

Scoil Iognáid de Rís

Autumn 2011

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Fáilte

Autumn is here. Hallowe'en has arrived and our first eight weeks of the new school year are completed. We welcome all our new pupils to the CBS and we hope you will enjoy the years you spend with us. Sadly due to Department cutbacks, we have lost some valuable staff members. We lost two SNAs - Mrs. Eileen Downey and Mrs. Honor Ryan. We lost our resource teacher for traveller children - Mrs. Maria Kealy, and our almost full-time teacher for newcomer children - Mrs. Carmel Maher. We wish each of them the very best and they will be greatly missed. Our extra-curricular activities, are all proceeding well with the boys deriving much enjoyment and benefit from them. Over the summer the school underwent some major changes including all classrooms being re-painted and our new and improved playing pitches. We thank all those who support the school in many different ways. Your support and encouragement are vital for the success of the school. Have a happy and safe Hallowe'en break.

Liam McCarthy comes to CBS Primary School



Brian Hogan and J.J. Delaney with some of our Room 8 boys.

On Friday 16th September Brian Hogan, J.J. Delaney and Richie Doyle visited our school, bringing with them the much coveted Liam McCarthy Cup. Our boys gave their hurling heroes a wonderful CBS welcome as they entered the school hall which was awash with black and amber. We really appreciate Brian, J.J. and Richie taking the time to visit the school and talk to our boys, offering them much encouragement and advice which will no doubt be of great benefit to them in improving their hurling skills. The boys were delighted to get the opportunity to meet their hurling heroes, ask them questions and get their photos taken with the cup.



Richie Doyle, Mr. Charlie O'Neill (Retired Assistant Principal), Brian Hogan, Mr. Denis O'Reilly (Principal), J.J. Delaney and Mr. Seamus Brennan (Retired Deputy Principal).

Athletics



CBS Cross Country Athletics Team: 4th Class: Mateusz Karasinsky, Michael O'Brien, Jamie Phelan and Dylan Campion (Room 9), Colm O'Hara, Niall McEvoy, Charlie Maher and David Delaney (Room 8). **5th Class:** Oscar Bennett and Oisín Murphy Room 8, Declan Coffey, Leon Hayes, Adam McEvoy, Chris O'Connor and Jamie Ryan (Room 10). **Pacey McFarlane, John Fitzpatrick and Jacob Vichuri (Room 7).** **6th Class:** Fergus Byrne and Ben Maher Room 10, Michael Butler, Nathan Kelly, David Buckley and Girtz Rudzitis (Room 6).

The Kilkenny City Harriers annual cross country championships for primary schools is probably athletics sporting highlight of the school calendar each year. This event is held every autumn in The Castle Park and each year proves to be a resounding success as approximately 400 pupils from 4th, 5th and 6th classes from Kilkenny City and County, decked out in their school colours, compete against each other. Michael Butler from 6th class won an individual silver for 6th class boys in the 1km race. Our 4th class came second in the 4th Class Team event and our 6th class boys also came second in the 6th Class Team event.

We are delighted to report that our full athletics team took second place in the Boys School event. We congratulate all members of the team for competing to the best of their ability and for their good behaviour on the day. According to Oscar Bennett from Room 8, "it was a great day and I really enjoyed it. Thanks to everyone who gave lifts and thanks to Mr. Bergin and Mrs. Ryan for giving up their time to help us to our astonishing 2nd place overall."

A Murder of Crows



On the 12th October 2011, my teacher, Ms. Curran brought me and my class to the Watergate Theatre. We left only a few minutes after we arrived into school. We went with the boys from Rooms 1, 2 and 3. We went by foot. The stage looked like it was the time when nobody could grow plants. The scene looked like

a forest scene. The actors' costumes were black for the crows but they could still change into peoples clothes fast. This story is a lot like Hansel and Gretel. The crows were the narators. My favourite part of the play was when the birds were narating the story. I loved the play because it was very interesting.

By James McKinley Room 5

Football 2011

The schools' football championship is well under way by now and the boys are putting in a great effort to get fit and improve their football skills under the watchful eyes of Mr. Bergin and Mr. Cunniffe. They are training twice a week, on Mondays and Fridays with matches usually held on Wednesdays. To date the boys were beaten by St. Canice's Co. Ed. and Tullogher/Rosbercon but won against Scoil McCauley Rís. Only the top two teams in each of the two sections qualify for semi-finals.



Football Panel:

Stephen Holden, Jamie Malone, Michael Butler, David Buckley, James Griffin, Pacey MacFarlane,

Ben O'Shaughnessy, John Fitzpatrick, Jamie Ryan, Oisín Murphy, Ben Maher, Fergus Byrne, Declan Coffey, David McCormack, Oscar Bennett, Joe Murphy, Colm O'Hara, Fiachra O'Callaghan, Niall Flanagan, Leon Hayes, Seán Dowling and Daniel Docherty.

