

CHRIST THE KING BNS NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

A message from Ms Vahey

Dear Parents,

I would like to congratulate our 17 CTK BNS students who represented our school at the Climate Change convention on Saturday October 21st in Broombridge Educate Together school. It was part of The Sustainable Village RTE Junior Radio documentary we are involved in. The boys engaged in the project at a very high level of detail and brain stormed excellent eco-friendly ideas for our school's specific project. We have been tasked 'to organise an eco friendly wrap party in Bohemians football club in Dalymount park for all participants of this project'. Our project leader was really impressed with the level of detail and creative ideas our students came up with. Well done to CTK BNS boys and I look forward to seeing the project coming to life over the next few months ahead!

On Wednesday Oct 18th, our community guards paid our senior classes a visit and gave each class a presentation on the dangers of fireworks and outlined fireworks are illegal. Students were shown photos of injuries that some children sustained in the past when mishandling fireworks. All of our students engaged really well with the guards and had lots of stories and good questions on the topic of 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. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday November 6th.

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. 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.

If you are collecting your child early, please go to the blue door at the office, someone will come to the door and get your child from his class and then sign him out.

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.

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 if he is unable to wear his uniform for any reason. We understand that this will happen from time to time.

ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE NOTES

You can now complete and absence note as follows:
<https://www.christthekingbns.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.





CLASS REVIEWS

LE CHÉILE 1

Ms McGennis

The boys have been doing so much since school started back in September. Everyone is settled in and we have been enjoying going to GAA, doing felting workshops, athletics and even cooking every Friday! All of the boys have been working so hard too and have been doing amazing independent work. We have done Hallowe'en art and came up with our class motto which we all worked together to create.



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.

Hallowe'en 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

Le Chéile 2 has been a hive of activity since we started back. We welcomed two new pupils to the school and one who has joined us from Le Chéile 1. We've been sharing our interests, doing morning meetings, getting used to schedules and trying a range of gross and fine motor exercises each day, as well as focusing on individual skills.

We've been lucky enough to have Jeanette coach our classes in athletics for several weeks now. The class is also visiting St. Finbarr's for weekly Gaelic Football with Thomas - we even got to play on the indoor astro pitch! But that's not all: we have been attending art workshops in Cabra Library, where we have learned how to make art with felt. Messy and fun!

After settling into our routines, we discussed the topic of Autumn (including making art with leaves and collecting conkers on our walks to Grangegorman playground) and moved on to Hallowe'en, which we are all excited about. We hope the boys all have a safe and happy Hallowe'en and can't wait to hear how trick or treat went!

SENIOR INFANTS

Ms Kelly

Senior Infants have been busy this term practicing their reading, writing and counting. We have had lots of fun with Athletics and GAA so far too. The boys have created some beautiful art and have been working super hard in school. Our class feels very chilling with the approach of Halloween, and everyone is really excited to dress up and have a spooky party!



CLASS REVIEWS

1ST & 2ND CLASS

Ms Carolan

The boys in 1st and 2nd class have been very busy since they came back to school in September. They have been working very hard and learning lots of new things. At the start of October, we learned all about 'Autumn'. We went on an Autumn walk, did some lovely Art and completed projects on the oak tree in SESE. Most recently we've been looking at the theme 'Hallowe'en'. We learned some scary songs in Music, had a visit from Winnie the Witch in Drama, learned lots of new vocabulary in Irish and carved a pumpkin when exploring Hallowe'en traditions in History. The boys absolutely loved this topic! Along with covering all these wonderful topics in class, the boys have been very active participating in Athletic lessons with Jeanette and playing GAA with Thomas down in Naomh Fionnbarra. Last week we also completed many activities for 'Maths Week 2023'. This was great fun as we had to solve riddles, work out puzzles and we got to play lots of fun games.

Well done to all the boys on all their hard work in 1st and 2nd class so far. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable mid-term break.

