Newsletter November 2019



Greetings from the busy place that is the CBS Primary! We are delighted to announce the names of our new Board of Management, our Parents' Association, along with the many committees and groups that exist within the student body of our school. We would like to especially thank the outgoing members (and Parents' Representatives) of the Board of Management, Lillian Waters and Michael O'Sullivan. We also wish to thank the outgoing members of the Parent's Association for all their hard work!

<u>Parent Teacher Meetings:</u> Most of our Parent-teacher meetings have now been held. If it has been the case that you were unable to attend, please contact the school as soon as possible to arrange an alternative time to meet your son's teacher/ support teacher.

Board of Management 2019-2023

Chairperson: Mike Keane Secretary: Sinéad Herlihy

Patron's Nominee: Canon Séan Cotter
Parent's Representative: Oonagh Bresnan
Parent's Representative: Fergal Hanrahan

Teacher's Representative: Brother Liam Ryan
Community Representative: Maura Biggane
Community Representative: Counsellor Ian Doyle

Parents' Association 2019-2021

Chairperson: Michelle Ryan

Members:

Secretary: Audrey O'Brien Fergal Hanrahan, Treasa McAuliffe, Frances Dorney, Paula Scully,

Ian Ryan, Mercedes Hedman O'Connell, Gabor Hoff

Student's Council 2019-2020

Matuesz Nowaczyk Nathan Dos Santos Mark Power Martin Moloney

Tristan Tan Ben Ronan Daniel Flos Ian Kedziorek

Active School Committee 2019-2020

Calvin Hickey Donnacha Waters Willie O'Neill Sean Fearn Josh Fahy Kristaps Mengelis Aidan Liddy Kaua Felix Jan Racak Donagh Scully

Green School Committee 2019-2020

Kyle Torecampo James Hickey Cian Pitman Michael John Leahy Jamie O'Toole Charle Hartigan Tom Lowe Timmy O'Reilly Gavin Dorney Colin Buckley

Creative School Advisory Team 2019-2020

Kaspars Klavins Jude Smith Aaron O'Donoghue James Knightson Cusack Smith Nathanael Mthembu Senan Hanrahan Thiago Oliveira James Ronan David Medved Hugh O'Donnell Keanu Hoff-Nagy



Our Active Schools Committee for this year was voted in by their classmates and has met a number of times in our quest to achieve renewal status for our Active Flag.

Items on the agenda have included a new set of jerseys, how to be more active in class and the introduction of *Playground Leaders*. This is where 6th Class volunteers spend two lunchtimes a week with our 2nd Class pupils teaching them how to play fun games and encouraging them to keep active during break times. Thanks to Mark for teaching the leaders how to play the games. Well done to all committee members for their hard work and enthusiasm in taking up this leadership role!

Scoileanna Creative Ildánacha



Schools

The Creative Schools Project has been very busy since Halloween, with the fourth class making a very exciting trip to the Triskel Arts Centre in Cork in early

November. One group went with Mr. Neenan and Ms. Zinkant to the Arts Centre to take part in a creative writing workshop, where they produced their own story with the assistance of the Fighting Words Theatre Company. The story they produced in such a short space of time was impressive - well done boys! The second group took a short walk around the city with Ms. Barry, Ms. Binchy and Ms. Minogue. They visited the impressive English market and came face to face with a massive tuna! They also spent a while in the City Library before heading to the Crawford Art Gallery where they were given a tour of some of the wonderful sculptures and paintings on display, with time along the way to sketch their own thoughts. The trip was a great experience for all the boys and they were a credit to the school throughout the day. Christina Seward, our creative associate came recently and met with the boys. She did some drama activities and discussed lots of creative ideas with them. The boys are currently getting all the classes to vote on these ideas before they decide on this year's next project. Exciting times ahead!

Upcoming Sporting Events: On Friday 22nd November 3rd Class will travel to Mallow for a fun Football Blitz. 4th Class will be participating next Thursday. Thanks to Mark, Mr. Carroll, Miss Flavin, Mr. Millane and Ms. Zinkant for accompanying and preparing the boys for these fun events. After school on Thursdays, Mark is running GAA activities for 3rd & 4th for the next four weeks. Thank you to Mr. Cagney and Mr. Millane for helping out with this fun after school event.



