



Newsletter October 2019



Welcome to Charleville CBS Primary!

A special word of welcome to all our new pupils and their families who have joined our school community this year. We hope you enjoy your time with us here in our school.

Jakub B James Vittor Jakub D Jaroslav

Jeffrey Ryan Cian O'C Connor Hugh Terry Donagh Charlie

Idrees Jack B Tom Luke Raul Devin Derek Marco Olan

Sebastian Cornelius Keanu Ian David Curtis

Jack O'C Evan Tony Jan Gavin Marcos Declan Kyle Caio

Óisín Finín Tymek Tadhg Diarmuid Tyler Whacker Arsen Darren

Cian Irving

Some Important Dates

Parent's Association AGM: Thursday 17th October @ 8.00pm

Monday November 11th: School Closed for Teacher In-service for New Language Curriculum

Thursday 13th February 2020: Confirmation

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

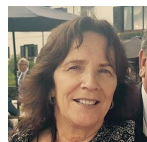
CBS Primary Welcomes New Staff



John
Carroll



Carmel
Rainsford



Imelda Shanahan



Creina
Hayes



Eileen
Gannon



Carmel
O'Leary



Laura Williams



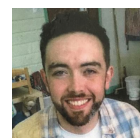
Sonya
Ryan



Joan
Brannick



Paula Lane



Keith Hanley

Staff List 2019/2020

Principal: Ms. Herlihy

Vice Principal: Ms. Sheedy

Ms. O'Leary 2nd Class

Ms Owens 2nd Class

Mr. Carroll 3rd Class

Mr. Millane 4th Class

Mr. Neenan 4th & 5th Class

Mr. Cagney 5th & 6th Class

Ms. Ní Dhuinnín 6th Class

Ms. Rainsford ASD Unit

Ms. Minogue ASD Unit

Ms. Crookes Support Teacher

Ms. Barry Support Teacher

Br. Ryan Support Teacher

Paula Lane Support Teacher

Ms. Williams Substitute Support Teacher

Ms. Hayes Substitute Support Teacher

SNAs

Ms Binchy

Ms. Flavin

Ms. Griffin

Ms. Horgan

Ms. Leslie

Ms. Morrissey

Ms. Sherlock

Ms. Zinkant

Mr. O'Connell

Mr. Hanley

Mr. Tuohy

Ms. Brannick

Secretary

Ms. Ryan

Bus Escorts:

Ms. Shanahan

Ms. Gannon

Cleaner: Geraldine O' Flynn

Scoileanna Ildánacha  Creative Schools

Get Active! At the CBS PRIMARY-RAP MUSIC VIDEO LAUNCH



Linked here: <http://charlevillecbsprimary.ie> or [GET ACTIVE- RAP MUSIC VIDEO](#) This was made by 4th class boys at the end of last year. This Get Active Rap music video that features as much outdoor action that could fit! The hard work put in by the boys is very evident- lots of enjoyment had by all! The boys are getting a great kick out of watching the view numbers increase. So please share widely if you can!

News just in: The Active Schools Flag team wish to use our video to promote this initiative nationally!!!! CBS Primary are officially FAMOUS!

We are delighted to be involved in the Creative Schools project for the **second year running**, with activities undertaken throughout the school. In our first year we brought hip hop with Eileen's Dance School to the CBS, along with a drumming workshop for each class with Martin and of course the rap created by our current fifth class with GMCBeats. Some pupils also got involved with the graffiti art programme, which is on display on the way in to school. Creativity was certainly alive and well last year!!

The new **Creative Schools committee** will be formed in the coming weeks, with Ms. Minogue as the facilitator, and any boy who is interested will be encouraged to nominate himself.

MORE EXCITING CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR PUPILS: Just yesterday we were informed that our application to attend a creative writing workshop with the Graffiti Theatre Company at the Crawford Art Gallery (as part of a Creative Schools Expo) was successful! Thanks to Ms. Minogue, Ms Barry and Christina, our creative associate for all their hard work. This will take place on November 5th. Our current 4th class will avail of this marvellous trip which will be entirely funded by our Arts Council Grant. We also hope that some of our pupils will have

the opportunity to get involved in the area of puppetry in this coming year. The main activities to be undertaken during the coming year will come from the committee and what the pupils would like to focus on, so watch this space...