3RD & 4TH CLASS

Mr Coleman

It's been a very active term in 3rd and 4th class. We've had athletics with coach Jeanette from Runner Beans, cricket with coach Fintan from Cricket Ireland and GAA with coach Thomas from Naomh Fionnbarra. We also have Hannah from SCP doing life skills with us.

We had maths week run by Ms Mc Weeney last week where we were working out fun and interesting puzzles. We had a visit also from Mountjoy Gardaí on Hallowe'en safety. We've been practicing our Irish song for performance at assembly on Friday. We're all looking forward to dressing up on Friday and giving our €2 to Temple Street Hospital.

5TH CLASS

Mr Moore

The pupils in 5th Class had a very exciting and busy start to Term 1. The boys began the year by learning about Autumn and how trees grow nuts this time of year, which can be planted in time for germination next Spring. Together we planted a horse-chestnut in class and are excited to see if it will sprout a young tree in the new year.

As well as this exciting nature activity, the class spent time engaged in project work on different countries from around the world including the Philippines, Australia, France and the United States of America.

In history, the class learned about fossils and the kind of work carried out by an archaeologist. We learned about the important role an archaeologist plays in the construction of any new building or road and how their work differs from a palaeontologist, who works on retrieving dinosaur bones.

In Fifth Class we love art and we have completed a lot of Halloween art so far in advance of the festivities at the end of October. These include spooky castles and spider web paintings.

On the first Friday of October the class, together with rest of the senior classes in the school attended a beginning of year mass in our local church. The mass was an opportunity for the boys to ask God for assistance as they prepare to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation in the final term.

The class are also doing a lot of different sports activities. These include GAA coaching each Tuesday and cricket and athletics training on each Thursday. Finally, a special word of thanks to Ms. Roche who worked with the pupils in Fifth Class while Mr. Moore was absent.

6TH CLASS

Ms Monaghan

It has been a wonderful start to the year for sixth class. The boys have been super busy and are doing great work since their return to school. Over the past number of weeks, sixth class have been enjoying athletics, cricket, GAA and we are looking forward to Awesome Walls. The boys have been learning all about Procedural Writing in English which afforded them the lovely opportunity of making Rice Krispie buns and pizzas using their own recipes. We have been busy following the Rugby World Cup and the boys are completing a project on their team. We even made our own Ireland jerseys and learned the sign language for Ireland's Call. The boys have also been busy completing STEM challenges, learning all about Space and experimenting in Science. It has been a great start to the year and we are looking forward to the fun ahead.



SCHOOL NEWS

CONGA LINE FOR CHIDLIN

Our Halloween celebrations kicked off with our students arriving to school all dressed up in amazing costumes. We asked pupils to donate €2 to Childline and we did a Conga in the hall during assembly which was enjoyed by our whole school community.

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=



ASSEMBLY & MERIT AWARDS

Our whole school had a really enjoyable assembly today in the school hall. Our 6th class students performed the Haka and our 3rd and 4th classes performed 'Oró, Sé Do Bheatha abhaile.

Merit awards were awarded to a student from each class that had demonstrated 'remarkable kindness' throughout the month.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Our student council is up and running with Ms Bacon and Ms Monaghan. We look forward to hearing all the ideas and recommendations that the student council bring throughout the year!



HSCL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Happy Halloween! I am delighted to say that I have we have had some amazing classes and courses for parents already this term, and some more coming up after Halloween that you may be interested in:

Mondays: I'll be hosting a course for parents who are worried about their children's reading. The course will cover reading difficulties, including dyslexia. These workshops are free to attend, but you must register your interest with me first. They'll be delivered by a tutor named Gemma.

Wednesdays: I'll have Arts and Crafts classes every Wednesday morning! We will be working on Christmas crafts that you may like to give as gifts or use as decorations in your home. This is always a popular class, we have lots of chats and it's a great way to make friends with other parents.

Thursdays: The Parent and Toddler group for families of Christ the King pupils is up and running on Thursdays. At the moment it is full but feel free to reach out if you'd like to go on the waiting list. It's a lovely way to do some lovely activities with your little ones and meet other school parents!

