



CHRIST THE KING BNS NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

A message from Ms Vahey

Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed your son's Christmas class performance this year. All class teachers posted their video to Seesaw on Friday Dec 17th. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we were limited in what each class created as their performance this year. Our students have worked really hard from September to December and are very deserving of the Christmas holiday break.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

The Board of Management, myself and the staff of Christ the King BNS look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Thursday January 6th 2022.

Nollaig Shona Daoibh Go Léir.

Clodagh Vahey

Principal

CHRISTMAS JUMPER FUNDRAISER

Thank you all for your €2 donation on Friday December 17th for our Christmas Jumper day. We raised a total of €184.00 last Friday and this will go towards paying for our sports coaches delivering programmes to our students in 2022.

ILLNESSES

We appreciate the communication to school by parents when your child is not feeling well. Please follow public health advice in relation to Covid-19 specific symptoms and keep the school updated and informed. Your child needs to be symptom free for 48 hours before returning to school. Please follow recent guidelines sent to all families regarding procedure to follow if your child is deemed a household contact.



ABSENCES

If your child is absent, please ensure you send a note to the class teacher when your child returns to school. If no explanation is provided to the teacher the absence will be noted as 'unexplained'





CLASS REVIEWS

LE CHÉILE 1

Ms McCaughey

The boys in Le Cheile 1 have had a fantastic time getting set for Christmas. We learnt all about Winter weather and how it can get so cold it can even snow!! We did fantastic writing, maths and even learnt about Christmas in different countries. The boys are all very artistic and all their great artwork is on display in the school corridor. They loved wearing their Christmas jumpers and ending the term with a surprise visit from the man himself...Santa!!!

Well done to all the boys for working so hard this year. I hope you all have a great Christmas and enjoy the rest.

See you in the New Year!

JUNIOR INFANTS

Ms Bacon

We have had an amazing past few weeks, learning new and exciting things! We have started learning our Sounds which are leading us to be able to read and write! We love our sounds and are always excited when teacher says we are learning a new one. This month too we have been very artistic and creative, making lots of new Christmas art. So far we have made: snowflakes, stockings, penguins and even a manger! We are such a creative class!

We got a great surprise when Santa called us on Zoom and we all got to say 'hello'. Most importantly, Santa Claus read out all the boys in the class who are on his Nice List- and every boy in the class is on the list! Hoo-ray! Is it any wonder? Because we are such a hard working and brilliant bunch!

We also made Reindeer Food to take home and sprinkle out on the lawn on Christmas Eve to guide Santa and his reindeer directly to our houses.

Ms Bacon wants to wish all the boys and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

LE CHEILE 2

Mr Coleman

We've had an active first term in Le Chéile2. We've enjoyed GAA with coach Johnny at Naomh Fionbarra and basketball with coach Martin from St. Vincent's. We've had trips to the shop at Faussagh stores to learn about money, change, waiting in line and saying thanks. We also tidied up our front garden a little. In between working on our reading and maths we've also had a drumming workshop with Conor Murray as well as a call with Santa over Zoom! We've welcomed a new boy into our class and Conor is settling in nicely with ourselves and in Junior infants.

Merry Christmas everyone!

SENIOR INFANTS

Ms Smiley

The boys in Senior Infants have had an incredibly busy first term. In English they have been practicing identifying syllables and blending sounds together to make more and more difficult words. They learned about 2D and 3D shapes in Maths and have learned lots of Gaeilge vocabulary on the themes of éadaí, an aimsir and ócáidí speisialta.

The boys managed to fit in some time for fun and festive activities too! They learned five poems for their Christmas video. They also performed these poems in front of the whole school at the Christmas assembly.

The boys walked to the local post office and posted Christmas cards which they made in class. They visited Christ the King church to see the manger also. In art the boys made boots for Santa and snowy penguins.

The boys watched a virtual festive performance from The Ark called 'Tracks in the Snow' which contained some beautiful music. They really enjoyed it.

Santa took time out of his busy schedule to make a special Zoom call to Senior Infants on the 13th December. Santa was suitably impressed when the boys recited one of their Christmas poems for him. Santa then travelled to the school in person on the 21st. The boys were incredibly excited to meet the man himself!

I would like to wish all of the boys and their families a safe, healthy and merry Christmas and a happy new year!

1ST 2ND CLASS**Mr O'Keeffe**

The boys have done excellent work this term and have been very busy. We got a bit carried away with Science week and investigated a crime scene. This had us taking fingerprints, mixing substances and even holding a court case in the classroom! We've also been working as historians, looking at the history of toys and of course, the Toy Show. We were very lucky to have a basketball coach in with us this term too.

