



Castletownroche N.S. Newsletter June 2024

Muintir Baile Chaisleáin an Róistigh
- Welcome to our Summer Edition
of the CTRNS Newsletter. We hope
you enjoy it.

Principal's Address

What another wonderful year we
have all enjoyed at CTRNS. With
many wonderful initiatives
implemented and some more
repeated, it made for a very
wholesome year for all of the
pupils and staff. We had the first
of our school assemblies at the
Community Centre, something that
we hope to continue in the years
ahead. You'll recall we went about
introducing our "Say Yes To
Languages" Programme
spearheaded by Lynn our
secretary. We're very glad to say
that we have been accepted for
another year of this programme.
We took part in a very successful
Read and Raise Programme, which
will cover the cost of our
Accelerated Reading Programme
for the next 3 years. This we will
begin in September which will be a
game changer for all things to do
with literacy and reading. Thanks
to all who contributed. The
children took part in many other
initiatives which included Bike
Week and Science Week. Week on
week the Coiste Gaelach ensured
that the speaking of Gaeilge was
promoted at the school both in
class and on the yard. Our
Student Council busied themselves
collecting valuable information to
do with Health and Wellbeing at
the school and contributed hugely
to what goes on at the school. The

children took part in a very
wholesome PE programme having
taken part in Football, Hurling,
Indoor Hurling, Soccer, Rugby,
Swimming, Table Tennis, Athletics,
Zumba and HIT Training. They had
many successes on and off the
field and most importantly,
wonderful memories were made.

A couple of developments at the
school which were worth their
weight in gold were our Heptagon
House and Occupational Therapy
Playground. These developments
would not have happened but for
the support of some dedicated
parents. From all at the school, a
sincere thank you for making that
possible. Both facilities will be put
to excellent use by the pupils and
teachers in the years to come.

The next school year will see many
important developments take place
at the school. We are beginning a
new class for ASD Pupils and we
have appointed Sandra Dinneen as
the class teacher. Sandra will be
assisted by two wonderful and very
experienced SNAs in Catherine
Daly and Lisa Hegarty. Welcome
on-board to you all.

The summer will see us implement a
Summer Programme at the school
in early July and late August
before we return to school. We
also hope to carry out some
building works at the school so it
looks like it will be a busy summer
ahead.

Finally, we'd just like to take the
opportunity to wish our 6th class all
the best as they leave CTRNS. We

are very proud of you all and you
know that you would be welcome
back at CTRNS should you ever
need us.



That's all for now folks. Have a
wonderful summer. Stay well and
see you all in September, God
willing,

Eóin.

A New Arrival

We would like to extend a massive
congratulations to Ms. Howard on
the arrival of a gorgeous baby girl
to her family recently. Welcome to
the CTRNS family Chloe!



Heartiest Congratulations to Ms. Keating and her husband Shane

On behalf of the entire school community, we want to send heartiest congratulations to Ms. Eileen Keating and her now husband Shane who tied the knot back in May.



The children gave her a great send off and a wonderful day of celebrations was had at the wedding itself.



To Eileen and Shane, "Thanks a Million" for such a wonderful day and here's to a life of Health, Wealth and most importantly



Euro4Clothes

The most recent Euro4Clothes Collection was another wonderful success. We collected 1,200kg of clothes. They gave us a bonus of €100 plus the €600 we should have received anyway. Sincere thanks to Caroline and Muiris Browne for storing the clothes throughout the year. Much appreciated! Sincere thanks also to Catherine Nash who liaised with Aido and organized the collections. Many thanks.

Read and Raise Initiative

Congratulations everyone at CTRNS! We reached and exceeded our target of €3000 with our Read and Raise Reading initiative. €3,179 was raised. We done everyone! Not only that, the pupils spent a whopping 31,821 minutes of extra time reading. Thanks to all who supported the pupils in this effort. Thanks also to the numerous businesses who donated funds to make this a great success. As a celebration we held a raffle for all those who donated to the initiative. Special thanks to our secretary Lynn who coordinated this raffle.



On the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the Cork City Sports, our school was selected to lead a once-off parade of all participating schools at the Cork City Sports. Out of 300 plus schools, our boys and girls carried the flags and banners of Lúthcleas Bunscoil Chorcaí.



These were proudly followed by all of our participants and school supporters who proudly carried our "Fanahan McSweeney Around the Grounds Challenge" shield.



To say that we are proud of you would be the understatement of the year. Castletownroche NS - Small but Mighty! Ní Neart Go Cur Le Chéile!

