

Scoil Iognáid de Rís

Winter 2011

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Fáilte

“The season has changed, bid farewell to the Fall, thoughts turn to winter snow and all.”

Joan Adams Burchell

As usual it's hard to believe that the end of our first term has come to a close, with teachers, pupils and support staff looking forward to a well earned rest. Staff and pupils have been very busy during the last few months with classroom and extra-curricular activities. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents, teachers, Board of Management, Parents Council and support staff for their much appreciated support and generosity to our school.

A special word of thanks to our outgoing Board of Management for their support and all their hard work on behalf of the pupils of the school. We have seen many improvements and new initiatives during their term of office under the chairmanship of Paul Glennon. Our sincere thanks and appreciation. We wish you all Peace and Joy this coming Christmas.



This Magificent Winter Village (recycled cardboard) was made by the boys from Mr. Browne's Class. The recycled snowmen were made by Mr. Leahy's Class.

Our Green Action Day was held on October 28th this year. It was titled, “CBS goes green for Hallowe'en”. We decided that the day would incorporate all the green school elements we had worked so hard on since February 2010. All pupils and staff were involved in the day and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A number of various events were organised for the day. They were, a hallowe'en fancy dress competition held in the school hall, where pupils had the opportunity to model their costumes which were made from recycled materials. The next event was, “What can you make from a plastic bottle” competition. Entries were judged by the Green School Committee. The standard of artwork was exceptionally high but after a lot of thought the committee chose the following winners:

1st Eoin McGuire from Room 9, who made a working fan. 2nd Jack Moylan Hughes from Room 1, who made a game in a bottle. 3rd Seán Dowling from Room 8 who made an amazing jet-pack with air hose. 4th Damien Dowling from Room 9 who made a fabulous lighthouse and 5th prize went to James McKinley from Room 5 for his small robot. No photocopying took place in the school on that day. All classes did a lesson on Reduce, Re-use and Recycle. All pupils had to bring home their rubbish and our green code winner, Conor McCarthy from Room 8, was announced. To celebrate our success and share the events with our local community we sent an article and photos to our local newspaper, “The Kilkenny People”.

Gaelic Football 2011



Sadly it is the “end of the road” for our Gaelic Footballers as this year they failed to qualify for the final.

We kicked off our season with trials that were held in the Fair Green. Many boys tried out for the panel but there were only twenty-two places up for grabs. When the squad was finally picked we began to train for the season ahead.

We trained on Mondays and Fridays with matches normally on Wednesdays. We had a difficult task in our first match facing nine-in-a-row champions St. Canices’. We started well and were just one point down at the break but unfortunately we ran out of steam and lost in the end. We went on to get three good wins against Callan CBS, Rower Inistioge and Kilmanagh but unfortunately narrowly losing to Tullogher Rosbercon and Gaelscoil Osraí.

We also took part in the I.N.T.O. seven-a-side competition. All the players were disappointed not to go through to the final this year but we all enjoyed training and playing our matches. We would like to thank Mr. Bergin and Mr. Cunniffe for giving up their free time to work with us and help us improve.

By Fergus Byrne Room 10

Room 8 News

We would like to compliment the boys from Room 8, together with their teacher Ms. Brennan, on producing an impressive Class Newsletter for the month of November. The work in the newsletter was written and produced by the boys themselves and gives a great “fly on the wall” insight into Room 8 activities.

Futsal Tournament



Back Row, left-Right: Mr. Leahy, Dylan Champion, Michael O’Brien, Jack Walsh, Niall McEvoy and Brandon Walsh.

Front Row: Left-Right: Mateusz Karasinski, Nazar Biletsky and Nathan FitzPatrick.

On Tuesday, 22nd November, a group of boys from 3rd and 4th classes represented our school in a Futsal Tournament (indoor soccer) which was held in The Watershed. The boys won three of their four games to get through to a semi-final against Dunamaggin which they only narrowly lost. The boys would like to thank Mr. Leahy for bringing them to the tournament and being their coach on the day.

CBS v School of the Holy Spirit

I am going to give a report on the great soccer match between CBS and School of the Holy Spirit that started at 11.15am on Wednesday, 26th October 2011. It was a great match. Both teams gave it their all. With Jamie Phelan and Nathan FitzPatrick bombing up and down the wing and Michael

O'Brien and Mateusz Karinsky passing the ball up to Michal and Maciek Dudek, CBS were unstoppable with every one on the team actually scoring.

Our opponents showed great spirit and did not give up. They put together some very good attacking moves but could not get past our defense. CBS won the game on a score-line of 9 – 1. I look forward to giving you another match report soon. Until then, get out there and practise your soccer skills.

Dylan Campion, Room 9

Room 9 Trip To Kilkenny Firestation



On Wednesday, 23rd November, our class went on a little trip to the firestation. Fire Sub-Officer, Ger Griffin, was the man who showed us around. We saw the special gear a fireman wears to protect him from getting burnt in a fire, before we went out to see the very big fire trucks. The fire trucks have different names. Ger told us that they mostly use the Alpha 4. Most boys got to climb into the fire trucks. It was really cool. We also got to see where the mechanics work. Six boys were a little disappointed because they didn't get to climb up into the fire truck but their disappointment soon turned to excitement when Ger told them that they were the ones who would get to use the fire hose.

