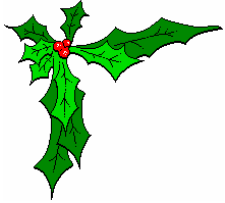


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Official Newsletter  
of the CBS Primary,  
New Ross



# Primary Press



## Artistic Prize-Winners

Six pupils from the school recently achieved successes in local and county art competitions. Dylan Murphy from Ms. Furlong's 5th. Class and Gavin O'Leary from Mrs. Roche's 3rd. Class won an art competition to appear on the cover of the Tesco Christmas CD in aid of Temple Street Childrens' Hospital.

Three boys from Ms. Furlong's 5th. Class received prizes from the New Ross Tidy Towns Committee in their Christmas Decoration competition. The boys made Christmas decorations from paper plates. The boys who won prizes in their age category were Colin Byrne, Milosz Kicula and Dominic Doyle. Colin Byrne also won 3rd. Prize overall in the competition.

Gerry Cash from Ms. Griffin's 3rd. Class won 3rd. Prize overall in the Christmas Decoration competition organised by Wexford County Council. The decoration had to be made from an item of waste- Gerry made the lovely decoration on the left from a light bulb. Gerry received €100 in book tokens at a presentation in Wexford Library.

**Well done to all the boys concerned.**

## School Receives Special Award from New Ross Tidy Towns Committee

The school received a special award from the New Ross Tidy Towns Committee in recognition of the work done by the school's pupils during our annual litter clean up. Each class targets an area of the town and last summer we collected over 20 plastic sacks of litter around the town. The litter was



Dylan Murphy's Picture-bottom right.



Gavin O'Leary's picture-bottom left.



Colin Byrne's paper plate decoration.



Gerry Cash's decoration made from a light bulb.



Happy Christmas to all our pupils and families

CBS Carol Service Invitation  
Thursday December 20th.  
1.00 p.m.  
Augustinian Church.

## ***Christmas Holidays***

The school will close for the Christmas holidays at 12.00 p.m. on Friday 21st. December and will re-open again on Monday 7<sup>th</sup>. January at 9.00 a.m.

**We would like to wish all pupils and their families a very happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.**

## ***People in Need Fund-raiser***

Pupils from the school took part in the People in Need fundraiser in October. The event was organised by Ms. Foskin. Teachers and pupils dressed up for the day in Halloween and Fancy dress and each participating pupil contributed € 1 to the charity. €130 was raised on the day. The photographs can be seen on our web page at [www.newrossprimary.ie](http://www.newrossprimary.ie).

## ***Breakfast Club & School Lunches***

The school is currently providing breakfast to approximately 80 pupils each morning., Pupils have a choice of cereal, orange juice, fruit, tea, milk, etc. Pupils tend to enjoy the experience of having breakfast with their friends.

Every child in the school is currently being provided with a lunch of sandwich, fruit, fruit drink.

## ***Goal Jersey Day***

Pupils from the school raised €160 for the GOAL charity in our Jersey Day on October 19<sup>th</sup>. 2007. GOAL is a charity that helps children and families in poorer countries.

## ***Book Fair***

A Book fair was recently held in the school. The school received € 600 in Free Books as commission. Our thanks to all the parents and pupils who supported the book fair. The book fair was organised by Ms. Griffin.

## ***New Board of Management***

A new Board of Management took up office at the beginning of December. Mr. Aidan Kent continued as Chairman and Father Ken Quinn continued as the Parish representative on the board. Mr. MacMahon , the principal continues on the board . Ms. Mary Crosbie was elected as the teacher's representative . Mrs. Dulci Loubser and Mr. Mick Cleere were elected by the parents . Mrs. Kitty Warren and Mr. Brendan Roche were co-opted from the local community.

## ***Tag Rugby***

3rd. class pupils receive training in Tag Rugby each Wednesday morning. Tag Rugby is a non-contact form of Rugby and all the gear is supplied to the school by the IRFU.

## ***New Ross & District Pipe Band***

### ***Christmas Performances***

The New Ross and District will give a number of performances over the Christmas period. On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>. December , the band will perform at the Parish Church between the 11.00 a.m. and 12 p.m. mass. The band will then visit the hospitals in town .

On Christmas Eve , the band will play in a number of areas around the town and will give a 30 minute recital at the Tholsel at 3.30 p.m. This is now a very well established annual recital and attracts a large number of adults and children .

Families and supporters are encouraged to come along and enjoy the festive spirit. When the recital is over , the band

## ***Parent Reading Helpers***

The Parent Helper scheme was re-established this year after a lapse of a couple of years. Through the scheme, each class has a parent who visits a number of times a week to listen to the children reading. This provides a great opportunity for pupils to receive one to one help with their reading and proves enormously useful in developing children's interest in reading.

Eleven parents are currently taking part in the scheme. Any parent who would be willing to join the scheme should contact the principal or your son's class teacher.

## Web Page Completed Re-vamped

Over recent months, the school web page has been completely re-vamped to provide parents with more information about the school and to provided a



show case for the work of pupils.

We now have the following sections on the web page:

- Latest News
- Board of Management
- Links section
- Each class has its own section
- Art Gallery
- School Calendar
- New building plans
- School Policies
- Choir Video Clip
- Film Making Project– video clip
- The school newsletter
- Information for parents
- Memories of the Past
- The Green Flag project
- Links to Educational Web Sites

The following Photo galleries are also to be seen:

- People in Need Day
- Jersey Day

## Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent–teacher meetings will take place on **Friday 18th. January between 3.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m.** It is hoped that all parents will use this opportunity to catch up on progress in school. For those pupils attending learning support, the learning support and resource teachers will also be on hand to speak with parents.

