



CHRIST THE KING BNS NEWSLETTER



JUNE 2024



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

A message from Ms Vahey

Dear Parents,

As the school year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your support and cooperation throughout the year. We are incredibly proud of what our students have achieved.

We are thrilled to celebrate the academic achievements of all our students this year. Their dedication, hard work and the commitment of our exceptional teachers and SNA'S have resulted in remarkable progress. From their improvements across the curriculum to the creative projects and artwork, our students have demonstrated their knowledge and growth. I commend them for their efforts and look forward to their continued success in the new academic year.

I would like to acknowledge the school football team's amazing success this year in winning the league and cup final for the second year in a row. What an achievement for a school our size. Well done to all of the students involved who represented our school exceptionally. A big 'Thank You' to Mr Coleman coach and Trisha team mentor who guided and supported the team to victory.

I would also like to congratulate our climate change team. These students were involved in The Sustainable Village project as part of an Rtejr radio documentary that is due to be aired in September. The project was a resounding success. It culminated in an Eco event on May 25th that brought all 6 local schools together to showcase their projects in front of their family and friends. CTK schools hosted this event on our grounds. It was heartwarming to see so many people enjoying our school yard and outdoor space which was perfect for this event – and the sun even said hello!

Education is not limited to the classroom, and we are proud to have provided our students with a wide range of enriching experiences. Our students visited Leinster House, the National History museum and the National Concert Hall. We experienced STEM workshops in TUD Grangegorman, our junior students visited the playground in Shandon Park. We had guest speakers from Junior Achievement and GOAL. We provided coaching in cricket, rugby, boxing, Healthy Kidz programme, athletics and swimming during the year. Our students have had numerous opportunities to explore their interests and develop new skills. I believe that these experiences have contributed significantly to their personal and social development.

The BOM, school staff and I wish you all a wonderful and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to welcoming all our wonderful students back to CTK on Thursday August 29th.

Regards,
Clodagh Vahey

RE-OPENING AND CALENDAR FOR 2023-2024

School will reopen on **Thursday August 29th** at 9am.

The school calendar was sent by email to all parents recently. It will also be available on the school website during the school holidays.

TEACHER ALLOCATION

You will receive notification via text message in August regarding your child's new class teacher.



SCHOOL FEES

As you are aware the Department of Education have provided funding to schools to provide school books to pupils. While books, workbooks and stationary are covered within the scheme, there are some administration fees that are not and we ask parents for a fee of **€70** to cover:

- Personal Accident Pupil Insurance
- Photocopying material
- Arts and Crafts
- Aladdin and Text a Parent

Payment to be made when your child returns to school on August 29th.

UNIFORMS

CTK BNS school uniform needs to be worn every day.

School crested tracksuits are available for purchase in Grants Uniforms on Manor Street, D7 and Leddy's Uniform shop in St. Brigid's shopping centre, Blanchardstown, D15. A pale blue polo shirt is worn under the tracksuit.

School uniform

- Grey trousers
- plain grey v-neck jumper (no crest),
- pale blue shirt.

All of these items are generic and can be purchased in Dunnes Stores, Tesco, Marks and Spencers.

Students wear their tracksuit twice a week for PE. School uniform needs to be worn on the remaining 3 school days. If your child is not wearing the school uniform a note needs to be provided to the class teacher. It is important our students form healthy habits wearing their school uniform and to be proud to wear their uniform every day.



CLASS REVIEWS

LE CHÉILE 1

Ms McGennis

It's been a very busy last term in Le Cheile 1. All the boys have worked so hard and are really looking forward to a well-deserved break. The highlights of this term were definitely our school tour and trip to the cinema. The boys were so well-behaved on these trips and took care of each other. Sports day was also a great event and the class really showed off their athletic skills! One of the other exciting things we've been doing is raising caterpillars- we watched them turn into chrysalids and we finally released our butterflies in the final week of school. We hope everyone has a fun and relaxing summer and we're looking forward to September!

JUNIOR INFANTS

Ms Bacon

The end of the year is upon us and we have completed our very first full year in Primary School- well done to all the boys in Junior Infants on such a big achievement. This year in school has been full of laughter, learning, friendship and fun- all the things childhood and school should be. I hope that the boys have a lovely Summer Holidays.

