

ST. COLMCILLE'S B.N.S.

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NEWSLETTER



Internet Safety

As you are aware, many of the children have been talking about the Momo Challenge. This is actually a hoax. There is plenty of scary content online relating to it and there is nothing stopping someone mimicking the idea of it via social media or gaming platforms. There is no evidence of any children being hurt.

This was clearly explained on Prime Time on Thursday 28th February. A large amount of time was also dedicated to the disadvantages of playing the game 'Fortnite'. It is highly addictive, involves violence and recommendations are that children are aged 12 before engaging with it.

Very young children even from 1st class continue to play games that are not appropriate for their age. There is clear evidence that

too much screen time is damaging their minds and emotions.

What the above highlights is the need for parents to be aware of how their child is engaging with social media. Check safety and privacy settings together. Ask your child if they know the top tips for staying safe online. Talk about what information is safe to share online. Use parental controls on devices. Some excellent websites for parents on this topic are: www.cybersafeireland.org www.webwise.ie

Sports



It will be a busy few weeks with the Mini-Sevens taking place on Tuesday 5th march in Bohermeen. Hurling will be on the 11th March and Meath schools cross country will take place in Navan on 13th March.

6th class boys had a rounders workshop in February. They learned the rules and skills of the game and hope to take part in the Meath primary schools competition this year for the first time.

Community Games Art



Congratulations to the following boys on winning the following medals in the Kells area Community Games. First and Second place continue to the county finals in St. Seachnalls N.S. Dunshaughlin on March 23rd @10am.

Boys Under 8:

Dominykas Lomajevas	1 st
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Boys Under 10:

Dylan Brady	1 st
Lorcan Bergin	2 nd
Ryan Dunne	3 rd
Eitvydas Kybartas	3 rd

Boys Under 12:

Matthew Lynch	1 st
Charlie Twomey	2 nd
Michael Gormley	3 rd
Ryan Moran	3 rd

Andrew Monaghan	1 st
Shea McManus	3 rd

Sacraments



Congratulations to the 6th class boys who made their Confirmation on 2nd February.

The 2nd class boys will make their First Confessions on 12th March.

.School Self Evaluation



This year the school will focus on the development of Irish in the school, particularly spoken Irish. We would appreciate if you would encourage the boys to use some of their Irish phrases and words at home. Please check their reading sheet to find out the phrase of the week.

If you haven't already done so please return the parents Irish questionnaire sent home earlier this week.

Cake Sale



Thank you to all those who supported our Cake Sale. It was a huge success and €881 was raised. This will go towards resources for the school.

Family Quiz



The Parents' Association will hold their annual family quiz on Thursday 14th March in the school hall. This is always a lovely social occasion for families and staff.

Each table consists of 4 people. One of these must be an adult and one must be a student from the school. Cost is €20 per table. Teas and coffees will be served plus goody bags for all the children.

Prizes Galore on the day!!

Mobile Phones



There is an increase in the number of phones being left in to the office each day. The boys do not need them unless it is for a very good reason.

Please put a note in your son's journal if you allow him to bring a phone to school and state the reason for this. If phones are brought to school they must be left with Claire each morning before school and collected at home time.



First Confession:
Tuesday March 12th at 8pm

St. Patrick's Day: Closed
Monday March 18th

First Communion:
Sunday May 19th

Easter Holidays: Close
on Friday April 12th at 12.10 & re-open Monday April 29th.