

St. Corban's B.N.S.

Newsletter



2015

## Credit Union Quiz 2015

**Congratulations!** To our brilliant U 11 Credit Union quiz team for their outstanding achievement in the All-Ireland Credit Union quiz competition which was held on Sunday 12th April in the R.D.S. This annual event has become a highlight of the school calendar, attracting over 25,000 participants in over 300 venues throughout the 32 counties.



Coming third in any competition is great but to come third out of **FIFTY** other teams at national level is quite remarkable. This amazing feat was no fluke. Every Tuesday and Thursday without fail and under the watchful eyes of their mentors, Ms. B. Dunne and Mr. O'Reilly they practised their quizzing and extended their prior knowledge. After beating the opposition in the local round they advanced to the chapter final and went through that round as well, progressing to the All-Ireland. For the majority of the quiz they were in second place, even advancing to first at one stage. Then, in the last few rounds the questions didn't suit and they slipped down to third place. However, they did make it to the final which is a great achievement. The entire school community of St. Corban's B.N.S. is extremely proud of their efforts.

Our school has a very proud tradition in quizzes and Ms. Dunne and Mr. O'Reilly are fully aware of the hours of hard work put in by the boys and their parents to reach this level.

A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in making this a great day for our school.

*(David Murray - 6th class)*



**The team:** *Cillian Whytock, Adam Lloyd, Matthew Davis, and Mark Toner*



**The team and their mentors:**  
*Ms. B. Dunne & Mr. O'Reilly*

## Seachtain na Gaeilge/Irish Week

Ceol na Teanga - It's Your  
Seachtain na Gaeilge



We celebrated our Seachtain na Gaeilge from 9th to 13th March. During the week the boys were encouraged to use Irish throughout the school and to practise their *cúpla focal* at home. All classes were treated to traditional Irish music and dance sessions in our hall. These music sessions were presented by Rev. Philip Heak for 5th and 6th classes while Mr. Nugent, Ms. Foley and Ms. B. Dunne entertained 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes.



Bhí a lán spóirt agus craic againn i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge. Bhí cic fada agus puc fada againn. Bhí ceolchoirm ar siúl sa halla agus céilí mór sa chlós. Bhain gach duine, idir óg agus aosta, an-taitneamh as!

*Míle buíochas do gach duine.*

### Slán Leat Mr. McPhillips

Mr. Ray McPhillips will be leaving St. Corban's B.N.S. in June. It is a bittersweet occasion for us all in St. Corban's. While we are happy for him starting a new life in Australia, it is tinged with sadness at him leaving us in St. Corban's.

Since joining the teaching staff in 2006, Ray has made a huge contribution to our school. A dedicated professional, he always exemplifies the highest standards in his work and in his engagement with others. He is an excellent teacher who inspires pupils wherever he teaches. He has been a great friend and colleague to us all in St. Corban's. We wish him a long and satisfying career and a happy and healthy life in his new adventures in Australia.

His caring nature and friendly disposition have been a great support to us. IN good times and in hard times he always carries himself with great dignity and integrity.

On behalf of everyone in St. Corban's B.N.S. and the wider school community, I would like to thank Ray for all he has done for us and wish him all the best in the future.

**Go raibh maith agat Ray, go n-éiri go geal leat.**

*The Pupils, Parents, Staff and Board of Management of St. Corban's B.N.S.*

### P.T.A. Quiz Night

A school fundraising Quiz Night organised by the P.T.A. was held on Friday 24th April in Naas GAA. It was a great night with lots of prizes and great atmosphere.

Thanks to the support and generosity of everyone **€2,627.20** was raised on the night.

A huge thank you to all the members of the PTA who work tirelessly to organise and promote these fundraising events for the school. *Míle Buíochas*



## Sports News!



**U 10 Football:** We had an overwhelming response to the U 10 football trials. Well done to everyone who tried out! The U 10 s had a great start to the season defeating Athy and Kildare. Let's hope our luck continues.

*Keep up the good work boys!*

**U 13 Football:** The U 13 A football competition started last week. The best of luck to all the boys involved.

**Mini 7s Football:** The Mini 7's football team won their group beating Rathmore in an exciting final. Unfortunately, they lost out to Clane in the following round. Well done to all the boys involved.



**Mini 7s Hurling:** Our young hurlers retained the U 12 Mini 7s tournament on April 15th. The boys defeated Rathangan B.N.S. , Two Mile House N.S. and Celbridge B.N.S. in the round-robin final in Naas.

