



St John the Baptist BNS

NEWSLETTER

March/Márta 2024



Leaping Into March... *We'd an extra day this February for the leap year and there still weren't enough days in the month to get through everything! Nevertheless, we managed to juggle most things and so a busy month has now passed and we look forward to the madness of March! It's kind of hard to believe how quickly the year is flying by. Well, you know what they say about time flying and all the rest...Enjoy the Easter holidays when they come around. Slán for now.*

Don't Forget...

**APPLICATIONS
FOR ADMISSION
for our
Mainstream
Junior Infants**



Class (2024/25) are now officially CLOSED. Late applications will, of course, be considered on a case by case basis. But it's best to get any applications in as early as possible.

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](#) Also posted on website.
- **Water only, please. No diluted water or juices. Some are still bringing in juice or diluted/flavoured water.**
- Please do not park in the bus bay or double park outside the bollards.
- Use the Lunch Bag app to chat to your son about his lunch choices.
- Our HSCL Rachel's number is **089-4878635** if you need help with anything or to book your place on the upcoming literacy workshops or the March Parent & Baby class

**FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT
SKILLS WITH JOHN HAS NOW
STARTED on THURSDAYS** with the older classes (2nd to 6th).

HURLING COACHING will follow for these classes on Thursday after a few weeks of FMS.



Dates For Your Diary

- ❖ **Sat 2 March:** 6th Class Confirmation Ceremony @ 10.30am. 4th and 5th choir to sing.
- ❖ **Mí na Gaeilge** (Irish Month) 1-17 March
- ❖ **Monday 4 March to Thurs 7 March:** Engineers' Week hosted by the Parent Association. Various activities
- ❖ **Mon 4 March:** 5th Class Swimming (Final Lesson)
- ❖ **Tuesday 5 March:** Start of **six week block** of Literacy Workshops (for parents who want to help their boys with literacy skills) Tuesdays 5, 12, 19 March, 9 April, 16 and 23 April. 9.15am-11.15am in the Family Room in school
- ❖ **Thursday 7 March:** World Book Day (1st & 2nd to library)
- ❖ **Friday 8 March:** SCHOOL CLOSED as it's in use as a polling station for referendum
- ❖ **Friday 8 March:** Cashel & Rosegreen Family Liturgy III at 7pm in the parish church
- ❖ **Tuesday 12 March:** 3rd Class Olympic Handball Munster Final (in Cork)
- ❖ **Wednesday 13 March:** Termly Staff Meeting (Boys and Girls) 2-4pm. Infants to 2nd at 1.30pm and 2nd/3rd to 6th at 1.45pm)
- ❖ **Friday 15 March -** Parent Association St Patrick's Day Table Quiz & Raffle. Brosnan's Bar at 8.30pm
- ❖ **Monday 18 March:** SCHOOL CLOSED - St Patrick's Day Public Holiday
- ❖ **Tuesday 19 March:** COUNTY PHOTOS in school. Boys in grey school uniform.
- ❖ **Tuesday 19 March:** March Parent & Baby Class @ 10am in Spafield Family Resource Centre
- ❖ **Weds 20 March:** Rang 1 (Ms Curry) and Rang 2 (Ms O'Farrell) to Matilda Jr performed by Golden NS
- ❖ **Thurs 21 March:** County Spelling Bee to be held in the school halla @ 11am. Best of luck to Daniel Hogan
- ❖ **Friday 22 March:** School Closed for Easter Holidays (12.15pm for Infants to 2nd & 12.30pm for 2nd/3rd to 6th)
- ❖ **Friday 22 March:** Yellow Day - proceeds to Irish Cancer Society (Non-uniform/Dress in yellow) in conjunction with girls' school staff coffee afternoon (on Thurs) in memory of Audrey Ryan

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Special Events/Activities/News/Curriculum News

SPORTS: From Olympic Handball to soccer to hurling, boys from 1st to 6th have been busy over the past month representing the school at various events. Thank you to all the teachers who have prepared the boys for these competitions/blitzes.

CREATIVE CLUSTER ARTS INITIATIVE: The Creative Arts Cluster Workshops are in full swing. The boys get a chance to flex their creative skills and to work with girls and boys from the other two schools on the campus. Well done to all involved. Huge work!

RETREAT/CONFIRMATION/CHOIR: Mr Coskeran brought his Sixth Class Confirmation candidates to Holycross for a retreat in preparation for Saturday's Confirmation ceremony which will be celebrated by Archbishop O'Reilly. Fourth and Fifth Class choir were terrific at the Ceremony of Light recently and we look forward to the boys turning out in great numbers again on Saturday morning. Thank you to all parents for your support.

INCUBATION PROJECT: We are well into our Incubation project, and fingers crossed we'll be welcoming some new arrivals (chicks!) to the school in the next week or so!

PAST PUPILS OISÍN & TOMÁS' GHANA PRESENTATION: We were delighted to welcome back Oisín O'Grady and Tomás O'Dwyer (both now in TY) to give a presentation to our assemblies on their upcoming trip to Ghana in June. We hope to do a little fundraiser in Term 3 to support the boys' trip which will involve teaching English, helping with the building/renovation of a school & bringing out much needed supplies to the children in the school.



News from our Parent Association:



The Parent Association is planning a calendar of events for the upcoming **Engineers Week**, including a competition to make a PAPER HELICOPTER. This will be held in the school halla on Thursday 7 March. Inspiration can be got from the following YouTube video:

[▶ Paper Helicopter | How Does It Work? | Paper Craft for Kids](#)

The Parent Association would appreciate all support for its upcoming **St Patrick's Weekend Table Quiz** to be held in Brosnan's Bar on Friday 15 March at 8.30pm. Always a great night. Letters from the Parent Association to follow next week.

Finally, the PA will be decorating the school for St Patrick's Weekend with bunting that will be coloured in by all the boys in the school. NEW MEMBERS always welcome. Contact pa@cashelbns.ie or on our Facebook page **Cashel BNS Parent Association**

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.



1. **School Lotto** - the girls and boys school hope to launch a weekly school Lotto after the Easter holidays. We may continue with a termly 50/50 draw but the weekly lotto would be a consistent income stream over the course of the year. More details will follow in April.

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!



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