

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2019

Farewell from St. Colmcille's B.N.S.

Dear Parents,

The time has finally come to say farewell from the boys' school as we now know it. It is certainly a little part of history in the story of children's education in Kells. But we can look forward to exciting change and times. We will still have the same great parents, children and staff to keep the positive culture alive. With an incredible Parents' Association and Board of Management we have nothing to fear. What a send-off we had with our farewell concert, **'Reeling in The Years'**. It certainly created many fond memories for the boys and their families. This was part of our fund raising drive for our new play area. The night alone raised **€12,000** which we are immensely grateful for. Thank you to all the families and to the wider community who have supported us. The Parents' Association will give a more detailed account of final figures in September.

The new roof and four classrooms are gradually taking shape and I am assured that all will be finished by the end of July!!

First day back

All the children know what class and classroom they are in, who their teacher is, the names of friends who are in their class and what to do on the first day of term. Most families have chosen book rental this year. These books will be on your child's table on the first day. You will just need copies and stationary. Girls may still wear their red jumper for this year. But if purchasing a new uniform please purchase the navy jumper and pale blue polo shirt. The children have all walked up the avenue a few times and know where to line up for class. Parents are welcome to do this again over the summer if you feel your child needs to.

Sporting Champions

These boys have certainly made their presence on the sporting fields. Not only have they won the Division 1 football final for the past 2 years but they added the hurling shield to their collection of medals, beating St Paul's Navan in a very exciting game in Trim last weekend. It was 15 years since we had won this award so it was particularly sweet! This achievement is even more special when we think that the hurling team only started up again last year. Congratulations to John Gormley who was awarded the Spirit of the match award. Please see the school website for some great photos. Or have a look on Hogan Stand Meath or the wonderful articles in the Meath Chronicle. A huge thank you is extended to Ms. Briody, Mr Bird and Will Anderson.

Athletics

Following on from a successful winter season where the 4th class boys won team bronze medals and the 6th class boys won the team gold medals we had another successful day at the Meath Primary School Track and Field event in Claremount, Navan. Warren Smyth Curran was 2nd in the u.11 ball throw. Followed by Leo Rennicks who win the U13 long jump.

This was our first time medalling in the distance races where Conor Óg Ferguson got **3rd** in his 600m race and John Gormley won his u13 800m. The relays were the last race of the day and always cause great excitement with Charlie Twomey, Evan Petit Demange, Jacob Flood Norton and Andrew Gormley coming home with the **gold medals**. Josh Carr and Tiernan Anderson had great races in the u10 600m and u12 800m. Our sprinters were Henry McCormack, Joe Mongey and Aaron Styles also did great work in the ball throw and long jump.

Sports Day

Sports day was bigger and better this year with the boys completing all 11 stations. These activities were a mixture of indoor and outdoor activities with Ingrid providing ice cream cones at one of the stations! We were blessed with the weather. It was lovely to see so many parents visit and have a cuppa. As always the boys showed teamwork and support to each other. Boys from all classes belonged to a team colour where the total points were calculated at the end of the day.

TOURS

2nd 4th and 6th classes had great days out on their school tours. Second class went to Crystal Maze, Fourth to the Adventure Centre in Navan and 6th to the Adventure centre in Tanagh, Monaghan. Some great memories were formed.

6th class Boys Moving On

Best Wishes to all the **6th class boys** who are moving to Secondary school in September. It is a new chapter in their lives and an important milestone for parents as you remember the first day they started school. It has been an absolute pleasure to have known these young men from 1st class. They are all individuals who have strengths, talents and gifts. We hope they continue to grow and that they will experience happiness and contentment in life.

Finally:

From the staff of St. Colmcille's B.N.S. we hope you all have a lovely rest over the summer and a great holiday. We thank you for your support. See you back on Thursday 29th August 2019!

