



Cois Bá - Cairdeas, Cumasú & Creideamh



October Newsletter



It is hard to believe it is October already. We had a great September here in Bayside and everyone settled back in very quickly. We would like to welcome all our new pupils who are fitting in really well to our school.



We have had lots of positive changes in the school that you may have noticed. All our windows, external doors and blinds were replaced over the summer and we also divided up our old computer room into four smaller rooms which we are getting lots of use out of. Our ancillary team worked really hard during all the building work and we are really grateful for all they did. They went above and beyond to get the school ready for opening in September and we couldn't have done it without their hard work and dedication.

We also have a new look school website so take a look at www.baysidesns.ie for all the latest events and news. There is also a handy app that you can download on the website if you would like to get notifications about what is going on.

Our new online payments system is also on the homepage of the website, which is called Easypayments. There are two buttons, one is called School Fees which will be used for school payments

for in school activities for existing pupils in the school. The Other Payments button will be used for outside payments e.g. incoming pupils not yet enrolled in the school or if a family member wants to pay for Christmas cards they can use this button even if they don't have a child in the school! There can be some teething problems the first time you use it but we hope once the system is up and running for everyone it will be easier in the long run! Our secretary Ms. Gleeson has done Trojan work setting up the system and we are indebted to her for all she does to keep the school running smoothly.

Christmas Cards

We know it is very early to be mentioning the festive season but just want to let you know that we will be selling Christmas cards designed by our very talented pupils so don't buy your cards anywhere else!

PABS

Many thanks to the parent volunteers who organise the pupil insurance scheme and the clothes recycling morning. Everyone on PABS is a parent giving up their time to help our school and we really appreciate all they do. If you think you can help out in any way do come along to the upcoming AGM.

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The theme is "Journey of Peace".

Sports News

Our GAA teams have been busy playing matches and training hard. Keep an eye on the calendar on the school website for latest fixtures. Many thanks to the teachers who are giving up so much of their time to train the teams. PE activities are up and running again for another busy year with GAA for 3rd classes, Athletics and Swimming for 4th, Soccer for 5th and Tennis for 6th classes. Many thanks to Naomh Barróg GAA, MidSutton Athletics, MidSutton FAI and Trackside Tennis for their involvement with our school. The Fingal Athletics Panel has been selected and North County League dates are: **Thurs 26th Sept, Thurs 24th Oct, Thurs 5th March 2020** in Newbridge Demesne Donabate and the Final Day **Tues 31st March 2020** in Morton Stadium Santry. All parents welcome to come along and support us.

Confirmation

The pupils in 6th class are starting their preparation for Confirmation. As part of this the children will attend Mass once a month. Our parish priest Fr. Peter also regularly visits the classes. Confirmation will take place in the parish on **Friday 22nd May 2020**. Also the Bayside Parish Children's Choir provides beautiful accompaniment at the 10am Family Mass each Sunday and new members are always welcome. Any enquiries to Linda 0851176518 or Alison 087900995.

Art Competition

We are very pleased that some of our pupils are entering the local Lion's Club art competition.

Thirsty Work!

It is great to see so many classes out enjoying the Daily Mile while we are still getting some sunny weather. The children are very active during the school day and are often thirsty. It would be helpful if each child had a refillable beaker/water bottle in their bag that they could refill with water during the day if they need it, as we are lucky to have suitable drinking water in all the shared areas outside the classrooms.

School Access Reminder

Just a reminder that pupils should enter the school by their usual entrance until 9.20am. After 9.20 they should use the front main door and sign in the book. Parents and visitors should only enter the school via the main front door and check in with the secretary on entering. If parents or guardians would like to speak to a teacher at any stage please write a note in the homework journal in the section for parent/teacher communication and make an appointment for a time that suits.

Dates for your Diary

- The parent / teacher meetings will take place on **Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October**. Teachers will be in touch to let you know exact times.
- The last school day before midterm break will be **Friday 25th October** when we will close at 14.40 (normal time). The school will close from **Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November**. School re-opens **Monday 4th November**.

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- We are required to close on ***Tuesday 3rd December*** so that all staff can attend inservice training in the new Language Curriculum.

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