



St John the Baptist BNS

# NEWSLETTER

September/Meán Fómhair 2024



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**Welcome Back** - Fáilte ar ais and a special welcome to our 28 new Junior Infants and new pupils who have started in other classes throughout the school. We're delighted with the start that everyone has made and look forward to creating many happy memories throughout the year.

## Curriculum News

-September is **Friendship Month** in our school. We'll be doing lots of different activities on this theme throughout the month. Our Playground Rule is *"Kind Hands, Kind Feet, Kind Words"*.

-Ours, and schools across Ireland, will be working this year on the implementation of the **Bí Cineálta** Procedures to Prevent & Address Bullying. Parents will be involved in this process.

-**Reading for Pleasure** Initiatives are back up and running. **CAPER** (Juniors to 2nd) and **AR** (3rd to 6th) - more information will follow in next few weeks.

## Dates For Your Diary

\*Please support our friends in the **Cashel Arts Festival** Programme which runs from 12-15 September. Lots of events over the weekend for children - [www.cashelartsfest.com](http://www.cashelartsfest.com)

\***Cross County Athletics** (3rd to 6th) in Thurles Crokes Athletics Club on Weds 25 September

\***Parent Association AGM & initial meeting** Weds 25 Sept @ 8pm in school halla. All parents are very welcome.

**The Creative Cluster Project with the girls' and Deanery schools continues this year. We're still on the lookout for any second-hand/used LEGO. Drop off to any of the schools.**

## Things we're up to in different classes

- ❖ Rang 5 commenced the **"Cycle Right programme"** this Monday, and the Junior Infants will start a four week **"Balance Bike"** programme next Monday. All classes are delivered by Tina and Ray from RayCSports in Clonmel.
- ❖ Gaelic Football Coaching (2nd to 6th) every Thursday with **John O'Dwyer** starting this week.
- ❖ Gaelic Football Coaching (Junior Infants to 1st) Tuesday and Wednesday mornings with **Brendan Bonnar** starting next week.
- ❖ **Swimming** has commenced in Mr O'Carroll's 4th class and Mr Doran's 3rd/4th class. Both classes travel to the swimming pool in Clonmel.
- ❖ **Music Generation** with Derek every Monday throughout the year (Juniors to First)
- ❖ 2nd Class boys will be the **Junior Infant boys' buddies** this year. They met each other for the first time in last week's Assembly.

## 5 Reminders For This Month

1. **Aladdin Connect** is our main method of home-school communication. If you've not downloaded the app or are struggling to do so, please contact the office or our Home School Community Liaison Rachel Hayes @ 089 4878635 (Phone, Text, Whatsapp)
2. Everyone should now have a code for the **Lunch Bag App** so you can order your son's hot lunches. Any problems, contact Rachel or the office. Hot lunches for Junior Infants start on Mon 16 Sept. [principal@cashelbns.ie](mailto:principal@cashelbns.ie) or [rachelhayes@cashelbns.ie](mailto:rachelhayes@cashelbns.ie) to cancel.
3. **Plain navy pants or shorts** (September only).
4. **Water only, please. No diluted water or juices.**
5. If possible, consider walking to school or **"park 'n' stride"**. Traffic is very busy at the moment as we await our new car park.