



STEAM ROOM OFFICIALLY OPENED

Charleville CBS Primary school celebrated the opening of their new STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts and Mathematics) room during CodeWeekEU on Friday November 19.

CBS Primary is a Pilot school for the new Coding Curriculum and Tony Riley from the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (who is also working closely with the school on this initiative) made a guest appearance to cut the ribbon and officially open the new facility!

The School STEAM Team were on hand to showcase various Coding and ICT projects that all the pupils have been working on since the room was set up in early June. A life-size talking Darth Vader, Lego and robotics, Haunted House animations and Ancient Rome built in Minecraft Education Edition were all on show on the day. All the children, staff and parents were treated to a '99' cone following the official opening! A great day was had by all!

The idea for the development of a computer room was first proposed in 2015. The Board of Management and Staff felt that the development of such a facility in our school would benefit every pupil. We are living in a society in which the use of computers and technology are widespread and our pupils need to embrace these changes and be taught the various skills required as well as the various dangers associated with IT.

Renovation work began on Room 7 in June 2018. 18 Refurbished computers were sourced from Green IT. Various other laptops, digital equipment, LEGO, etc were purchased also. Microsoft have also sponsored us a set of 16 tablets which can be used in the mainstream classroom. Our broadband infrastructure has recently been extensively upgraded so that we can now provide high speed internet across the school.

Our new Deputy Principal Ms Sinead Herlihy was appointed last year and has assumed responsibility of Teaching and Learning of IT here at the school. Ms. Herlihy has a very keen interest in IT and is doing great work with our pupils to develop their skills. Ms. Herlihy has rebranded the computer room as a STEAM Room. Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics. We are among the first primary schools in Ireland to develop such a facility with dedicated resources to foster the development of key skills and attitudes from an early age.

The development of this facility would not have been possible with the fundraising efforts of the pupils, parents and staff and the generous support of the local community.



Incredible Generosity by DaVinci Creative!

Following the opening of our new STEAM Room, Adrian and Essie of DaVinci Creative approached the school regarding the provision of ongoing financial support for the new room. They have committed to providing a cheque of €100 every month towards the continued development of the facility.

This is an exceptional act of generosity by a local business here in our town.

Adrian and Essie's son, Sebastian, is a pupil in our school.

CBS Primary: Creative School 2018

CBS Primary has been recently selected to take part in the Creative Schools which is led by the Arts Council in partnership with the Department of Education and Skills and the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. As a successful school, CBS Primary have been granted €2000 and will work closely with a Creative Associate who is soon to be assigned to us. CBS Primary are very excited to be able to extend the range of creative and artistic opportunities for their pupils as a result of taking part in this initiative.

CBS Primary Continues to Invest in Technology!

Our new 75" Promethean Active Panel with in-built laptop and motorised electric trolley is set to be delivered by Friday!

This is a fabulous piece of equipment which will allow us to have an interactive board facility in our school hall for assemblies, presentations, events, etc.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher meetings are currently being scheduled for all classes for the week of November 26. Your son's class teacher will be in touch shortly with an appointment time. Should this time not be suitable please contact the office.

Charleville GAA: County Champions!



Charleville began their championship campaign on April 15 defeating Kilworth 1-14 to 1-9. After a long wait through the summer Charleville defeated Inniscarra 2-20 to 0-12 on September 9.

Charleville then faced rivals Fermoy in the quarter final and won by 6 points having played the second half with just 14 players.

In a high scoring semi final, scoring 4 goals, Charleville defeated Fr. O' Neill's by 9 points. Charleville faced Courcey Rovers in the County Final. After a tough, low scoring game it finished in a draw in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. The replay, a much more exciting game, was won by Charleville by the narrowest of margins 0-15 to 0-14 in Páirc Uí Rinn.

As a result Charleville will now play at Senior level in 2019.

The majority of the panel are past pupils of CBS Primary including Charleville's first ALL STAR Darragh Fitzgibbon!!

