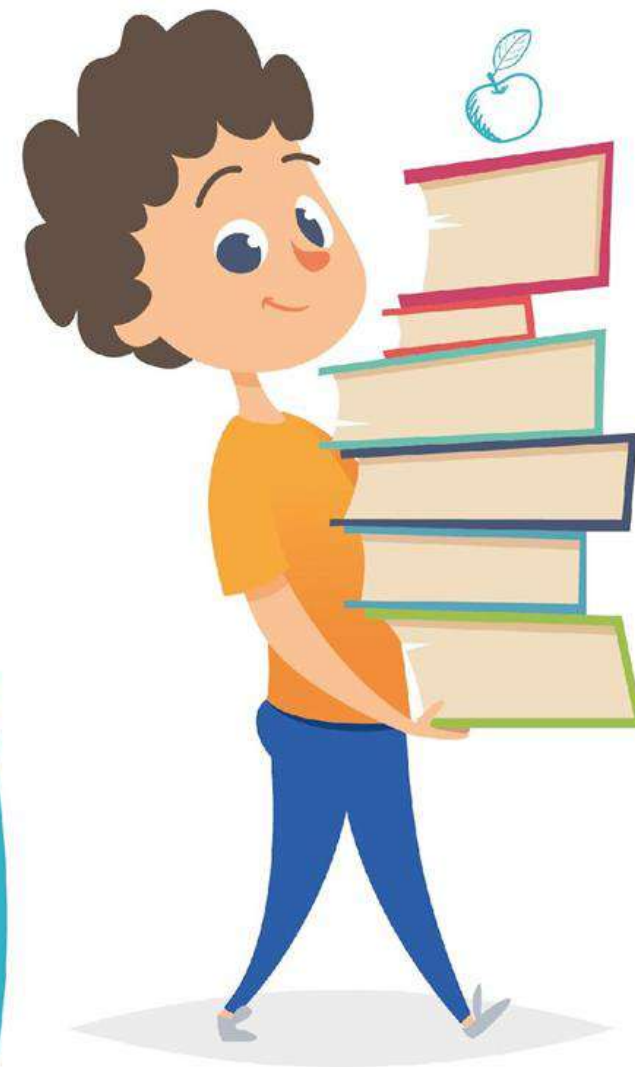


# CHRIST THE KING BNS NEWSLETTER



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# PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

## A message from Ms Vahey

Dear Parents,

It was a lovely experience to be able to celebrate Halloween with our students today just before our mid-term break. The boys had lots of fun dressing up and fundraising for Trick or Treat for Temple Street a very good cause.

We had our monthly assembly today in the yard and presented the class merit awards. This month's theme is 'pride in your work and in yourself'.

We had our community Gardaí, Garda Ben and Garda Eimear visit the school on Oct 15<sup>th</sup> to speak to the students from 3<sup>rd</sup> class to 6<sup>th</sup> class about the dangers of fireworks and bonfires and how they can keep safe during the Halloween break.

Myself the Board of Management and all of our school staff would like to wish you a safe and relaxing mid-term break and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Regards

Clodagh Vahey

### SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS

Some students are missing text books that are crucial for your child to progress in class. Can you ensure you purchase any outstanding books your son needs for school during the mid-term break.

If you are having any difficulty with purchasing school books please contact Natalie HSCL on (086)3275020.

### SCHOOL FEES

Thank You to parents who have already paid school general fees. For any outstanding fees can you please ensure these are paid from Novemebr 1<sup>st</sup> direct to your son's class teacher.

Junior Infants – 2<sup>nd</sup> class : €55.00

3<sup>rd</sup> class – 6<sup>th</sup> class : €65.00

This fee covers the following school expenses: stationary/photo copying costs, arts and crafts costs, text a parent and pupil insurance. If yours fees are not paid, your son will not be included in the school insurance.

### ILLNESS

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 your child at home if he is displaying symptoms. Your child must be symptom free for 48 hours before returning to school;.





## CLASS REVIEWS

### LE CHÉILE 1

**Ms McCaughey**

The boys have had a very busy Term One back at school. They have all settled back well into the school day and routine. In September they learnt all about school and the different roles of people who help run it, from the principal to the caretaker. We also learnt all about ourselves and did beautiful self portraits. October was all about animals that hibernate and of course Halloween. The boys also have been doing drumming lessons in Music and go down every Friday to Naomh Fionnbarra to practice their football skills. Big well done to all the boys and hope you all have a lovely relaxing midterm break.

### JUNIOR INFANTS

**Ms Bacon**

Our first term ever in school has gone in the blink of an eye. We have been busy bees between drumming, GAA and Basketball workshops the past few weeks. We have been learning lots of new things this term focusing on school life, Autumn and we are also learning a new language- Gaelge! We are having lots of fun learning a new language, singing songs and playing games on our Interactive Whiteboard. The past two weeks we have been doing lots of Spooky Halloween learning activities, such as Art, a Witch's Kitchen, Haunted House and much more to come over the last few days before Mid-Term.