The boys have worked very hard this term and their reading and writing has really improved. I hope they all have an amazing Winter break. I can't wait to hear about it in the New Year.

3RD CLASS**Ms O'Brien**

Third class have been working very hard this half term. We did loads of work on the Vikings and how they have influenced the city of Dublin. We also designed our own Viking longboats.

November was our month to perform for the whole school during assembly with the boys giving a brilliant rendition of 'Bia', an Irish song that we have been learning for the past two months. Everyone was full of praise for their performance.

We were lucky to have Martin in this term for basketball coaching. The class is very talented at sport, as well as art, and they really enjoyed the weeks with Martin!

Thank you and well done to all the boys for their hard work over the past two months. Happy Christmas and enjoy the break.

4TH CLASS**Mr O'Rourke**

What a busy term we've had! Since the mid-term break, the boys have learned about - among other things - Guy Fawkes, Advent, Space, fractions, the printing press, parts of speech, data and recount writing. We've explored the theme of Energy, covering natural resources, renewable energy, climate change, power, lights at Christmas and much more.

As well as Martin's basketball coaching and Paul's boxing fitness sessions, Sylwia has been running a Life Skills programme. On top of all this, the class has put together a great Christmas Show, featuring songs, poetry, thoughts about the festive season and even some dance!

The boys have done lots of hard work and it's time for a relaxing break. I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

5TH & 6TH CLASS**Mr Bodkin**

We have had a busy half term leading up to our Christmas break. The boys have all been making serious efforts and produced some outstanding work.

Our class work has all been integrated under the theme of WWI. The boys wrote fantastic letters as trench soldiers, explored poetry from WWI, created the school's largest visual timeline in the yard, answered WWI word problems in maths, watched videos on the Christmas Truce of 1914 and responded through art, creating Christmas Truce silhouette pieces. We also listened to songs in music related to WWI such as 'Pipes of Peace.'

In the last few weeks, the boys have engaged in both basketball and boxing with their coaches, as well as athletics with me. We held a whole class jumping competition where Luke Carroll gave me a run for my money!

Well done to all the boys for their hard work and enthusiasm. Merry Christmas to you all.





DISPLAYS

Our school corridors and classrooms are full of wonderful work that has been created by teachers and the boys. Here is a peak at some of the wonderful activities over the last 2 months.





SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Here are some of the activities that the boys have been engaging in!





CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

This year our Christmas Jumper Day was a school fundraiser.
Here are some of our wonderful Christmas outfits...





SANTA VISIT

Santa Claus made a very special appearance just before we took our Christmas holidays. We are all on the good list!





SCHOOL NEWS

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

To celebrate a successful first term at school, all class teachers have uploaded their class' performance to Seesaw. Be sure to log in and check your child's class performance out!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas raffle again this year.

MERIT AWARDS

Over the past few months we have focused on promoting qualities that we feel are important for the children to develop and demonstrate. The winners of November's Merit Awards were awarded for showing resilience and not giving up when tasks get trickier. The winners for December's Merit Awards were awarded for caring and sharing.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Communion

First Holy Communion has been set for 22nd May for the boys in 2nd class and Le Cheile 2.

Confirmation

Confirmation has been set for 28th April 2022 for the boys in 5th and 6th and Le Cheile 1.

STUDENT COUNCIL

We are delighted to inform you that under the guidance of Ms Bacon and Ms O'Brien, we have our very first student council in Christ the King BNS. Each class has one representative and the council provides the students to become involved with staff to promote the best interests of the school.

SEASONS GREETINGS

Wishing all of our students, staff and parents a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

HSCL NEWS

What a busy Autumn term it has been!

It was my pleasure to welcome our new Junior Infant boys to our school in September. The boys have settled into school really well and really enjoy their work and the new friendships they are making. I was able to run two really fun programmes with Junior Infants. In October I launched "Book at Bedtime" where the boys borrowed a new book every week for four weeks. Then, in November, I sent home a different weekly pack of "Fine Motor Skills" activities for the boys to do at home. I heard back from lots of Mummies and Daddies who said that their boys really enjoyed taking part. They sent me photos of them doing their work at home, which you can find on a display on the Junior Corridor!

Also, I ran the "Paint at Home" Christmas Decoration project again this year, with 4th Class this time. The boys and their families painted some plain wooden decorations with paint - and they did a fantastic job! The decorations were displayed on a tree in their classroom, and will be sent home for them to treasure at the end of the term.

Families were very generous and supportive of the "Trick or Treat for Temple Street" fundraiser, which we ran on October 22nd. The boys' costumes were outstanding!

I wish you all a peaceful, safe and healthy Christmas. I hope to run some interesting and exciting programmes with other classes in the school next term!

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