SENIOR INFANTS

Ms Kelly

Senior Infants have been working so hard this term and have tried their best with all lessons and activities. We have had lots of fun with our cinema trip, school tour and Teddy Bears Picnic. We made paper planes and the boys really enjoyed flying them. We had lots of treats to celebrate all our hard work this year. I am so proud of the boys. Have a lovely Summer and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on August 29th.



LE CHEILE 2

Mr O'Rourke

Another school year is coming to an end and we have lots of nice memories to look back on in Le Chéile 2. It's been a busy and eventful final term.

As well as celebrating a few birthdays, three of our boys have completed Sacraments in the church this term: one boy made his First Holy Communion and two made their Confirmation. We had beautiful weather for both ceremonies and everyone was proud of the boys for working so hard in preparation.

Following from our successful trip to the city centre, we visited Cabra Library to browse and relax. We went to the Post Office to send postcards that we had made. The class has made several trips to the Grangegorman and Shandon playgrounds. We've completed Gaelic Football and Futsal programmes in PE. We had a fantastic Sports Day, where the boys did speed and accuracy shooting games at Powerball and then switched to parachute games, futsal, rugby drills and athletics activities.

Everyone's reading has improved since Easter, and the boys are reading confidently and clearly. We have done lots of nice group activities throughout the term. The boys have been making plenty of lovely art as well, including dot paintings, paper rollercoasters, collage faces and lots more. It's been great to work with all the boys in the class and to see them trying their best. They will all do very well when they return to school after the holidays.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to one of our boys, who has been in the school for many years and is graduating this week. We wish him all the best next year in his new school and hope he has many fond memories of his time in Christ the King BNS.

I hope all the boys have a safe and happy Summer. Thanks to everyone for all the hard work and the fun this year.

CHRIST THE KING BNS

1ST & 2ND CLASS

Ms Carolan

What a wonderful Term 3 we've had in 1st and 2nd class. We have been so busy but it has really been a very special and memorable time for the boys. The boys in 2nd class made their First Holy Communion in May, we played in a GAA tournament, visited the Cabra library and spent a day in the Botanic Gardens. We also went into town to do a music workshop in the National Concerts Hall, took part in Sports Day and finished off our year nicely with wonderful, sunny day out at Fort Lucan for our school trip. You may think we didn't have time for any schoolwork, but we managed to finish off the curriculum and squeeze in lots of nice educational activities like projects on different animals and different countries.

This year has been an incredible year for the boys. Not only have they worked extremely hard in the classroom, but the mix of 1st and 2nd class has allowed them to make lots of new friendships. I am very proud to have been their teacher this year! I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer holiday.

3RD & 4TH CLASS

Mr Coleman

We've had a very busy and indeed active last term in 3rd and 4th class. As well as continuing our GAA, we've had coach Lauren from Healthy Kidz teach us Olympic handball and Futsal amongst other things. Furthermore, we all had a great time on Sports Day. Powerball in the hall run by Richie Baker is a real favourite. We've also had one boy from 4th on the school football team, playing two years above his own age level and giving a very good account of himself. Our school tour to Funtasia in Drogheda was another favourite and we also had an excursion to the National Concert Hall for the Quadratics to Quavers workshop run by music students from Trinity College, which shows us the science behind music. We also had a short trip to Phibsborough to visit Business in the Community offices as part of the Time to Count programme. Wishing everyone an enjoyable Summer holidays.

5TH CLASS

Mr Moore

The pupils in 5th class were very busy over the past few months. They worked hard in class and took part in many exciting activities. The boys also visited some famous attractions in the city centre.

In class, we learned about many interesting things, such as World War One and the horrors of trench warfare. We also learned about the sinking of the ocean liner *The Lusitania* off the coast of Cork and how the war effected Ireland. The boys also learned two new songs in class called *Ho Hey* by *The Lumineers* and *Good Riddance* by the rock band *Green Day*. The class recently started practicing some songs for the 6th class graduation mass at the end of June.

For a recent art lesson, the boys completed some wonderful cave art displays that can now be seen on the wall outside our classroom.

At the end of May, Gary Gannon TD called to the class to chat to the boys about life as a politician. They gave Gary some great advice on how to run the country and their views on politics.

The class recently took some exciting trips into the city centre. Firstly, we visited the *Dead Zoo* in the *Natural History Museum*. While there, we were enthralled with the exhibits of rare species on display and the class learned many interesting facts about the natural world both past and present. We also attended a guided tour of the *Customs House* and partook in an exciting STEM rocket making workshop in TUI Grangegorman.