Whole School Evaluation and our School Improvement Plan In line with feedback given by the Department of Education in our Whole School Evaluation we are focusing on encouraging attendance on a whole class level. At the end of each month there will be a celebration for the class with the most days of full attendance. As the year progresses we will reward classes who have improved their figures on the previous month. ***Parents are reminded not to send your son to school if he is unwell.***

As per the directives from the Department we have made some changes to our delivery of Support Teaching. There is less withdrawal of children from their mainstream class and we are focusing on more in-class support which studies have shown is more beneficial to the child's learning and self-esteem. We are also putting a strong focus on improving pupil's mental maths abilities. You may have noticed that the pupils have a reduced booklist to reflect this. We are purchasing many games, online and photocopyable resources as a replacement. Please encourage your son to engage in practical maths activities at home to enhance his mental maths capabilities.

Absence from School Please take careful note of the following four points:

- 1. If your son is absent on a day it is the responsibility of the Parent / Guardian to ring the school before 10am to explain their absence.** If a call is not received before 10am you will receive a text message informing you that your son is not in school and to contact the school ASAP. Should we not be able to contact you we may have to make contact with outside agencies / emergency services.
- 2. When your son returns to school following an absence, a note must be signed by a parent / guardian to explain the absence.** Should we not receive this note we may have to make a report to the National Education Welfare Board regarding the absence. The NEWB will then carry out their own investigation and can bring parents / guardians to court for a series of unexplained absences from school.
3. Alternatively, if a child brings in a note prior to the absence explaining why they won't be in school the following day / days, points 1 and 2 above can be ignored.
4. We are now also obliged by the NEWB to report any children that are absent for more than 20 days to their office. They will then carry out their own investigation.

These measures are being implemented by our school to ensure the safety and welfare of all our pupils.

Family holidays during the school year This is highly discouraged by the school. The school is open 38 weeks of the year. We strongly encourage you to go on holidays during the 14 weeks when the school is closed.

New ASD Unit Thankfully, our new ASD unit was finally sanctioned at the end of August. Ms. Rainsford now teaches in the new ASD unit, which is for the younger pupils and Ms. Minogue is teaching the senior boys. We have a number of new pupils joining our school community as a result. All are welcome to our school! We are blessed to have such experienced and knowledgeable staff to head-up these units. As a result of various grants and fundraising, we are also well-resourced to facilitate this new development!

Recent Sporting Events On Wednesday 2nd October two teams from Charleville CBS took part in the James Fitzgerald Memorial Cup. The event was run by Transition Year students from Charleville CBS secondary. We played teams from Ballyhea, Churchtown, Newtown Shandrum and Billy Kiely's team beat Dromina in the plate final. We all had great fun at a very enjoyable and special day remembering James. Thanks to Ms. Sheedy, Mr Tuohy, Mr. Cagney and Mark for helping to organise the day.



School Quiz Team Ms. Ní Dhuinnin and Mr. Neenan will be forming a quiz team panel for the boys from 3rd to 6th class this year. The boys will have the opportunity to compete in various quizzes during the current school year. One group will be made up of boys from 3rd and 4th class and one group from 5th and 6th class.

School Debating Team A group of boys from 6th are currently preparing to compete against another school in North Cork in the first round of the Concern Debating Competition on October 15th. This is our first time taking part in the nationwide event and we are looking forward to this new venture.

Student Council Elections will be held in each class next week to establish a student council for the 2019/2020 school year. The student council will represent the views of all pupils. The student council will engage in regular meetings throughout the year where different aspects of school life will be discussed. The student council will also be involved in co-ordinating a number of events throughout the year. Please encourage your child to get involved and run for election. Thank you to Mr. Cagney for organising this.

Pantomime and Cinema Trip Pupils from 2nd to 5th Class are welcome to travel to the University of Limerick Concert Hall on Monday the 16th December for this year's pantomime *Aladdin*. This trip will cost €24 for each child and promises to be a great day out! 6th Class are booked to go to the cinema on Thursday, December 19th details to be announced closer to the date.

