

CHRIST THE KING BNS NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

A message from Ms Vahey

Dear Parents,

We have now reached the final day of the academic year 2020-2021. What a year it has been for one and all.

This last school term has been a very busy and active one for our students. We had The Runner Beans athletics programme in the school for 5 weeks every Wednesday and all our students had great fun and enjoyment practising with hurdles, shotputs, relays and sprints.

Little Saints Basketball coaches delivered a fantastic basketball coaching programme to all of our classes for the past few weeks. The feedback from both students and coaches was fantastic and we hope to welcome Martin and Phil back to CTK BNS for some more basketball coaching across the school in the new academic year.

Paul Quinn from Irish Boxing Association (IBA) and development officer with DCC has been working with 3rd class to 6th class for the past 6 weeks providing non-contact boxing and fitness training. The students really enjoyed these weekly keep fit and active sessions.

It was lovely to see all of our coaches back with us for CTK BNS sports day on June 23rd which still went ahead despite the rain. The junior classes commenced sports day in the yard trying out the various stations for athletics, basketball, box fitness and football skills. The senior classes took part in a sports quiz and played typical sports day games such as egg and spoon, sack races and relays in the hall and then after lunch took part in the various sports stations in the yard. The whole school community was involved in ensuring all students took part and enjoyed the day. Classes remained in bubbles and the timetable worked very smoothly throughout the day. Well done to all of our students for their great effort and they didn't let the rain dampen their spirits!!

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS Continued

On June 25th we invited Dublin Circus project group to CTK BNS to provide a circus workshop to each class in CTK BNS. Both circus tutors Aoife and Diarmuid taught each class how to juggle and how to use flower sticks. Every student got to try out and practice the activities and each child gave a presentation in front of their class at the end of the workshop. The children were beaming from ear to ear leaving the hall, full of enthusiasm afterwards. A special mention to the boys in Le Chéile 1 and Le Chéile 2 who were absolutely fantastic trying out both activities and really enjoying the workshop.

We said goodbye and farewell to the class of 2020/2021 at our graduation ceremony for 6th class and two students in Le Cheile 1 in the hall on Monday June 28th. It was a beautiful ceremony with fantastic singing from 5th/6th class along with speeches from myself, Ms Morris and the 6th class students themselves. A special 'Thank You' to the students in 5th class who helped make the 6th class students day very special. The 5th class students have been working hard practising the graduation songs and creating a lovely art display in the kitchen for 6th class students. Thanks also to class teacher Ms Morris and SNA's Breda and Suzanne for all of their hard work and effort in preparing for the day. The boys were treated to Domino's pizza and the 6th class boys had a little party to celebrate the end of their time in primary school. Good Luck to all of our final year pupils with the beginning of the next chapter in their lives.

On Tuesday June 29th we had Master Robert Howard an expert in taekwondo visit each class in CTK BNS and provided a sample class on the art of taekwondo. It was amazing to see our students who were never exposed to this sport before take to it so easily following Master Howards instructions and copying his moves with such ease and dexterity. Well done to all of our students in CTK BNS.

Kind Regards,

Clodagh Vahey



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SCHOOL UNIFORM

CTK BNS school uniform needs to be worn every day.

School crested tracksuits are available for purchase in Happy Events uniform shop in Mr Price Blanchardstown Town centre. A pale blue polo shirt is worn under the tracksuit.

School uniform consists of grey trousers, plain grey v-neck jumper (no crest), pale blue shirt. All of these items are generic and can be purchased in Dunnes Stores, Tesco, Marks and Spencers.

Students wear their tracksuit twice a week for PE. School uniform needs to be worn on the remaining 3 school days.

If your child is not wearing the school uniform a note needs to be provided to the class teacher. It is important our students form healthy habits wearing their school uniform and to be proud to wear their uniform every day.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar for 2020 – 2021 is available on the school website as follows:

<https://christthekingbns.ie/school-calendar-2021-2022/>

School reopens: Tuesday August 31st

8.50am for Junior Infants – 2nd class

9am for 3rd – 6th class.

SCHOOL BOOKS

All students have received a copy of their book list for their new class. A communication was sent to all parents outlining that school books will need to be purchased by parents for the new academic year. Please ensure you purchase your child's school books early in the summer to avoid books being out of stock.

There is a general fee to be paid to your class teacher in September this is noted on each class book list. The Board of Management kindly ask you to settle paying this bill in full with the school as early as possible in September. Failure to pay this fee will mean your son will not be covered in the school pupil insurance scheme.

TEACHER ALLOCATION

You will receive notification via text message in August regarding your child's new class teacher.





