



St John the Baptist BNS

NEWSLETTER

November 2023



In November We Remember - Welcome back everyone/Fáilte ar ais. We hope you all enjoyed the mid-term break. Onwards we go into what's always a busy and yet very exciting time of the year. We look forward to welcoming some past pupils back for TY work experience this month and we also look forward to welcoming you to school for our upcoming Parent-Teacher meetings. Invitations to book time slots through Aladdin Connect will be issued by Mrs Perdue later this week.

Also, if you had 2 minutes, would you mind filling out the following questionnaire for Ms O'Farrell. This will help inform our thinking on our DEIS **Partnership With Parents** Action planning - <https://forms.gle/XpYpTYxBYZNx7DGB8>

Thanks, as ever, for your ongoing support! Slán for now.

Don't Forget...

*****Team Hope's Annual Shoebox Appeal DEADLINE** for boxes is now this Thursday 9 November. We've some spare shoeboxes in school if you're stuck for one***



Aladdin Connect is our main method of home-school communication. If you've not downloaded the app or are struggling to do so, please contact the office or our Home School Community Liaison Rachel Hayes @ 089 4878635 (Phone, Text, Whatsapp). **All reasons for absence must be communicated through this app or by contacting the school office.**



Have you updated your son's lunch choices for the month ahead? Is he not eating much of his hot lunch. They say hunger is the best sauce.

Perhaps you need to reduce the size of the snack you are giving him for the first break? Any problems with the app itself, contact Rachel or the office.



Park 'N' Stride from Tesco or from The Green could be a viable option for many families with a bit of forward planning. This is a challenging year for drop off and collection as we await our new car park & so we do appreciate your patience. Short term pain for long term gain, I guess!



November is Anti-Bullying Month in our school. We'll be learning about what bullying is and what to do if we feel we are being bullied. Remember, we're a

TELLING & LISTENING SCHOOL

Dates For Your Diary

- ❖ **Fundamental Movement Skills** with John O'Dwyer (and thanks to Cashel King Cormacs GAA club) every Thursday with classes from Junior Infants to Second
- ❖ **Six Week Block of Swimming** in 5th and 6th classes throughout November and into December. Note that 6th commence this Tuesday and 5th this Wednesday
- ❖ 5th & 6th Classes to CCS's **"The Little Mermaid"** production on Thurs 9 November
- ❖ **Cashel Rosegreen Family Liturgy** November date is Friday 10 November at 7pm All families, but in particular sacramental classes, invited to attend
- ❖ **School Prayer Service for November: The Month of The Holy Souls** on Tuesday 14 November @ 11.20am (Junior Infants to Second) and 1.30pm (2nd/3rd to 6th)
- ❖ **Science Week** runs from 12-19 November
- ❖ **Parent Teacher Meetings** will be on Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 November

FREE PARENT AND BABY CLASS

HOSTED BY LOUISE FROM
BABY SENSORY IRELAND

Suitable for babies aged 0-13 months

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH AT 10AM,
LOCATION: SPAFIELD RESOURCE CENTRE

To book a place contact Rachel on
0894878635

Are you forgetting your son's **uniform days**? Print out this handy guide for October from our HSCL, Rachel, by clicking: [November Uniform Calendar](#) Also posted on website.

Special Events/Activities/News/Curriculum News

The **new Board of Management** will commence its term of office from 1 December 2023. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Board members, Monica Shannon, Cairtriona (Crosse) O'Donoghue, Fr Enda Brady, Seanie O'Donoghue, Marie Fitzgerald (and previously Liz Dunne), Julia Adamczak & Paddy Purtill for their time and commitment over the past four years. The current Board will have its final meeting this Friday.

Student Council elections were held on Friday 13 October. Congratulations to all the boys who have been chosen to be part of this year's Student Council: - Connor McGrath & Jakub Urban, Rang 6 - Luke McCarthy & Cillian Creed, Rang 5 - Tim O'Callaghan & Avery Harding, Rang 4 - Igor Ruth & Charlie O'Farrell, Rang 3 (Mr Barrett) - Cillian Doherty & Moosa Khan, Rang 2-3 (Mr Kennedy)

Science Week runs from 12-19 November. The library has organised an event for some classes on 15 November and we'll be running some in-house events as well, including a Science Week Quiz!

We are part of a **Creative Cluster** with the girls' school and the Deanery. From our end, Ms O'Farrell and Ms Curry are leading the charge! More details on this very exciting development for our schools will be issued over the next while.

Reminders: - Shorts are no longer permitted until Term 3. - **Mrs Laffey has a limited number of 'D' tin whistles for sale if your son needs one.**

- We're always on the look out for spare uniforms, shoes, football boots. Please drop to reception if any spare!

- **Water only, please. No diluted water or juices.** - Please do not park in the bus bay.

- **Food waste is frustrating. Please discuss the food options with your son and order appropriately on the Lunch Bag app.**

New from our Parent Association

Just another reminder of our Parent Association committee: Chairperson – Sinéad O'Connell & Vice Chairperson - Lisa Webster
Secretary – Rebecca Lenehan & Assistant Secretary - Katarzyna Piasecka
Treasurer – Cairtriona Pliszka & Assistant Treasurer - Shirley Hogan
PRO - Sinéad Breen

Thank you to all who volunteered for & contributed to the Churchgate Collection on Sat 21 and Sun 22 October.

We were also in school on the Friday of mid-term to hand out treats to each class & prizes/certificates to the winners of the Pumpkin Carving Competition. Once again, we were blown away by the creativity on display. Great pictures and videos uploaded by Mrs Perdue onto the school website.



Anyone who is able to volunteer please contact us either by email or in person. You can keep connected to the PA in the following ways:

- by emailing pa@cashelbns.ie
- on Facebook at Cashel BNS Parent Association Looking ahead, here are some dates for your diaries:
- **Sat, 2nd Dec: Bucket Collection**
- **Winter Wonderland returns this December. DATE and more details to follow!**

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