle, Presentation Primary, St. John of God, St. John's, Kilkenny School Project, the Model School.

The races went in the order of girl, boy, girl, boy. The boys from 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class all ran well and represented the school with great effort. One of our 6th class pupils won a medal in their running competition. Well done Aaron, a super achievement.

By Greg and Aaron



Tag Rugby

For the last two years my class has played tag rugby. It was great fun. It was hard when we first started, but overall, it is really enjoyable. Our coach's name is Noel.



We appreciate Noel teaching us tag rugby every Friday. We did skills and kicking at the start, then we played a big match at the end.

By Reece M.

Playground Leader



You've been chosen as a 'Playground Leader'. You help by bringing the infants to the yard/school field at breaktime. Here's what you have to know/do.

- Wear the blue bibs to show you are a leader.
- From 12:30pm – 12:45pm you monitor our infant children in their classrooms and at 12:45pm you bring them outside.
- When outside, you must keep the infants safe, by monitoring for any problems.


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Happy Halloween




















Autumn


Kenai
Grace
Christina
Tommy
Mustafa
Marco
Adone
Louis
Izhaan
Hollie
Ruby
Brody
Elisa
Henry
Wali


shapes


Autumn Animals


Look at our Spooky Shape Monsters!
What Shapes do you see?


Autumn
Jack
Rodrigo
Afzaan
Tamás
Jed
Mirha
Fiadh
Rayeel
Nabiha
Alfie
Kevin
Jackson
Bill


'The Squirrels Who Squabbled'
by 1st Class

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On behalf of everyone in C.B.S. Primary School, we wish you a happy and safe Mid-Term Break.





We look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Monday, November 2nd, 2026.