



Cois Bá - Cairdeas, Cumasú & Creideamh



# January Newsletter



## Thanks!

Thank you so much to all who bought our lovely Christmas cards and attended our Christmas concert. We were also amazed by the amount of food sent in for our Vincent De Paul collection. We really appreciate all your support and generosity and wish you every blessing in 2023.



## Green Schools News

### Courtyard Update

Our dedicated group of parent volunteers are continuing with work on the back courtyard. Special lining will be used to suppress growth of new weeds. We hope to restructure some of the existing beds so if anyone has skills and knowledge about sourcing/installing wooden panels and/or benches please leave a note, containing your contact with, the School secretary for the attention of the Green Committee - Thank you.

### Recycling Collection

Don't forget we are still collecting and recycling stamps and batteries for charity. There is a box in the porch of the main school entrance for the collection of used batteries or stamps that you have from the festive season. Please tear off used stamps from envelopes, leaving about 1cm around each stamp. If more than one stamp is on the envelope include that too in the cutting. Full envelopes not required.

## Internet Safety

This year we are already planning to celebrate International Safer Internet Day in early February. As many children may have been gifted new devices over Christmas you may find it useful to have a look at the Webwise Parent Hub for expert advice and guidance just click on the link below

<https://www.webwise.ie/parents/>

Here you'll find all the information and support you need to ensure your child makes the most of their time online, including

- Advice from experts.
- How to talk to your child about online safety.
- Support and step by step instructions on blocking, reporting, parental controls and more.



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### Room 10 visit 'Fighting Words'

My classmates and I went on a trip to a creative writing workshop called Fighting Words. We took a bus to get there. It was a cold yet sunny day. When we arrived we had to get name tags that helped us open the secret door! We all had to come up with a passcode together: SCIDAILY BOB, ABRACADABRA, CREATIVE. Then the door opened. We got a warm welcome and we sat down. The person who let us in was called Mark. He talked to us about what we think about when we think of 'the olden days'. Our challenge was to write a story from the whole class. We all voted on parts of our story, for example; who the main character would be or what the setting was. We decided on...Kernel Pinecone Destroys Cow-Cows forever! The experience was really cool. We also got the chance to make our own story. When it all came to an end Mark give us a print out of all our work that we could finish back in school - *By Aoife Fitzpatrick*



### Primary Language Curriculum

Thanks to a grant from the Department of Education, we have been able to purchase levelled readers for all year groups. These will be arriving early in the new year and we are looking forward to using them.

### Sports News

- Cycle Right Programme for Fifth Class starting 16th January for five weeks.
- Basketball trials for boys ongoing - super to see so much interest!
- Water safety talks with Irish Water Safety planned for the New Year, date to be confirmed.
- GAA for third class continuing on Thursdays - thanks to Dean in Naomh Barróg for facilitating.
- Tennis for sixth class continuing on Fridays in Trackside Tennis Club.



### Dates for your Diary

- BT Young Scientist - RDS January 8th - 13th.
- Catholic Schools week takes place annually at the end of January. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2023 is 'Catholic Schools: Walking Together In Faith & Love' and it begins on **Sunday 22nd January 2023**.



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