St John the Baptist BNS



NEWSLETTER



April/Aibréan 2024

Final Term begins... I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. Heads down now for the final term of the school year. There's much to look forward to & the (hopefully) brighter & warmer evenings can make school work/reading a little trickier to juggle. So good luck and best wishes to you all for the months ahead. Slán!

Fundraising

The new building extension and car park/drop off area/bus zone is coming on very nicely. There can be unexpected setbacks (including a recent one in relation to increased electricity supply) but we remain hopeful that we'll be in for September. Fingers



and toes crossed! However, there are going to be considerable costs associated with the new building that will not be covered by the Department of Education. We will be asking for your support over the next few months to help with these.

 School Lotto - Your personal support for this would be much appreciated. Even if it was just a line, €2.50 a week. You might also spread the word! First draw is Thursday 25 April with two special extra prizes up for grabs on Week 1. Scan below or visit https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/cashelprimaryscho ols TO JOIN.

St John the Baptist Primary Schools Cashel





Play

Pick 4 numbers
The same numbers will be played for you each week

Pay

1 line for €2.50, 2 lines for €4 or 3 Lines for €5 Maximum 3 lines per person

Win

Match 4 numbers to win the Jackpot



- 2. We are delighted to announce a joint fundraising venture with the girls' school and Cashel rugby club. ABBAESQUE will play the rugby club on Saturday 29 June. More details to be announced as soon as everything is agreed. Keep the date free. We're planning a great night!
- 3. Congrats to Mark Fitzell, winner of our Easter 50/50 draw. A nice touch before the holidays!

Dates For Your Diary

- **-Tuesday 9 April:** Week 4 of **six week block** of Literacy Workshops (for parents who want to help their boys with literacy skills) Tuesdays 9 April, 16 and 23 April. 9.15am-11.15am in the Family Room in school
- **-Tuesday 9 April:** GAA equipment collection in Holycross. Will be handed out the following day to all who ordered
- **-Thursday 11 April:** PA Meeting at 8pm.
- -Mon 15-Fri 19 April: ATTENDANCE WEEK
- -Wednesday 17 April: April Parent & Baby Class @ 10am in Spafield Family Resource Centre
- -Wednesday 17 April: Jigsaw "Move Ahead" Transition Workshop for Sixth Class



-Thursday 18 April:

Cashel Community School Staff to visit Sixth Class (as part of DEIS Transitions Programme)

- **-Thursday 18 April:** Board of Management Meeting @ 7.30pm
- -Thursday 25 April: OPENING LOTTO Draw @ 8pm (Entries close at 7pm)
- **-Wednesday 24 April:** Accelerated Reader Workshop for Parents and Pupils in Third Class 2-3pm. All parents of Third Class boys requested to attend.
- -Thursday 25 April: 4th Class School Tour to Dublin

Special Events/Activities/News/Curriculum News

Thank you very much for your support of our Irish Cancer Society "Yellow Day" fundraiser on the day of the Easter holidays. €376.50 was handed over to local representatives. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir. Fantastic cause.



Four of our 5th class boys travelled with their Cashel RFC team to Portugal. What a great opportunity for the boys. We hope they've had a great trip. We look forward to hearing your stories Freddie, Ben,Nikita and John.

Well done to James and Alexey, two Third Class boys who were first this academic year to be "Word Millionaires" in our Accelerated Reader programme.

We were so proud of Daniel Hogan for his performance in the County Final of the Eason's Spelling Bee. Pictures on the school website - https://www.cashelbns.ie/news/the-spelling-bee/m

News from our Parent Association:

The Parent Association would like to thank everyone for their support of its **St Patrick's Weekend Table Quiz** which was held in Brosnan's on 15 March. The total amount raised was €1224.50. Well done to

Chairperson Sinéad O'Connell and her team on running such an enjoyable and successful event.

In conjunction with both Parent Associations, the boys and girls schools hope to establish a **Walking Bus** on Mondays and Fridays of Term The route will be from the Tesco car park to school. More details very soon.



The next PA meeting will take place this Thursday 11 April at 8pm in the staff room where the focus will be on the term ahead. New members are always welcome to attend.

Reminders: - Are you forgetting your son's **uniform days**? Print out this handy guide for March and April by clicking here: • March_April Uniform.docx (1).pdf or going to the website

• LAST CALL for HOMEWORK CLUB due to commence next Monday April 15th (subject to minimum numbers which have not been met yet). Homework Club will run for 6 weeks on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3 - 4pm where boys will be able to complete their homework with the help and supervision of a member of our teaching staff. The charge for the 6 week block is: 3 days a week €50, 2 days a week €35, 1 day a week €18. Contact jenniferodwyer@cashelbns.ie or call to the office for an application form.

HURLING COACHING every Thursday with John O'Dwyer for all classes from Rang 2 to Rang 6.

The school's **NEW** <u>Yard Hurling League</u> will commence, weather permitting, next week. Boys from 1st to 6th who have a hurley/helmet at home are asked to bring in their hurley/helmet every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday every week until further notice.



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