



Charleville CBS Primary

Newsletter May 2023



Welcome to our Newsletter!

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of the school year once again.

With less than two months of school left I encourage all of our pupils to ensure that they are present in school every day. We have a busy term ahead with standardised testing, Active Week, Creative Week, school tours and so much more!

It is also very busy for us in the office as we prepare for the next school year; sorting classroom accommodation, books, staff allocations, etc. Please note that our school office closes from 12.00 – 12.30pm for lunch.

We look forward to another enjoyable term here at CBS Primary!

Best Wishes,

Michael O'Sullivan

Principal



School Spring Concert



DUHALLOW CHORAL SOCIETY SPRING CONCERT



**WITH HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL CHOIR & CBS
PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR, CHARLEVILLE.**

PROCEEDS IN AID OF BOTH SCHOOLS.



**TUESDAY
23RD MAY
AT 19.30**



We are delighted to announce that we have teamed up with Holy Family School and Duhallow Choral Society to present a very special concert on Tuesday, May 23 at 7.30pm in Holy Cross Church, Charleville.

All pupils from our school will be participating in the concert and it promises to be a great night! Tickets are €15 and are available at the school reception office. A payment link will be sent this week for those of you who wish to purchase tickets online.

**LOCATION: HOLY CROSS CHURCH CHARLEVILLE
TICKET PRICE €15. AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR OR FROM
CBS - 06389544 HFS - 06381621**

Meet Our SNAs!

We are privileged here at CBS primary to have such a fine team of teachers and support staff in our school community. Our SNAs put great effort into the school and the pupils. Thank you all!



Ms. Binchy

Ms. Binchy joined our staff as our school secretary a number of years ago having previously served as the highly efficient Treasurer on our Board of Management! Ms. Binchy is now a valuable member of our SNA team! She is currently working with 2nd Class.



Ms. Sherlock

Ms. Sherlock works part time as SNA and also as our School Completion Officer. Ms. Sherlock is currently based in 4th Class.



Ms. Leslie

Ms. Leslie is our longest serving SNA, having joined our staff in 2000. Ms. Leslie has worked in every class across the school over the years and is well known to many of you. Ms. Leslie is currently working with 4th Class.



Ms. Lyons

Ms. Lyons joined our staff this year having previously worked with us as well as in Holy Family School. Ms. Lyons is based in our Junior ASD Class.



Ms. Horgan

Ms. Horgan is another one of our long serving SNAs. Ms. Horgan has a keen interest in set dancing which was beneficial for our recent ceili! Ms. Horgan operates our school shop with 6th Class. She is currently based in our 6th Class.



Mr. McCormack

Mr. McCormack joined our staff in recent years and is currently working with 6th Class. He is actively involved in training our Soccer team!



Ms. Griffin

Ms. Griffin joined our school staff in 2015 as our highly organised school secretary! She joined our SNA team shortly after and is currently based in our Junior ASD Class.



Mr. Hanley

Mr. Hanley is well known to many of you having won The Voice of Ireland! Keith is very involved in promoting the creative arts here in our school. Keith is based in our junior ASD Class.



Ms. Zinkant

Ms. Zinkant joined our staff in recent years and has worked in our Special Classes and Mainstream Classes. Ms. Zinkant is highly experienced having managed and worked in her own preschool for many years. Ms. Zinkant currently works with 5th Class.

Mr. Tuohy

Mr. Tuohy joined our staff in 2015 and is currently working in the Middle ASD Class. Mr. Tuohy is very involved in our Chess Club and also participates in Soccer training!

Ms. Flavin

Ms. Flavin has been working in CBS Primary for many years. Ms. Flavin is currently based in our Middle ASD Class. Ms. Flavin is very artistic and is always on hand to help out with an art project or display!

Mr. O'Connell

Mr. O'Connell works in our Multi Disabilities Class. He is also involved in many of our sporting events held throughout the year. Mr. O'Connell also holds the role of our part - time School Caretaker.

Ms. Morrissey

Another long serving member of our staff, Ms. Morrissey, who is well known by many of you, is currently based in our Senior ASD Class.

Mr. O'Leary

Mr. O'Leary recently joined our staff and has just started his training to be a primary school teacher! Mr. O'Leary is currently based in our Senior ASD Class.

Quiz Time @ CBS Primary

We have had a fantastic year of quizzes at the CBS this year. The boys from 3rd to 6th Class worked hard every Thursday after school, building their knowledge across a variety of topics. They travelled the length and breadth of Cork and Limerick attending quizzes. Our final quiz of the year was in the CBS Secondary School on Tuesday. Five teams from 5th and 6th class represented us and we were delighted to take 3rd place.

