



CHRIST THE KING BNS NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

A message from Ms Vahey

Dear Parents,

We had a spooky school day today with all our students dressing up for Halloween just before we break up for mid-term. Our students had lots of fun for Trick or Treat for Temple Street, a very good cause.

We had our monthly assembly today on the yard and presented October's class merit awards. This month's theme is 'exceptional organisational skills' where we celebrate the importance of keeping our books, desk, classroom and environment clean and tidy.

On Wednesday our community guard Ben visited the boys from 3rd class to 6th class to talk about being safe at Halloween, the dangers of fireworks and bonfires. All of our students engaged really well with Ben and had lots of stories and good questions around how to be safe at Halloween.

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 7th

Kind Regards,

Clodagh Vahey

COLLECTION OF PUPILS

Parents can you ensure that you wait in the yard close to your son's line when collecting at home time. Class teacher's cannot see parents when standing outside of the yard gates close to the school hall. Sometimes class teachers may need to speak to parents at the end of the day and it is important that they can see who the child is going home with.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

If you need to contact the school, please note the school office is not attended all of the time. Yvonne, our school secretary works on a part-time basis and is not in the office every day. If your message is for the class teacher, please email the class teacher directly who will then respond after school hours. Otherwise please leave a message on the school phone.

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FEES

Please pay any outstanding general school fees to your class teacher. Receipt is provided on payment. This fee includes pupil insurance. If the fee is not paid your child will not be insured under the school pupil insurance.
Student fees Junior Infants - 6th class : €65.00

OUTSTANDING TEXTBOOKS

Most pupils have their books already and have begun using them. Some students are still missing school books. Can you please ensure you order/purchase any missing schools books for your soon as soon as possible.

ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE NOTES

You can now complete and absence note as follows:
<https://www.christthekin.gbns.ie/student-absence-form/> to log when your child is sick/absent. This email will be forward to your son's class teacher who will then update Aladdin attendance accordingly. We are trying to make this task as easy as possible for parents so we hope that you will use this function on the school website.

COLLECTION OF PUPILS EARLY

Parents please ensure you have informed your son's class teacher if you have an appointment and need to collect your son early from school. It is quite disruptive for class teachers when students are collected early during teaching time and the child's learning is also impacted. Thank You for your co-operation.





CLASS REVIEWS

LE CHÉILE 1

Mr Quinn

The boys have been doing tremendous work since coming back to school in September. They have settled so well with a new class teacher and have learnt so many new things. We have been really enjoying our new toys and equipment in sensory room and yard. The boys have been making halloween art this week. There are some photos of their lovely work in a few slides time. Stay safe and have a fun Hallowe'en everyone!



JUNIOR INFANTS

Ms Bacon

It has been a busy first term for Junior Infants in Christ the King. We have learnt songs, dances, rhymes and so much more! There is more to come.

Halloween is around the corner and we have been learning about how to keep safe and have fun over our Mid-Term Break.

After the break we are moving onto our letter sounds and will start to put sounds together to begin to read and write. There is so much for us to look forward to. The fun is only starting!

LE CHÉILE 2

Mr O'Rourke

We have been busy every day in the Le Chéile 2 classroom. We started out with last year's timetable and kept things familiar so we could settle in. In September, we looked at the topic of Myself and learned about each other's interests, strengths and dislikes. In October, we have been learning about the topic of Hallowe'en and getting ready for the upcoming mid-term break. A lot has stayed the same and some things have changed - for instance, we have now got loads of new resources in the playroom, in the sensory room and all around the school grounds! These include huge bean bags, mood eggs, wall toys, giant communication boards, sensory tiles, music areas, a water wall, a stage with benches for watching and relaxing, a revamped basketball court, a climbing wall, painted outdoor games areas, a gross motor/movement zone, an outdoor classroom, lots of planters and a brand new football pitch in the yard. We have introduced new Table Tasks in the class and will be incorporating them into Independent Work Systems after the mid-term break for all Le Chéile 2 pupils, which should help everyone with organisational skills in a fun, achievable way. I hope everyone has a lovely week off and a great Hallowe'en.

SENIOR INFANTS

Ms. Hickey

We have been working super hard in Senior infants. Everyone has settled back into school nicely. We have been counting, reading and writing. We have lots of fun daily.

We went on a trip to Shandon which was super fun! We are going to plan another trip before the end of the year!

