



Newsletter February 2020

Scoil na mBráithre

Charleville



Important upcoming Dates:

Friday 28 th February 2020	Half-day for Pupils to facilitate staff-training
Wednesday 4 th March @ 7pm	Open Night for Parents of 2020/2021 in-coming Pupils
Friday 6 th March 2020	@7pm School Quiz at the CBS Primary
Tuesday 31 st March 2020	CBS Primary Fundraiser Concert in Church with Holy Family School and the Duhallow Choir
Saturday, May 9 th 2020	Communion (2nd Class)



CELEBRATING

LOTS OF RECENT SUCCESSES AT



SCOIL NA MBRÁITHRE



CBS Primary reach the Ficheall Tournament County Finals!!!



Yes it is true, hard work really does pay-off! We are delighted to announce that two of our Chess teams who competed at the first round of the Ficheall Tournament in Scoil Aonghusa in January have qualified for the county finals!! The sixteen boys will represent the school in chess at the upcoming Féile Fichille chess tournament which will be held at Éire Óg GAA Club, Ovens, Cork on Thursday 5th March 2020.

This is a competitive round to which the best teams in Cork have been invited. Our Seniors qualified when our three teams came in the first six places in Mallow. Our Buds Team came in first place.

There will be gold, bronze and silver medals for the top three teams in the Féile Fichille. This is the first time we have reached this stage of the competition. The standard will be extremely high but Brother Ryan and Mr. Neenan are confident that our boys can compete with the best!

Ficheall.ie is a non-profit organisation led by teachers and principals around Ireland. Ficheall.ie's aim is to promote the playing of chess in Irish primary school for the social (respect, teamwork, conversation), cognitive (forward planning, impulse control, decision making) and mental fitness (accepting defeat, resilience, practice) benefits it has for students. The tournament is used to emphasise these values.

All the boys who are playing chess in the school are improving week on week and the boys are a credit to themselves, their parents and their teachers for all their hard work and dedication. A big thank you to Br. Ryan and Mr. Neenan for preparing the boys for this tournament over the last few months. We wish them all the best for what promises to be another very enjoyable day-out!



Credit Union Quiz Team Victory!

CBS Primary through to the Chapter Finals in the Radisson Hotel, Limerick 28th February 2020

Table Quiz at Kilmallock by Conor Waters, 3rd class

Some people that do quiz took part in a quiz on the 1st of February. There were 5 teams from Charleville and there were two competition teams. Competition A and B. Junior teams competed in competition A and older teams competed in competition B. Charleville are in the next round. It was on in Kilmallock People's Hall. The people that took part did well and had fun. We got a goody bag as well!

A brilliant result for our senior quiz team pictured on the left: Cian Gleeson, Jack McCarthy, Taylor O Sullivan and Gavin Dorney.. Great dedication from all involved. Thank you to our local Credit Union for organising the event and most especially to Ms. Ní Dhuinnín and Mr. Carroll who prepare the books for these quizzes. We wish them the best of luck in Limerick on Friday night!



Scór na bPáistí – Comhghairdeas Willie O'Neill who has won the North Cork Competition for Solo Singing!!

Willie came in first place at the North Cork Scór na bPáistí recently in the 'Amhráníocht Aonair' category. He now progresses to the County Finals in March. This will be held in Ovens GAA Hall. Maith Thú and from all at the CBS Primary!



Quiz Victory: Tony O'Brien, Taylor O'Sullivan, Gavin Dorney and Donncha Waters (Quiz Team) also competed and WON in the Scór na bPáistí North Cork Semi-Finals in Castletownroche. They proceeded to the North cork finals where they came in third place. Maith Sibhse!! Tony O'Brien competed in the recitation category in Castletownroche and received an excellent adjudication. Well done! He writes about his experience below:



My Experience at Scór in the Recitation by Tony O'Brien 6th Class

I found my experience at Scór very exciting. Before I went on the stage, I was extremely nervous. Willie and Ms. O' Leary told me that there was no need to be nervous as I was going to be amazing. When I went onto the stage, I was still very nervous, but when I got my first laugh out of the audience, I was no longer nervous. Towards the end I became calmer and I started to relax. All the practice that Ms. O' Leary and I put in had finally paid off. If I had the opportunity to do it all again, I definitely would!



First Reconciliation, by 2nd Class On Monday 24th of February, we made our First Reconciliation. We worked really hard over the past number of weeks learning our prayers, preparing our artwork and visiting the church where we practised our jobs. A big thanks to our parents, Canon O Mahony, Fr. Sheehan and our teachers, Ms. O'Leary, Ms. Owens, Ms. Crookes and Ms. Morrissey who helped us to prepare! We really enjoyed our special night!



Parent's Association Fundraising Valentine's Disco!!

A big thanks to Ian Duggan AKA DJ Duggy and the Parent's Association.



DJ Ian Duggan is a member of the Parent's Association and kindly did this event for the school fundraiser! The feedback was very positive! All the staff were impressed with the amazing moves that the boys displayed. Thanks again for the time and effort that really gave the boys (and staff!) a really fun experience. Ian is available for parties and events also! Poster with details is available at the school.

Money raised will be used for the Family Room and towards the purchase of some occupational therapy equipment (Hammock swing and balance boards specifically) in the near future.