Charleville will now face Feakle (in the Munster Final on November 18 in the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick having defeated Lixnaw (Kerry) in the semi final!

We are delighted to announce a number of the players and management will visit our school with the cup this Friday at 1.45pm. All parents and friends of the school are welcome to come along and celebrate with us!

The boys may dress up in red and white for the day!

The boys are also welcome to bring in their hurleys to be signed on the day.

Milk Scheme

If you would like your child to avail of the milk scheme between Monday November 12 and Friday December 14 (5 weeks) please submit payment of €6 by Friday. Online payment link has been sent.

HOPE Shoebox Appeal

Please get your shoebox into school by Friday! The pupils of CBS Primary have always been great supporters of the Shoebox Appeal so please keep it up!!

Monster Christmas Raffle 2018

It's that time of the year again! It is hoped to have tickets printed on Monday. We have been overwhelmed this year with offerings of support and prizes by parents / guardians in our school as well as by past pupils and families.

If you are involved in a business in the local area and would like to sponsor a prize please get in contact with us this week.

We are also seeking a number of volunteers to help sell tickets on the Main Street on November 29. There are a number of one hour slots available between 9am and 5pm. Please contact the office if you can spare an hour on the day.

The draw will take place at our Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 19.

Christmas Arrangements: Dates for your Diary!

Tuesday, December 18 @ 10am:	Carol Singing at Town Plaza
Wednesday, December 19 @ 11am & 7.00pm:	CBS Primary Christmas Concert
Thursday, December 20 @ 10am:	Pantomime at UL
Friday, December 21 @ 12.10pm:	Closing for Christmas Holidays



Christmas Annuals

These are now available to order at cost price at just €2 each. Please complete the slip attached to this newsletter and return by Tuesday, November 13 to secure your order.

Pantomime

Pupils from Senior Infants to 4th Class will travel to the University of Limerick for the pantomime 'Snow White' on Wed, Dec. 20. This is always an enjoyable day out for our pupils. The cost of the ticket along with the bus is €24. We would appreciate payment of a non refundable deposit of €10 before next Tuesday November 13. Please note that there are limited seats available this year. Tickets distributed on a first come - first served basis.

Halloween Madness at CBS Primary

Great fun was had by all at the Halloween Party on the Friday of Mid Term Break! Just under €200 was raised for the Mercy Hospital as part of the Hanranhan's fundraiser! The costumes on the day were fantastic! Well done to all Also well done to all those who participated in the pumpkin carving competition. Here are just a few of the entries along with some of the costumes!



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Appeal

Last year we took part in the Christmas Food Appeal for St. Vincent de Paul. Ten boxes of food was collected and distributed to families in need in the locality. This year we have decided to take part in the food appeal again.

Boxes will be set up in all classrooms starting December 1st. Children can bring in non- perishable foods up until the day of the Christmas holidays, when the food will be presented to St. Vincent de Paul.

Guidelines

- Please ensure that all food items are non-perishable
- Please ensure that all food items have an expiry date well into 2019
- We have put together a list of suggested items for your shopping list:

Treats	Tinned Food	Beverages	Cereals & Carbohydrates
Christmas Cake / Pudding	Tinned Fruit eg. fruit cocktail	Tea and Coffee	Breakfast Cereals Muesli
Christmas Selection boxes	Tinned Vegetables	Sugar	Noodles
Biscuits	Custard	Soft Drinks	Rice
Chocolate	Packet /		Pasta
Mince	Tinned		Pasta/Rice
Pies	Soup		Sauce
Crisps	Tinned		Muesli Bars
Popcorn	Spaghetti		
Sweets	Baked		
Turkey / Ham	Beans		
voucher	Tinned		
Box of Christmas crackers	Tuna / Fish		
Festive Table napkins			



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

OLD CDS WANTED!!!

We are seeking donation of old CDs (in any condition) as part of a display we are putting together in the school hall. We need about 300!! Please have a look about the house this evening and drop them in tomorrow if you no longer need them!!

School Self Evaluation

Thank you for completing the recent survey! It is great to hear your feedback!