

CHRIST THE KING BNS NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2023

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

A message from Ms Vahey

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families are keeping well?

Our students have worked hard and have kept the motivation going right throughout this term. Well done to all of our students in CTK BNS. We had lots of fun in school throughout this term.

I hope the weather will stay fine for the Easter holidays for us all to make the most of spending time with our families and enjoy eating lots of Easter eggs and treats!!!!

We have had a really busy term 2 here in CTK BNS. Our school football team are currently on a winning streak and fingers crossed this will continue for the next few matches scheduled in April for the FAI Primary Schools football competition.

Barnardos delivered an Online Safety workshop to our senior students on March 13th. This was a really important initiative and the feedback from students and teachers was very positive.

We celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge from March 13th - 16th. Our students learnt two dances for our Ceilí - An Dreoilín and The Walls of Limerick. We had lots of fun practicing the dances in the school yard and school hall with senior classes helping junior classes to learn the steps. On Wednesday March 15th everything came together for our Ceilí and we had a blast in the school hall with the whole school coming together and having lots of fun and laughter.

On Thursday March 16th we celebrated Lá Glas. We had a parade in the school hall for each class showcasing everyone dressed up celebrating St Patrick's day early. We then had a school quiz all about Ireland. Teams were mixed across all ages and classes. The boys showcased their general knowledge, musical, geographical and sporting knowledge. Congratulations to team Dún na nGall who were the overall winners.

Our student council ran a competition for the best dressed classroom door to celebrate St Patrick's Day. There was a joint winner - 5th/6th class and Le Chéile 2. Well done to both classes for their amazing artistic and creative effort. You will see photos of the winning doors on the newsletter.

CTK BNS Board of Management, school management and school staff would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Clodagh Vahey
Principal

Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Easter Raffle. Congratulations to the winners of this year's prizes. We collected a total of €500. This money will be used to fund additional school activities and resources during the academic year.

School Uniform

Please ensure your son wears his school uniform daily. School tracksuit is worn twice a week on PE days. It is important that your son creates good habits wearing his uniform consistently. Please provide your son's teacher with a note.



Absence note

When your child is absent from school please ensure you complete a student absence note available on school website as follows:
<https://www.christthekingbns.ie/student-absence-form/>

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:

School closes: Fri
31st March @ 12
noon

School reopens:
Monday 17th April
@ 9am



CLASS REVIEWS

LE CHÉILE 1

Mr Quinn

The boys in Le Cheile 1 have had a very busy few months. We have been doing gardening work with Graham which involved planting bulbs and watching them grow. We also have had minibeast hunts in the new garden and made beautiful Spring flower art. The boys really enjoyed St.Patrick's Day and really embraced the fun activities and céilí on the run up to the bank holiday weekend. Keep up the great work boys.

LE CHEILE 2

Mr O'Rourke

The boys in Le Chéile 2 have had a great second term. It has been a chance to work towards everyone's individual targets and to find ways to fit everything in. Exciting! Everyone is finding it easier to organise their work areas, from tidying correctly to knowing where to find important items.

Every Friday, we've been taking a trip to the playground at Grangegorman, where we have lots of fun to start the day. We're also doing a run every morning at 9! The class does Chillout time twice a week in the sensory room before bedtime and everyone feels really relaxed afterwards.

We had lots of fun around Saint Patrick's Day and are really looking forward to the Easter break. The days are brighter and we'll soon be able to do more outdoor activities.

In the summer term, we hope to focus more on new group activities in the classroom, challenge each other to produce high-quality work and encourage independence. Our independent work system will be a huge help for organisational and life skills

JUNIOR INFANTS

Ms Bacon

It is hard to believe that Junior Infants have now completed their second full term of the school year. We have been learning more of our Jolly Phonic Sounds and can now read and write our own little words such as cat, dog, tap etc. We now write our own names by ourselves on our worksheets so that Ms. Bacon does not lose them!

This term we learnt new tricks in Basketball and Athletics in PE as well as being creative in Art. We cannot wait to see what Term 3, our final term in Junior Infants brings us after Easter!

SENIOR INFANTS

Ms. Hickey

We have been having so much fun in senior infants. We have had a jam-packed term between going to the library, Seachtain na Gaeilge and so much more. We went to Cabra library for a dance workshop. It was great craic. We love to dance in Senior Infants.

Another new hobby we have taken up, is yoga. It sets us up for a great day and we all feel nice and relaxed afterwards. Yoga is a great way to start the morning.

We went all out for pancake Tuesday. We made pancakes and we did not hold back on the toppings. We had Nutella, marshmallows, sugar and lemon. They were delicious. Pancake Tuesday is one of our favourite days of the year in senior infants.

We are busy bees here in Senior Infants between basketball and athletics. We love to keep fit and healthy. We have had so much fun keeping active while playing our favourite sports.