The boys were involved in an abundance of sports related activities over the past while. These included weekly *Healthy Kidz* workshops with Lauren, boxing with Paul, swimming lessons and our recent annual *Sports Day*.

Finally, the 5th class boys celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at the end of May. It was a wonderful day and everyone looked splendid in their Confirmation clothes and suits.

6TH CLASS

Ms Monaghan

Term 3 has been full of making lots of nice memories as the 6th class boys prepare to bid farewell to their time in CTK. We went on lots of trips, worked hard in the classroom and enjoyed our final school tour to Funtasia. Our Sports Day was a huge success and we enjoyed working with our external coaches from throughout the year. We were fortunate enough to have a visit from the Bohs goalkeeper, Kacper. There have been great celebrations as our school football team won both the league and cup finals for the second year in a row. The boys are extremely proud of themselves for all their hard work both on and off the pitch. The boys in 6th class are ready to move onto a new chapter in their lives and I would like to wish them the very best. I have no doubt they will continue to flourish across all aspects of their lives.



Sports Day



Rugby with Kev



Athletics with Janette



Boxing with Mr McCorry

On June 5th we had our school Sports Day. Thankfully the weather worked in our favour again this year!

Parachute with Ms McKenna



Healthy Kidz with Lauren



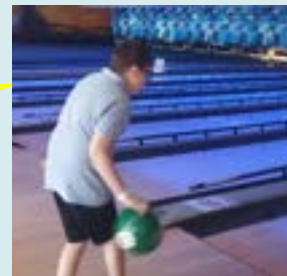
Powerball with Richie





School Trips

Throughout Term 3, our classes have had a number of exciting excursions so we've put together some photos to showcase some of their adventures!!





Term 3 fun

Here are some of the activities we did this term. We took full advantage of the lovely weather in Term 3 and got to take some of our learning experiences outside!



Animal Projects



GAA Blitz



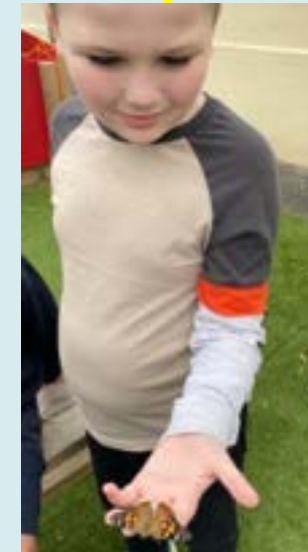
Baking



Butterflies



Water Play



Teddy Bear's Picnic



CHRIST THE KING BNS DOUBLE CHAMPIONS AGAIN 2024



FAI Division League Winners



FAI Cup Winners

CHRIST THE KING BNS MEET BOHS



Many thanks to Danny Grant, James Clarke and Kacper Radkowski who very kindly visited our boys, chatted to them, took photos with them and signed autographs for them.





CHRIST THE KING FAREWELLS



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We said goodbye and farewell to the class of 2024 at our graduation ceremony for 6th class and two Le Cheile students on Thursday 27th of June. Proceedings began with Graduation Mass at 12pm. This was followed up with fantastic singing from the 5th & 6th class boys along with speeches from Ms Vahey and Ms Monaghan and a special presentation to the leavers in the kitchen. A special 'Thank You' to the students in 5th class who helped make the 6th class students day very special. They worked very hard practising the graduation songs for 6th class students. Thanks also to class teachers Ms Monaghan, Ms McGennis, Mr O'Rourke and SNA's Tricia, Breda, Donna, June, Claire, Linda and Louise for all of their hard work and effort in preparing for the day. Good Luck to all of our students graduating from CTK BNS and best wishes to you and your families as you begin the next chapter together. As the boys know, don't be strangers! We love to see our past pupils call in from time to time!



SCHOOL NEWS

Wishing our staff, students, parents and their families, a fun, safe, relaxing Summer.



HSCL News

Dear Parents,

It's time for me to finish up my last few days as your HSCL Co-Ordinator. I am returning to teaching in the girls Junior School in September.

I just wanted to take a moment to say thanks so much for all of the chats we've had and the time you've given me over the past 5 years.

I am handing over the job to the very capable hands of Mr. Coleman. His post will be shared among the 3 Christ the King schools just like mine was!

I hope everyone enjoys the last week of school and has a brilliant, safe (and hopefully hot!) summer!

Kind regards,

Natalie

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