



St John the Baptist BNS

# NEWSLETTER

October 2023



**Into October We Go** - A quick September put down! Hope your son has **settled (back)** into the rhythms of school life & is enjoying coming to school. Fingers crossed now for a full month of school (without any electricity or storm days!). Our mid-term break runs from Monday 30 October to Friday 3 November.

We are so heartbroken for our colleagues next door on the death of their much loved friend and teacher **Audrey**. The girls, under the guidance of Mrs Andrews, sang beautifully at Audrey's mass under what were very difficult circumstances.

Congrats to our 60 plus strong **Athletics team** who competed so well at the Annual Primary Schools Cross Country championships in Thurles last month. Pictures on our website: <https://t.ly/-8DMo>

Welcome back to Dereck Withero from **Music Generation Tipperary**, working with our Infants and First Classes.

**Traffic** remains CHAOTIC to say the least. Obviously things will improve immeasurably when the building/car park is completed but in the meantime, please consider **park and stride** from the bottom of the hill or even better from Tesco car park.

Thank you to everyone who has completed the **Gen-Free Charter** and **Uniform Survey/Feedback** form. 63 responses at the time of writing. We'd love to get to at least 100. Please complete the survey by 3pm this Friday. - <https://forms.gle/rj2uqyLZaxj4VyA69> We will share the results on Aladdin in due course.

## Don't Forget...



**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)



Everyone should now have a code for the **Lunch Bag App** so you can order your son's hot lunches. Any problems, contact Rachel or the office. Our older boys are generally very good at eating their lunches.



We would very much like (and expect) a large attendance at our **NEW JUNIOR INFANT PARENTS CURRICULUM EVENING ON THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER AT 8PM.**

We will be participating in **Team Hope's Annual Shoebox Appeal**. More information in the next few weeks, but boxes will need to be back in early Nov.

## Dates For Your Diary

- ❖ Gaelic Football Coaching (2nd to 6th) every Thursday
- ❖ Swimming in 3rd classes and 4th class throughout September and into October
- ❖ U13 Gaelic Football Blitz (5th & 6th after school trainers) this Friday 6 Oct at 11am in Leahy Park
- ❖ Cross County Athletics in Clonmel on Weds 11 October (E91 D896) - smaller number of runners from 3rd-6th this time round.
- ❖ New Junior Infants Parents Curriculum Evening Thursday 12 October at 8pm
- ❖ U11 A and A1 Gaelic Football Blitz Friday 13 October at 11am in Templemore
- ❖ Maths Week runs from 14-22 October
- ❖ Churchgate Collection on Sat 21 and Sun 22 Oct
- ❖ Pumpkin Carving Competition and Halloween treats for all the boys - Fri 27 Oct
- ❖ Mid-term break - Monday 30 October to Friday 3 November

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

## Special Events/Activities/News/Curriculum News

Thank you very much to our friends in **Tesco for helping us to raise €342 for the school's Nurture Room**. Ms Jenn O'Dwyer and Ms Maryese Noonan are our two nurture teachers. More on nurture rooms from this article in *The Irish Times* - [Nurture rooms: how schools are boosting pupils' wellbeing - The Irish Times](#)

**Student Council elections** will be held on Friday 13 October (3rd to 6th classes). Good luck to all those boys seeking election!

Two of our teachers Mrs Helen Butler and Ms Jenn O'Dwyer are being trained this month in **Roots of Empathy**. More on RoE programme which we generally carry out in Rang 3 can be found here: <https://t.ly/ikNkC>

Ms O'Donoghue (Ms Crosse) and Mr Ryan attended a full day seminar in Limerick this month on the new **Maths Curriculum**. Information for parents on new maths curriculum available here: <https://t.ly/hQo8q>

**Reminders:** - Shorts are no longer permitted until Term 3.

-**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

At the recent AGM on 28 September, the following were voted onto the Parent Association Committee:

Chairperson – Sinéad O'Connell & Vice Chairperson - Lisa Webster  
Secretary – Rebecca Lenehan & Assistant Secretary - Katarzyna Piasecka  
Treasurer – Caitriona Pliszka & Assistant Treasurer - Shirley Hogan  
PRO - Sinéad Breen

A huge thank you to last year's committee and all on the PA for all their hard work organising events and fundraising for new gym mats and basketball hoops for the boys. A special thank you to outgoing committee members Dave Heffernan (Treasurer) and Yuliya Shilnikova (Vice Chairperson) for their significant contribution in their roles but who remain valued members of the PA.

New PA members are very welcome and we also really appreciate volunteers for Churchgate or Bucket collections. 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](mailto:pa@cashelbns.ie)
- on Facebook at Cashel BNS Parent Association

Looking ahead, here are some dates for your diaries:

- Sat, 21st and Sun, 22nd Oct: Churchgate Collection
- Fri, 27th Oct: Pumpkin Carving Competition and Halloween treats for all the boys
- Sat, 2nd Dec: Bucket Collection
- Fri, 15th Dec: Winter Wonderland returns! More details to follow!

**Sign up for NPC's free Internet Safety Information Sessions from 9th to 13th October - <https://t.ly/E4syC>**



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