



St. Corban's B.N.S. Newsletter

Nollaig 2015

Message from the Principal

It is hard to believe that it's that time of year again, a magical time for the young and the young at heart. On behalf of the staff and Board of Management of St. Corban's B.N.S. I would like to wish each and everyone of you a happy and healthy Christmas followed by a New Year of promise and contentment.

Nollaig Shona daoibh go léir



Slán Mr. Nugent

The start of our school year was tinged with sadness as we said goodbye to a teacher and colleague, Colman Nugent. Over the last 37 years Colman has been a superb teacher, a trusted colleague and a true friend to all in our school community.

While we are sorry to see him retire, he leaves with our best wishes for the next chapter in his life. He will be sadly missed by his colleagues, the parents and the boys of St.

Corban's who have benefited from his caring nature, friendly personality and dedicated commitment. Colman joined St. Corban's B.N.S. in 1978 and in the intervening years he has supported, nurtured and inspired the hundreds of boys entrusted to his care.

He dedicated himself to the education of the classes he taught and always tried to instil the best qualities in others. His empathy, kindness and good humour will be missed by all. We, who have been privileged to have travelled part of the journey with Colman, hope that his retirement will be long and fruitful.

On behalf of his colleagues, the parents and especially the boys of St. Corban's B.N.S.

I would like to thank Colman for all he has shared with us and all he has given us over the last 37 years.

Go raibh míle maith agat, Colman

Slán agus Beannacht



School Choir at the Peace Proms

Our school choir will perform at this year's Peace Proms in the RDS Arena, Dublin on Sunday 7th February at 2pm. Tickets available at www.peaceproms.com. A huge thank you to all parents and family members for their support and to Ms. McCarville for her ongoing commitment and dedication to the school choir. They are a source of great pride in the school and bring the joy of music to our Confirmations, Mass ceremonies and other occasions.



Choir practice will resume in 2016

Christmas Concerts

Congratulations to the boys from 1st, 2nd, 3rd classes who took part in the school Christmas concerts this year. The boys worked and practised really hard in preparation for the concerts. A big thank you to the teachers for their time and effort in producing and staging the concerts. ***Well done everyone!***



School Fundraising

Non Uniform Day (Lourdes Fund)

June - €885.00

Non Uniform Day (GOAL) October -

€986.00

Alzheimers Coffee Morning May -

€300.00 (school staff)



Christmas Draw

Míle buíochas to our P.T.A. for organising our annual Christmas Draw which was held on Tuesday 15th December and a huge thank you to all the parents and the wider school community who support this draw every year. The funds raised will be used to continue to enrich the school experience of all of our boys.



Easter Rising 1916 Centenary Celebration

On 24th September two members of the Defence Forces, Lieut. Hurley and Cpl. Davis presented St. Corban's B.N.S. with a handmade tricolour and a copy of the Proclamation of the Irish Republic to mark the up-coming centenary of the 1916 Rising.

The pupils enjoyed a small pageant, explaining the Rising and presenting the personal stories of all those involved in or affected by the Rising.

Cpl. Davis gave background information on the symbolism of the Tricolour and the etiquette attached to its display and storage.

*The pupils were invited to write a new proclamation to reflect the hopes and aspirations of their generation. This initiative will culminate with a dedicated Proclamation Day in all schools on 15th March 2016. The boys were encouraged to research their own family history back 100 years and see what their ancestors were doing around the time of the Rising. Some parents sent in 1916 artefacts belonging to relatives who were involved in or connected to the 1916 Rising. The ceremony ended with all the pupils and staff singing a roaring rendition of **Amhrán na bhFiann**.*

New Board of Management 2015-2019

We would like to welcome Jan O'Donoghue and John Murphy as new members of St. Corban's B.N.S. Board of Management for the 2015-2019 term. A huge thank you to the outgoing members, Siobhán Woods and Robert Murphy. Siobhán and Robert have served our school community for many years. Their commitment and support is much appreciated. On behalf of the school and the wider school community I would like to thank all of the board members who work selflessly and tirelessly during the year. The support, guidance and wisdom of all of our board members has been pivotal in the evolution of our school.

Parent Teacher Association

Míle buíochas to our Parents Association for all their hard work during this year including: **Christmas Draw, Fill the Van, School Flag Days, Bag Packs, Table Quiz etc.**

Your hard work and commitment enriches the lives of the boys in our school.



Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

This year we collected over **200 shoe boxes** for Team Hope Appeal. This great achievement is down to the hard work and generosity of the pupils and their parents.

Artist for a Day Workshop - 14th & 15th November 2014

This project was part funded by Kildare County Council Arts Dept and our school. Isobel Egan spent mornings and afternoons with three 5th classes. She works predominantly with porcelain clay and began the class with a demonstration. The boys then created their own design on square pieces of clay. Most of the boys chose a Christmas theme. Isobel took the boys creative pieces of clay away to be kiln-dried and returned them before the Christmas holidays.

