

# CHRIST THE KING BNS NEWSLETTER



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# PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

## A message from Ms Vahey

Dear Parents,

Now that we have reached the last day of school we can safely say what a successful year all of our students have had for 2021-2022.

This last term in school has been a fun filled and active few weeks for our whole school community.

The last term of the academic year is always a busy time for everyone in school but it is a real pleasure to hear and see our students having fun and enjoying their time whilst in school as they have all worked so hard throughout this academic year.

Myself and the teaching staff would like to say 'Thank You' to all our parents for their continued support and co-operation.

I wish you all a wonderful and enjoyable summer holiday. I look forward to welcoming all our wonderful students back to CTK BNS on Thursday September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Regards,

Clodagh Vahey

### RE-OPENING AND CALENDAR FOR 2022-2023

School will reopen on Thursday September 1<sup>st</sup> at 9.00am.

The school calendar was sent by email to all parents recently. It will also be available on the school website during the school holidays.

### TEACHER ALLOCATION

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



### BOOK LISTS

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. I would ask you 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.

### UNIFORMS

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

- 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.



## CLASS REVIEWS

### LE CHÉILE 1

**Ms McCaughey**

Summer holidays have finally arrived and I want to say a BIG well done to all the boys in Le Cheile 1. They have all worked so hard this year and should be very proud of themselves. We've had great fun in term 3 and the boys really enjoyed learning all about signs of Summer and studying how the weather changes. They also really enjoyed extra fun days in school like sports day, active day and one day the ice cream truck came to the yard. Even teacher got a cone!! One of our Le Cheile boys Zachary is graduating from CTK this year too and we had a great party for him, with all his friends. I want to wish Zach all the best for Secondary school. I hope all the boys in Le Cheile 1 Philip, Colin, Scott, Zachary, Leon and Anthony all have a fantastic summer.

### LE CHEILE 2

**Mr Coleman**

We've stayed busy with our Reading and Maths this term. We've gone on a few excursions- Grangegorman, Mount Bernard park, National Botanic gardens down in Glasnevin and even McDonald's. Our boys really enjoyed the school tours to the zoo and funtasia and getting the bus there. Sports day and then active day were tremendous fun too! We're looking forward to summer holidays now!



### JUNIOR INFANTS

**Ms Bacon**

It is hard to believe that the Junior Infants have completed their first year in school and what a year it has been! Junior Infants is always special because it is your first time experiencing school, making new friends for life, meeting a new teacher and learning lots of new things. The Junior Infants this year have been spectacular and have set the standards very high for next year. The boys are now ready to progress into Senior Infants and continue to shine bright. Everyone has been amazed with them this year and I am sure they will continue to blow us all away next year. We had a great time on our school tour to Dublin Zoo and learned all the vocabulary in Irish too for when we go! It was an amazing first tour and we all had a lovely day despite the weather before saying goodbye for the Summer.

### SENIOR INFANTS

**Ms Smiley**

This summer term has absolutely flown! The boys worked really hard as they did all year. They went on a teddy bear's picnic to Shandon Park with Junior Infants. They also managed to fit in time for the playground while they were there!

The boys are extremely excited about their upcoming trip to Dublin Zoo! They have been counting down how many sleeps to go since early June! They really want to see lions, giraffes, zebras and red pandas to name a few! The boys had the opportunity to take part in many fun activities on sports day. These included powerball, boxing fitness and athletics. There were also lots of fun games like parachute, bowling, giant snakes & ladders and, limbo too. The boys were very lucky to have 'Active Day' also. They played bulldog, tug of war and problem solving games which included tangrams and a giant sack race!

I would like to thank the boys for their really hard work this year. They made excellent progress in all areas. It was a pleasure to be their teacher this year. I hope that everyone has a happy and healthy summer!

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

Term 3 was a very busy yet special term for us all. We spent a lot of time preparing for our 1st Holy Communion and we did a lot of work in school looking at Pastimes, Song Singing, and playing rounders. We even made tin foil boats in Science class!

We have also had a lot of fun this term with extra PE on sunny days and 2 sports days where the boys worked very hard on team building activities.

The boys have definitely earned a great summer break. I want to thank all the boys for a great year and I wish them all the best in 2nd and 3rd class.

