



St. Corban's B.N.S.
Christmas Newsletter
2022



Message from the Principal

As Christmas approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody in our school community for all of your hard work throughout this year. Our pupils continue to develop and grow in a happy and supportive learning environment. We thank all of our parents for your outstanding support at all school events throughout the year. To our staff colleagues, I offer my appreciation for all your hard work and dedication to our pupils. I would particularly like to acknowledge the support of the Parents Association who give of their time, in big ways and small, to support the school through the myriad of activities they organise during any given year. Thanks also to my fellow members of our school's Board of Management, who work selflessly and tirelessly during the year. Your input makes a significant contribution to the vibrant character and atmosphere of our school.

Christmas is a magical time and we hope that the boys enjoy the magic, fun and joy that it brings. We hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas with your loved ones and enjoy all that is best about the Christmas season.

Nollaig Shona daoibh uilig.

John Drewett

On behalf of the Board of Management

Exciting times ahead - Our New School Building

We received official Planning Permission from K.C.C. for our new school building in December. The next step is the tender process to decide who will build it. Then hopefully, 2023 starts the building process. We look forward to our future new school and we will enjoy our last few Christmases in the old school. We will share more information about our plans with the school community in January 2023

**GOAL
MILE**

GOAL MILE DECEMBER 2022

Naas Goal Mile Christmas Day
11am -12noon It will be run,
walked and maybe even crawled
once again this Christmas
morning. We need your support
please. Come along, enjoy the run
and the fun. Donations can be
made online at Naas Goal Mile,
Naas GAA club or on the
occasion itself at the GAA Club,



Maths Week 2022- 17th - 21st October



We celebrated Maths week in the school from 17th to 21st October. Classes took part in games, puzzles and Maths challenges during the week set out by Mr. Ryan



School Christmas Plays



Well done to the boys who took part in the school Christmas concerts this year. The boys worked and practised really hard in preparation for the concerts. Their teachers recorded the shows for the parents. A big thank you to the teachers for their time and effort in producing and staging the concerts. ***Well done everyone!***

School Choir



The school choir are currently rehearsing and practising for their up-coming performance at the Dublin Peace Proms on Sunday 5th February 2023. 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 Sacramental Ceremonies, Celebrations, School Masses and other occasions.

Student Council

St Corban's elected their Student Council for the year in September and the boys have been busy with all their projects. Each member picked a link class from the junior classes and pay a visit to them every week to collect the news for the ever popular St Corban's News which is broadcast over the intercom every Friday. They organised the hugely successful Halloween Walk and Costume Competition in October and meet every month to plan events and improvements for the whole school community. They also assisted the Parents Association last Friday when distributing a Christmas surprise to all pupils.

The Student Council members for 2022/23 are Jack, James, Oliwier, Alex, Milo, Ben, Luke, Samuel, Luke, Cian, Isaac and Cathal.

On December 20th Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1st and 2nd class visited the Moat Theatre to see the show 'Rudolph Saves Christmas.



Science Week

Ms. Ahern donned her lab coat and had great fun with the boys in senior classes with wonderful science experiments.



World Cup 2022

Winners in Rm 21 for the World Cup final were Coby McLoughlin who picked Argentina and Brian Burns runner up with France. Well done boys.



St. Corban's BNS - EASTER RAFFLE



The Easter Raffle which was organised by the Parents Association and the school took place on 5th April 2022.

There were some great prizes donated by local businesses and a total of €5,540.00 was raised. A huge thank you to all who donated and the organisers.

TEAM HOPE Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Christmas shoebox appeal

A massive well done to all the boys in St. Corban's B.N.S. who donated a shoebox to the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. A very impressive 272 boxes were collected throughout the school in total. Thanks again to all the families who supported this worthy cause and to all the staff and students that helped count and collect the boxes.

A special thanks to Ms. Pearson who coordinated this project.

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

www.stcorbans.com





Hurling

Hurling Coaching: All boys from 1st and 2nd class received hurling coaching this year. A big thank you to coach Eamonn Callaghan from Naas GAA.