Manual Handling Course

As part of Continuous Professional Development all school staff completed a Manual Handling Course on 10th October and 9th November.





Hurling U 11

Congratulations to our U 11 hurling team who won the County title beating Clane in the final. Having won two of their three games, and after defeating Clane in the semi-final, our boys beat a strong Maynooth side by two points in the final. All 20 boys should be extremely proud of the manner in which they represented their school.

Football U 11 A

Well done to our U 11 A Gaelic Football Team who topped their group and were narrowly beaten by Kildare in the Semi-Final of their competition.



Football U 11 B

Congratulations to the U 11 B Gaelic Football Team who won their blitz in Ballymany School, Newbridge.

Well done to all the boys and their mentors!



Rugby

Rugby coaching has started for the 6th class boys this term. A big thank you to Mick Cahill from Leinster Rugby.

Swimming

Swimming instruction started in September and will continue to the end of the school year. The boys receive instruction in the swimming pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. *Thank you* to Mary Harrington, Elizabeth Tivnan, and Niamh Moran who teach swimming to the children throughout the year.

Mile buíochas to all the teachers who give so freely of their time to organise extra-curricular events- Mr. Rock, Mr. E. O'Connor, Mr. D. Connor, Mr. Ryan, Ms. Sheedy, Ms. McDermott, and Mr. Lane.

A big thank you also to all the parents who provide transportation to the various matches.



Sacraments and Masses 2016

Feast of the Epiphany- 6th January 2016

On Wednesday 6th January the 6th class pupils and their teachers will attend mass in The Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane at 12.00pm. The rest of the pupils and staff will attend in-school services at 12.00pm in the school.

First Holy Communion 2016

The sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on **Saturday 21st May at 11.00a.m.** in the Church of The Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

First Penance: Tuesday 16th February in The Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane at 6.00p.m.

Confirmation 2016

The Confirmation Ceremonies will take place on :

Thursday 14th April at 11.30a.m. -Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane -*Mr Rock & Mr. E. O'Connor's classes*

Friday 15th April at 11.30a.m. -Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane -*Ms McCormack & Mr. Ryan's classes*

In With the New: In response to Scoil an Linbh Íosa, Ballycane taking in third class, St. Corban's B.N.S. will enrol Junior Infant boys for the first time in September 2016. Application forms for admission are available from the school and the school's website at www.stcorbans.com

New Building: The Department of Education & Skills has informed us that we will have a new school building beginning in 2018.

For more information on activities and events in our school please visit

*Important Reminder

St. Corban's B.N.S. will be closing at 12.10p.m. on Tuesday 22nd December for the Christmas Holidays and will re-open on Wednesday 6th January 2016

Remaining School Holidays, Closures 2015-2016

Christmas Holidays	Tuesday 22nd December 2015(close at 12.10pm) – Tuesday 5th January 2016 (incl) School re-opens on Wednesday 6th January 2016 at 9.10a.m
February Mid-Term	Thursday 18th February <u>and</u> Friday 19th February 2016
St. Patrick's Weekend	Thursday 17th March 2016 and Friday 18th March 2016
Easter Holidays	Monday 21st March – Friday 1st April 2016 (incl) School re-opens on Monday 4th April 2016 at 9.10a.m
May Bank Holiday Week	Monday 2nd May – Friday 6th May 2016 School re-opens on Monday 9th May 2016 at 9.10a.m
June Bank Holiday	Monday 6th June 2016
School Closing	Thursday 30th June 2016 (close at 12 noon)



GOAL Christmas Mile—December 2015

The GOAL Christmas Mile will be held in Naas GAA between 11.00 a.m. and 12 noon on Christmas morning. Why not treat your body to a healthy workout while also raising money for a very worthy charity.



At this time of year we pray for our families and remember loved ones who are sick or who are no longer with us.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody in our school community who has supported us throughout another year. Our pupils continue to develop and grow in a happy and congenial learning environment. The most important element in any school is its people - the community of staff, pupils and parents - whose common goal is to provide the best education possible for the next generation. In St. Corban's, we are so fortunate that this is delivered in such a wonderfully positive and enthusiastic manner. Through the lovely productions of Nativity plays (*and variations of these*) over the past few weeks, we have been reminded of the Christmas message of peace on earth, goodwill among men. I hope that the spirit of Christmas will endure in your lives over the coming months and year. Having children to love and care for is a great privilege and your greatest gift to them is not the things you can give, but your time and attention.

Beannachtá na Nollag agus Athbhliain faoi shéan is faoi mhaise dhaoinibh go léir!

Seán Mac an Draoi

Príomhoide