Ger placed two cones in the yard and the boys had to try knock them over with the spray from the hose. You have to be very strong to use a fire hose! Finally, Ger showed us the fire teddy. We had to guess what it was used for. It is used in a fire or accident to give to a little child to calm them down.

Some boys would like to be a fireman and a fire truck mechanic when they grow up.

Room 7 Walking Tour of Kilkenny

We left school at 10 o'clock. First we went to see St. Mary's Cathedral. We learned that it was built in Famine times. After that we went to see the Black Abbey and saw the famous Rose Window and also the old wall of Kilkenny. When we went down New Building Lane we saw the side of Rothe House and learned that it was built in 1594. We were shown the Court House where the Parliament was held. We walked down the famous "Lanes of Kilkenny", Market Slip, Butter Slip, St. Mary's Lane, Guard Lane and Colliers Lane. We were not surprised to hear that butter was sold in the Butter Slip.

Shee Alms House, which was built in 1582 is now the Tourist Office. The best was saved for last. After visiting Kilkenny Castle we went to play in the playground. We had lots of fun.

Hurling Trials 2012

The hurling season has begun already with trials being held on a very cold Monday, 5th and Wednesday, 7th December. There was a strong turnout despite the weather. Mr. Cunniffe and Mr. Bergin have picked a panel of 32 boys who will train throughout the winter. Soon the hurling A and B championships will begin. We will have two strong teams who will be prepared to take on all the challenges ahead. The panel will train on Mondays and Thursdays every week with matches being held on Wednesdays.

2012 Panel:

Ben Maher, Fergus Byrne, Jamie Ryan, Declan Coffey, David McCormack, Dean Ryder, John Delaney, Leon Hayes and Niall Flanagan from Room 10. Joe Murphy, Oisín Murphy, Niall McEvoy, Colm O'Hara, Jack Walsh, Oscar Bennett, Cormac Kennedy, Seán Dowling, Oisín Tynan and Fiachra O'Callaghan from Room 8. Jamie Malone, Michael Butler, Stephen Holden, Daniel Blackmore, James Griffin, Nicky Burke-Hayes, Dylan Kinchella and Luke Kinchella from Room 6. Jamie Phelan, Michael O'Brien, Ben O'Shaugnessy and Nazar Biletsky from Room 9.

Best of Luck to all the panel!

December 8th Celebrations



The pupils and staff of the school began their Christmas celebrations on December 8th by going to 10 o'clock Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral. Later in the day the boys from our two second classes held their annual Christmas Crib Ceremony with readings, placing the figures in the crib and finishing with a hymn. They will perform their Christmas plays on Thursday 15th at 11 am for the school and in the afternoon for their parents.

Our Annual Carol Service will be held in the School Hall on Monday, 19th December at 1.30 pm.



CBS Boys Choir

On Thursday night, 8th December, the CBS Boys Choir were in St. Canices Cathedral. We sang at the Lion Club Christmas Concert. We sang "O Christmas Tree, The Snow Waltz and How the Angels Sweetly Sing". We all enjoyed it very much. Everyone was very good.

By Conor Mc Carthy

The choir has a very busy schedule at the moment. On Thursday last, December 8th, they took part in the Lions Club Christmas Concert for schools. It was held in St Canice's Cathedral and featured eight

schools – primary and secondary – from the city and county. On Saturday, 17th December, the boys will travel to Mount Juliet Estate to sing at the Christmas Village there. This will be followed by a performance at the school's Christmas Carol Service on Monday, 19th December, at 1.30pm.

On Tuesday next, December 20th, they are singing in the Black Abbey Carol Service along with the Black Abbey Girls Choir and choirs and soloists from other schools. A collection will be held in aid of renovations to the Abbey at the service. Thanks to the boys' parents for all their help and support on these occasions.

Boards of Management

We would like to express our sincere gratitude and thanks to the members of the outgoing Board of Management who have served the school for the past four years. During their term of office we have seen many improvements in the school such as new heating system, new lighting system, extensive use of interactive whiteboards in all classes and school pitch development. Those are just a few of the initiatives undertaken by them. During this period we also experienced a growth in our enrolment and staffing levels. The chairman of the Board of Management for the past eight years has been Paul Glennon and we say a sincere thank you to him and other members of the board – Geraldine Buckley, Frank Morrissey, Liz Meagher, Cathal Poyntz, Caroline Boyle and Phil O' Dwyer.

The new Board of Management was elected and had their first meeting in December. The members of the new board are: Conor O' Higgins (Chairman), Geraldine Buckley, Denis O' Reilly, Anita Bolger, James Walsh, Mairéad Mc Morrow, Donal O' Hanlon and Carol Keenan. This board will serve the school until 2015. We wish them every success and we hope that the school will continue to grow and improve for the benefit of the pupils and their parents.

Parents' Council

The Parents' Council undertook a very successful fundraising event on the 9th & 10th December. The backpacking in SuperValu, Loughboy raised €1,270 for school funds. Many thanks to all the parents who volunteered their time for this event. All funds raised are used for the benefit of the school.