



Cois Bá - Cairdeas, Cumasú & Creideamh



October Newsletter



Welcome back!

It is hard to believe it is October already. We had a great September 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. Thank you to everyone who is arriving to school at the correct time in the morning. **3rds & 5ths** should continue to come to school between **9 & 9.10am** only and **4ths & 6ths** can go straight to their classrooms between **9.10 & 9.20am only**. Please do not send your children to school before their allocated time, as there isn't space for them to gather in the laneway. This is a busy route for lots of people in the morning and it isn't fair if children are coming too early, blocking the lane and making it difficult for people to get past. When your child arrives at the right time, the gates and doors are open, there is no hanging around and they can go straight in and get to work!



We have had lots of positive changes in the school that you may have noticed. We have a new buddy bench in our courtyard garden, which was very kindly donated to our school. Our yards were painted over the summer with lovely bright markings and games. Thanks to parent Marie Kelly who organised this project. Our school motto has been painted along the main corridor and we also installed hand sanitising units and signage throughout the school in line with public health and Department of Education & Skills guidance.

PABS

Many thanks to the parent volunteers who organised the pupil insurance scheme. We are also very grateful for the donation of €2000 from PABS which we received in June. 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 get in touch - all the details are in the school porch on the noticeboard.

School Communication

Don't forget to keep an eye on our school website www.baysidesns.ie for all the latest events and news. There is also a handy app called '**Dublin Schools**' that you can download on the website, if you would like to get notifications about what is going on. Thanks to everyone for downloading Aladdin Connect as well, where you will get permission notes and report cards going forward and you can also input absence reasons for your child. Make sure you update your contact details on Aladdin Connect and check we have the correct phone number on file.

Online Payments

Our payments system - Easypayments is on the homepage of the school website. 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.

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Sacramental Preparation

We had a lovely prayer service, which was livestreamed for our graduating pupils, when the church was closed and three of our four outgoing 6th classes were confirmed at the end of August. Unfortunately the last ceremony which was due to take place on **Saturday 26th September** was cancelled due to the latest restrictions. We will be in touch as soon as we have any news on how sacramental preparation will work this year. We are also thinking of our new pupils in 3rd class who have had their Communion ceremonies cancelled as well. Many thanks to the parish team who are working so hard in very difficult circumstances.



Thirsty Work!

It is great to see so many classes out enjoying the Daily Mile while we are still getting some good weather. The children are very active during the school day and are often thirsty. It is important that each child has a refillable beaker/water bottle in their bag so they can refill with water during the day if they need it.

Christmas Cards

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

SPHE

Wellbeing Committee

As this year is one that is occurring in unusual times, we are focussing on mental health in a big way in Bayside SNS. To this effect we have formed a Wellbeing Committee to deal with childhood resilience in response to Covid.

Our pupils need some reassurance and we are planning an inventive programme; it should be good fun. We would like to incorporate strategies, games, etc that we can use in our classrooms or outdoors. Please contact me immediately if you have any ideas, as we would like to show our support for our amazing students (c.clonan@baysidesns.ie).

Dates for your Diary

- Unfortunately we won't be able to schedule our usual face to face parent teacher meetings at the moment, as we usually do at this time of year. Instead, teachers will be in touch to let you know how pupils are doing.

- The last school day before midterm break will be **Friday 23rd October** when we will close at **2.40/2.30pm** (normal class dismissal time). The school will close from **Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October**.

- **Maths Week 10 -18 October**

- School re-opens after midterm break on **Monday 2nd November**.

- All dates are on the school website as well for your information.

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