**The Panel:** *Seán Hanifin, Dylan Gregory, Killian Harrington, James O'Loughlin, Alan Tobin, Daire Guerin, Jack Rodgers, Ben Loughlin, Liam O'Reilly and Tiernan O'Rourke.* **Well done to all the boys and their mentors!**

**F.A.I. 5-A-Side:** Our 5-a-side soccer teams competed in the Kildare finals in Kilcullen on 24th March. Both teams did the school proud and the A team progressed to the Mid-Leinster finals and finished runners up.

**Basketball:** Our basketball team participated in a tournament in Kilcullen. With a tough draw we faced Kill and Monasterevin. Unfortunately we did not progress further in the competition but totally enjoyed it.

*Well done to all the boys involved!*



**Swimming:** Swimming instruction started in September and is ongoing for all class levels until the end of June.

**Mile buíochas** to all the teachers who give so freely of their time - Mr. Rock, Mr. O'Reilly, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Lane, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Broderick, Ms. Sheedy, Ms. B. Dunne, Ms. Phelan and Ms. McDermott.

*A special thank you to all parents who provide lifts and support to matches throughout the year.*



### School Choir

Our school choir under the guidance of Ms. McGarville, meet every Wednesday to practise. They are a source of great pride in the school and they bring the joy of music to our Confirmation ceremonies and other occasions throughout the year.



### Samba Drumming Workshop

On Monday 9th March Ms. Foley's and Ms. McGarr's classes took part in a Samba Drumming Workshop with Jeremy Hickey. The drums were on loan from Kildare Education Centre. The boys really enjoyed it.



### Daffodil Day 2015 – March 27th

The school continues its proud tradition of supporting the Irish Cancer Society by promoting National Daffodil Day here in the school and throughout the wider community. This year we raised **€8,035.00**. A huge thank you to Ms. Brady who coordinated the fundraiser, all the people who supported it by buying flowers and through donations and of course to the boys who did all the ground work. A special mention to Ms. Brady's & Ms. Phelan's classes and all the 6th classes who worked hard to get the orders out on the day. **Well done everyone!**



### Fill the Van- Friday 6th March

We raised a total of **€1,182.00**. This very worthwhile project was coordinated by the PTA and the school. It helps raise funds for our school and M.S. Ireland.

**A big thank you to everyone who supported it.**



### Grandparents Day

Fionn Lardner's Granny, Tess visited the boys in 3rd class to share her experience of games and school life from the past with the children. She had prepared demonstrations of how the games were played and gave a great insight into what life was like years ago. The boys really enjoyed this and had lots of questions for her. **Thank you Tess.**

## Remaining School Closures - 2014/2015



<b>May Bank Holiday Week</b>	<i>Monday 4th May 2015 - Friday 8th May 2015 (incl) School re-opens on Mon 11th May 2015 at 9.10a.m.</i>
<b>Polling Day</b>	<i>Friday 22nd May (closed for Referendum voting)</i>
<b>June Bank Holiday Weekend</b>	<i>Monday 1st June 2015 &amp; Tuesday 2nd June 2015</i>
<b>School Closing</b>	<i>Tuesday 30th June 2015 (close at 12 noon)</i>

## School Calendar - 2015/2016

<b>School Re-opens</b>	<i>Tuesday 1st September 2015 at 9.10a.m.</i>
<b>Halloween Break</b>	<i>Monday 26th October 2015 - Friday 30th October 2015 (incl) School re-opens on Monday 2nd November 2015 at 9.10a.m.</i>
<b>Christmas Holidays</b>	<i>Wednesday 23rd December 2015 – Tuesday 5th January 2016 School re-opens on Wednesday 6th January 2016 at 9.10a.m</i>
<b>February Mid-Term</b>	<i>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016 <u>and</u> Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016</i>
<b>St. Patrick's Weekend</b>	<i>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016 &amp; Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016</i>
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	<i>Monday 21st March 2016 – Friday 1st April 2016 (incl) School re-opens on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 9.10a.m</i>
<b>May Bank Holiday Week</b>	<i>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016 – Fri 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016 (incl) School re-opens on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 9.10a.m.</i>
<b>June Bank Holiday</b>	<i>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016</i>
<b>School Closing</b>	<i>Thursday 30th June 2016 close at 12 noon</i>

## Sacraments 2015

### Confirmation

The 6th class boys celebrated their Confirmation on Thursday 26th March in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.



### Holy Communion

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 17th May at 12.00p.m. in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.



### Parents/Guardians

For more information on the Pupil Online Database (POD) please visit our website [www.stcorbans.com](http://www.stcorbans.com) to access **POD Fair Processing Notice April 2015** from the Department of Education and Skills.