Fridays: Triple P, which is a "Positive Parenting Programme" has offered a one-off workshop around managing trips and days out with your children. We all understand that sometimes it can be stressful to bring our children shopping, or to visit places with them. This one-off workshop will focus on hassle-free days out and making outings (like trips or shopping) easier for parents and guardians. Keep up to date with all the latest courses and classes on my HSCL Instagram: <https://instagram.com/christthekinghscl?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

Please feel free to let me know if you have suggestions for other parent activities! My job is to support YOU and I would love to know if there are any other classes you'd like to have access to here at Christ the King.

Here are my contact details:

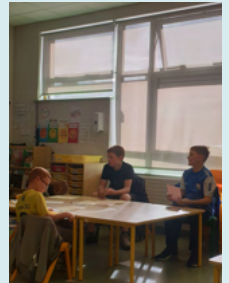
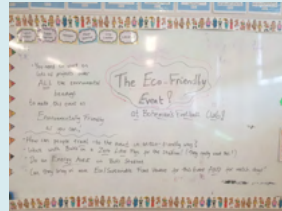
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RTE JUNIOR SUSTAINABLE VILLAGE PROJECT



Here are some clips of the boys and staff from Christ the King BNS at the "Climate Convention" as they brainstorm ideas for our 'Eco-Friendly' wrap up party in Dailymount next Spring. 17 boys from 1st to 6th classes attended the event with four other local schools. The podcast series will be released in Spring 2024.

"I thought it was lovely because we were able to make up ideas to help the environment"

"I thought it was amazing because it is helping the environment and making it fun for us to do"

"It's important because climate change is crazy right now"

"It's important because we're cleaning up the earth"

"I can't believe we got to be in charge of (the after party in) Dailymount"



1st Term Fun

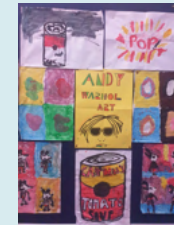


Tree Planting

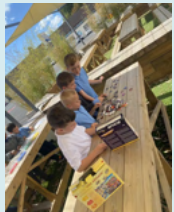


Cooking & Baking

Autumn Activities



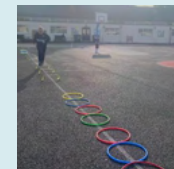
Art Projects



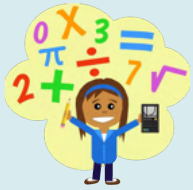
Nature walks & fun in the outdoor classroom!



Project Work

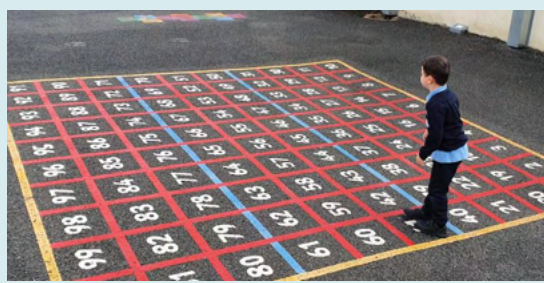
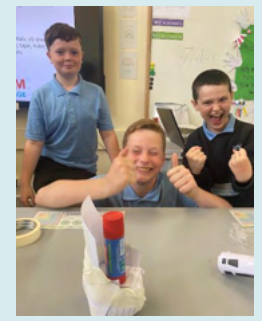
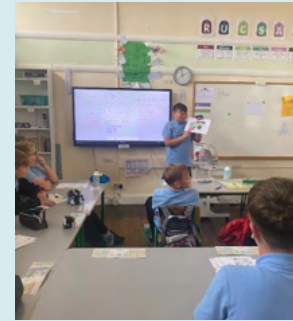


Athletics & GAA



Maths Week Activities

We celebrated Maths week between 16th - 20th October. The boys had daily riddles/ puzzles to solve and a number of games and STEM activities to explore. Here are a snapshot of the boys problem solving!





Hallowe'en Activities



Childline
by ISPC

Hallowe'en Conga Line for Childline

We had great fun dressing up for Hallowe'en and doing a whole school Conga in the hall today for Childline

