



CHRIST THE KING BNS NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 2024

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

A message from Ms Vahey

Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter that highlights the hard work and fun activities our students have been engaging in during the month of October.

Last week our senior class students had a visit from our community Gardaí, Garda Ben and Garda Aisling. There was lots of discussion around being safe in the local community, staying safe during Halloween and a discussion on how to be a good citizen.

This week our 1st class and 2nd class students were lucky to have a visit from Garda Rob and Garda Mark from Fitzgibbon Street station. The purpose of their visit was to discuss the dangers of fireworks and bonfires during Hallowe'en and our students discussed tips for staying safe whilst trick or treating for Hallowe'en. We are very lucky to have the support from our local community guards who always engage with our students in a friendly and supportive manner when they come and visit us in CTK BNS.

Today we celebrated assembly in the hall with a Hallowe'en parade showcasing our students dressed up in amazing costumes for Halloween. We had a fantastic singing performances from 6th class and Junior/Senior Infants along with 1st class students performed a Halloween poem in Irish.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable Halloween and looking forward to seeing all our wonderful students back in CTK BNS on Monday November 4th.

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 an absence note as follows:
<https://www.christthekingbns.ie/student-absence-form/> to log when your child is sick/absent. This email will be forwarded 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.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

90th Anniversary of Christ the King Schools

In October 1934, our Schools opened their doors to their first group of students. Now, 90 years on, we are marking our anniversary with a big celebration in the **School Hall** on **Thursday 5th December** at **2:00pm**. We're inviting past pupils to join us, meet up and visit their old classrooms. *School will close at 12pm on the day.*

There will be an extensive **exhibition** of photos, news articles, maps, artefacts and artwork all around the Hall. The main event at 2pm will be a **film presentation** about the history of Christ the King Boys' and Girls' Schools. **Refreshments**, and hopefully plenty of chats and catching up, will follow. Take photos, sign the visitor book, see what's changed and connect with other past pupils.

Afterwards, our past pupils are welcome to **explore** the schools and grounds, to visit their old **classrooms** and to enjoy the atmosphere.

In the meantime, please **spread the word** ! Tap the poster on the right for a shareable **image**.
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We're also asking past pupils to **send in memories and/or photos** from their days in Christ the King to:

ctk90th@gmail.com



**The 90th anniversary of
CHRIST THE KING SCHOOLS**

1934 - 2024

Join us for a trip down Memory Lane...

Christ the King School Hall
Thursday 5th December
2:00 pm

...and visit your old classroom afterwards

★ **Exhibition • Presentation: 90 Years of Our Schools • Refreshments** ★

We are asking past pupils of Christ the King Girls' and Boys' schools to **send in**:

- **memories** of your time in school (text, voice notes etc)
- **photographs** from your school days (e.g. old copybooks, trips, sports, Communion, Confirmations, the schoolyard, shows, events, memorabilia, press cuttings etc)

Please **email** all material (from either the Girls' or the Boys' Schools) to

ctk90th@gmail.com

including your name and the year you started in/left the school.
All contributions gratefully received.



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 Healthy Kidz workshops and even cooking every Friday! All of the boys have been working so hard too and have been doing amazing independent work. We read the story The Colour Monster and created a display on the corridor with our Colour Monster art.

JUNIOR & SENIOR INFANTS

Ms Monaghan

It has been a wonderful start to the year for Junior and Senior infants. Our new Junior Infants have settled in so well over the first two months and Senior infants have been a fantastic help to them. We have been busy learning songs, rhymes, poems and some dancing too. The boys in Junior and Senior infants have been creating beautiful art based on The Three Little Pigs, Humpty Dumpty, Autumn and Halloween. There have been lots of games and playful activities in the classroom to help us learn and further develop the boys skillset. There has been lots of fun during water play - learning how to wash the dishes, during sand play - gathering the leaves and messy play - building Humpty Dumpty's wall again. There has been some exciting STEM challenges for eg. trying to protect Humpty Dumpty before he fell off the wall. We have been practicing our GAA skills with our lovely coach, Thomas every Tuesday and we have been enjoying our Healthy Kidz PE sessions every Friday. A big well done to all the boys in Junior and Senior infants on all their hard work. We look forward to more fun after the Hallowe'en break

LE CHÉILE 2

Ms Carolan

Everyone in Le Chéile 2 has been very busy since coming back to school in September. We've been working on establishing lots of daily routines, getting to know one another and getting used to using our schedules. All the boys have engaged in our daily morning meetings, learnt lots of new songs and produced some fabulous thematic artwork. We've been lucky enough to have weekly GAA lessons with Thomas down in St. Finbarr's and we've also enjoyed Healthy Kidz P.E lessons on a Friday. The boys have also been busy in the kitchen where they have been baking some tasty goods. Every Friday we bake some delicious treats and they boys are really enjoying this. Recently, we've been learning all about Autumn and Hallowe'en. The boys went on an Autumn Walk and learnt all about the squirrels collecting the acorns. We also had lots of fun learning about pumpkins and even carved one as class. We hope the boys all have a safe and happy Hallowe'en.

1ST CLASS

Ms Kelly

1st Class have had a fantastic return to school and term so far! They have learned lots of new things. The boys have been working really hard at their reading, writing and Maths. We did open-ended tasks and created amazing pictures using 2D shapes during Maths Week.

We performed 'This is Me' at our first whole school assembly, sang at a back-to-school mass and performed 'Oíche Shamhna' for our entire school. I am so proud of each and every boy in our class! They also created beautiful art and have been superstars at Healthy Kidz and GAA sessions.

We enjoyed trying báirín breac and beautiful chocolate apples made by our amazing SNA Donna! We are really looking forward to dressing up in aid of Temple Street Children's Hospital. Wishing everyone a safe and happy mid-term break.