**3RD CLASS****Mr O'Brien**

We have had a very busy last term here in 3rd class. Our school tour to Funtasia was a great hit with the class, especially the water park. The boys were great team players during our sports and active days. The class loved the archery and the limbo. We completed projects on Bohs FC over the term where we found out lots of interesting facts about the club and how it started. The class have created an outdoor book club so that we can enjoy the sunny weather and our reading books.

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

This last term has flown by... the boys in 4th Class have made great progress throughout the year and they're ready for the challenges of 5th Class. Since we returned from the Easter holidays, we have covered Procedural Writing, Aimsir, Fractions, Fairy Tales, Myths and Legends, Chance, Sampling, World War II, Chords, Personal Safety, Area and Perimeter, Shape and Space, Trade, Experiments with eggs, Synthesizers, Maths through Football, Engineering, Lateral Thinking, Tessellation, Mindfulness, Kandinsky, Forecasting, Pilgrimages, Settlements and Homes, Unihoc, Digital Art and Civil Rights.

The class enjoyed Active Week, Sports Day and our additional Active Day. Our school tour to Funtasia was a huge success. We had a brilliant Flower Arranging workshop with SNA Mary recently and everyone got to take their handiwork home! We've also been researching Ancient Egypt for the final project of our school year.

The class had great fun on their trip to town on Wednesday 29th to finish the year on a high note. All in all, it's been a great, busy, 3rd term. Well done to all the boys and best wishes for the year ahead. Enjoy the holidays!

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

Term 3 ends in the senior end of Christ the King. The boys have had yet another busy term, filled with trips, Sports Days, visitors and fun classroom activities.

Our Sports Days were a huge success. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the bulldog tag especially as they have been partaking in similar activities in rugby practice.

In the classroom, the boys have been learning about space and the Solar System. This topic was integrated across most curricular areas with many lessons combining at least two subjects together. The boys loved the experience and we might see a couple of 'Cabranauts' in the coming years.

Our 6th Class are set and ready to move on to their Secondary School adventures and counting down the days to Graduation.

From all of us here in the senior end, we'd like to wish everyone a very happy Summer break.





# Sports Day



On May 30<sup>th</sup> we had our school sports day. Thankfully the weather worked in our favour this year.

It was great to welcome Richie from Powerball back again to CTK BNS and all of our students and staff showed fierce competition to win the most powerful strike. It was delightful to see all of our students cheering on each other regardless of each and everyone's score.

As well as powerball we had Janette from The Runner Beans at our athletics station. Paul Quinn from Irish Boxing Association (IBA) and development officer with DCC provided a great station for boxing and fitness for our students – which really tired everyone out. Dax from Leinster Cricket provided a fantastic introduction to the game of cricket for our whole school and hopes to come back to CTK BNS in September to provide a series of cricket coaching sessions to all classes.

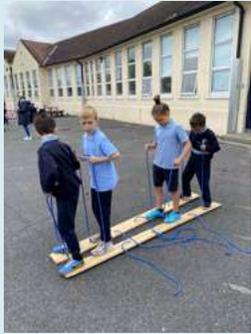
Our last station consisted of a selection of giant board games, jenga, connect four, snakes and ladders, draughts etc. Watching our students playing together, sharing, taking turns and encouraging each other shows how much they have matured and developed throughout this academic year.





## Active Day

Here are a selection of photos from Active School Day on June 13th. The team from Active Schools commented how well behaved our students throughout the whole day and it was fantastic success for the whole school community.



Active Schools came and set up our school yard with a whole host of games and activities for the whole day.

We enjoyed:

Team task games such as drain pipes, tangrams and Sudoku in the hall.

Junior Archery

Field games - dodgeball, tag, bulldogs and ultimate frisbee.

Adventure skills - secret maze, limbo and parachute games and tug-o-war (on our soft fall section of the yard!!!!)





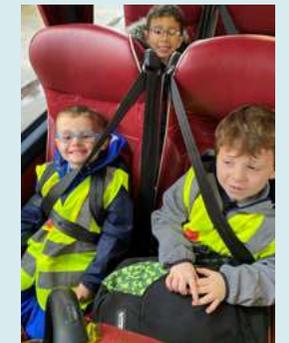
# School Tours

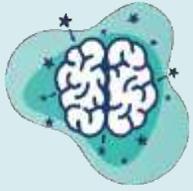
Snapshots from our first tours back after two years!



