



New Sports Hall for CBS Primary!

The Department of Education has approved an application by the school to include a new purpose built sports hall in our new school building.

The new building will now be of a standard two storey design. This design is used in most new school buildings across the country at the moment.

The building is realistically expected to be completed in the next two to three years.

Two new purpose built temporary classrooms will be constructed in time for September to cater for our additional pupils.



8 classroom school building (including Hall) recently completed in Cork.

Record Enrolment at CBS Primary!

Our enrolment has increased substantially in the past five years; from 147 pupils in 2014 to a projected 202 pupils in September 2019.

Our school staff has grown from 9 teachers and 4 SNAs in 2014 to a projected 15 teachers and 10 SNAs in 2019. This is a substantial increase; while our numbers have increased by 33% our staff numbers have increased by 100%.

The opening of the new ASD Class in September 2015 and the Behaviour Support Class in January 2015 had a major effect on our school; allowing us to cater for children of all abilities and needs in our school and most importantly in our town, thus allowing local children from Charleville and surrounding parishes to attend a school locally. We are hopeful of a second ASD Class opening in the new school year.

Important Notice

Friday June 14: School Closing at 12.10pm to facilitate a staff meeting.

New Sensory Room Nearing Completion!

Our new Sensory Room is reaching completion. The facility will be a major benefit for all our pupils but especially those in our special classes.



The facility was partially grant aided by the Department of Education (€7,000) with the balance coming from school fundraising efforts (€5,000). We invite parents, guardians and friends of our school to come and view the facility on Tuesday, June 25 at 2.30pm.

Graduation 2019



Congratulations to all our Sixth Class boys who will be graduating shortly!

The graduation ceremony will take place on Tuesday, June 25 at 7pm at CBS Primary.

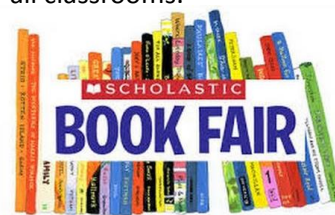
A special mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated and will be followed by entertainment and refreshments. All parents of those in 6th Class are invited to attend this special evening of celebration.

Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair was a great success! This was the first time in five years that we have had the fair! Ms. Horgan and some of our PA committee members ran the book club over the past week.

The book fair has been extremely popular; €1,200 has been raised in commission between the fair and the catalogues over the past year. This money will be used to purchase new library for all classrooms.

It is great to see the boys so interested in reading! Long may it last!



School Tour Reminders

We encourage all pupils to take part in these trips. Please ensure that you have paid for the relevant trip by Thursday, June 13. A payment link was previously sent to you for these trips.

6th Class:	Kilfinane Education Centre:	June 5 - 7	€145
5th Class:	Spike Island	June 17	€32
3rd / 4th Class:	Mitchelstown	June 19	€20
2nd Class:	Grenagh Farm	June 18	€20

Holy Family Project

This is a long standing integration project between CBS Primary and our neighbours in the Holy Family School. Our Sixth Class pupils thoroughly enjoyed four visits recently to the Holy Family School as part of the integration project. The boys were broken up into three groups and were rotated each week. Each boy from the CBS had the opportunity to work with different pupils and engage in different activities. Some of the activities included card games, board games, outdoor activities, obstacle courses and uni hoc. The last visit to the Holy Family School involved a small party in the hall where all the pupils from both schools came together. The boys really enjoyed their visits to the Holy Family School and look forward to welcoming the pupils to our school on the 10th of June for more activities.

Report Cards:

These will be issued to parents / guardians on the Aladdin App on the week of June 17. Please ensure that you have the App installed and that it is working correctly.

Creative Schools Initiative

As already announced, our school is part of a very lucky group who have received funding from the ARTS Council to place the Creative Arts front and centre of all things in the CBS! Helen Hallissey, our Creative Associate from the Arts Council, has visited us many times and works with staff and pupils to form a vision for our creative endeavours.

We hope that pupils will get ample opportunity to be creative and feel free to unleash their wide range of talents in a positive and safe environment where their contributions are valued and celebrated. The main objective of the initiative is to encourage adults to let children take more ownership in terms of decision-making and artistic aspects of curriculum. The whole student body were consulted as to the kinds of activities that they would like to try and/or develop.

As teachers, we hope to incorporate Arts Education more seamlessly into our skill sets and teaching practice, and we are developing the curriculum and learning resources (in many different areas of the curriculum) that incorporate drama, music, art, creative writing and crafts.

Pupils are getting the opportunity to embrace aspects of Arts Education that they would not otherwise have access to. **All the workshops have been provided free of charge for our pupils.**



Drumming Workshop last Wednesday, we had a school-wide drumming and percussion workshop with Martin Schaerer from Switzerland!



Rap Workshop with GMC Beats with 4th class last Monday

Dance Classes: all the boys have taken part in five dance classes to date. Our final, sixth session will take place in June.

A big thank you to Ms. Flavin and Ms. Ní Dhuinnín who attended a **Street Art Workshop** last weekend in CIT. Their expertise will be shared with the older classes in order for the boys to create their own 'Street Art' and 'Graffiti' around the school. We look forward to seeing how that turns out! We would like to thank Helen, Ms Barry, Ms Herlihy for the co-ordination of these events but not least the Pupil 'Creative Committee' who have worked hard to make the school an even more creative place to be!



