



St John the Baptist BNS

NEWSLETTER

October/Deireadh Fómhair 2024



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Summer is behind us – An action packed September sees us well settled back into school life. There does, however, seem to be an increasing trend of taking **holidays in September** and that's a concern for us as it's such an important time for settling into the new class. Not as bad as June in terms of number of days missed, but still, not ideal. The **recent budget** was another disappointing one for the education sector. Despite government spin, those of us working in education are very disappointed and see it as another missed opportunity in a time of relative plenty.

Curriculum News

Our **Accelerated Reader programme** is one of the key initiatives in school to support independent reading for enjoyment from 3rd to 6th class. We will be holding a workshop for all interested parents this month (see date across) and I'd encourage as many parents as possible, but in particular new 3rd class parents, to attend. Staff will be on hand to demonstrate with pupils and answer any questions you may have.

Check out the **Creative Cluster Year 1** that has been uploaded to the school website - <https://www.cashelbns.ie/news/creative-cluster-year-1/video>

Dates For Your Diary

- MMR and 4in1 Boosters in Juniors Infants **8-10 October**
- 6th in library for Alma Jordan Farm Safe Event **10 Oct**
- Maths Week **12-20 October**
- U13 'B' Gaelic Football Blitz Friday **11 October**
- PA Churchgate Collection **12 & 13 October**
- 5th in library for John Carpenter Magna **Art 15 Oct**
- 6th Visit No.1 To TÚS, Thurles (College4Kids) **15 Oct**
- Accelerated Reader Parents' Workshop **15 Oct at 2pm**
- Cross Country Athletics(3rd-6th) in Clonmel **Weds 16 Oct**
- U11 'A' and 'A1' Gaelic Football Blitz **Fri 18 Oct**
- Free Parent & Baby Class organised by Rachel (HSCL) **Tues 22 Oct @ 10am**
- EAL parent coffee morning **Weds 23 October**
- **Student Council Elections Weds 23 October**
- Non-uniform Day/Dress Up Day **Friday 25 Oct** - Donations will go to charity to be decided

Things we're up to in different classes

We try to keep our **website** updated as much as possible to give you a feel for what's happening in the different classes. Check it out @ www.cashelbns.ie. **Autumn** is one of the key themes around the school at the moment. The **Student Council Election** (3rd to 6th) campaign will begin in earnest this week. Election to take place on Weds 23 October.

5 Reminders For This Month

1. No shorts now until Term 3. Thank you everyone for your co-operation thus far with the new school uniform.
2. **There are too many children outside the school before 9am in the morning.** They are unsupervised and there have been a number of unsafe incidents this year that could have been avoided. School gates open at 9am for safe assembly. School/instruction does not officially start until 9.20am.
3. **Water only, please.** No diluted water or juices.
4. **Mid-term break** is from Monday 28 to Friday 1 November.
5. **Parent-Teacher Meetings** will take place next month.

Parent Association & Board of Management News:

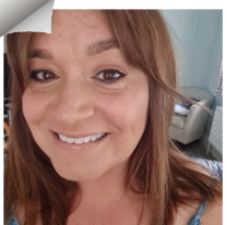

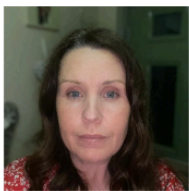

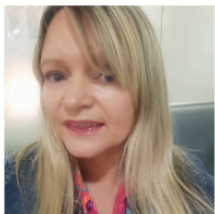
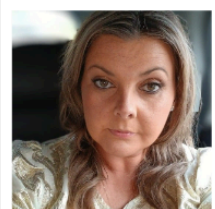

- ☐ Following its recent AGM, the **Parent Association** has a **new committee** for 2024/25. See overleaf.
- ☐ **Parent Association Churchgate Collection** is on Sat 12 and Sun 13 October.

- ☐ A new **Parent Association Halloween competition** this year. Homemade masks. Further details to follow.
- ☐ The **Board of Management** had its first meeting of this school year on Thursday 3 October. The Board would like to wish everyone in our school community the very best for the year ahead. The Board is deeply frustrated with further potential delays to the opening of our new extension. We will keep the school community informed.
- ☐ The Board wishes to inform the school community that it has ratified the Child Protection Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment for 2024/25. Notice and statement on website.

Edilene: We say goodbye to our colleague Edilene later this month. She has been an incredible asset to our school and we're very sorry to see her go. We wish her and her family the very best in her new life in Co. Westmeath, and trust she will take many happy memories from her time in our school and in the Premier County. Obrigada, Edilene ❤️



St John the Baptist BNS Parent Association 2024/25

	Cashel BNS Parent Association 2024/2025	
Chairperson Sinead O'Connell		Secretary Lisa Webster
		
Vice Chairperson Caroline Whyte	Treasurer Caitriona Pliszka	Assistant Treasurer Shirley Hogan
		
Assistant Secretary Niamh Doherty	Sinead Breen PRO	

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HALLOWEEN GIVEAWAY COMPETITION

24 OCT 2024  AT 7.00 PM



Weekly Lotto Draw

Plus!

Bonus National Competition

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OASIS OFFICIAL PLATINUM TICKETS X2	€1,000 MUST WIN CASH PRIZE	€500 SMYTHS TOYSTORE VOUCHER

Jackpot

€1,375