Our final practice of the year takes place this Thursday. The boys deserve a well-earned rest ahead of kicking off strong in September 2023.

Many thanks to Ms. Ni Dhuinnin for her dedication in leading this club!



Free Schoolbooks for all pupils @ CBS Primary!!!

We are delighted to confirm that all of our pupils will receive free schoolbooks for September! We have received a grant of over €18,000 to cover the cost. As well as providing all text books the grant will stretch to provide all workbooks and copybooks.

Free schoolbooks for all primary school pupils



Information for parents/guardians

From September 2023, **schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks** for children in recognised primary schools, including special schools, will be provided to every child free by their school. There is no charge to parents/guardians for this, as schools receive funding from Government to cover these costs.

Schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks will be provided by the school.

There is no need for parents to buy or rent these.

There will be no fee for parents for this.

Schools receive funding to buy these items. Schools must prioritise the use of the funding to cover all costs of textbooks, workbooks and copybooks.

There may be a requirement for parents to buy some additional items for children to use at school. The schools must make this clear to parents.

All children in the class will have access to the schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks that they need.

The schoolbooks and workbooks will be on loan to the children.

They must be returned at the end of the school year, or if the child leaves the school.

It is important that books are kept in good condition so they can be re-used. Please help make sure your child/children keep the school books safe and takes care of them, so they can be used again by another child.

In Budget 2023, the Government provided over €50 million to eliminate the cost of schoolbooks for children attending primary schools and special schools.



An Roinn Oideachais
Department of Education

Where is our new school??



We were devastated to learn in March that our school was one of a number of major school building projects to be put on hold as a result of a shortage of funds.

We have been actively campaigning the Department of Education since **2014** for an updated and extended school building for our town. We have overcome so many hurdles since then and in 2020 managed to secure the sanction of a new building to consist of 10 Mainstream Classrooms, 5 Special Classes, 5 Special Education Teacher Rooms as well as a Sports Hall, Sensory Garden, Staffroom, Offices and other ancillary accommodation. The development was also to provide an additional 3 prefabricated buildings to consist of a further 6 classrooms to facilitate the new build.

We must acknowledge the great work by our local TDs; Michael Moynihan and Michael Creed as well as our local Councillor, Ian Doyle, in their assistance in ensuring that our frustration is heard.

We were informed over the Easter holidays that our project was no longer on hold. However, we are still awaiting further correspondence from the Department as to how we can proceed with the project.

Please lobby your local politicians! Charleville deserves better!



St. Patrick Exhibition at Charleville Heritage Centre



The boys would like to thank Sr. Bernadette who invited us to visit her St. Patrick's exhibition. There was lots to learn and talk about with the lovely hands on exhibition she hands-on display.

Upcoming School Closures

Monday, June 5:	Bank Holiday
Monday, June 19:	Staff Training: New Primary Curriculum Framework and Primary Language Curriculum (<u>all three schools in town will be closed</u>).
Friday, June 23:	School closing at 11.50am for Summer Holidays!

Tin Whistle Lessons

Some students in the junior end of the school are currently enjoying tin whistle lessons on Monday evenings. They are learning lots of new tunes and learning to play together. We extend our thanks to Ms. O' Leary for organising these lessons for our boys!

Confession & Communion

The boys in 2nd class recently made their Confession. They worked really hard learning their prayers and preparing their artwork ahead of their special night. The boys also sang two songs on the night. Well done boys.

Our 2nd Class boys will receive their First Communion this Saturday in Holy Cross Church at 11am.

Many thanks to Ms. Crummy, Ms. O' Leary and Ms. Binchy for all their work in preparing the boys for the sacraments. A special thanks also to Sonya in the office for preparing the mass booklets.



Some of our infants having just completed part of our Couch to 5k challenge. Well done boys!

Student Council Update: Daffodil Day!

The Student Council at CBS Primary helped raise €409 by selling daffodils for The Irish Cancer Society. Many thanks for all the donations!

Back row: Conor Waters, Donagh Scully, Alex Moran, Cormac Scully, Bruno Chaniewski, Dillon Ward, Kayden Dillon

Front row: Cian O'Callaghan and Matti Malinowski.

Absent from photo: Cian Pitman and James Marshall



Lá Glas @ Scoil na mBráithre



Charleville CBS Primary: Proud to be a DEIS School!