School Office The office can be contacted directly on (063) 89 544 or office@charlevillecbsprimary.ie The office is open from 9.00am - 12.30pm and 1.00pm - 3.00pm. Closed for lunch: 12.30pm - 1.00pm (We ask you kindly not to ring the school at this time unless in the case of an emergency). Ms. Herlihy's direct office telephone line is (063) 30 626. Please be aware that Ms. Herlihy is not always in her office so if you cannot get through please call the secretary's office or call back later. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries or concerns!

Visitors to our School *We have an open door policy at our school and are welcoming of any parent / guardian and members of our local community.* All visitors (including PARENTS / GUARDIANS) are to report to Reception Office upon entering the CBS Primary site. This includes those parents / guardians who may have sons in the temporary classrooms. This is to ensure the safety and protection of all our pupils. Please respect this request!

Change of Address or Phone Number We are aware a number of families have moved house over the Summer. It is great to see the new housing development at the Pastures completed and occupied. If you have changed address or phone number please log on to your Aladdin App and update your contact details.

Homework Please ensure to check and sign your child's homework journal every night. Children in the senior classes should be able to work independently at their homework but children in the junior classes will require a lot more attention. Please encourage your child to present their work neatly.

Homework Club Homework Club runs Monday to Thursday from 2.50pm – 3.50pm for boys in 3rd - 6th Class. A teacher will supervise and assist your son with his homework. Please remember that it is your responsibility to check your son's homework and sign his diary each night. Absences must be explained by note. Homework Club costs €12 per week (€3 per day). Please contact the Homework Club Organiser, Ms. Sheedy if you have any queries.

School Uniform & Tracksuit Please note that we operate a **strict uniform policy** at CBS Primary. Those not wearing the correct uniform will be sent home. Monday, Wednesday & Friday: Uniform Tuesday & Thursday: Tracksuit **Please label uniform, tracksuit, lunchboxes and books with your child's name and class. Every year we throw out so many unclaimed jumpers and lunchboxes. PLEASE LABEL ALL BELONGINGS!!**



Lunches We are a health promoting school. Please ensure that your child brings a healthy lunch to school every day, e.g. sandwiches, fruit, yogurt, water, etc. Home baking and other treats should be avoided in school lunch boxes. Fizzy drinks along with isotonic energy drinks (Lucozade Sport, etc.) are strictly not allowed. Cereal bars are also strictly forbidden; these are full of sugar.

We have a pupil this year in 4th Class with a **SEVERE** nut allergy. Nuts or products containing nuts are not to be brought in for lunch by any 4th Class pupil. Pupils in all other classes should also be aware and make an effort. Please respect our lunch policy.

Milk Scheme The Milk Scheme is a fantastic scheme which promotes the drinking of milk from a young age. Through the scheme a carton of milk is provided to each boy every day, Monday to Friday. The cost of the milk is heavily subsidised by the National Dairy Council. We will notify before the Halloween break for the next term's scheme.

School Shop A stationery supplies shop will be available to pupils every Tuesday and Thursday morning from **9.10am** – **9.20am**. The fifth class pupils will take the responsibility of operating it.

Drop off / Collection It is **strongly advised** not to drop off children before 9.00am as no supervision is provided in the yard before this time. The school will not be held liable for any incidents that occur before this time. Please also ensure that your child is collected promptly at 2.50pm. Please ensure that you use the set down area properly, i.e. it is a one way system. CBS Primary & CBS Secondary do not accept liability for any accidents that occur in this set down area.

Staff Car Park Please take note that the staff car park is only for use by staff of the two schools. It is not to be used for drop off or collection of students for either school unless an arrangement has been made. Visitor parking is available behind the Secondary School for long stay visitors. Please make use of the set down area for drop off and collection. Please also note that a **ONE WAY** system is in operation in the set down area.

Parent's Council AGM CBS Primary Parent's Association will hold their AGM at 8.00pm at the school. It would be highly desirable to have at least two parents from each class grouping to become a part of the team. If you yourself would like to volunteer as a representative for the class, or you would like to nominate another parent for this role, please fill out the following:

You can now fill out this form by clicking this link : <http://tiny.cc/5t2vdz>

This is being sent out on a hard copy on Monday.

