



St John the Baptist BNS

# NEWSLETTER

May/Bealtaine 2024



**May Days...** The second last month of the school year is shaping up to be a very busy one indeed. Please keep a close eye on the key dates included in this month's newsletter. It would be easy to miss out on something important. Let's continue to work together on attendance and try not to take any major holidays during school time. *Slán!*

## Fundraising

**School Lotto** - Thanks to all in our school community for making our first draw a good success. We now have something we can build on over the weeks and months ahead. The jackpot for Week 2 has gone up to €425. Congrats to Majella Alexander, our weekly €20 winner and to Collette McNamara and Kitty Carroll who won the two opening draw spot prizes.

You can join at anytime at

<https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/cashelprimaryschools>

**Abbaesque** - Tickets are now on sale at the school office or at [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie). Your ongoing support is much appreciated.

**St John The Baptist Primary Schools**  
in association with Cashel RFC  
Present

# ABBA ESQUE

**29th June @ Cashel Rugby Club**  
Tickets €25 Available from Schools

Ticket includes:  
**Live Music + Bar + BBQ from 7pm**  
**Abbaesque 9:30pm**  
**Followed by DJ till late**

18+ ADULTS ONLY

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Cashel RFC

## Dates For Your Diary

- Weds 1 May:** U11 'A' Hurling Blitz @ 10.30am in Clonmel Óg GAA pitch
- Thurs 2 May:** U13 'B' Hurling Blitz @ 10.30am in Moyle Rovers GAA pitch in Powerstown
- Monday 6 May:** Scoil Dúnta/school closed (Public Holiday)
- Weds 8 May:** U11 'A1' Hurling Blitz (Provisional date & details to be confirmed)
- Weds 8 May:** HSCL Rebecca's Walking Tour of Cashel. Especially suitable for parents new to Cashel. Details to follow.
- **Thurs 9 May:** 6th class boys to visit Cashel Community School as part of our school's Transitions programme
- Thurs 9 May:** Book Fair arriving
- Thurs 9 May:** Termly Staff Meeting [boys and girls] (Infants to 1st home at 1.30pm, 2nd to 6th at 1.45pm)
- Friday 10 May:** Student Council Wellbeing Cookie Day! (All proceeds/donations to past pupils' Oisín and Tomás' trip to Ghana)
- Sat 11 May:** First Holy Communion @ 10.30am (boys)
- Mon 13 to Weds 15 May:** Drumcondra Spelling tests
- Tues 14 May:** CAPER Reading Initiative - Junior Infant Parents workshop (1-2pm). If your son is in another class from Senior Infants to 2nd and you are struggling to get him to read at home with you, you're welcome to come along. In conjunction with Suzanne Brosnan from Cashel library.
- Weds 15 May:** Parent & Baby Class in Spafield Family Resource Centre @ 10am. Contact Rachel @ 089-4878635
- Weds 15 May:** Last day of Book Fair
- Tues 21 May:** Scoil Dúnta/school closed for pupils (boys and girls) - NEW MATHS CURRICULUM INSERVICE DAY
- Tues 21 May:** Muireann from Cybersmarties Parent Talk on Internet Safety @ 7pm in the school halla
- Weds 22 & Thurs 23 May:** Drumcondra Reading Tests
- Thurs 23 May:** Parent Association Meeting @ 8pm. All welcome
- Friday 24 May:** College4Kids 6th Class Graduation Trip
- Tues 28 & Weds 29 May:** Drumcondra Maths Tests
- Fri 31 May:** Cashel/Rosegreen Fourth and Final Family Liturgy @ 7pm in the parish church.

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## Special Events/Activities/News/Curriculum News

- Derek from **Music Generation** (Tipperary) finished his 25 weeks working with our junior classes on Monday. The boys enjoyed having Derek in school every Monday and we thank him for his dedication and commitment over the year.
- Our Infant & First Classes will have their third (of six) **hurling coaching** sessions this Wednesday. Thank you to Brendan Bonnar and the Cashel King Cormacs GAA club for spearheading this. The boys are really enjoying it.
- The **Hurling Leagues** from 1st to 6th have started. Good, competitive action on view at lunchtimes. Thank you to the teachers for giving up their lunchtimes to referee the games.
- The **Creative Schools' Lego workshops** are brilliant. Well done to all involved. It's lovely to see the girls and boys working collaboratively and so successfully together.
- MAY is always **Cyberbullying and Internet Safety Awareness Month** in our school. The teachers do a series of age-appropriate lessons with their classes. You'll note from the 'Dates for Your Diary' the parent workshop on Tues 21 May. I would encourage you all to attend on the night. Ms O'Dwyer is leading the charge on a **new Digital Learning Plan** for the school.
- Our **2nd Class Communion candidates** are preparing for their special day on Saturday 11 May. Thanks to everyone involved in their preparation.



## News from our Parent Association and/or Board of Management

The Board of Management is currently reviewing the Staff Leave and Parent-Staff Communication policies. Thank you to the Parent Association for considering the Parent-Staff policy.

Note the dates in June for sizing/ordering/payment of half-zips on the website calendar or on Aladdin Connect calendar.

The Gen-Free charter is still being actively considered by the Parent Association and school. If you've any further thoughts on it, the PA would love to hear from you. [pa@cashelbns.ie](mailto:pa@cashelbns.ie)

**FREE from smartphones, FREE from social media, FREE to be kids. Let's connect our children to the things that matter.**



No smartphones while in primary school



No social media while in primary school



Respect the age rating on video games

The next PA meeting will take place on Thursday 23 May @ 8pm. All are welcome.

**Reminders:** - Are you forgetting if your son is in **grey uniform or tracksuit**? Print out this handy guide for May & June by clicking here: [May\\_June Uniform.docx.pdf](#) or going to the website's Parent Zone. From next year you won't have this problem!

**May is Drumcondra Standardised Testing Month.** Some children may be anxious about taking these tests. If you need advice/help, please speak to your son's class teacher in advance of the tests. Note there are no Drumcondras in Junior Infants, but Senior Infants/First Class are tested in smaller groups from 20-24 May in Reading and 27-31 May in Maths. Tested in small groups hence the longer testing period than older classes.

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