UPDATES FROM MS. FIONA CROOKES, HOME SCHOOL TEACHER

Flower arranging with 3rd Class

We had a very successful Easter flower arranging class with some parents and boys from 3rd class. Theresa O’Keeffe from “The Flowerpot” showed us how to make a flower arrangement for Easter. It was lovely to see the boys and their parents work together on a project.



Weaving with 2nd- 4th Classes

We had two lovely days with Geraldine O’Sullivan as part of a Heritage in Schools visit. We did some weaving and discussed how people lived in past times. Thank you to 2nd class parents who came in and helped their boys weave a bracelet. It was a very enjoyable day!



Home Visits

I have been busy visiting lots of houses in Charleville. It has been lovely getting to know so many of you! I wish to thank you for the warm welcome I’ve received. Home Visits allow

parents an opportunity to have an informal chat about their child. I fully understand that Home Visits do not suit all of our parents but please feel free to contact me at any time on the HSCL number 083-1077319.

Upcoming Parents Classes

- **Yoga 5 weeks**
Date: Thursday 27th April – 1st June
Time: 10a.m.
Location: Cork College of FET (Mannix College)
- **Mural Art Project** with Stephanie Abresch
Location: CBS Primary
More details to follow



Garda Vetting

If you would like to be Garda Vetted please ask for a form in the office. A huge “Thank You” to all the parents that have completed Garda Vetting forms to date.

Meet Ms. Sherlock: Our Newly Appointed School Completion Officer!

We are delighted to announce that our School Completion Programme is now up and running.

The 3 main aims of the School Completion Programme are to:

1. Improve school attendance
2. Improve participation in class
3. Improve retention in the education system

The initiatives currently being ran in our school are:

Breakfast Club: This gives our students an opportunity to have a breakfast which will hopefully set them up for a day of learning!

Homework Club: Monday – Thursday: This homework club gives our students a chance to have a light snack and complete their homework after school along with the assistance of school staff.

We look forward to seeing how our boys benefit from this new programme within our school. Please note that school will make contact with qualifying parents regarding participation in this programme. We have limited places available so unfortunately these services are not available to all families.



If you would like to know more information about anything in this newsletter, or have any ideas/suggestions/questions, do not hesitate to contact Fiona Crookes on 083-1077319.



Sports News @ CBS Primary

Soccer



Some of our 6th Class pupils travelled to Turner's Cross on Tuesday to compete in the County Final of the FAI county 5 a side soccer competition. The boys represented their school very well and did us proud by reaching the semi-finals where they narrowly were defeated by Holy Well NS. Well done to all teachers and staff involved in preparing the boys for this competition.

Swimming

Swimming lessons are ongoing at the Charleville Park Hotel. 2nd – 4th Classes have completed their sessions. These lessons were an enjoyable experience for all despite some boys being very nervous for the initial lesson! 5th – 6th Classes are currently participating in their lessons every Thursday for the next five weeks!

Athletics

We are eagerly awaiting our two upcoming athletics events!

North Cork Sports will take place in Fermoy on May 19. This long running (pardon the pun) event takes place every year amongst the local Edmund Rice Schools. The competition involves Mitchelstown CBS Primary, St. Patrick's (Mallow), Bishop Murphy Memorial School (Fermoy) and Charleville CBS Primary.

Cork City Sports will take place on Thursday, June 1. A number of boys were recently selected from our school and we wish them all the best! Our pupils will travel to Cork with boys from Junior Infants to First Class of St. Joseph's Infant School.

We look forward to two enjoyable days out. As always, our parents and guardians are very welcome to come along and support the boys!

Liskennett Equine Therapy Centre



Li Melican (1st Class) & John Wall (4th Class) enjoying a visit to Liskennett Equine Therapy Centre recently. We are very fortunate and grateful to have access to the fabulous facilities at Liskennett Equine Therapy Centre.

Tag Rugby

In early March fifty boys from 4th, 5th and 6th Class attended a fun tag rugby tournament organised by Aidan Sheehan of Munster Rugby, hosted in Charleville Rugby Club. The boys really enjoyed a day of fun while playing against teams from Milford, Ballyhea, Newtown and Dromina. A very enjoyable day was had by all, Scott Buckley of Munster Rugby fame even called to spot some of the local talent!



Boys from 4th, 5th & 6th Class enjoying a tag rugby tournament in Charleville Rugby Club.

Fionn McCarthy, 6th Class with Scott Buckley, Muster Rugby



CBS Primary Wall of Fame!!!