On Thursday 24th May pupils from 5th & 6th class participated in *Splash and Dash* a duathlon, which involved a 50m swim and 400 m run held in Gus Healy Pool, Douglas. It was the first time our school has participated in this event and we really enjoyed it. We were lucky enough to meet Rob Heffernan who was launching *The Daily Mile* initiative and we got to walk a mile with him around the park next to the pool with over 200 other Cork pupils.

Athletics



North Cork Sports: On Tuesday 28th May we held the *North Cork CBS Primary Schools Sports Athletics Day* in our school. Over eighty boys from Charleville CBS Primary, Bishop Murphy Memorial School, St. Patrick's BNS Mallow and Mitchelstown CBS Primary attended the event which was held in the sports field behind the school. Mr. O'Connell and Tadhg had done a great job mowing and lining the field for the day. We ran several races ranging from 60 metres up to 400 metres. We were represented in nearly all of the finals and and came second in both relays. Mallow retained the trophy for best overall school, we finished in a very respectable second.

Cork City Sports: Ms. Griffin and Ms. Ni Dhuinnin travelled to Cork with our Athletics Team on Thursday May 30 to take part in what now is Eurpoe's largest athletics event! We were delighted with the success of the team! Everybody had a very enjoyable day!

Hurling

The Senior Hurling Blitz was held on Wednesday 29th May in Mallow. We won our first game against Mallow but were narrowly defeated by Kilworth and Newtown meaning that we missed out on a spot in the final. Well done to all boys who trained so hard throughout the year.

Badminton

Our school was represented in a recent Badminton blitz on May 16. Well done to our team!



NCCA Coding Initiative

Last Thursday, Ms. Herlihy attended a National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) Coding Seminar in Athlone. Ms. Herlihy's previous school was part of the phase 1 of the *Coding in Primary Schools Initiative* whereby the NCCA worked with 15 schools around the country to find out what they were doing with coding and how they were using it in the primary curriculum.

Charleville CBS Primary were involved at Phase 2 of the initiative. We received €1,000 to purchase Lego Wedo Robotic sets and Ms. Ní Dhuinnín received on-going professional development and support, to learn from teachers in other schools, getting involved in hands-on, project-based approaches to teaching coding and computational thinking in the classroom. All boys in the younger classes have had the opportunity to build and program their own Lego creations.

Our involvement helped the NCCA to tease out and clarify how, to what extent, for what purpose, and where computational thinking and coding could be integrated in the primary curriculum.

We were very grateful for the funding for the Lego Wedo sets.

We would like to give a very big thank you to Adrian and Esie of

Da Vinci Creative whose generous donation for the STEAM room

allowed us to buy enough sets for a full class and also more

earphones for music composition etc.



Charleville Fashion Show Extravaganza

Our recent Fashion Show at the Charleville ark Hotel was a major success. Many thanks to all our models and hard working committee who volunteered their time in the weeks leading up to the show.

A total of €3,684 was raised for CBS Primary and Charleville Heritage Society. Well done to all!

War Horse



On Thursday 11th April senior pupils from Ms Sheedy's and Ms Minogue's classes travelled to the Bord Gáis Energy Theatre in Dublin with Mr. O'Sullivan, Ms Minogue, Ms Sheedy and Mr Tuohy to see *War Horse*. It was a very special trip because some of us had never been on the train or Luas before. The show was spectacular, we knew the story because our teacher had read the book by Michael Morpugo to us in class and taught us some of the songs we would hear in the show. Our favourite song was *Scarlet and the Blue* and we loved the life-sized puppets of the horses. After the show we went to Supermacs and got the train back home to Charleville. We weren't home until nearly 10 o'clock, but luckily we got our Easter holidays the next day! It was a fantastic day for everyone.

School Calendar 2019 - 2020

TERM 1

School Reopens:	Thursday, August 29
Mid Term Break:	Monday October 28 – Friday November 1
Christmas:	School closes at 12.10pm on Friday December 20

Term 2

School Reopens:	School reopens on Monday, January 6
Mid Term Break:	Thursday 20 and Friday 21 February
St. Patrick's Weekend:	Closed: Monday 16 & Tuesday 17 March
Easter:	Closing Friday, April 3 at 12.10pm

Term 3

School Reopens:	Monday, April 20
Public Holiday:	Closed Monday, May 4
Communion:	Saturday, May 9
Public Holiday:	Monday, June 1
Summer Holidays:	School closes at 12.10pm Friday, June 29

Please note that our Easter Break may be subject to change should we have to close as a result of adverse weather conditions.

Booklists 2019 - 2020

Booklists for the next school year will be released on Monday, June 17. We normally seek payment for the Book Rental Scheme, etc. at this time also as September can be a very expensive time for parents and guardians. Once again we will ensure to keep this cost to an absolute minimum.

The Oriel on Main Street is now offering a book ordering service which may be of a benefit to you should you be ordering workbooks, etc. Further details to follow.

STREET ART PROJECT at CBS PRIMARY!!

Following staff training we are about to embark on a street art / graffiti project with the boys! We are seeking donation of any leftover paint (interior or exterior). Please drop into the school any day next week! We look forward to seeing the finished project!!!!