Well done to all the boys for settling into big school. Wishing everyone a Happy and Safe Mid-Term Break!

### LE CHEILE 2

**Mr Coleman**

We've had a nice and active term settling back in. We've been working hard on literacy and Maths. We're really enjoying music with Connor, where we get to play the drums and learn about drumming. We're having great fun at GAA, where we walk to CLG Naomh Fionnbarra and practice Gaelic football with coach Johnny. We've also gone to Faussagh stores shop to practice queueing up and learn about paying the shopkeeper and getting change. We're looking forward to Hallowe'en now.

### SENIOR INFANTS

**Ms Smiley**

The boys have been very busy since they came back to school in September. They have been working very hard and learning lots of new things. Recently they have been learning all about Halloween. They made haunted houses, constructed cauldrons and wrote magic spells to accompany potions which they created using food colouring and water. They designed a spooky den, made ghost puppets and learned spooky songs.

The boys have had lots of different activities to keep them busy. They have been doing GAA with Johnny at Naomh Fionnbarra GAA club. I must say that the boys are doing very well on our walk to and from the GAA grounds. They have also been learning basketball skills with Martin. To top it off they have also had the opportunity to do drumming with Antonio and Connor. The boys have really enjoyed all of these activities.

Well done to all of the boys on doing so well in the first few weeks of Senior Infants. I hope that you all have a safe and happy mid-term break.

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

The boys have put a lot of hard work in since returning to school. First class have made an extra big effort getting used to the extra hour in school. Both classes have been working very hard to brighten up our classroom with some lovely bee and owl displays which add a lot of life to the classroom and corridor. We have also done a lot of work on our family, our school and jobs in History and Geography and the boys are enjoying solving our daily puzzle for Maths week at the moment. We have really enjoyed going to GAA training in Naomh Fionnbarra over the last few weeks, and I am especially proud of how much effort everyone has been putting into the drumming workshop every Wednesday.

Well done boys on a great first 8 weeks. Enjoy your break!

**3RD CLASS****Ms O'Brien**

Third class have been doing great work since the return to school in September. They have been enthusiastically taking part in numerous activities including GAA, drumming and basketball.

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The boys have learned about a number of different topics throughout the two months but have particularly enjoyed our theme of Autumn as we got to go on a nature walk around the school and paint lovely Autumn themed trees.

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable mid-term break.

**4TH CLASS****Mr O'Rourke**

It's been a busy few weeks for 4th Class. The class has been working hard and learning about all sorts of topics this month, including Space, the water cycle, Time, the Royal Canal, singing in rounds, healthy eating, generative art, inventions, Turtle Graphics, Four Square, lines and angles, Dance and much more. The boys were all taught how to play Chess - and now it's our favourite game! See our blog page for more...

We've also had weekly drumming workshops as well as Gaelic Football and basketball coaching. We start a 9-week Life Skills workshop with Sylwia when we come back after midterm. Have a safe and happy Hallowe'en, everyone!

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

Both classes have settled well into school and we are having a very productive first term. The boys are really engaging with our group reward system and the competition each week is close and the battles for the top spot are intense!

The boys are really enjoying the topics covered to date, especially in Gaeilge and History. Topics covered include The Maori, Recount Writing, Environmental Awareness and Care, Rugby and Song Composition.

Well done to all in both classes, I hope that you have a great mid-term break and we've lots to look forward to between now and the end of the year.





## SCHOOL NEWS

### TRICK OR TREAT FOR TEMPLE STREET

Trick or Treat for Temple Street was a great success again this year. Thank you for your support for a wonderful cause. The boys took part in a Halloween parade in the yard to see all the wonderful outfits.

### MATHS WEEK

Maths week takes place between 16<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> October. The boys have been taking part in daily problem solving puzzles earning themselves golden tickets for correctly solving the puzzles. Today each class received a prize for successfully participating in Maths Week.

### MERIT AWARDS

This month the winners of the Merit Awards received recognition for their organisational and presentation skills and taking great pride in their work. Congratulations to all the winners this month.



## HSCL NEWS

Natalie is our Home School Community Liaison teacher. If you have any questions, queries or seek advice / support you can reach her at 086 327 5020 or christthekingHSCL@gmail.com .

Here are some of the initiatives that are up and running in the school:

### Book at Bedtime

Junior Infants have been participating in a Book at Bedtime with their parents. They took a special book home from school each week to enjoy at bedtime. There are wonderful photos of the boys engaging with this programme displayed outside their classroom. Thank you to all the parents who sent in the lovely photos.

### Secondary School Applications:

Natalie visited 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils to chat to them about the application process to secondary school. All pupils have now received application forms to their schools of choice and Natalie has followed up with calls to parents. If you need any more advice, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

### Parents classes and courses:

Natalie hopes to be able to offer a number of face to face classes and courses to parents as soon as public health guidance allows.





# HALLOWE'EN

The boys have been busy preparing for Hallowe'en







# GAA, BASKETBALL, DRUMMING





# CLASSROOM DISPLAYS