Primary Game

Hearty congratulations to Charlie Collins, 6th Class who will represent the school on the Primary Game Hurling Team in the Cork v Tipperary game on 6th May 2023. Well done Charlie!



Well done to Donagh Scully (5th Class) who represented the school in the Mini Sevens Hurling Skills Competition recently in Páirc Uí Chaoimh.



Well done also to Luke McAuliffe (6th Class) who represented our school at the Gaelic Football Primary Games selection day.

Boxing



Congratulations to Denny O'Neill who won Champion of Ireland at the National Boxing Championships in the National Stadium, Dublin last week. Keep up the good work, Denny!

John Anthony O'Driscoll (6th Class) showing Mr. O'Sullivan his All-Ireland boxing runner-up medal at a recent assembly.



Active School News Round Up!

We are continuing to work towards achieving our first Active Flag. All classes are currently taking part in a “Run Every Day” initiative which sees us get out and go for a run every day for four weeks. Congratulations to Max Sweeney, 4th Class winner of our Active Slogan Campaign. Max’s winning slogan **“Get outside, feel alive even if it’s just for five”** is proudly on display on our Active School Board.



Our Active Walkway!

Members of our Active Schools Flag Committee mapping the route for our new Active Walkway.



Couch to 5k

Our whole school 5km run took place on May 3 and what a day we had!! Every class was allocated a time slot. Parents and Guardians attended to support the event in great numbers. Glanmore Foods supplied us with fruit platters which were enjoyed by all.

A special thanks is extended to Ms. O’ Shea, Mr O’ Connell and all those who helped to organise this event for our school. Many thanks also to CBS Secondary and Tadhg Mortell for having the field in such good order for us.

Pictured are our 4th class along with staff and parents / guardians.



Creative Arts News

SCOR na Paisti



Charleville CBS was very well represented at this year's Scór na bPáistí competition. The first round in Castletownroche saw CBS boys compete in 6 categories - drama, solo singing, solo instrumental, recitation, ballad group and quiz. Everyone performed exceptionally well, and they were very unlucky not to get through on a night where the standard was very high.

Two boys – Daniel Daly (recitation) and Tom O’Flaherty (solo instrumental) - succeeded and got to the North Cork final, where both collected trophies for their efforts. Tom and his fiddle made it the whole way to the County Final in Ovens on the 1st of April, where he narrowly lost out, but still held his own against some of the best young musicians in all of County Cork.

All in all, it was a successful year for our school in the Scór na bPáistí competition. With the wealth of talent our pupils have to offer, we already look forward to next year and perhaps even more success!



Sensory Boards!

Daniel Flos, 6th Class with Principal, Michael O’Sullivan and Brian O’Connell who designed a sensory board as part of our Creative Schools initiative.

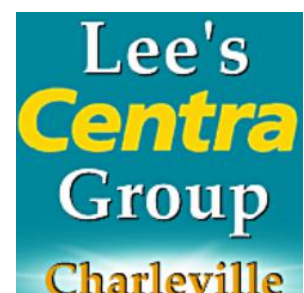
Trumpet & Trombone Lessons

Fourth Class pupils were thrilled to be offered Trumpet and Trombone lessons this year in association with the Orchestra Outreach Programme which were provided by our good neighbours at Musica Fusion School of Music! We are so lucky to have such a wonderful music school in our town! The Fourth Class boys performed for the whole school recently which was thoroughly enjoyed by all!



Junior Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to the Creative Schools Committee for organising an EGGcellent Easter egg hunt. The boys had tremendous fun on the day solving puzzles and collecting eggs. We also thoroughly enjoyed our hamper of treats which were kindly sponsored by Lees Centra, Charleville.



Summer Camps @ CBS Primary 2023

We have a very busy schedule of summer camps lined up for this year!!

Our school will remain open for most of the summer with various camps on offer to include school led camps as well as Star Camp and Centre Stage.

We aim to offer every child in the school the opportunity to participate in one of our school led camps.

Those attending our special classes and will be entitled to avail of 4 weeks of camp! Many of our boys in Mainstream will also be offered the opportunity to attend up to 4 weeks.