CLASS NEWS

LE CHÉILE 1

Ms McCaughey

We have had a fantastic year in le Cheile 1 this year. All the boys have worked so hard and made great progress in their writing, oral language and reading. They loved all the fun activities we got to do in PE this year like Athletics. Basketball and even circus training. Sports day was also a big hit and all the boys participated really well.

Since Easter we have been learning about Spring time and all the baby animals and mini beasts that come out. We went on a mini beast hunt in the school garden and found loads of insects like worms and ladybirds.

We also learnt all about Summer and did great art work which was displayed along the school corridors.

As the boys have been so good this year we finished off the term with a class picnic with loads of treats and goodies. Two boys in Le Cheile also graduated and got to have a Toy Story party with the other 6th class boys. I would like to wish Harrison and James a huge well done and best wishes for the future and all they achieve in secondary school.

I hope all the other boys- Scott, Colin, Philip and Zachary have a fantastic Summer and I look forward to seeing them in September.

LE CHEILE 2

Mr Coleman

Final week of term is here, it's hard to believe. We've had fun doing some summer themed artwork as well as song and dance. We've had coaches in for PE- Janet for athletics and Little Saints coaches for basketball. Lots of fun was had by all our students during these activities. We made quite a few trips to the local playgrounds. We explored Shandon Park as well as Grangegorman playground. Our students really enjoyed visiting new places and discovering new things.

Wishing everybody a happy summer!

JUNIOR AND SENIOR INFANTS

Ms McWeeney

It is hard to believe we have come to the end of the school year. We have worked very hard since we returned after Easter holidays. Our writing, reading and our Maths have been improving every week. We learned all about fairy tales, the fire station, our local community, Africa and are finished up the school year talking about Summer. We have been playing, drawing, colouring and singing too. We filled our marble jar to the brim and earned treats like extra yard and ice pops. We had a very exciting trip to the playground in Grangegorman with 1st class and did basketball and athletics. We had great fun on sports day too. We couldn't have done all the wonderful things we did without our lovely SNA May. Well done boys, I am very proud to have been your teacher this year. I hope you all have a wonderful summer. I wish you the best of luck in Senior Infants and in First class next year.

1ST CLASS

Ms Carolan

1st class have been super busy since their return to school shortly before Easter. Our handwriting and reading have improved greatly and our mental maths has made great progress. We've covered lots of lovely topics in SESE such as 'Houses and Homes', 'Garden Centres', 'Sport' and 'Summer' and had lots of fun along the way. This term we completed an 'Ice Cream Challenge' to keep us on our best behaviour for the last few weeks and enjoyed some delicious ice cream in the sun once it was complete. We also had a super trip down to Grangegorman playground for our school trip which was great fun. This year, although challenging for everyone, was a great success in 1st class.

I have really enjoyed teaching and getting to know these super intelligent and hardworking boys. I hope you all have a lovely summer!

2ND CLASS**Ms Murrin**

The Second Class boys have been busy getting to know their new teacher Ms Murrin as well as doing lots of great work throughout the past month. They have been learning about the Vikings, the Titanic and the water cycle as well as lots of fun and interesting topics. Our walls have been covered in all of their great work across these topics. The boys have also been very lucky to have had the opportunity to work with many skilled coaches like those in basketball and athletics. Their skills have really improved and they even got the chance to show off their skills in their very own 'Sports Day'! I am so thankful to have taught the boys in such a short amount of time and I hope to see them again soon. I hope the boys have a great summer and we can't wait to see you all in September.

3RD CLASS**Ms. Smiley**

The boys have had a very busy third term! I must say that they worked very hard in all areas. They have all made excellent progress.

There was enough time for a bit of fun too. The boys had athletics coaching with Janet and basketball with two coaches from St. Vincent's Little Saints basketball club. The boys also learned how to use flower batons during their circus skills session!

On sports day the boys enjoyed an assault course, they shimmied in the hula hoops and ran under the parachute. In the afternoon they enjoyed basketball, box fit skills and basketball skills.

Each of the boys sowed a sunflower seed and enjoyed watching them grow. After a few weeks they brought the seedlings home.

The boys went to Grangegorman on their summer outing. They enjoyed a picnic and loved all the facilities in the playground. They particularly enjoyed whizzing down the zipline!

None of these activities would have been possible without Deirdre, our lovely SNA.

I am so proud of all the work that the boys have done, not only this term but throughout all of 3rd class. It was an unusual & unforgettable year and the boys did so well. It has been a pleasure being their teacher. I hope that you all have a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer and I wish the boys all the best in 4th class.