I hope everyone enjoys their Easter holidays and I hope the Easter bunny makes an appearance. :D

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

We have had a wonderfully busy term in 1st and 2nd class. The boys worked very hard during Seachtain na Gaeilge, practicing using their cúpla focail throughout the day. We had great fun learning an Dreoilín and the Walls of Limerick for our Céilí and we even watched SpongeBob as Gaeilge. Now that Spring is here, we will be using all of our new outdoor spaces more and we will continue or gardening with Graham.

There were lots of special occasions this term. We celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge, St Patrick's Day, Pancake Tuesday and 2nd class made their 1st confession, which got us a VIP tour of the church from Fr. Joe.

As well as trips to the church, we've also had trips to the library for drama and dance workshops and Giulia will be visiting us for a couple of weeks to do some Geography workshops. The boys also worked with Jen on their basketball skills and with Jeanette, running laps of the school!

I'm very proud of all the hard work the boys have done this term and I wish them all a very Happy Easter!

4TH CLASS**Mr Coleman**

We've had a busy and fun filled term two in 2023! As well as working hard on our English and Maths, we've had plenty of visitors and events. We all thoroughly enjoyed the recent Céilí, Lá Glas and Tráth na gCeist. In addition, we've had lessons in athletics with Jeannette from Runner Beans, basketball with Jen from St. Vincent's and gardening with Graham. Our plants are now showing some green shoots. We had some basketballers from St. Vincent's speak about the life of a professional athlete and Sarah from Barnardos did an excellent online safety workshop with us.

For the past few weeks, we've been fortunate enough to be learning with Ms. O'Brien- a student teacher from St. Pat's/DCU who's done some very interesting and fun lessons with us. We had fun on days such as Pancake Tuesday and World Book Day.

Furthermore, three of our boys have been playing on our school football team. They're playing two years above their own age level and have done themselves and the school proud with their great performances.

3RD CLASS**Ms O'Brien**

There has been lots of great work completed in 3rd class this term. The boys have been learning how to create geography and science projects with some really impressive results. During Seachtain na Gaeilge the whole school enjoyed a Céilí, having learnt the Walls of Limerick and An Dreoilín. Great fun was had by all! During this term the class showed brilliant enthusiasm for Athletics with Janet and Basketball with Jeanette. We were very lucky to have Ms Burke with us for four weeks this term while she was on her teaching practice, she did some great lessons with the class.

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

It has been another productive and fun-filled term for the senior boys, in 5th and 6th Class. The boys took part in many extracurricular activities such as basketball, athletics, chess competitions and more. Our Senior Football Team has also been hard at work, training each Monday and winning back to back games in incredible fashion!

The hard work continued in the classroom this term where we explored many interesting and varied topics. In English, we read two novels; Fantastic Mr. Fox and Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. Our writing genre was recount writing and our chosen text type were graphic novels. Over the weeks, in English, Irish and Art class, the boys created beautiful comics based on topics such as Tom Crean, Super Heroes, Irish Fairs and their own personal stories. In Irish, the boys learned two songs. These songs were Béidh Aonach Amárach agus an Buachaill Uaigneach. The boys had a lot of spraoi learning these tunes and were outstanding in their performances for the other classes. In maths, the focus has been on fractions and decimals and the boys worked incredibly hard in both small groups and independently.

In other curriculum areas, the boys learned a lot about online safety and cyber-bullying in SPHE. Barnardos came to visit the boys recently and the boys were eager to share all that they knew on the topic. In S.E.S.E. the boys studied Fair Trade and the injustice around sugar production. The classes answered some key questions on the topic, explored online videos of sugar production, sequenced the steps involved in making sugar as well as the supply chain, looked at a variety of sugar injustice scenarios and discussed solutions to these problems. The boys also created awareness posters with the aim of promoting Fair Trade products. In P.E. the classes played many mini-games such as the Penguin Shuffle, Hoop Toss, Balloon Keep Up and Kick Ball. The greatest thrill was always being chosen to keep the balloons at the end of the lesson!

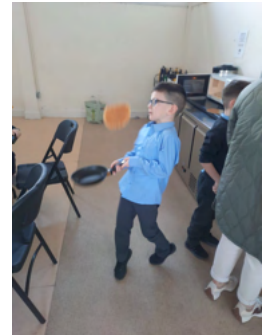
Well done to the boys on all their hard work this term. From us all here in 5th and 6th Class, I would like to wish you all a pleasant Easter break.