Date	Camp	Contact
June 26 - 30	CBS Primary Summer Fun	Further Details will issue from school shortly
July 3 – 7	CBS Primary Summer Fun	
July 10 – 14	CBS Primary Summer Fun	
July 17 – 21	CBS Primary Summer Fun	
July 24 – 28	Centre Stage	www.centrestageschool.ie
July 31	No Camp	
August 7	No Camp	
August 14 – 18	StarCamp	www.starcamp.ie

Standardised Testing

Oh, we teachers love our standardised tests!! This year all pupils will participate in the following tests (subject to some exceptions):

- Drumcondra Primary Reading Test:** This is the first time that we have used this test. We previously used the MICRA-T. The Drumcondra Test is completed online. We feel that our pupils may be more attracted to this format. However, we are advised that pupils may not score as well on this test in comparison to the MICRA-T so please don't be overly concerned if you notice a slight drop in results this year.
- Drumcondra Spelling Test:** Our pupils have been using this test for many years and are well used to the format.
- SIGMA-T:** This is a standardised Maths test. Pupils in 2nd – 4th Class will complete one test while those in 5th and 6th Class will complete two tests, the second test being composed entirely of word problems.
- Drumcondra Primary Irish Test TDG/R:** This is the first year that we are embarking on an Irish Standardised test. We feel that as a staff we need to raise the standard across the school. The results of this test will guide us and give us a benchmark to work from.

Standardised testing will commence in late May and will conclude in early June. We encourage all pupils to attend school every day as we prepare for these important tests.

6th Class Upcoming Events

Graduation

Graduation for our wonderful 6th Class students takes place on Tuesday, June 20 at 7pm. A mass of thanksgiving which will be celebrated at 7pm followed by entertainment and refreshments. This is always a very special night for the boys and their families so we look forward to meeting with you all on the night.

End of Year Hike

Every year our 6th Class students embark on a hike to mark the end of their days at CBS Primary. This year we have decided to take on the challenge of climbing Galtee Mór, the highest of the Galtee Mountains, in Co. Tipperary. The hike will take place on Thursday, June 8 (weather permitting). There is no charge for this event. Further details to follow.

Confirmation

Our 6th Class boys are busy preparing for Confirmation. The ceremony will take place at Holy Cross Church on Tuesday, May 16 @ 10am. The boys are to wear their full school uniform (including tie). **The school will operate as normal for all other pupils.**

Gardening in 2nd Class



We have been very busy planting potatoes, onions, lettuce and sunflowers. We are keeping a close eye on what we've planted and it is very exciting watching them grow. The weekly weather update from the CBS news team is helping us decide when we need to water our vegetables and sunflowers.

School Tours 2023

Class	Date	Location	Departing	Arriving back	Cost per child
Junior Infants - 2 nd	Tuesday, June 6	Bunratty Castle	CBS Primary @ 8.45am	CBS Primary @ 2:25pm	€25
3 rd	Wednesday, June 7	Dublin Zoo	Charleville Train Station @ 8.40am	Charleville Train Station @ 7pm	€50
4 th	Monday, June 12	Adventure World University of Limerick	CBS Primary @ 8.05am	CBS Primary @ 4pm	€45
5 th	Tuesday, June 13	Spike Island and Planet bowling	CBS Primary @ 8.30am	CBS Primary @ 5.30pm	€35
6 th	Thursday, June 15 – Friday, June 16	Kilfinane Outdoor Education Centre	CBS Primary @ 8.50am on Thursday	CBS Primary @ 4.15pm on Friday	€135 Subsidy: €75* Balance owed: €60

Payment links will be sent out this week. Alternatively, payment can be made with cash at the office.

***6th Class tour is subsidised for all pupils as a result of the proceeds from the Bring & Buy Sale and the Monster Table Quiz**

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023/2024

Please note that this calendar applies to all the three mainstream schools: St. Joseph's Infant School, St. Anne's Primary School and Charleville CBS Primary.

1st Day of School Term

Re-opening on Wednesday the 30th of August 2023.
Closing at 11.50am to facilitate a Staff Meeting.

Halloween

Closed from Monday the 30th of October to Friday the 3rd of November 2023
inclusive.

Christmas

Closing on Friday the 22nd of December at 11.50am.
Re-opening on Monday the 8th of January 2024.

St Brigid's Day

Closed Monday the 5th of February 2024.

Mid-Term Break

Closed Thursday the 15th of February and Friday 16th of February 2024.

St. Patrick's Day

Closed Monday the 18th of March 2024.

Easter 2023

Closing on Friday 22nd of March at 11.50am.
Re-opening on Monday 8th of April 2023.

May Bank Holiday

Closed May 6

June Bank Holiday

Closed June 3

Summer Holidays

Closing on Friday the 21st of June 2024 at 11.50am.

Junior & Senior Infants Having Great Fun @ CBS Primary!

