



Cois Bá - Cairdeas, Cumasú & Creideamh



October Newsletter



School Improvements

We have had lots of positive changes in the school recently. We have a new movement break trail on the corridor, safety netting on the hall ceiling and two additional flagpoles to display all the flags that we have been awarded. Following suggestions from our Student Council, we have created an outdoor seating area as well. Many thanks to the McGinn family who donated one of the flagpoles and PABS who contributed to the outdoor seating. We also appreciate all the work of our Board of Management in overseeing all the improvement in our school.



Christmas Cards

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

School Communication

Keep an eye on our school website www.baysidesns.ie for all the latest events and news. Thanks to everyone for downloading Aladdin Connect as well, where you will get permission notes and report cards and you can also input absence reasons for your child, or let the teacher know if they are coming in late or going home early. Make sure you update your contact details on Aladdin Connect and check we have the correct phone number on file.

Sport News

Tennis has started for the 6th classes in Rooms 9 & 10 in Trakside Tennis club. Tennis for Rooms 7 & 8 will take place later in the school year. GAA is up and running for the 3rd classes in Rooms 15 & 16 in Naomh Barróg and Rooms 1 & 2 will get a turn later in the year. Boys' and girls' Gaelic Football teams are back training and playing matches and we really appreciate the teachers who are giving up their time to facilitate these extra-curricular activities. We are also looking forward to welcoming back SARI (Sport Against Racism Ireland) to our school to work with our 5th classes **on 14th & 17th October**. Find out more about SARI here - <https://www.sari.ie/>



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Bayside SNS joins over 500 Primary Schools nationwide saying 'Yes' to Languages!

Ms Guiney's 3rd class, Ms Browne's 4th class and Ms O'Brien's 6th class are taking part in the Primary Language Sampler starting the week of October 3rd. The sampler module is a means for raising awareness among pupils of the range of languages used by their peers, in their schools and community. Over 500 schools nationwide are taking part and offering modules in a range of modern foreign languages and Irish Sign Language.

The module will introduce the pupils to French (in 3rd & 4th) and Spanish (6th class) and will be taught over a 6-week period during the normal school timetable. Ms Guiney, Ms Browne and Ms O'Brien are delighted to be involved in sharing their language and experience with the pupils, having gained the skills while living, studying, travelling and working in France and Spain.

Ms Lynch commented; 'I appreciate the importance of languages as a life skill, an opportunity for the pupils to think in a different way and build opportunities for the future. With a variety of languages being used by the pupils and staff at our school, this module really helps to build awareness and celebrate the diversity within the school and community'. The module is being rolled out over three terms, with the support of Languages Connect and PPLI (Post-Primary Languages Ireland), a unit of the Department of Education. A suite of resources has been produced including lesson plans for teachers and tutors and 'Language Passports' for all participating pupils to show their family and friends. Packs have been sent to participating schools to help support both the teaching and learning, but also awareness raising objectives of the module.



Languages Connect promotes the personal, social, professional and economic benefits of foreign language skills to principals, teachers, parents and students. Funded by the Department of Education and facilitated by Post Primary Languages Ireland, as a key objective of the Languages Connect – Ireland's for Foreign Languages in Education 2017 – 2026. For all the latest updates check out www.languagesconnect.ie or follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

Class News

We are delighted that the National Children's Choir is back up and running across the four fifth classes. There is a proud tradition of Bayside pupils taking part in this unique programme over many years. We really appreciate all Ms. Guiney's hard work in coordinating it this year and the teachers who are preparing the repertoire in class with the students. We are participating in a new DCU research project called 'Creative Space' starting in October. The project looks at using Minecraft: Education Edition to help support students' spatial thinking and creativity through curriculum-based activities.

PABS

Many thanks to the parent volunteers who organised the pupil insurance scheme. 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. There will be a clothing recycling fundraiser in November so get sorting those wardrobes!



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Healthy Lunchboxes

Parents! Another month of making lunches for the kids?! It can be hard to think of healthy options that appeal to our children. Here are a few ideas for our lunchboxes from the HSE

<https://www2.hse.ie/file-library/health-eating-activ-e-living/healthy-lunchboxes.pdf>

We might even get a few ideas for ourselves!

Our recently reviewed Healthy Eating policy is available on our website here-

https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/464/docletter/20220912111003_6_Healthy_Eating_Policy_2022.pdf

It is great to see so many classes out enjoying the Daily Mile. 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. As the Autumn days draw in, don't forget the warm, waterproof coats every day as well.



STEM

Maths Week Ireland takes place from **October 15th to 23rd**. Classes will be involved in exciting maths games and looking at how maths relates to the everyday #mathsatwork. If you would like to take part in some of the activities, games and competitions go to <https://www.mathsweek.ie/2022/> Your child can also log on to Mangahigh.com

We are planning ahead for Science Week next month in November. If any parents that have careers in STEM would like to come to our school during Science Week to talk to our pupils about their jobs., please contact Ms. Celine Clonan at c.clonan@baysidesns.ie

SPHE:(Social, Personal and Health Education)

Many of our classes have signed up to the FUSE Anti - Bullying Programme in affiliation with DCU. Last year our 6th classes received a digital Badge of Merit for completing the programme.(See our school website).

The Stay Safe Programme is being rolled out this term starting in October and continuing to December. Please check emails/journals for any Parent Guidelines forms/links from Class Teachers. Each year Bayside Senior carries out a Stay Safe and RSE (Relationships and Sexuality Education) Audit. The audit informs our teaching team of exactly what each pupil has covered in this area. This is vital to our pupils' understanding and competency in SPHE.

Sacramental Preparation

Confirmation candidates in our 6th classes, will receive this sacrament in the Church of the Resurrection **at 11am on Friday 26th May**. We wish them well as they begin their preparation in school for this important milestone. Soon they will start attending 10am Mass on a regular basis with their teachers - thanks to the parish for all their support.

Dates for your Diary

- The last school day before midterm break will be **Friday 28th October** when we will close at **12pm** to facilitate mandatory staff training in the new Primary Language Curriculum.
- We will have our annual Hallowe'en Dress-Up day on **Friday 28th October**. Just a reminder that pupils will have to be able sit down comfortably in class as well as run around in yard on the day so **no big, impractical costumes and no hair dye, face paints or props** that could injure anyone by accident.
- The Hallowe'en midterm break is from **Monday 31st October – Friday 4th November**. School re-opens after midterm break on **Monday 7th November**.