4TH CLASS**Mr O'Keeffe**

Getting to know these boys has been an absolute pleasure and I am so proud of all the hard work and effort that they put in for me, Ms Power and Ms Harron during a difficult year. The boys have done some fantastic work about lots of fascinating topics such as myths and legends, space and tourism. In addition to this, our handwriting, Gaeilge and Maths have significantly improved. The boys have also had coaching in athletics, boxing, basketball and football and they were able to show off their new skills on sports day.

I am incredibly proud of each and every one of the boys in what they have achieved throughout the school year. I wish you all the fantastic summer that you all deserve and all the best for 5th and 6th class.

5TH & 6TH CLASS**Ms Morris**

It is hard to believe we have come to the end of the school year. I am so proud of 5th and 6th class students hard work since returning to school after the Easter holidays. We have learned all about frogs, and cared for tadpoles in our class. We studied all about World War two and learned all about bees. The students have really enjoyed taking part in their own mini Euros football league, we also learned about flight and made our own kites!

We have worked hard on our Anne Frank and European country projects. We have really enjoyed reading "The Boy in The Striped Pyjamas" and are looking forward to watching the movie!

The boys responded really well to Little Saints basketball coaching sessions and we had great fun at sports day even with the rain.

We have been working hard to prepare for the 6th class graduation. All the boys have supported each other leading up to this event and we are all excited for the day. We couldn't have done it without the help of our class SNA's, Suzanne and Breda.

Well done boys, I am very proud to have been your teacher this year. I hope you all have a wonderful summer. I wish you the best of luck in secondary school and 6th Class.





Athletics

Infants up to 4th classes did athletics with Janet this term. The boys really enjoyed getting to use the shot put, showing their agility during ladder drills and enjoyed playing dodgeball.





Some fabulous work in school

We brightened up the corridors and classrooms again with our colourful work this term:





Art Workshop

1st and 2nd class took part in an Art zone workshop. Here are some photos of their fabulous work:





Box-fit and Basketball

The boys had a fantastic opportunity to experience box-fit and basketball coaching sessions at school this term.





Bohemians Soccer

The boys in 4th , 5th and 6th classes participated in soccer sessions in Term 3.





Grangegorman

Students in Junior and Senior Infants and first class took a well deserved trip to Grangegorman playground. We had lots of fun and finished the trip off with a nice cool ice pop.





Sports Day

We celebrated sports day on Wednesday June 23rd. Thankfully the rain didn't ruin the fun. The boys got to enjoy tasters of soccer, box-fit, athletics and basketball as part of their sports day activities.





Sports Day

Some more sports day fun!





Graduation Day 2021

Congratulations to the boys who have completed their primary school journey. Some boys began their journey with us here in Christ the King BNS, while others joined us along the way and together they have made many friends and memories. Best wishes to you all as you take the next step into second level education.





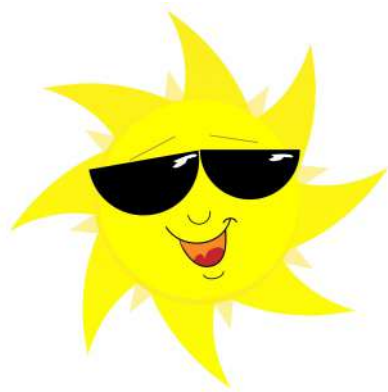
SCHOOL NEWS

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to all the boys who won Merit Awards this year. The winners were chosen by their class teacher for working hard in class, being polite and kind to others and always trying their best. We look forward to celebrating future winners next year.

COMMUNION NEWS

The boys in 2nd class celebrated their First Confessions and have been given a provisional date of August 28th for their First Holy Communion. We wish them the very best of luck for the day.



HAPPY SUMMER HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!

HSCL NEWS



Dear Parents:

As we reach the end of the school year I get to look back at all of the different ways we have worked together over one of the most peculiar times! It was great to meet and get to know Infant parents through the "Mystery Book" programme, and I hope that the 2nd and 4th Class families enjoyed the Christmas decoration "Paint at Home" project I ran this year too. It's been a pleasure working with our 6th Class families to secure places in their secondary schools, and I wish them all the very best as they start on the next phase of their school careers.

I hope that I am able to invite you to events like Coffee Mornings, Arts & Crafts lessons and such in the new school year – but we will have to wait and see what the Public Health guidelines are. I am really interested to hear what classes and courses or social events YOU are interested in attending – and so I will be looking for feedback about this during the Autumn term.

Have a happy, safe and healthy Summer holidays!

Natalie

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