



Claremorris Boys NS Newsletter

March 2024



A Message from the Principal

Dear parents/guardians,

We have reached the end of yet another busy school term. We have enjoyed many sporting events, outings and initiatives both in and outside of school.

Thank you to all our wonderful parents for their continued support and enthusiasm in supporting everything that we do. Thank you to all our staff for their positivity and dedication each day. Have a fantastic Easter Holiday to all those celebrating and a restful break to all.

Ciarán Murray, Principal

Dates For Your Diary!

Easter Holidays: Friday 22nd of March - Monday 8th of April

Confirmation: Saturday 20th of April

Communion: Sunday 12th of May

In School Standardized Assessments - May 14th & May 21st (Full attendance is required for these)

School Information & Updates

Please see our school website for details of holidays and other school closures:

<https://www.claremorrisbns.com/calendar>

Please follow us on X (formerly known as Twitter) for regular updates on what's going on in our school.

<https://twitter.com/ClaremorrisBNS>

St. Patrick's Day

CBNS had great fun collaborating with Muire Gan Smál Primary school for our St. Patrick's Day float - 'Reeling in the Years'. We were delighted to win the prize for 'Best School'. The children enjoyed learning the dance 'An Dreoilín' and performing this at the square. A huge well done to all involved and a big thank you to all the parents for your support.



Green Schools

We are working towards our Biodiversity flag this year. This term, we had a wonderful speaker to talk to us about Biodiversity and the role of pollinators. We also drew Habitat maps of our school. The children continue to enjoy bird watching and filling up our bird feeders in the school. Many students

have also been involved in planting wonderful vegetables and plants as part of the Incredible Edibles initiative with M. Sara and M. Mary. Our school garden is really coming along. If you have expertise in any area of biodiversity or gardening/planting, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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Biodiversity Talk



Our Bird Feeders

School Assembly

Our whole school meets every fortnight on a Friday morning to share good news and present new ideas. Each class has a turn to present on a topic. 6th Class presented a wonderful poem from their poetry unit, 5th spoke about Wellbeing across the school and 4th class presented many great facts about Ireland and spoke lots of Irish ahead of our St. Patrick's Day weekend. We also present students from across the week with Star of the Week certificates to award positive choices in behaviour and attitudes. The assemblies have been wonderful so far.



Stars of the Week 15th of March



4th Class Present at Assembly

St. Colman's Credit Union Quiz

Congratulations to our competitors. You made us proud!



Cumann na mBunscol Quiz

Four of our wonderful 5th & 6th class pupils participated in the Cumann na mBunscol Quiz this February. We are very proud of them!

Active Schools - Run Around Europe

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Active Flag. Our slogan is 'Moving on Up, Moving on Out'. The Active Schools Committee works hard to encourage everyone to take movement breaks and be active both in school and outside of school. As part of our Active Flag, we competed in an initiative called 'Run Around Europe'. Each class chose a target city in Europe to run to and completed laps of the school grounds each day to get there. We ran a total of 5,419km this month! In a survey it was noted that 43% of our children do not participate in any activities after school - this is something we wish to improve upon!



5th Class Participate in 'Run Around Europe'

class. The children really enjoyed it. Thank you so much, Danielle!



Art with Danielle Bueno

Weaving Wellbeing

The children in 2nd & 3rd Class have been enjoying the 'Weaving Wellbeing' course with Thelma Conroy each Wednesday. This is part of our School Self Evaluation drive towards wellbeing. We want to thank Thelma for her wonderful contribution here.

Fundraising Race Night Tonight!!!

The Board of Management has organized a wonderful fundraising night for our school. There will be a Race Night in Killeen's Bar on Friday the 22nd of March (tonight). The boys in each class across the school have excelled themselves in helping us raise much needed funds. It is sure to be a great success. A huge thank you to all involved!



The Student Corner with Brian and Jason

Drumming Experience: CBNS had a fantastic drumming experience with Dessie this March! It was amazing to see the boys engaging with music in such a fun way.



Water Safety: 4th Class have enjoyed their swimming lessons over the past few weeks. They have also completed their Primary Aquatics Water Safety course. This course outlines the essential life-saving guidelines that every child needs to know. Well done, 4th Class!



Féile Fichille Tournament: 6th and 4th Class took part in the Féile Fichille Tournament in Garrymore on Thursday the 8th of February. 3 teams made it through to Comórtas Fichille stage in Tuam in early April. Well done!



Tri- Heroes: 5th & 6th Class really enjoyed their Tri-Heroes lessons. They learnt important lessons about cycle safety and skills and even competed in a Duathlon ‘Splash and Dash’ event on the 19th of March. 6th class also completed a cycle safety course with Jerry. Well done, boys!



5th Class Tri-Heroes



6th Class Cycle Safety



6th Class Cycle Safety with Jerry



6th Class at the ‘Splash and Dash’ event

Indoor Yard: We have introduced Indoor Yard club in our school. It offers a variety of games such as Lego/construction activities, creative writing and drawing, chess and many others. Everyone has the opportunity to play indoor games every second Wednesday in the hall as an alternative breaktime treat. This way, yard time offers something to everyone and is a restful and restorative time. This is also connected to our SSE promotion of wellbeing.



Indoor Yard at CBNS

The Lunch Bag: We are excited to be getting hot meals in April/May. We will announce the launch date with necessary information in plenty of advance when we have one from the Lunch Bag. <https://www.thelunchbag.ie/>

FAI Schools: Our amazing FAI team were the Primary 5's South Mayo Boys, Section B Winners. The boys will now progress to Mayo County Finals on Thursday 19th of April in Castlebar.



Mini 7's Hurling: Congratulations to our Mini 7's Hurling Winners. A massive well done to all and a big thank you to all staff involved.