Green Schools



Green School Committee: Back Row, Left –Right, Mr. Richie Doheny (School Caretaker), Ms. Caroline Boyle (Green School Co-ordinator), Mr. Conor Leahy (Teacher), Mr. Charlie O'Neill (Community Representative), Seán Devane, Ben O'Shaughnessy, Eamon O'Connell, Cathal Maguire, Adam Walsh, Dylan Deegan, Chase Leefarr, Declan Coffey and Jaola Maralit.

CBS Goes Green For Hallowe'en

The Green School Committee and all the pupils of our school have been very busy since February 2010, in preparation for applying for our first green flag. Waste monitoring, Recycling and Composting is ongoing in the school on a daily basis. We will make our final application for the flag on 1 December 2011 and expect to be actually raising the flag in May 2012. We plan to hold an action day on Friday, 28th October this year. Pupils are encouraged to make their Hallowe'en costumes from recycled materials such as old clothes etc. The boys will get a chance to show off their designs in the school hall on that day.

Other "Green School" activities will also take place on the same day. As part of our green school campaign, we must come up with a GREEN CODE. The competition is open to all pupils and will be judged by the Green School Committee. The winner will be announced on our Action Day. The Green School Committee would like to seek the support of

parents in our drive for the green flag. This can be done by reducing lunchtime waste and using re-usable flasks/beakers and containers and keeping sandwich wrappings to the minimum. Remember every little helps a lot.

Once again on behalf of our Green School Committee I would like to thank you all for your continued support.

Ms. Caroline Boyle, Green Co-ordinator

2nd Class Hurling League

The boys from Rooms 2 and 3 started a 2nd Class Hurling League on 6th October 2011. There are five teams altogether in the league with eight boys on each team. The five team colours are dearg, buí, gorm, glas and oráiste. Our school field is being developed at the moment so we play our games on the Fairgreen. It is lots of fun. We play our games every Thursday and two boys from Transition Year in the CBS Secondary School help us.

Marita Conlon-McKenna



On the morning of 13th October we visited Loughboy Library to meet Marita Conlon-McKenna, writer of "Under The Hawthorn Tree". The girls from 5th Class in the Presentation were there as well. Wow! Marita told us all about her life. When she was growing up with her sister, her family spent six

months in their Dublin town house and six months in their house in Greystones, Co. Wicklow. She absolutely loved her time in Wicklow where she hung around with a group of friends called "The Dock Gang". They used to get up to all sorts of innocent mischief and her nickname was "Calamity Jane". The time Marita spent in Wicklow inspired her writing. We are currently reading the novel "Under The Hawthorn Tree" in class with our teacher, Mr. Cunniffe. This was Marita's first book

to get published. It is dedicated to her daughter Amanda and took only twelve weeks to write. It was inspired by a story about a school field. The school needed a new soccer pitch and had to remove an old hawthorn tree and smooth out the field. When the tree was removed the remains of three bodies were uncovered. They were the bodies of three children who died in the famine.

Marita is happily married with three daughters and one son. She reads and writes every day. If she was not a writer she'd like to be an artist. She has won many literary awards for her books which are translated into many different languages. She has an interest in Dyslexia because one of her children is dyslexic. Marita was very kind to us and answered all of our questions for which we are grateful. It was a cool trip.

By Nathan Kelly & Alex Pawliczek (Room 6)



Brian Mc Donald and Ger O' Reilly in Loughboy Library

Limerick Competition - Room 9

There was once a little yellow chick,
Who once got a very big lick,
From Danny the dog
Who had just licked a hog
So that little yellow chick got sick.

Padraig Hally Room 9.

There was a young girl called Nancy,
Who thought she was very fancy.
She slipped on a banana skin
And fell into a rubbish bin,
Now Nancy is not so fancy.

Brandon Walsh Room 9.

CBS Boys Choir

The senior choir is currently preparing for two public performances. The first one is the Lions Club Christmas Hamper Concert in St. Canice's Cathedral. This is an annual event that has been organised each year since the early 1990's. The CBS boys have sung in every concert to date – the only group to do so. Their second performance will be at the Black Abbey Carol Service. Both events will be in December.

The junior choir is a training group that prepares new members for the senior choir. Every pupil in the school is auditioned at the start of their first year and those who show an aptitude are trained in choral music skills. A reasonably good voice, a musical ear, a liking for singing and a willingness to pay attention are the main requirements for membership of the senior choir. The school would like to take this opportunity to thank our choirmaster, Mr. Seamus Brennan, for his dedication and commitment to the boys of the CBS Primary Kilkenny.

Budding Journalists

Don't forget to buy your Kilkenny People during the Hallowe'en break. The boys from Room 10 have created their own page for this edition. They were invited by Brian Keyes, editor of the Kilkenny People to participate in this project as part of Local Newspaper Week.

CBS Pitch Development / Lotto



Our sincere thanks to all the parents and the pupils for their very generous support of our weekly Lotto. All the funds raised are for our Pitch Development Project. So far the parents of the Primary School have contributed in excess of €5,000 to the weekly Lotto. With your continued support we will have sports facilities that will rival the best available in Kilkenny. There are 900 pupils between both CBS Primary and Secondary Schools who will benefit hugely from this project.