



Easter Newsletter 2018



Welcome to the Easter edition of our school newsletter. The boys and girls in Christ the Saviour N.S. have been very busy over the last few months taking part in a number of many different activities and events. We hope that you will enjoy reading all about the different things that we have been doing.



Sporting Activities



Indoor hurling and Camogie Competition

On Wednesday the 14th and Thursday the 15th of March both the boys and girls indoor hurling and camogie teams took part in the West indoor competitions in the Community Centre in Newcastle West. Unfortunately the boys team lost to Croagh on a score line of 4-2. The goals were scored by Edward and Jack.

The girls played Ashford in their first match and won by 11 goals to 1 goal. The girls then played Shountrade in the quarter final but unfortunately lost in sudden death.

Well done to all the boys and girls who represented the school so well. A special thank you to Ms. Tangney and Miss Shelton for preparing the teams so well.



FAI Soccer competition

Massive congratulations to the boys and girls who took part in the 5 a side FAI Soccer Blitz in Corbally on the 26th of February. The girls team played 3 matches on the day, in which they played extremely well, resulting in 3 strong wins. The girls are now through to the next round of the competition.



The boys from 5th and 6th class also played in 3 matches and all played really well and won 2 of their matches. After the final match the boys were delighted to hear that they too would progress to the next stage.

We wish both the girls and boys the very best of luck in the next round of the competition which will take place on the 12th of April. Thank you to Miss Twohig and Miss McCarthy who travelled with the boys and girls and also a special thank you to the parents that helped out on the day.



Community Games

Congratulations to all those who took part in the Community Games competitions. We had individual competitors and groups. It is wonderful to see such talent in our school.



Special congratulations to the children who were placed in the talent show and swimming competitions. Best of luck in the next round!



Swimming



The 4th, 5th and 6th class have been attending swimming lessons in Askeaton Leisure Centre every Friday since January. They have learned lots of new strokes and perfected old ones. All children have really improved over the last few weeks.

Club School Link coach

Mr. Patrick Shelton has started in our school as the GAA Club School Link hurling coach and has been coaching the boys and girls, from Junior Infants to Third Class, important hurling skills. The boys and girls are really enjoying this fun experience. After Easter Patrick will be taking the boys and girls from First to Sixth Class.



Thank you

A big thank you to the Granagh/ Balingarry Bord na nOg for their very generous annual presentation of sliotars and Gaelic Footballs to the school which will be used by the girls and boys GAA teams over the coming months.



School Quiz Teams

Well done to all the pupils that have been attending quiz club every week with Ms. Twohig. Four teams represented us at the Credit Union Quiz in the Rathkeale House Hotel on the 29th of January. All teams did themselves proud. Two teams represented the school at the Community Games Quiz in the hall in Ballygarry on Sunday the 11th of March 2018. The teams did really well but had tough competition on the day. We're looking forward to next year already. Thank you to Ms. Twohig who prepared the boys and girls so well.



Religious News



Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

We celebrated Pancake Tuesday in our school on the 13th of February. The boys and girls got the opportunity to sample some lovely pancakes and some classes got the opportunity make them from scratch. Fr. Lane also called to the school on Ash



Wednesday with ashes for the boys and girls to mark the beginning of Lent.

First Penance

Well done to the boys and girls from 2nd class that had their First Penance on Thursday the 15th of March. The boys and girls were excellent on the night. Well done and thank you to Miss McCarthy who had them so well prepared. Thank you also to Ms. Fitzgerald who played the music and to the boys and girls from 3rd to 6th class that sung so beautifully in the choir. Second class will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday the 19th of May.



Confirmation Enrolment

On Sunday the 11th of March 5th and 6th class pupils took part in the Enrolment Ceremony as preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation that they will be receiving on May 4th. A big thank you to Ms. Shelton who prepared them for the day. A special thanks to Fr. Lane and Sr. Margaret and Mrs. O'Neill who also helped with the preparations. Well done to all those who were involved in our special ceremony on the day.

Catholic Schools week and Grandparents Day 2018

As part of Catholic School's Week 2018, we invited the children's grandparents to come and visit us in the school. We had some lovely songs and art work prepared for the grandparents. The boys and girls got to listen to some stories of what school was like when they were young and to also ask them some questions. We would like to thank all the grandparents for celebrating this day with us!



Friendship Week

Friendship Week 2018 took place from the 5th to the 9th of February. The boys and girls across the school took part in lots of lovely different activities. We sold wristbands and raised €360 for Amnesty International. Our whole school art project was entitled 'Friends are like a rainbow- they may have different colours but each colour brightens our day!' Well done to all our Friendship Bravery Award winners who showed great acts of friendship throughout the week.





The 3rd to 6th class pupils also had the opportunity to become buddy reading partners to boys and girls from Junior Infants to 2nd class. The boys and girls read their book and engaged in lots of different activities based on their chosen book. It was a very enjoyable activity. A big thank you to Miss. Shelton and Miss. McCarthy for organising the different activities during the week.



Robotics

On the 10th of March, Jack, Eimear, David and Rachel represented the school in the Robotics Final. There were 30 primary schools involved in the final from across Limerick City and County. The final was held in the Analog Centre in Mungret College. Each team took part in an advanced robotics

workshop before competing in a series of 1 minute matches against other schools. Unfortunately, we did not make it through to the final round.



News from Junior Infants

Junior Infants have been very busy in Term 2. We have been learning about snow, food, Spring, St Patrick's Day and Easter. In January we got to play in the snow at school. The girls and boys had great fun throwing snowballs, building snowmen and practicing their names in the snow. While the weather was cold we made some hot chocolate at school to stay warm.