Under 13 Hurling

Well done to the school under 13 hurling team who reached the county final narrowly losing to Clane. Well done to the boys involved and coaches Ms. McCutcheon and Mr. O'Sullivan.



Under 11 football

Congratulations to the school under 11A team who won the county title last October beating Clane in the final. The school under 11B team also won their competition by beating Clane in the final Well done to all boys involved and coaches Mr. Rock and Mr. O'Connor.

Soccer

Our school 4th class soccer team took part in a 5 a-side futsal blitz in Kilcullen. The boys did very well, winning 4 of their 5 matches. Well done to all boys involved and coaches Mr Ryan and Mr. Rock



Basketball

In October, fourteen 6th Class students formed the school basketball team. They trained after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the months of October and November, developed the skills of basketball and learned the rules without having any experience of basketball. Although they didn't make it to the semi- finals, the matches against Kill and Scoil Bhríde, Naas were neck and neck. They had a triumphant win against Kilcock with a stunning final score of 18-4. Well done boys.

Rugby

Rugby Coaching: All boys from 5th class received rugby coaching this year. A big thank you to coach Mick Cahill from Naas Rugby Club.

Swimming

Boys in 6th, 5th, 3rd and 2nd class have received swimming lessons this year. The rest of the boys in 5th, 4th, 2nd and 1st class will receive swimming lessons in the New Year. Thank you to the swimming coaches and the staff of K-Leisure.



Mile buíochas to all the teachers who give so freely of their time to organise extra-curricular events-Mr. Rock, Mr. Ryan, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Smyth, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Mangan, Ms. Hogan, & Ms. McCutcheon. **Thank you to the parents who support the boys at the matches.**



SACRAMENTS 2023



CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation Ceremony for 6th class pupils will take place on **Thursday 23rd February at 11.30a.m.** in the Church of Our Lady and Saint David, Sallins Road.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on **Saturday 13th May at 11.00a.m.** in the Church of The Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

FIRST CONFESSION:

Saturday 25th March 10am – 12pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.



Pupil's Personalised Christmas Card Fundraiser

This year again each pupil was given the opportunity to create a Personalised Christmas Card to purchase and send to his relations. The Parents Association organised this event to help families to celebrate Christmas in a special personalised way this year. It also acted as a fundraiser for the school. Many thanks to all the parents who supported this fundraiser and we hope your relations will enjoy the bespoke cards that the boys created. A unique card for a unique year! After printing costs, **€2,550.00** was raised.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Fr. Robert, Irish and the Parish Team for all their help and guidance during the year, We look forward to celebrating the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion in 2023.

Reminder

St. Corban's B.N.S. will close early on Wednesday 21st December 2022 and will re-open on Thursday 5th January 2023 at 8.45am



Remaining School Holidays, Closures 2022-2023

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| Christmas Holidays | Wednesday 21 st December 2022 (close at 11.30am. School re-opens on Thursday 5 th January 2023 (school gates open 8.45am) |
| February Bank Holiday | Monday 6 th February 2023 |
| February Mid-Term | Thursday 16 th February <u>and</u> Friday 17 th February 2023 |
| St. Patrick's Weekend | Friday 17 th March and Monday 20 th March 2023 |
| Easter Holidays | Monday 3 rd April – Friday 14 th April 2023 (incl) School re-opens on Monday 17 th April 2023 (school gates open 8.45am) |
| May Bank Holiday | Monday 1 st May 2023 |
| June Bank Holiday Week | Monday 5 th June 2023 – Friday 9 th June 2023 (incl) School re-opens on Monday 12 th June 2023 (school gates open 8.45am) |
| School Closing | Friday 30 th June 2023 (close at 11.30am) |

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

*Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow,
May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow.*

Junior Infant Enrolment Process

2023/2024

Our Admissions Notice has been published on our school website www.stcorbans.com

The admission application period for Junior Infants for the school year 2023/2024 will open on Friday 13th January 2023. The closing date for receipt of applications will be Friday 03rd February 2023. The Application Form will be available on the website and from the school Office from Friday 13th January 2023.



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