National School's Milk week March 2nd-6th:

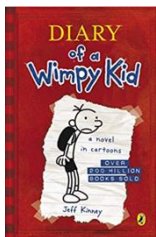
Thank you to all families & staff who sent in such lovely pics and videos of farming life in the Golden Vale! They all feature in a fab video that features exclusive interviews with a 'guest' farmer! There was also an interview with our milk delivery boys! While we didn't win the main NDC competition, it was still a very worthwhile endeavour and has highlighted the keen journalistic talents of a number of our pupils... *watch out Ivan Yates!!*



This video is having its *World Premiere Showing* at Assembly tomorrow. The video link will be shared with parents via Aladdin. It also features some celebrity sports stars!



We encourage all the boys to make a special effort next week to eat the recommended amount of dairy produce. They can record this each day using a tracker provided by the NDC. There are stickers and prizes associated with this initiative. The EU 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. Thank you for your support!



World Book Day: To celebrate World Book day on Friday the 13th of March we are planning lots of exciting literacy activities. The children can dress up as their favourite characters to get into the spirit of the day. During the day the children will be researching famous authors, doing book title treasure hunts, participate in a quiz based on their knowledge of books, bake a recipe from a cookery book, take part in an obstacle course inspired by famous sports people and each class will each class will also decorate their classroom door inspired by their favourite book.



Engineers Week: Engineers week is running from February 29th to 6th March 2020. During the week we are very excited to welcome some engineers to our school to talk to the boys about their work and explain to them what is involved in the work of an engineer. I'm sure the boys will have lots of interesting questions to ask! We will also be carrying out some interesting experiments with the boys with an engineering focus. A big thank you to Ms. Owens for organising this wonderful opportunity for our pupils.

Literacy Hour: The school recently purchased many new graded readers which are currently being used by Ms Owens class during Literacy Hour. The books are a mixture of fiction and non-fiction. The different reading groups are being introduced to some very interesting topics including the animals of the Savannah Grasslands, Going on Safari, Healthy Eating, Meat Eating Plants, an adopted girl visiting her birth country of Guatemala and also how World Civilisation developed. The children are really enjoying reading about the unusual topics. They are learning lots of new facts and are adding a huge variety of words to their vocabulary.

School Quiz at the CBS Primary-6th March



The Parents Association and Staff of the CBS Primary will host a schools' Table Quiz in our school hall please share this widely as we would like as many schools as possible to take part. Entry forms will be available on our website: <http://charvillecbsprimary.ie/quiz-team-entry/>



Active Flag: We are continuing to work towards renewing our Active Flag status. Please visit our page on the school website <http://charvillecbsprimary.ie/sports/> to keep up to date with the initiatives that are taking place in the school. Our senior classes are currently undertaking the *60 Minutes of Activity A Day Challenge*, please encourage your son to fill out his chart at home and to get up and be active. If you would like to send any pictures of your son being active outside of school please send to office@charvillecbsprimary.ie with the subject Active Flag. Thank you! Keep an eye out for the *Run A Day Challenge* which is commencing on 9th March and a new signed walkway around the school grounds.

Hurling Blitz Our 6th Class hurlers are taking part in a 7-a-side hurling blitz in Charville on Wednesday 4th March. We have two teams representing the school and look forward to hearing the report afterwards. Best of luck to Mark, Mr. Cagney and all the boys attending!



Pancake Tuesday in CBS!! A lot of classes enjoyed making or tasting pancakes on Tuesday 25th February in preparation for the Lenten season which is upon us.

Blue Suede Shoes!!

Pupils from Ms. Minogue and Ms. Sheedy's Classes enjoyed attending *Blue Suede Shoes* the musical in Scoil Pól, Kilfinane on Wednesday 26th February.

Green Schools No-Dig Garden: Spring is here and the ground is warming up. It will soon be time to start planting our no-dig garden. At the moment it is covered in a mulch of cardboard and green waste. This excludes the light from the ground and kills off unwanted weeds without harming all the microbial life in the soil. The worms are busy moving up and down through the soil and should

have it nice and crumbly for planting. This week we are going to chit seed potatoes. This means we can plant them in Mid-March and they should be ready for harvesting before school closes in June.

STAY SAFE is being taught as part of the SPHE curriculum at the moment. Please take the time to read this booklet that is designed for parents to fully inform you of the important topics being taught: <http://charvillecbsprimary.ie/health-and-well-being/>

Swimming lessons: Swimming lessons have commenced for 5th and 6th class

Important: *Boys may wear tracksuits on swimming days*

Class	Dates	Time
5th	Thursday 27th February - 2nd April	11:00 - 12:00
6th	Thursday 27th - 2nd April	12:00 - 1:00



CBS Primary Fundraiser Concert in Church
with Holy Family School and the Dulhallow Choir




The pupils are working hard preparing for the upcoming concert in conjunction with the Holy Family School and the *Dulhallow Choral Society*. The concert will take place on Tuesday the 31st of March in our local church Holy Cross Church in Charleville, thanks to the generosity of Canon O' Mahony and the Parish. This should be a wonderful experience for all our boys and a great night out for families. The concert is a joint fundraiser between the two schools and we look forward to your support so make sure to keep the date free!

GENTLE REMINDERS:

Match Attacks and Pokemon Card: Pupils are asked to leave their valuable items at home as we are not able to take responsibility if these get damaged, are mislaid or taken. Please respect this request!

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.



Proud CBS third class pupils who were victorious in all their matches at a recent blitz!

We will be releasing details of CBS Primary sports gear to buy shortly.

Have a great LEAP Year weekend!!