On Pancake Tuesday we made pancake batter at school. It was great fun but our hands were tired from trying to make the batter smooth. We all got a turn to mix. We ate the pancakes at school the next day. We thought they were yummy.



Junior and Senior Infants

Junior and Senior Infants went on a nature walk to the local park in Ballingarry to search for signs of Spring. We saw daffodils, buds, birds and nests. We got to play in the playground after our walk.



News from Senior Infants

The Senior Infants have been very busy recently creating their own puppets. Can you recognise some of the children behind the puppets?!



News from 1st and 2nd Class

The boys and girls in 1st and 2nd class have been very busy since Christmas working in our writing and reading groups. We love being able to write stories together in our writing groups. Some of us have also started writing books for our class and for the Junior Infants.

We are also loving the opportunity to read to the other boys and girls in our reading groups, stories that we had for homework the previous night. It is great fun when the other children in our group ask us questions about what we have read. We have also been doing station teaching since Christmas. We go to Room 4 and Ms. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Cleary and Miss Twohig all work with us on our reading and writing.

We have also been making projects in our groups whereby we researched information about France and South Africa and created a powerpoint for each country. We really enjoyed finding out about these countries.



2nd and 3rd Class News

2nd and 3rd class have been working very hard this term and have learned all about New Year traditions, the Polar Regions, Tom Crean, friendships, St. Valentine, St. Brigid, St. Patrick and Ireland. The boys and girls completed fantastic projects on Tom Crean and the Polar Regions which have been proudly displayed in the corridor for the last number of weeks for all to see. They have acted as scientists, historians, geographers, artists, musicians, reporters and mathematicians and continue to impress Miss. McCarthy everyday with their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn new things, always giving their full effort. Keep up the good work boys and girls!

The 2nd and 3rd class also went on a Local History Trail on Friday the 23rd of February. They visited the De Lacy castle, the Mustard Seed and Ballingarry Church of the Immaculate Conception. They also stopped off at the local park to look for signs of spring. The boys and girls had lots of fun learning about their local area and being historians for the day.



News from 4th and 5th Class

After Christmas the 4th and 5th class were all very busy creating projects. Everybody worked very hard and presented their projects very well! There was lots of great models made as well including volcanos, a golf course, dioramas, the Mustard Seed and lots more. Here's a look at some of the projects...



For Mother's day we made clay pots for our Mothers. We moulded and painted our pots before giving them to our Mothers. This was a lovely piece

of art because everybody made their own individual piece and we all had lots of fun!



In our classroom we planted some bulbs in memory of all the people who were lost during the Holocaust . We had lots of fun planting them.



5th and 6th class projects

For the last number of weeks, the boys and girls from Ms. Shelton's class have been working very hard studying a country for their Geography project. Each project had to involve a Google Slides presentation as well as a 3D model and/or a poster. Each child got to present all the information, that they gathered, to the class. Everyone put in a tremendous effort showing the class all that they had learnt about their chosen country. Well done to you all!



Staff News

Welcome back to Mrs. Cleary

We would like to say a big welcome back to Mrs. Cleary who was recently on maternity leave. The boys and girls are delighted to have you back.

Congratulations to Mrs. Murphy

Congratulations to Mrs. Murphy and her husband Joe on the recent birth of their baby daughter Ella. Aoibhinn and Matthew will be busy looking after their little baby sister. We look forward to seeing baby Ella in the school soon.



Farewell



We would like to say a very big goodbye to our school secretary and SNA Sheila O' Reilly who is retiring the day of the Easter Holidays. Sheila has been with us since 2012 and has been an integral part of the day to day running of the school. We would like to wish Sheila the very best of luck in the future.

New staff members

We would like to extend a big welcome to Miss Noelle McCarthy who has joined our staff since September. Miss McCarthy is covering for Mrs. Murphy while she is out on maternity leave and is teaching 2nd and 3rd class.



We would also like to say goodbye and thank you to Miss Scanlon who has been in our school since last September in Learning Support on a part time basis.



We wish Ms. Twohig the very best of luck as she gets married during the Easter holidays.

Events coming up after Easter

We will have a busy last term after Easter. Some of the activities that we will be taking part in will include Healthy Eating Week, the Scholastic Book Fair and Active Schools Week. The boys and girls will also have their school tour to look forward to in June and the boys and girls in the senior classes will be taking part in the West hurling and camogie outdoor leagues.

Parents' Council News

We had a busy couple of days on March 6th and 7th, assisting Sylvia Hartigan, Photographer. Members of the Parents' Council fetched, organised and amused the pupils to ensure that Sylvia captured the true essence of each pupil. Based on the proofs we have seen so far I think it is fair to say that yet again Sylvia worked her magic. Thank you Sylvia and the parents who assisted over the two days.

Funds raised by the Parents' Council, thanks to all of your support, allowed us to pay for new goal posts for the school. I am sure they will get great use by all the pupils.

The Parents' Council will be hosting a **Jumble sale on Friday April 13th, 2018** from 12pm until 3pm. If you have any bric a brac, toys, books etc that are in a saleable condition to donate, you can drop these into the GP room in the school from Monday April 9th. There will also be a rail of second hand school uniforms for sale on the day.

The Parents' Council will be able to finance the cost of the buses for the School Tours again this year thanks to the funds we have raised.

On behalf of the Parents' Council we wish Sheila the very best in her retirement. Sheila has been a tremendous support in all our endeavors over her tenure in the school!

So it's a busy term ahead and all help will be greatly appreciated.

Aisling Frawley, Secretary Parents' Council.



The Easter Bunny and everyone here in Christ the Saviour N.S. would like to wish all the boys and girls and Mams and Dads a very happy Easter.

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