



Cois Bá - Cairdeas, Cumasú & Creideamh



December Newsletter



Green Schools Updates

Courtyard clearout

Our wonder tribe of parent volunteers have done great work to clear most of the back courtyard. It looks amazing. Here is a photo of some of our helpers getting stuck in - Thank you so much!



Tree Workshops

Mr Dale Threadwell, in partnership with Fingal County Council, presented really engaging workshops to some of the 4th, 5th and 6th class pupils. They planted a holly tree and examined native species of blackthorn, hazel and willow. Some pupils were more fascinated by the bug viewer and observing a ladybug, a beetle, a mealworm, shieldbug and a stink bug (Phew!) Here is a photo of Dale in full flow during the workshop!



Green Newsletter December issue

Ms Sharkey's 5th class are working on the final edits of this month's pupil newsletter. The theme is Transport. Prepare to be educated, informed and entertained.

Did you know? Compared with driving alone, taking public transportation reduces carbon emissions by 45%, decreasing pollution in the atmosphere and improving air quality.

3 Green Challenges for Christmas from 5th class

1. Reduce the amount of electricity used for your Christmas tree by putting it on a timer.
2. Reduce the amount of food you buy; try not to bulk buy unless you really need lots of extra stuff. This will help to reduce waste going to landfill.
3. Once you have paid for your shopping, unpack the extra packaging in the supermarket and place in their bin before you leave the store. This helps reduce your bin charges. Check out MyWaste.ie for more information on how to dispose of waste packaging properly/reuse it creatively in everyday life.

The annual home made Christmas Tree decorations, using recycled materials, will continue this year. Please have all entries in for judging by **Thursday, 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 and the very successful clothing collection last month. Our parents' association also provided fantastic support to us during our recent BaySciFest. They are now negotiating with Santa to visit our school to reward all our amazing pupils. We know he is very busy at the moment but he always makes time for us in Bayside!



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Parish News

If any of our pupils are interested in taking part in the Christmas day liturgy in the church, please give your name to Brigid after the 10am family Mass on Sunday, or leave your name and number in the parish office.



Sport News

- Tennis @ Trackside is ongoing for Sixth Classes in Rooms 7 & 8
- GAA Skills with Dean continues for Third Classes in Rooms 1 & 2
- Basketball Trails for Fifth and Sixth Classes are taking place in December. Best of luck to everyone trying out for the team. There was a fantastic turnout in the hall this week for our first session. Thanks to Ms. Sharkey and Mr. Donnelly for volunteering their time after school, to lead this.



STEM News

BaySciFest and Science Week:

Science Week was a great success this year ending with our BaySciFest as the grand finale.



We'd like to thank our school community for taking part; our pupils and teachers and all school staff, PABS, and especially, our parents and grandparents who took time out of their day to visit us!

SPHE - Grandparents' Day

Look out for an email in the new year for *Grandparents' Day*. We would love to invite our 'Favourite People in the World' to visit us to share their memories, stories and songs!

Uniforms & Lost Property

The lost property bin is overflowing again - please ask your children to check if they are missing any items. Always write names on belongings when bringing them into school, so we can reunite lost property with the correct owners. Pupils should wear full school uniform, except on PE days when the school tracksuit should be worn. Anyone who hasn't bought the school tracksuit, it might be a nice present for the Baysider in your life! If your child is not wearing the correct uniform to school for any reason - please send in a note of explanation in the journal.

Class News

All classes will benefit from Online Safety talks from Barnardos this month. This is great timing as many pupils may get new devices with online access for Christmas. Congratulations to the pupils who took part in the RTE News2Day filming.. They were a credit to the school and we look forward to seeing their TV appearance in the coming days. We will add the link to our website when it is on the player.

Well done to one of our 5th class pupils, who has raised roughly €2000 so far by growing his hair to donate to charity.

Thanks to Ms. Guiney for leading our 5th class pupils as they get ready for the National Children's Choir. They will have their first big rehearsal in the hall with our partner school this Friday. They have been prepared for this by their dedicated class teachers who have familiarised the children with the repertoire.

Dates for your Diary

-We are delighted to be able to invite parents and guardians to attend our Christmas carol service in the hall on **Tuesday 20th December** (more details to follow in separate note).

-The school will close for the Christmas holidays on **Wednesday 21st December at 12 o' clock midday** and reopen on **Thursday 5th January**.

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