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Can you give us a dig out?



Can we come together as a community to make this outdoor walkway/running track dream a reality?



Fundamental Movements Lessons

The junior classes just finished their block of **Fundamental Movement Skills** with Barry. They seemed to really enjoy the lessons which were tons of fun and games based. Third to Sixth start their block on Tuesday in advance of starting back hurling coaching. The school is very grateful to Cashel King Cormacs GAA club for its support with this incredibly important and necessary initiative.

Restorative Practice

Over twenty of our staff are currently being trained in **restorative practices**. Restorative practices help children understand how their actions affect others and teach them how to fix mistakes, rather than just receiving punishment. It focuses on talking through problems to repair friendships, build empathy, and create a safe, respectful community.

County Photos In School This Month

The school photographers will be in school on Tuesday 17 February. All classes and individuals/siblings will be taken this year.

Reminders for February



1. **St Brigid's Day (Imbolc) Public Holiday.** School closed on Monday 2 February
2. **Olympic Handball County Finals (3rd/4th & 5th/6th)** Weds 4 February
3. **Parent Association Meeting** - Thurs 5 Feb @ 8pm
4. **Joy Ceremony** (for sacramental classes, but all welcome) Friday 6 February in parish church @ 7pm
5. **Open Afternoon** Sat 7 February @ 3pm
6. **First Penance** (Rang 2) Weds 11 Feb @ 6.30pm - boys
7. **County Photos in school** - all classes Tuesday 17 Feb
8. **Board of Management** meeting Weds 18 Feb @ 7.30pm
9. **Mid-Term Break.** School closed on Thurs 19 & Fri 20 Feb
10. **Rang 6 Confirmation Retreat** in Holycross Abbey on Weds 25 February
11. **Togetherness Thursday** - Thurs 26 February

*Chess Club with Mr O'Carroll (usually Tues or Weds) & and

*Art Class with Ms O'Farrell (Fridays) continue after school.

**Soccer training after school (Rang 5 agus Rang 6) in advance of FAI 5-A-Side Competition will commence shortly.





Homework - is it still a key part of partnership with parents?

Do you dread homework? Or do you see it as an important opportunity to talk to your son about what he is doing in school, and to gain an understanding of how he's progressing? If your son is in a younger class, do you read with him every night? In the older classes, are you aware of how well or otherwise your son is engaging with the Accelerated Reader independent reading programme? Do you sign your son's homework sheet/journal? Are you encouraging him to present his work neatly & with due care? Can you give the time to monitor your son's work, and to assist where necessary? Are you engaging with the teacher if homework is proving to be a challenge for your family? We've all busy lives, and there can be lots of genuine reasons why the standards in this aspect of our children's lives can drop. Which begs the question, is homework as it stands still valued in your home or as something not fit for purpose in modern life?



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Hi everyone,
I've enjoyed my first few weeks in the job. As a teacher in the girls' school, it's been great to get to know the boys' school community. The staff, parents & the boys themselves have been very welcoming. One of my focusses in January was visiting pre-schools and preparing for the upcoming Open Afternoon. As ever, please don't hesitate to contact me if you need help.
Avril



School Lotto

Google OurFundraiser St John the Baptist Primary Schools Cashel to join

The jackpot still stands at €3000. Thank you for your ongoing support & new members always welcome.

The weekly winners for January were as follows:

Shellie Farmer, Emily Pochkhanavala, James Quinlan, Caitríona Pliszka & Katie Browne.

News from our BOM, Parent Association & Wider School Community

Dear members of our school community,

The Board of Management last met on 14 January. One of the things we discussed is the possibility of an **after-schools service** operating on the school premises from September. This is a process involving the school patron's office St Senan's. Expressions of interest are being sought via an advertisement on the school website. The deadline for same is this Thursday. Members of the Board will soon attend training on the revised **Child Protection Procedures** for Schools 2025. An **Emergency Works** application for electrical works in the school has been made by the Board and we await a response from the Department.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 18 February.

Monica Shannon

Thank you to everyone who supported our Parent Association activities before the Christmas, in particular our Christmas **disco** which seemed to go down well with the boys and girls. All money raised to the school.

If we can get enough volunteers, we will provide **pancakes** for Shrove Tuesday as usual. If any parents are available to help with this, please contact me on pa@cashelbns.ie or 086 066 9366.

We are hoping to send a letter to parents about collecting used **school half-zips**, and will decide on the details of this initiative at one of our upcoming meetings.

We are hoping to run the usual fundraisers e.g. **table quiz** (St Patrick's or Easter) and maybe another disco.

We will have our next meeting Thurs 5th February. New members always welcome.

Sinéad O'Connell