There is a spooky atmosphere in the classroom as Hallowe'en is approaching. The boys are all set with their costumes and can't wait for our Hallowe'en party.



CLASS REVIEWS

1ST & 2ND CLASS

Mr O'Keefe

We have had a very busy 2 months in school in 1st and 2nd class. We are loving the new resources from Difference Days. We've gone outside to play with the water wall, we've done Maths and Gaeilge in our outdoor classroom, and we had a picnic on the benches. We also planted strawberries and spring onions in our new garden. The boys were very interested in plants, trees and nature, so we took a trip to the Botanic Gardens to find out more! The boys loved their GAA coaching in PE and we've even done yoga on rainy days! The boys have done lots of hard work looking at our school, Autumn and Halloween. We also visited the church with Fr Joe in preparation for our Communion.

3RD CLASS

Ms O'Brien

Third class have been doing great work since the return to school in September. They have really enjoyed all of our extra activities; GAA, cricket and rugby. The class have been great for getting stuck in, especially the cricket. Our first trip to the library was a success with hopefully plenty more to come throughout the year.

The boys have been learning about a plenty 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 did some leaf rubbings in our new outdoor classroom.

4TH CLASS

Mr Coleman

We've had plenty of activities in 4th class since returning in September. We've had GAA with Johnny from Finbar's, rugby with Kev from Leinster rugby and cricket with Fintan from cricket Ireland. The boys have enjoyed trying out these sports. We've been working hard at learning some new English and Maths.

To learn about some local history, we were given a tour of Dalymount Park by Bohs FC community officer Tommy Hynes. We got to go into the dressing rooms & players lounge and we even got our faces in the match programme for the recent Finn Harps match as our local claim to fame. Enjoy Halloween everyone!

5TH & 6TH CLASS

Mr Bodkin

It has been a wonderful and busy half term in the senior end of the school. In September, the boys learned all about Michael Collins in History as well as letter writing in English. We partook in life drawing in Art, sketching and colouring guitars inspired by Picasso. The boys have been engaging with a number of sports this term such as rugby, cricket and GAA.

Many of our lessons have been collaborative with both classes working together. The boys are mixing well and working well as a larger group. The boys worked together in Maths groups, spooky musical composition groups, volcanic reporters, Michael Collins research projects among others.

More recently, the boys have been hard at work putting together a special, scary performance for our Hallowe'en assembly. The boys have been practising and perfecting a dance piece based on the song 'Thriller' by Michael Jackson. They cannot wait to show off their zombie impersonations and smooth dance moves!



SCHOOL NEWS

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE:

<https://www.christthekingbns.ie/>

Our website has lots of useful information on it about our school including handy absence notes, our policies, enrollment forms

SOCIAL MEDIA:

We are pleased to announce that our school has a wonderful Instagram account to keep you up to date on some of the exciting events and activities at school:

christ_the_king_bns

You can follow us here:

https://instagram.com/christ_the_king_bns?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=



MID TERM BREAK

Wishing all of our pupils, parents and staff a relaxing mid-term break!



HSCL NEWS

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families have enjoyed the first half of the term.

I was able to carry out a survey of parents, and got a lot of great feedback, ideas and suggestions for parent's courses, classes and even day trips! You've given me a lot to work with and I look forward to working towards delivering it over the rest of the school year.

In case you didn't already know, I have set up an Instagram page and I'd like to ask you to consider following me. I will be advertising any upcoming classes and courses and other events I'll be having through the year for parents. The account is @christthekinghscl

<https://instagram.com/christthekinghscl?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=> and I look forward to seeing you there!

Here are my contact details:

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Natalie





Outdoor Space Grand Opening



THANK YOU AVOLON



"The football pitch is the best part, it's great having goals." Lennon, 5th class

"The (outdoor) classroom is the best cos it's nice to sit and talk to my friends." Tadgh, 3rd class

"I like the grass area best - the way we can listen to stories in it." Calvin, 1st class

"I probably like the football pitch the best cos we have working goals instead of just our jackets and cones." Anthony, 4th class

"I like the football pitch because we have proper goals, not just the walls as goals." Joel, 1st class



Autumn Displays





School Trips this month

**4th class
visited
Dalymount**



**1st and 2nd
class visited
the Botanic
Gardens**



Maths Week activities

Here are some of the boys with their Maths brains in action!





Hallowe'en Activities





Trick or Treat for Temple Street