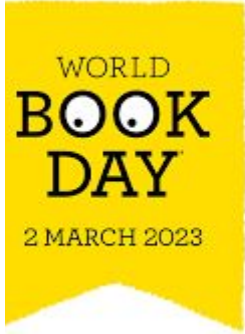


PANCAKE TUESDAY



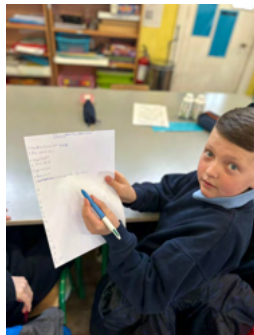
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 Pop it in a pan,
 Fry a pancake,
 Toss a pancake,
 Catch it if you can!





WORLD BOOK DAY

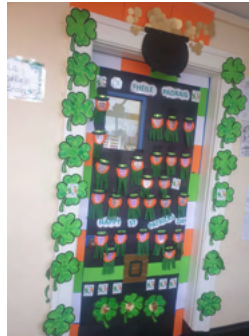
On Friday 2nd March, we celebrated World Book Day with activities in school and trips to the library





SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE ACTIVITIES

**JOINT WINNERS OF OUR
SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE DOOR
COMPETITION
5th & 6th and Le Chéile 2**



Our WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY doing an Dreoilín!!





Visitors to our School



St Vincent's Basketball

Earlier this term professional basketball players Donovan Fields and Robbie Graham visited our senior classes and gave them an insight into what it's like to be a professional basketball player in Ireland.

We wish to offer our sincerest thanks for their generous donation of a set of basketballs to our school. Basketball is very popular amongst the boys so everyone was very excited to get them!

Sports for Life

Pupils in 5th and 6th class took part in a ten week Sports for Life initiative that was run by Dublin City Council earlier this year. Thanks to Lavinia and Michelle from DCC who presented these students with certificates and medals for taking part. Well done to the boys for taking part and trying some new activities.



CHRIST THE KING BNS SCHOOLS FOOTBALL TEAM

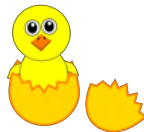
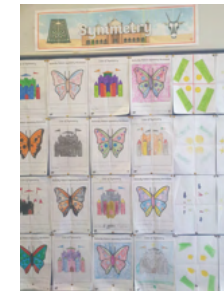


For the first time in a number of years, Christ the King BNS has a school football team and what a team we have! They have won 3/ 3 of their FAI primary school league matches and have more to come next term. Mr Coleman also entered two teams into the FAI Spar 5 a side for primary schools and after coming back from 2 nil down in the semi final , our 6th class boys won their final and will be representing Christ the King BNS in the Dublin final in Abbotstown next term! Unfortunately, the result of the 5th class final didn't go our way, but the boys did themselves proud and we are very proud of them! Thanks to Mr Coleman for coaching the boys and Donna and June for assisting on match days.



A WALK THROUGH OUR CORRIDORS THIS TERM

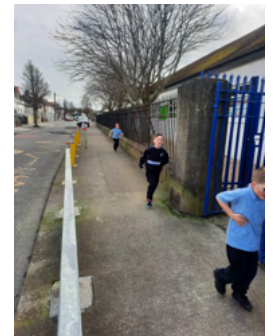
Here is a snapshot of displays showcasing some of the work that has been done throughout this term!





SCHOOL ACTIVITIES SNAPSHOT

The boys have been very busy this term with some very exciting trips to the library and the church as well as gardening, STEM activities and enjoying our new equipment from Difference Days!





SCHOOL NEWS

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council had another successful term of events! They put forward suggestions for celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge including the very popular decorate your door competition. The next meeting will take place in Term 3.

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 January's Merit Awards were awarded for always being respectful at school. The winners of February's Merit Awards were awarded for being friendly and being a good friend. The winners of March's Merit Awards were for Gaeilgeoir na Míosa.

The winners of the Merit Award for each month will be awarded a Homework Pass as a reward for winning. This fantastic idea was recommended by one of our 5th class students!

DATE FOR THE DIARY

Communion

First Holy Communion has been set for Sunday May 21st for the boys in 2nd class.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Check out our school website here:
<https://www.christthekingbns.ie/>

Check out our school Instagram account for regular updates throughout the term:
https://instagram.com/christ_the_king_bns?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=



HSCL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Spring has finally sprung, and aren't we delighted to see the brighter mornings! I am especially delighted as I was able to welcome a number of you to our Spring Arts & Crafts (with Elizabeth) on Tuesday mornings in the Annex. I have good news for anyone interested in this – we have been able to run these courses after Easter for a few more weeks which will bring us up to May! Let me know if you'd like to join us, all parents are more than welcome to drop in.

Next term will be a big one – we will be gearing up to say goodbye to all of our lads who are moving on to Second Level schools! And Fifth Class parents – I want to arrange a day for us all to meet and have a chat about what's ahead of us all next year in terms of picking out a secondary school. I will be in touch about that.

But that's all ahead of us! For now, have a lovely Easter break!

Kind regards,

Natalie

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