

# CORBAN'S CHRONICLES

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## HALLOWEEN FUNDRAISING WALK



### A HEARTFELT GOODBYE

On Friday the 20th of September, we said a heartfelt goodbye to our wonderful traffic warden of six years, Paula Fagan. Paula was presented with flowers and a gift by the members of the Student Council to thank her for her outstanding contribution to the school community by keeping our boys safe. A huge thank you to the boys in Ms. McCarville's first class who wrote a song to sing to Paula at the presentation.

In September, 4th, 5th and 6th classes discussed the important role of the Student Council and reflected on the successful events from last year in preparation for the upcoming election for a new representative from each class. Many boys put themselves forward as candidates for this year's Student Council, canvassed for themselves and gave excellent speeches. On Friday the 22nd of September, the pupils from each senior class got the opportunity to cast a vote in the school hall. Well done to the newly elected Student Council Members and a huge welcome back to our Student Council Members from last year. It is with great sadness that we say 'goodbye' to two of our Student Council members Cian and Isaac, who served the last two years on the Student Council, well done and thank you for all your hard work.

Thank you to the Student Council for organising this year's Halloween Fundraiser Walk and Costume Competition which took place on Friday the 27th of October. It was a day filled with giggles and gasps! Well done to all the boys and staff for dressing up and participating in the event. It was fantastic to see the parade of pupils walking around the lakes. Well done to the winners of our costume competition. Many of them are featured in the photographs above, you are commended for your creativity, commitment and enthusiasm! Thank you to all the families who supported on the day as spectators and to those who kindly donated to raise funds for the school sporting equipment and ICT equipment, we have raised €3593, we appreciate your support.



### SPORTS NEWS

We have had an action packed opening term of sport in St Corban's! Our U-11 footballers, led by Mr. Smyth and Mr. Dineen, narrowly fell short on progressing to the knockout stages after missing out on one of the top two places in their group. Our U-13 hurlers have had a remarkable campaign thus far. They have reached the final which will take place the week after our Halloween break. We would like to wish Mr. O'Sullivan, Ms. B. Mangan and all the boys the very best of luck in the final! Our 6th Class Basketball Team have been training hard over the last few weeks. Mr. Ryan and Ms. C. Mangan have been putting the boys through their paces as they prepare for their upcoming league after Halloween. Best of luck boys!



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## WELCOME NEW JUNIOR INFANTS



### NEW STAFF

We would like to give a warm welcome to our newest members of the St. Corban's staff: Mr. Hartnett, Ms. B. Mangan, Mr. Dineen, Ms. Mulreid, Ms. Finnegan and Ms. Doyle. We would like to give a huge thank you to several teachers who have given up their free time to support us this year as part-time SETs: Ms. Broderick, Ms. McAuley, Ms. Salmon, Ms. Moran, Ms. Crowley and Ms. Harmon. We are very grateful for your support and assistance.

We would like to wish a warm welcome to the newest members of the St. Corban's community! Our Junior Infants began their journey in St. Corban's in September and they have settled in extremely well. Ms. Hogan and Ms. McDermott have been so impressed with how the boys have begun the year together and can't wait for what the rest of the year will bring for our Junior Infants.

The boys have had an eventful opening term, they have learned so much so far. The boys in Ms. McDermott's class have read the Gruffalo and Bad Panda while they have showcased their artistic skills by creating hedgehogs and ghosts.

Ms. Hogan's class spent time with nature as they collected autumn leaves on their nature walk and created their Skeleton Dance for Halloween! The boys particularly love their time during Aistear. It is a special time for the boys to build on all the topics they have covered each week while allowing their creativity to flourish.

The boys in Ms. Hogan's class have welcomed a new student to their class, Iarlaith. All of the boys are excited to have him with them for the rest of the year! While their class also said goodbye to Gideon. All of the boys in Ms. Hogan's room will miss him greatly and wish him the very best of luck in Donegal!



### VISITORS

During October we had a visit from three Gardaí from Naas Garda Station: Garda Seamus, John and Deirdre. They visited both the junior and senior classes. In the junior classes, the boys discussed the role of the guards in Naas and how the boys can keep safe. Meanwhile in the senior classes, the boys engaged in a superb cyber-safety workshop. It was a really valuable learning experience for the boys!

On Thursday the 26th of October, the school had a special visit from three past pupils and current Senior County Football Champions (for the third time in a row!): Eamonn Callaghan, Brian Kane and Elliot Beirne. The boys loved cheering on their local heroes. Thank you for answering all our questions and bringing the cup to St. Corban's!



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## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



### THEMED WEEKS

#### Friendship Fortnight:

With the return to school came 'Friendship Fortnight'. Since September, we have welcomed several new pupils in each class level to our school. Additionally, nine classes were re-configured allowing our students to meet new people and make more friends. Each class engaged in friendship activities and ice-break challenges over the first fortnight.

#### Maths Week:

The third week of October was Maths week. Many mathematical activities took place: Mr. Ryan provided the senior classes with puzzles and some of the junior classes played maths games. While 6th class pupils used their problem solving skills to play chess, 1st class were venturing outdoors to measure the length of the yard!

There have been an abundance of extra-curricular activities on offer in St Corban's this term. The boys have been given the opportunity to enhance their coding skills in the Coding Club, improve their Gaelge in Club Corbáin, manage the plethora of ICT resources in the Digital learning committee and strengthen their love for music in choir.

#### Coding Club:

Ms. Donnelly and Mr. Smyth have been running a coding club for 6th class boys this term. The boys have had great fun coding microbits and controlling cars.

#### Choir:

Our school choir has returned this year. Boys from 4th-6th class have been participating in choir practice after school every Wednesday. There have been great sounds emanating from Room 3 as the boys have been singing their hearts out with Ms. McCarville! They plan on taking part in the Peace Proms in Dublin in the new year.

#### Club Corbáin:

The boys in 4th class have been given the opportunity to develop their Gaelge. They have been playing games and taking part in outdoor activities whilst exhibiting a high standard of Gaelge. Maith sibh buachaillí!

#### DL Committee:

Our new 'Digital Learning Committee' was created at the beginning of the academic year. Two boys from each senior class (5th and 6th) were chosen to be on the committee. The DL Committee will play a vital role in St. Corban's this year as the boys will ensure that the maintenance and up keep of the iPads in the school will be of the highest standard. While the boys will also ensure that all of the ICT equipment in the computer room such as the Chromebooks, mice and headphones are in full working order. Well done boys, your work ethic and responsibility is highly commended.

We would like to thank the Board of Management and PTA for their ongoing support and contributions to the school.



### SACRAMENTS

The dates for the sacraments have been finalized. Ms. Mangan's, Mr. O'Sullivan's and Mr. Smyth's classes will make their Confirmation on Friday the 8th of March, 2024. Ms. Mulreid's and Ms. Duffy's classes will make their Holy Communion on Saturday the 18th of May, 2024. Both sacraments will take place in the Church of Irish Martyrs (CIM), Ballycane. The times of both ceremonies have yet to be confirmed. In preparation for the sacrament of Holy Communion, the boys will participate in First Confession on Saturday 9th of March in the CIM. It is also an option to attend the Communion Masses which take place on the second Sunday of every month in the CIM. In preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, the boys will participate in the Ceremony of Light on the 9th of January in the CIM and Confessions on Saturday the 10th February in the CIM. It is also an option to attend the Confirmation Masses which take place on the fourth Sunday of every month in the CIM.