Appointment forms will issue to parents on Monday 7th. January.

## Green Flag Project

The school has applied for its Green Flag from ‘An Taisce’. The school has a very strong environmental policy which includes strict waste separation (95% of the school’s waste is now recycled) as well as a number of environmental projects including battery recycling, toner & printer cartridge recycling, pupil project garden, wildflower meadow, traditional hedgerow project, composting, bird feeding, etc.

Pupils are encouraged to recycle all paper, drinks containers, plastic as well as composting all their orange and banana skins, etc. Excess food items are left out for the birds to eat.

### CBS Primary School Choir Performances.

The Choir performed at the Church of Ireland Carol Service on Sunday 16th. December to a very appreciative audience. The choir also perform for patients at the local hospitals in the town on Monday 17th. December.

On Thursday next, the choir will be the centre piece of our Christmas Carol service.

The choir is trained by Mr. Eanna McKenna from Wexford (one of the foremost musicians in the South East) and is conducted by our

## Tin Whistle Lessons

Ms Patricia Foley of Graiguenamanagh continues to teach traditional tin whistle in the school. Sixty pupils currently take lessons and good progress is being made. Ms Foley is a very proficient traditional music player. Lessons cost € 2 per week per pupil.



## Recycling Facility

After Christmas, the school will be delighted to recycle your old batteries, mobile phones, and printer cartridges.



### We recycle :

- Batteries
- Car-



### 2nd. & 3rd. Classes Visit Waterford Crystal

Pupils from Ms. Foskin’s 2nd. Class and Ms. Griffin’s 2nd./3rd. Class made a visit to Waterford Crystal on Friday 14th. December. The pupils really enjoyed the experience and they had their

## Quiz Club

The Quiz Club meets every Monday under the guidance of Ms Quinlivan. Pupils spend an hour doing table quiz questions as a group activity. Teams from the school take part in a number of table quizzes over the course of a year (Credit Union Quiz and National Parents Council Quiz) and usually per-

## Friendship Week

As part of the school's Social, Personal and Health Education Policy (SPHE), a 'Friendship Week' will be held in the school during the last week in January.

The purpose of the week is to reinforce our work on the following areas:

- Anti-Bullying Education
- Anti-Racism Education
- Personal Health Education
- Civics
- Friendship
- Conflict Resolution

We view this type of work as hugely important in cultivating a positive, friendly, welcoming school environment for all our pupils and in preparing our pupils for their future lives in a tough and changing world.

Activities encourage the pupils to explore the following areas:

- Nature of Friendship
- Making and keeping Friends
- Anti Bullying issues
- Anti Racism issues
- Conflict Resolution Issues.

The centrepiece of the week will be an anti-bullying workshop done by the Sticks and Stones Theatre Company in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>, class. Each class will be brought together as a separate group with a professional facilitator. Bullying within the class will be explored – who are the pupils bullying and who are the victims? The workshops also explore what the majority of each class group are prepared to do about bullying and its prevention, as a group of friends. It should be a very worthwhile week for

## New Students' Council Formed

A students' council has been formed in the school. Two pupils have been elected to represent each class on the council. The council will meet once each week and will discuss topics suggested by the various classes (each class will have a class suggestion box). The students' council will provide feedback on what the pupils think about happenings in the school, and they will also be charged with monitoring any bullying situations that develop within a classroom and which aren't otherwise being reported.

The following pupils have been elected:

### Ms. Foskin's 2nd. Class

Adam Burnett & Dominic Molloy

### Ms. Griffin's 2nd./3rd. Class

Josh Pyne & David Krupa

### Mrs. Roche's 3rd. Class

Stuart Frizelle & Dean Katus

### Ms. Crosbie's 4th./5th. Class

Danielus Niekis & Patrick Carthy

### Ms. Waters 6th. Class

Pete Bradley & Martin Whelan

### Ms. O'Leary's 4th. Class

Mark Kehoe & Gary Murphy

## New Positive Discipline Programme

The school has operated a positive discipline programme for the past seven years. Under the programme, pupils receive merit stamps for behaving well and for completing work assignments, etc. When they have 100 stamps collected they receive a Bronze Certificate, and then a Silver Certificate for 200 and a Gold Certificate for 300 stamps. We also award Pupil of the Week certificates each week.

We have recently introduced an extension to our positive discipline programme, which we have termed the 'CBS Champions League'.

Under this programme we have divided the pupils in every class into four teams based on the four houses of Harry Potter– Gryffindor, Slytherin, Ravenclaw and Hufflepuff. Teams receive points for stamps collected and each term the winning team across the school will receive a treat. In January, the treat will be bowling in Waterford. The treats are decided by the Student Council and are free to the pupils who win.

The leading team is announced at the weekly assembly each Monday morning and the lead team at that point receive a small treat each.

## Carol Service

The Christmas Carol Service will take place on Thursday December 20th. at 1.00 p.m. in the Augustinian Church. An open invitation is extended to all families and friends of the school. The service should finish by 2.00 p.m. at which time the pupils will return to school. Parents who attend the service may bring their sons home at that time or they may have a tea or coffee in the staffroom while they are waiting. The service will include a nativity play performed by Ms Foskin's 2<sup>nd</sup>. class as well as a number of musical items by the choir and by the school tin whistle groups. This is now a well-established annual event that is usu-