Sciath na Scol

We are so proud of our boys school hurling team who won the Sciath na Scol Hurling Final. Maith sibh go léir boys. From 1 - 12, each of them made their contribution and ensured the spoils came back to Castletownroche against a skilful and determined Araglin NS Team.



On the 21st of June we had a fantastic day when the Sciath na Scol winning hurling team were presented with their medals by Niall O'Leary of the Cork Senior Hurling Team. We were very proud also to welcome back Jack Batterberry and Donnchadh Dingivan who are the newest generation of CTRNS past pupils to pull on the Cork Jersey. Well done boys! What wonderful role models you are for all. Go raibh maith agaibh.



6th Class Graduation Ceremony

We enjoyed a lovely evening last Monday evening as we celebrated our outgoing 6th class. We had a lovely mass with Fr. Robin which was well attended by the entire community. The pupils and families were invited back to the school afterwards for Certificates, Yearbooks and Refreshments. Thanks to Lynn and Ms. Howard who coordinated the Certificates and Yearbook and Noreen and Julie who played a blinder on the pizza oven as usual. That was topped off by the arrival of Alfie from Tonibel Icecreams. A great evening was had by all.



Cork Bike Week

Once again, Cork Bike Week was brilliantly celebrated at CTRNS with all pupils participating in Biking and Scooting events last week. For the five days, the children completed their Daily Mile each day by bicycle or scooter. On Friday we finished bike week by getting the pupils to compete in Cross Country Races, both individually and as part of a relay while the younger kids completed slow-bicycle races and Speedy Scooter Races which seriously tested their bike skills. We even had a few kids shed their stabilisers during the week. So once again it was a great success. The children were presented with €400 worth of gift vouchers from Paul of PICycles in Mallow. Paul very generously gave of his time to visit the school, provide instruction and perform a health check plus some minor repairs on some bikes. Here's to an even better Cork Bike Week next year.



Sports day was a wonderful success last Friday with all of the children having an absolute blast. FUN was the order of the day and the kids went home wrecked having been active all day long. They participated in an Obstacle Course Race, Tug of War, Tag Rugby, Dodge Ball, Volleyball, Soccer, Penalty Shoot Out, Three Legged Races, Sack Races, Javelin and Parachute Activities to name but a few. Great memories made. Oh and we nearly forgot to mention that the teachers drew with the 6th class pupils in the penalty shoot out.



Thanks to all of the helpers who returned to the school to help out with the running of the day. We're delighted to see you come back to the school and to have such great fun with your help. Go raibh maith agaibh!

Fanahan McSweeney "Around the Grounds" Challenge

Heartiest Congratulations to our 2024 winners of the Fanahan McSweeney "Around the Grounds" Shield - Jayden O'Regan and Doireann Walshe. Jayden actually led the City Sports Parade carrying the shields earlier this year while Doireann is continuing the Walshe family tradition set by her brother Cuan. Comhghairdeachas an beirt agaibh!!



Thanks to Éabha Fitzgerald, our 2023 female winner who presented them both with the shield.

JUNIOR & SENIOR INFANT NEWS

We have been very busy in junior and senior infants doing some very hands on activities. We have had so much fun doing Zumba dance classes, scavenger hunts, experimenting with magnets and learning all about time and capacity



Aistear

For the month of May and June our Aistear focus was on the theme of summer holidays! We learnt loads about airports and who works there and the different areas you go through before you get to go on the plane. We even got a chance to build our own airport and runway. The drama station was a particularly popular station for this theme. The children loved getting into character.



Swimming

Senior Infants took part in a 3 week swimming course in Mallow swimming pool. They were absolutely thrilled to be back in the water. They had great fun and made big improvements in their swimming skills in such a short space of time. Well done senior infants!

Bike Week

From the 17th June to the 21st June we took part in bike week. We had an absolutely brilliant week riding our bikes around the track every day. It was so much fun! At the end of the week we had a slow bicycle race and a stabilisers bike race. We also had a very special visitor to the school, Paul from PiCycles! He taught us all about bicycle safety and how we should always wear a helmet which fits us properly and a hi vis jacket when we are cycling. Thank you so much Paul, we really appreciate all the time you give us each year.





First Holy Communion in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Castletownroche. The children did an incredible job, and I could not be prouder of their efforts. I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents of the children in First and Third Class who provided refreshments in the community centre afterwards. It is very much appreciated, and the children loved spending time together after the mass.