School Quiz Team: Brilliant first quiz outing of the year for our boys from 3rd-6th class last Friday in Ballindangan. teams performed SO well on The quiz team panel are putting great effort into our weekly practice sessions each Wednesday morning. Great dedication from all involved! Thank you to Ms. Ní Dhuinnín and Mr Carroll for all their organisation and for being there to support on the night!



Science Week/Science Fair:

All classes enjoyed the many experiments on display during Science week. We thank Ms. Owens for co-ordinating this event which was held in our hall recently!





From ROCKETS to mini- explosions- the boys learned so much through their investigative work and they were able to demonstrate/explain to their packed audience what was happening and why!

<u>Chess Tournament:</u> Brother Ryan is currently running Chess Leagues at lunchtime in the Hall. The boys are really enjoying it. Our Parent's Association are going to fund the purchase of ten new chess sets so that even more boys/classes can play across the school. Thank you to Brother Ryan and all the teachers who help out at lunchtime!

<u>HOPE Shoebox Appeal:</u> We were blown away by the generosity this year! We donated a total of 98 boxes! This was a record year according to Sarah Janman who coordinates this extremely worthwhile endeavour. Thanks to everyone who donated so generously!

Student's Council News: We raised €203 for Brú Columbanus from Halloween dress up day. This was our charity of choice. Brú Columbanus is an independent charity that provides "home from home" accommodation for relatives of seriously ill patients in any of the Cork Hospitals and the Hospice. We are currently running the:

St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Food Appeal. All donations of *non-perishable food* items welcome! Closing date for this is December 17th.

Pantomime 2nd -5th: Pupils from 2nd to 5th Class are travelling to the University of Limerick Concert Hall on Monday the 16th December for this year's pantomime *Aladdin*. It promises to be a great day out! Please fill out the relevant permission slip for your son's trip which will be provided electronically in the coming days via Aladdin.

<u>Cinema Trip:</u> 6th Class are booked to go to the cinema on Thursday, December 19th, at 10.30am. They will be seeing *Star Wars* and will then go to McDonalds afterwards for their lunch. We hope to return to the school at approx. 3pm. Total cost of cinema, bus and food is 18euro per child. Please pay this amount by Friday, November 29th to book your son's place.

School Choir: We are delighted to have a school choir this year, which includes all those who love singing from 3rd to 6th class. We have some exciting events planned before Christmas. We will perform at our own Christmas Show and are delighted to have been invited to participate in the Holy Family Christmas show on Wednesday the 18th of December. The boys have started learning the songs and are really looking forward to the concert. We will also be singing with the school at our annual carol singing downtown nearer to Christmas, and we hope to sing for the Senior Citizens in our community before the festive season ends. This was a really enjoyable experience last year for the boys involved. A busy time ahead and it's only November!

Our School Show:

Rehearsals are in full swing for this years' show. One of the shows is set in the eighties and one of them is set in a **Fairytale Land**. We need some help from you to source some much needed props and outfits. Please drop these to the school at your earliest convenience. Items that are borrowed will be returned! (please clearly label)

We would love the loan/use of.

Props
Sony Walkman (s)
Ghetto blaster (s)
Old style Phones

Accessories Legwarmers

Karate Belts Cloth Hairbands/wrist bands Ballet shoes/Irish-dancing shoes

Top hats

Colourful Finger-less gloves

Women's Wigs Clip- on earrings

Leopard skin Blanket

Gold Chains Scrunchies

Bangles

Eighties Memorabilia

Clothes

Leotards

Bright Patterned (gaudy) tops/blouses

Stonewash denim Shellsuits

Any Neon clothes

Top Gun Type Jackets (with badges on them etc)

Leather jackets (old) Black blazers

Outfits such as Luke Skywalker or

Tom Cruise from Top Gun

Or Priest's outfit

Wedding dress/communion dress

Dress Suits to fit 10-12 year olds Irish FAI Football Jerseys

Loafers (kids sizes)

Grey or Brown Onsies for boys to dress as wolves /bears

Some Important upcoming Dates:

Wednesday 27th November Trip to St. Mary's Annual School Show

Thursday 12th December: Christmas Show (11.30am & 7pm)

Monday 16th December Pantomime 2nd-5th

Tuesday 17th December Carol Singing in Town

Confession in the Church

Closing Date for SVDP Food Appeal

Wednesday 18th December Holy Family Christmas Show

Thursday 19th December Cinema Trip 6th Class

Carol Singing in Town

Thursday 13th February 2020: Confirmation

Saturday, May 9th 2020 Communion (2nd Class)