



Cois Bá - Cairdeas, Cumasú & Creideamh



December Newsletter



Green Schools

Thank you once again to everybody who bought tickets for our Courtyard fundraiser at Hallowe'en. Not everybody could win a prize but everybody still wins! We began work on our back courtyard and will have cleared most beds by the end of the month.

Bayside Senior's 5 Tips to Prepare for a Greener Christmas

1. Try to remember to bring your old batteries and mobile phones into school for the 'Batteries for Barretstown' Appeal.
2. Try to remember to bring your used postage stamps for the charity collection box.
3. Try to avoid using plastic when shopping and buying gifts.

Did you know?

- Only 9% of plastic is actually recycled
 - 80% of all marine litter is plastic
 - A plastic bottle can take 400 years to completely decompose.
4. Try to avoid buying bigger volumes of food such as 2 for 1 promotions, unless you need them.

Did you know?

- 1/3 of our food goes in the bin.
5. Please buy local, buy Irish or make your own gifts.

P.S. If you're wondering about New Year's resolutions and would like to volunteer some time and expertise our Green School Committee would love to hear from you. Please contact s.murray@baysidesns.ie. Thank you!

The annual home made Christmas Tree decorations using recycled materials will continue this year. Please have all entries in for judging by **Wednesday, 8th December**. They should be no bigger than your fist and don't forget to write your name somewhere on your entry. Looking forward to seeing all the amazing creations!

PABS News

Many thanks to PABS for organising our online Book Fair which concluded last Sunday. They have also organised Santa's annual visit to all the boys and girls in Bayside schools as well as the online pantomime as a special treat.

***** Reminder – Clothes collection *****

PABS are running a clothing collection in conjunction with Bag2School. We can accept adult and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags, scarves & belts, soft toys and small amounts of sheets & duvet covers. *Please NO Duvets, Pillows, Curtains, Blankets, Towels or End-Of-Life Clothing.* The clothes have to be of good quality for reuse in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe. The **LauraLynn House** will also receive an additional 10% from Bag2School. **The LauraLynn House is the only Children's Hospice in Ireland.** Please try to fill as many bags as you can, don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out too! You can return clothes in any kind of bag.

Bag2School will be collecting on Friday 3 / 12 / 2021 between 8:30am and 9:30am at the front porch of the schools.

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO FOLLOW CURRENT COVID GUIDELINES

Please bring your bag (or bags!) to us and help us have a really good collection! Many thanks for helping PABS get back to fundraising for the schools

Bosca Leabharlainne

We are delighted that we have been selected to receive An Bosca Leabharlainne - a box of twenty five original Irish language books handpicked by Laureate na nÓg Áine Ní Ghlinn. An Bosca Leabharlainne will arrive in our school in Spring 2022. Sin dea-scéal dúinn!

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Sacramental News

Following a meeting with the parish and school management teams, we are delighted to be able to provisionally schedule Confirmation for Ms. O'Brien and Ms. Bailey's classes for **Friday 20th May at 11am** in the Church of the Resurrection, Bayside. Ms. Sharkey and Mr. Reddy's classes will hopefully celebrate their Confirmation the following week, on **Friday 27th May at 11am**. As always, we will be guided by the latest public health advice and if there are any changes made to these arrangements, we will be in touch with you as soon as we know. We are very grateful to the parish team for all their support of our school and appreciate all that parents and guardians are doing to keep our community safe at the moment. Our 6th classes have started attending 10 o'clock Mass every Friday, with each class getting to go once a month in preparation for their Confirmation. Congratulations to our 6th class pupils who read at the recent Golden Jubilee Mass which was celebrated by the Archbishop last month. Our pupils were also represented in the scouts who formed the guard of honour at the event.



Sport News

6th Classes in Rooms 9 & 10 really enjoyed Tennis @ Trackside Tennis with lots of new skills learned. We look forward to Rooms 7 & 8 getting their turn next. Sport Against Racism in Ireland (SARI) workshops are currently ongoing in the PE hall for our 5th and 6th classes. The workshops are led by SARI youth coaches from ethnic minority backgrounds. The workshops comprise soccer training games and exercises with built in awareness of what it means to discriminate on and off the pitch. We are working with the new coach in Naomh Barróg to get GAA workshops started for our younger pupils.

Braincalm Research

Our SEN team has been chosen to engage in research in the Brain Calm programme, in conjunction with DCU and OT Brenda Cassidy. Our staff have been training at weekends and evenings and are looking forward to the commencement of the study under the guidance of the research team.

Health & Safety

Many thanks to all the staff who have completed training in First Aid and CPR Awareness. The Board of Management has funded an automated external defibrillator (AED) for our school. This is now installed in our staffroom. The additional CO2 monitors purchased by the Board arrived last week and are in place in all rooms.. As the temperature drops, we have our heating on full blast and our windows open, to try and ventilate our classrooms, as well as keeping our pupils warm. If pupils need to wear extra layers indoors at the moment this is no problem. Thank you for doing your best to follow all the ever changing guidelines around Covid-19 during this pandemic. We appreciate your cooperation as we try to keep our school operational during this difficult winter. I am sure you are aware that there is an ongoing national substitute teacher supply crisis, so we really need to keep our staff as safe as possible, as they are irreplaceable in every sense of the word now! Please continue to keep children at home if they have any symptoms of illness. We need to minimise any transmission of sickness at all times for all the members of our school community and their families.

Healthy Eating

We would ask you to continue to be mindful of our healthy eating policy. Pupils have a fruit break in the morning and should bring a healthy and nutritious snack in for big break. Pupils can bring in one small treat **each Friday only**. We would also like to remind you that there are pupils throughout the school with food allergies. Please do not send in any nut containing products and sending in food for sharing in class is also not permitted. Pupils should only eat the lunch that has been provided by their parents and guardians in school.

Dates for your Diary

-The school will close for the Christmas holidays on **Wednesday 22nd December at 12 o'clock midday** and reopen on **Thursday 6th January**.

Beannachtaí na Nollag oraibh go léir & Athbhliain faoi shéan is faoi mhaise daoibh!