School Tour

For our school tour we went to MTU Cork. It was an absolutely brilliant day. We loved every minute of it. We particularly liked the disco dome, playing Jenga and the inflatable obstacle course!



Teddy Bears Picnic

Juniors, Seniors, First Class and Second Class attended a Teddy Bears Picnic last Wednesday. Children enjoyed their treats and had picnics with their teddy bears. They participated in different games and enjoyed spending time with another class. A wonderful day was had by all!



School Tour

We had an amazing school tour this year in MTU Cork. The children absolutely loved the Just 4 Fun activities. They participated in lots of different games which were both challenging and exciting. The inflatable activities proved to be very popular! The children had great fun and were active for the entire visit. We would love to return at some stage!



1st & 2nd CLASS NEWS

First Holy Communion

On the 25th May 2024, the boys and girls of Second Class received their



3rd & 4th CLASS NEWS

Term 3 has been such a busy and fun time here in 3rd & 4th Class. We had our Zumba classes with Frank. Dancing out in the sunshine was a lovely break from the classroom. We had 3 more sessions of swimming in Mallow Pool and also another round of GAA sessions with Leon. It was a very fun and active term here at CTRNS.



Read and Raise

This was the first year that we took part in the Read and Raise initiative. As we are already avid readers, this was an exciting and easy project for us. We were delighted to raise 965 euro in our classroom alone. We read a total of 8915 minutes and loved every minute of it. Every single child signed up and took part in this programme which was fantastic to see! A reminder to all parents about the amazing Summer Stars programme which runs out of local libraries over the summer months. This is a fantastic programme which really encourages children to continue reading for fun over the summer holidays.

<https://www.librariesireland.ie/services/right-to-read/summer-stars>

Historical walks

We thoroughly enjoyed our historical tours here in the village during the months of May and June. A huge thank you to Nora for teaching us all about the history of some important sites here in Castletownroche. The children particularly loved their visit to the church on the hill. They received very informative leaflets and should be well able to teach you at home all about our lovely village!



Ballyhass 2024

We had the BEST day at Ballyhass Adventures for our school tour this year. 36 pupils from 3rd to 6th Class had an amazing day filled with zip-lining, archery and team building activities on the obstacle courses before finishing up in the water park. Everyone enjoyed their day and we were so lucky to have

the sun shining from start to finish.



International Day of Play

This year we took part in the UN International Day of Play on June 11th. We already do a lot of fun activities here in class but we included play into every aspect of our day. We played Math bingo and multiplication flashcard games in

the morning followed by some Irish loop card games to practice our vocabulary. In the afternoon, we played Ludo, Draughts, Snakes and Ladders along with 30 Seconds to develop our Oral Language. We also popped out to the OT playground and played outside, working on our climbing and balance skills. You are never too old for lots of fun and games!! Have a fun-filled summer everyone and thanks for another great year here in 3rd & 4th.



from 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th class took part. The 6th class relay team came in third place. Josh and Edie won third place in their races. Castletownroche N.S. took part in a parade around the track. Our school led the parade. It was a very good day for Castletownroche.



Lakes near Mallow. We left school at 8.15 in the morning. When we got to Ballyhass, we did lots of fun activities such as archery, ziplining, team challenges and the aqua park. The aquapark was the most popular activity amongst the students. The zipline looked scary but it was lots of fun. We can't wait to go back to Ballyhass again!



Sciath na Scol Final

On Wednesday 22nd May, the Sciath na Scol final took place in Mallow. Boys from 4th, 5th and 6th class were on the team.



5th & 6th CLASS NEWS

Cork City Sports

Cork City Sports took place on Thursday 30th May. Students

5th and 6th class school tour to Ballyhass

On Wednesday 12th June, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class went on their school tour to Ballyhass

Our school played Araglin in the final. We won the match by 4 points. Araglin were a tough

opposition, but Castletownroche N. S. won the match by 4 points.

9.00am



We were invited to Páirc Uí Rinn a few weeks later to take part in a parade during half time at the Cork vs Donegal football match.

Swimming

Every Tuesday for three weeks, the school went swimming. The bus picked us up each week at 12.15pm and took us to the swimming pool in Mallow. The swimming lessons were lots of fun. After each lesson, the older classes were allowed to jump into the deep end of the swimming pool. We then got to play with our friends after each lesson. Every class had lots of fun!

Upcoming events & dates to remember



- School will close for the summer holidays Friday the 28th June at 12.00pm
- School will re-open on Thursday the 29th August at