

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Another month has passed with lots of learning and events. Well done to the teachers for organising a very successful STEM week in our school. The teachers and students really enjoyed it.

You will have received your school photo proofs and orders have now gone in for the prints. Thank you for returning payments so quickly.

We received some sad news that Mick, our caretaker, will be leaving soon and taking up a new job. We wish Mick all the best in his new position and thank him for all of the work he has done for us over the years. He will be missed by all of his colleagues and friends here in CSCNS. A meeting was held recently to inform parents about the new school campus. Traffic on the campus will be limited so parents are being asked to make different arrangements in the coming weeks. Walking, carpooling, walking buses, cycling, public transport are all ways which will help the traffic issues and also help our environment!

## Dates to Remember:

PTA meeting - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 3 school weeks left until our Christmas break

#### **BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

A new board of management is now being formed. The elected parent nominees are Allison Carter and Eddie Harman. We must now wait for our Patron nominees to be chosen by DDLETB. Our next board meeting is scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

#### Junior Infants

Room 1 have been learning about numbers and letters in class. They enjoy singing the songs to help them learn their letters. They are beginning to read small words. They are also looking forward to learning the "in on and under" song.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSES

They have also been tasting different fruits and vegetables. Their teacher brought in some food so they could enjoy the class. They also did a taste test to see which food was sour, sweet, bitter or salty.

For science week room 1 went up to the P.E. hall to look under the microscopes. They saw some insects and animals like bees and frogs. They are looking forward to moving to the new school. I think that everyone is excited about the move

# **Senior Infants**

This month Ms. Swans senior infants room four have been really enjoying themselves, they have been learning about a lot of very interesting things!

For the past month they have been learning about making pizzas, money, science and they had a very special visit from a friendly guide dog!

The things room 4 enjoyed the most were Aistear, science week, handwriting and learning how to do some really cool looking abstract art!

Then I asked them what are you most excited for in the month to come? Room 4 told me that they were very excited to move into our very special new school!

I can't wait to hear how they are getting on by the time next month's amazing newsletter comes out!!!

#### 1st Class

This month in Ms .Kelly's 1st class have been learning about some vowels and the weather cycle.

1st class really enjoyed science week, reading and golden time

The children in Ms.kelly's class found subtraction the most interesting also they tried drawing the map of Ireland.

The children are really looking forward to moving to the new school and learning more about the water cycle!!

# Staff Profile

This month, the chosen staff member is Mr. O'Brien!

Mr. O'Brien is a man from Tipperary who works in CSCNS. His job is being the class teacher of Room15 6th class. Growing up, he always wanted to be a pilot and eventually managed to fly a small propeller plane called a Cessna.

Mr. O'Brien's favourite pastime is travelling, hanging out with his friends and playing the guitar. According to him, the main people he looks up to, is his parents, Jurgen Klopp and another teacher in the school named Mr. Maher

More interesting facts about Mr. O'Brien is that he is a big Liverpool fan, which is a team in the Premier League in men's soccer and in Call of Duty WWII, his highest figures are 43 - 0. And he's also the middle child.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

IN MR. MOUNT'S 2ND CLASS, THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN LEARNING SO MUCH, INCLUDING TO SPELL IN IRISH AND REGROUPING IN MATHS. THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN COMPARING GAMES IN THE PAST TO GAMES NOW A JAYS.

THE THINGS THAT THE CLASS MOST ENJOYED WAS THEIR SHOW AND TELL AND ADJECTIVES THE ADJECTIVE THEY SAID WAS BEST WAS "BUMPY".

EVEN IF THEY ENJOYED THAT, THEY SAID DESCRIPTIVE WRITING IS MOST INTERESTING

A huge congratulations to the children for completing the Credit Union Art competition and those who won prizes:

Abbie McGovern/Abigail Quinn (Ms. Mehta, 2<sup>nd</sup> class)

Olivia Bramora (Ms. M Smyth, 5<sup>th</sup> class) Xin Yan Chen (Mr. O' Brien, 6<sup>th</sup> class) Helena Dzieciolowksa (Ms. M Smyth, 5<sup>th</sup> class)



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Class

In 3rd class they have been learning a lot in class they learned a lot about Ireland and its counties and provinces and that's only English!! They have been learning to be able to do multiplication and division. They mostly enjoyed science week and I think everyone liked science week. They enjoyed a song that helped them learn their counties and they enjoyed learning about Ireland. They are looking forward to learning about medieval times!

#### 4th Class

This month Room 8, 4th class were learning about the Victorian Times, UK cities of their choice, writing letters and a lot of multiplication and division. The things they enjoyed the most were maths games, peg run (which is where you run laps around the yard and you get a peg for every lap you run) and PE.

The most interesting thing they learned were maths, how to write formal letters, Science week and Victorian schools.

4th class are looking forward to the new school, winter concert, new maths, new geography and GAA Wednesdays.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Class

Over November 5th class has been learning about Antarctica like Polar Regions and Tom Crean. They also have been working on food pyramids. In maths they have been working on long division.

The class loved doing athletics in PE and learning about artist Ted Harrison They are looking forward to moving into the new school and doing art on Ted Harrison.



## **Attendance Drive**

Well done to everyone for making a special effort to be in school each day. We understand that sometimes people are very sick and cannot make it to school but when you are well 'Every school day counts'. The initiative raised our whole school attendance to <u>96%</u> compared to <u>94.4%</u> in November 2018. The winners of the best class attendance for junior and senior classes were Mr. Mount's Class and Mr. Maher's class. . .

**WELL DONE!** 

# 6th Class

Over the past month 6th class have been learning about World War II. They have enjoyed learning about World War II, they said "It was really fun". They also enjoyed science week and learning about 3D shapes. They learnt the song Riptide in Irish too.

In other news Xin Yin won first place in the Walk of Life credit union art competition out of the whole of Tallaght.

6th class are most looking forward to moving school and the Christmas holidays.

# Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)

This year, at the request of the school, all funds raised from our events will be used to purchase furniture for our new school building particularly for our new library. This will be furniture which allows children to sit in interesting seating areas, nooks and soft cushions which will make reading all the more exciting.

#### Recent Events:

Recycling Event - we had 112 bags of recycling collected - we will be holding another one in the spring.

The Halloween Bake Sale raised a massive €939. Thank you to everyone who baked and bought goodies on the day.

The Design -a - Card event raised €800 and all orders have now been handed out.

Our Book Fair has just finished. Thanks to Clifford the Big Red Dog for coming to visit, the children were so excited to see him.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Charity Appeal for Barnardos Winter Post Box Save the Date - Family Bingo Night - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb - Citywest Hotel