On June 8<sup>th</sup> our senior classes 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> headed off on a private bus to Funtasia for their school tour. It has been a few years since we last visited Funtasia for our school tour and feedback from lots of our students was that they had a fantastic time swimming, bowling, and playing crazy golf with their friends and making lots of great memories.

Our junior classes went to Dublin Zoo for their school tour on June 28<sup>th</sup>. The visit to the zoo included an African Adventure workshop, meet and greet with the animals, lunch and a visit to the playground before everyone got back on the bus to return to CTK BNS happy and tired.





# Term 3 fun





## SCHOOL NEWS

### ACTIVE SCHOOLS WEEK

This year our school participated in Active Schools Week for the very first time and it was a great success. Each day the boys came outside and completed short but fun activities to increase their steps and physical activity during the day. They played co-operation games, practised skipping, used the parachute and danced to music on the yard! It will definitely be on the cards for next year! Thank you to everyone involved in making it a successful week.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

On Sunday May 22nd, the second class and some of our Le Cheile students made their First Holy Communion and Friday 19th April, 5th, 6th and some Le Cheile students made their Confirmation. In the months leading up to these sacraments, the teachers, SNAs and pupils worked exceptionally to ensure the boys were as best prepared for their day as possible. The boys were wonderful on their respective days and we are all very proud of them. Congratulations to everyone involved in making special days so wonderful.

### STUDENT COUNCIL

This marks the first school year that CTK has had its own student council, and what a year it has been. We have held a kindness campaign, green school initiative and have been preparing for the new school year. The boys have really enjoyed the year and we look forward to seeing what they come up with next year. Thank you to all the staff and children who have made the student council so successful.

### MERIT AWARDS

Well done to the boys who won a Merit Award this year. It is wonderful to know that 72 children in CTK have been rewarded for making a positive difference to their class and our school.



## HSCL NEWS

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of the school year, I like to reflect on the school year that has passed by. Last September feels like it was so long ago! We have been through so much this school year, but now it feels much more positive, and that the future is once again bright!

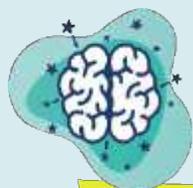
However, let's not forget the nice times we have had too! We got to welcome a lovely Junior Infant class into their first year at school, and I got to know the parents through the **Book at Bedtime** and the **Fine Motor Skills** activities we did together. Senior Infants got the run of the toyshop with the **Toy Library**, and 4<sup>th</sup> Class families enjoyed the Christmas decoration **Paint at Home** project I ran this year too. The families of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Classes got to use their **Maths Eyes**, and there was great excitement as we rolled through the weeks.

I've also been working closely with 6<sup>th</sup> Class families to support them as their boys move on to their new secondary schools in September. I was lucky enough to accompany some of the boys on tours of their new schools, and I wish them all the very best as they start on the next phase of their school careers.

I am really looking forward to inviting parents in to different classes and courses that will be running next year. I think we have all missed out on the sense of **connection** during the pandemic. I'll be doing a **Parent Survey** to find out what particular courses you're interested in.

In the meantime, have a happy, safe and healthy Summer!

Natalie



## 6th CLASS FAREWELL



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We said goodbye and farewell to the class of 2022 at our graduation ceremony for 6<sup>th</sup> class in the hall on Wednesday June 28<sup>th</sup>. It was a beautiful ceremony with fantastic singing from 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> class along with speeches from myself and Mr Bodkin. A special 'Thank You' to the students in 5<sup>th</sup> class who helped make the 6<sup>th</sup> class students day very special. The 5<sup>th</sup> class students have been working hard practising the graduation songs and creating a lovely art display in the kitchen for 6<sup>th</sup> class students. Thanks also to class teacher Mr Bodkin and SNA's Donna and June for all of their hard work and effort in preparing for the day. The boys were treated to Domino's pizza and the 6<sup>th</sup> class boys had a little party to celebrate the end of their time in primary school. Good Luck to all of our 6<sup>th</sup> class students with the beginning of the next chapter in their lives.