



## Cois Bá - Cairdeas, Cumasú & Creideamh



# November Newsletter



### Student Council for 2024/25

Our new Student Council for this academic year has been elected and the first meeting has taken place. Bayside Student Council is made up of representatives from every class in the school and meets with the Principal throughout the year to discuss initiatives and make recommendations on how we can continually improve our school's learning environment.

### Christmas Cards

Now that Hallowe'en is over it is time to start getting ready for the festive season! All the pupils have been busy designing class Christmas cards, so don't buy your cards anywhere else!



### Say Yes to Languages

In November, Room 7 will start learning **French** as part of the 'Say Yes to Languages' initiative for Primary Schools. Ms Browne will be hosting these lessons. In Room 6, Ms O'Brien will also be teaching **Spanish** to the 5th class students. Ms. Guiney will commence a 10 week French program in Room 1 at the beginning of November. We are all very excited to get started!!



### Grandparents Day

Room 7 had a lovely time celebrating Grandparents Day with our Grandparents Afternoon Tea Party in October.



### Bayside Sports

Third Class - GAA with Liam continuing for Room 1 & 2.  
Fourth Class - Tennis at Trackside with Seán for Room 11 & 12 will begin after the mid-term break.  
GAA - We are very proud of our girls Gaelic football team who reached the semi-final only narrowly losing by a goal. They played their hearts out and were very unlucky not to go one step further.  
Check out the full match report on the boys' final below!



### The Croke Park Final

The weather was nice and sunny for Bayside playing St. Brigid's in the final in Croke Park. There were so many people there, it was very loud. We got there by bus - the whole Bayside Senior school! Everybody was so, so, so excited to go to Croke Park. We made headbands before we went, I even got a Bayside bracelet. When we got there all the players were warming up. Their coach called them in for a team talk, but then the match started. Bayside were in the colours red and black and St. Brigid's were in orange and black. At the start, St. Brigid's got two points but then Bayside got a goal. Then both of the teams kept scoring goals and points but at half time Bayside were losing by three points. I was pretty sad because Bayside were losing. The second half started with Bayside scoring lots of goals and points. Bayside won at the end and they won a big trophy and it is in the school. We got home on a bus. The players brought the trophy back to the school and I hope Bayside win again next year and hope in two years I will make it on to the hurling team and play in Croke Park one day. I even got a high five off five of the players from the Bayside team. Now the trophy is finally ours for good. We didn't win it last year but we won it this year. Hopefully we can win it again next year! **By Seán, Rm 15, 3rd class**

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### Maths Week 2024

We celebrated Maths week during October! There were many opportunities for the children to get involved and the participation across the school was excellent! There were tricky problems to solve, fun games, competitions and we even had our first ever 'Bayside Maths fair' which brought fun and enjoyment across the school. Well done to all the children for their great efforts.



### Information Technology

Building on the excellent feedback we received from our recent WSE in the area of digital learning, we have added 12 new touchscreen chromebooks to our chromebook trolleys. We currently have three trolleys that are timetabled to be used by our students throughout the day to enhance teaching and learning. We are also planning internet safety workshops for our senior pupils **on 12th November** in association with the [Barnardos online safety programme for schools](#)

### National Children's Choir

All of our 5th classes have been working really hard on their songs for the National Children's Choir. We look forward to welcoming choirs from two other schools to Bayside SNS **on 2nd December** for an all day group rehearsal with one of the NCC's Musical Directors.



### Science Week 2024

Science Week will take place from the 10th – 17th November and will explore the theme of regeneration. To face the challenges that lie ahead, we are moving forward by building on what we've learned in the past.

From protecting nature, creating more sustainable approaches to materials and energy supply, developing new solutions for health and healing, and developing new ways of understanding our world, it's time to reimagine our approaches and grow our shared strengths. To be there first to hear about Science Week 2024 programming sign up to SFI's newsletter.

<https://www.sfi.ie/engagement/science-week/>

For more information on how to get involved, please visit [ScienceWeek.ie](#) and also follow developments using the hashtag [#scienceweek](#).

We are currently organising field trips for classes to visit [Centres of Excellence in STEM](#) to celebrate Science Week. If any of our parents can facilitate a field trip to their company, university etc, we would love to hear from you! We would also like to invite any parents that have careers in STEM to come to our school during SW to talk to our pupils about their jobs. If you are interested in doing this, please contact Ms. Celine Clonan at [c.clonan@baysidesns.ie](mailto:c.clonan@baysidesns.ie)

### Dates for your Diary

- Accord workshops for 5th & 6th classes will take place on the following dates:

**Ms. Sharkey's class 4/11/24; Ms. Gleeson's, Mr. Early's & Ms. Browne's classes 5/11/24; Mr. Duffy's, Ms. Fitzsimon's & Ms. Boyd's class 7/11/24; Ms. O' Brien's class 8/11/24**

For further information on the Accord programme, please visit [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

- Meeting for parents of Confirmation candidates **in the church at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13th November.**

- Parent Teacher meetings **27th & 28th November after school.** *Appointments will be available to book via Aladdin Connect the week before the meetings. Detailed instructions to follow.*

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