CLASS REVIEWS

2ND CLASS

Mr Gormley

We have had a great start to the school year in 2nd class! We have been very busy in the classroom and outside. In Geography and Science we have enjoyed learning about Autumn, we went on a nature walk to the Botanic Gardens and we made some lovely Autumn art, including leaf art. In History, we have been learning about schools in Ireland and the history of Christ The King on the 90th year of the school. In English we have really enjoyed reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and there has been brilliant hard work in Maths.

Outside of the classroom we have had a lot of fun with Healthy Kidz on Fridays and GAA in Finbarr's every Tuesday.

Well done to the boys and I hope they have a great midterm!

3RD & 4TH CLASS

Mr O'Rourke

3rd and 4th class have had a busy start to their school year. As well as getting to know their new classmates, they've had new books, new schedules etc.

We have been learning songs throughout the term, including Lean on Me, Erie Canal, The Auld Triangle and Dirty Old Town. Weekly workshops have also started with Music Generation, and they're going really well.

The boys have enjoyed GAA coaching on Tuesdays and have done lots of games and activities with Healthy Kidz on Fridays. We're also doing daily brain breaks, stretches and mindful activities in the classroom. Plenty of topics have been explored so far this term, such as canals, clouds, constellations, mindfulness, Ireland's native trees, scientific thinking, character strengths, coding, the counties of Ireland and the history of the school.

In October, we've had lots of fun for Space Week and Maths Week, as well as our preparations for Hallowe'en. After the mid-term break, we will also start weekly Time to Count sessions in class.

Enjoy the break, everyone, and Happy Hallowe'en.

4TH & 5TH CLASS

Mr Comerford

The first few weeks of school have been filled with exciting activities, creativity, and achievements. Our students have been actively participating in a wide range of educational and physical activities. Here's a look at what they've been up to!

Our class recently attended an inspiring Fighting Words workshop, where they got the chance to unleash their creativity and storytelling skills. We're proud to announce that their comic book has been posted on the Fighting Words website, and we encourage you to check them out here: <https://www.fightingwords.ie/stories-creative-work/school-stories> to see their fantastic work!

Since the beginning of the school year, the boys have been participating in the Healthy Kidz programme during their PE lessons. This programme is designed to promote fitness and well-being. Our boys have also been improving their Gaelic football skills with GAA every Tuesday. We're thrilled to share that the 4th and 5th class boys recently played a hurling challenge match against the Gaelscoil, and our team came out victorious! The boys showed great skill, sportsmanship, and determination on the field. We couldn't be prouder of the boys.

The boys have been participating in the Music Generation programme every Thursday morning with Jen, our music instructor. They have been engaging in a variety of music activities, including learning about rhythm, melody, and musical instruments. They have been exploring different styles of music while developing their creativity and musical talents. A number of boys from our class have joined the school choir and had the opportunity to sing at the Opening School Mass. We are excited to see them continue to contribute their voices to school events throughout the year.

6TH CLASS

Mr Moore

The beginning of the school year was very busy for the pupils in Sixth Class and the boys did lots of work in many subject areas.

We love studying History and over the past few weeks the boys have been learning about the origins of the Troubles in Northern Ireland. We learned what the Plantation of Ulster was in the 15th century and what happened when Oliver Cromwell came to Ireland in 1649. We concluded our studies on the Troubles by learning about the Good Friday Agreement that was signed in 1998. Since the start of term, the pupils have been progressing very well with their Gaeilge. We began the year by revising terminology we learned last year, as well as learning many new phrases and useful vocabulary.

To mark the reforming of Oasis, this month we learned two of the band's most well-known songs, *Wonderwall* and *Don't Look Back Anger*. The boys studied the meaning of the lyrics of both songs and learned about the era of Britpop music. We also learned the lyrics to the *Addams Family Theme*, which we will perform at our Halloween assembly.

For our recent art lessons, the class created some beautiful drawings of Autumn hedgehogs and squirrels. The boys also drew spooky Halloween zombies to decorate the notice board outside our classroom.

We were delighted to receive the news that *Healthy Kids* exercise workshops would continue this year. Our weekly *Healthy Kids* sessions were a great way to improve our fitness, while having fun with our friends.



SCHOOL NEWS

TRICK OR TREAT FOR SICK CHILDREN

This year donations from our Hallowe'en dress up day on October 25th are in aid of Trick or Treat for Sick Children.

SCHOOL WEBSITE:

<https://www.christthekingbns.ie/>

Our website has lots of useful information on it about our school including handy absence notes, our policies and enrollment forms.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

To keep up to date with school events, please check out our wonderful Instagram account: christ_the_king_bns

You can follow us here:

https://instagram.com/christ_the_king_bns?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=



HSCL NEWS

Here is a snapshot of HSCL activities in the first term.

6th class transfer: Lots of time spent talking to the 6th class boys & girls about transferring to secondary school next year. Parents have been great on organising where to go next year so well done to them.

Parent & Toddler Group: We have our parent/toddler group each Thursday morning from 9:00-11:00 in the annex. All with small children are welcome.

Upcoming courses: We will be running the FearLess programme for helping children to cope with anxiety from Wednesday the 6th of November at 11am. It's a 4 week course to be held each Wednesday in the annex.

Happy Hallowe'en everyone!

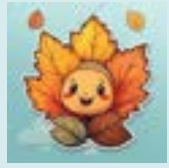
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Sensory Play



Cooking & Baking



Nature walks



Autumn Activities



Projects



Maths Week



Healthy Kidz & GAA





Hallowe'en Activities





Hallowe'en Trick or Treat for Sick Children

We had great fun dressing up for Hallowe'en

