

# CBS PROGRESS DECEMBER 2020



## PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

We have had a busy term with our senior students leading the way with Gaeilge 24, Geo-ecology studies, and College Awareness Week with a visit from Professor Shane Kilcommins, Head of Law at University of Limerick.

Of particular note we raised our Amber Flag, which represents the effort CBS makes to create a healthy, inclusive environment that supports mental health and wellbeing. Together we can achieve so much. It is also the season when we remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves. This year we supported Crumlin Children's Hospital and St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you to all students and staff involved.

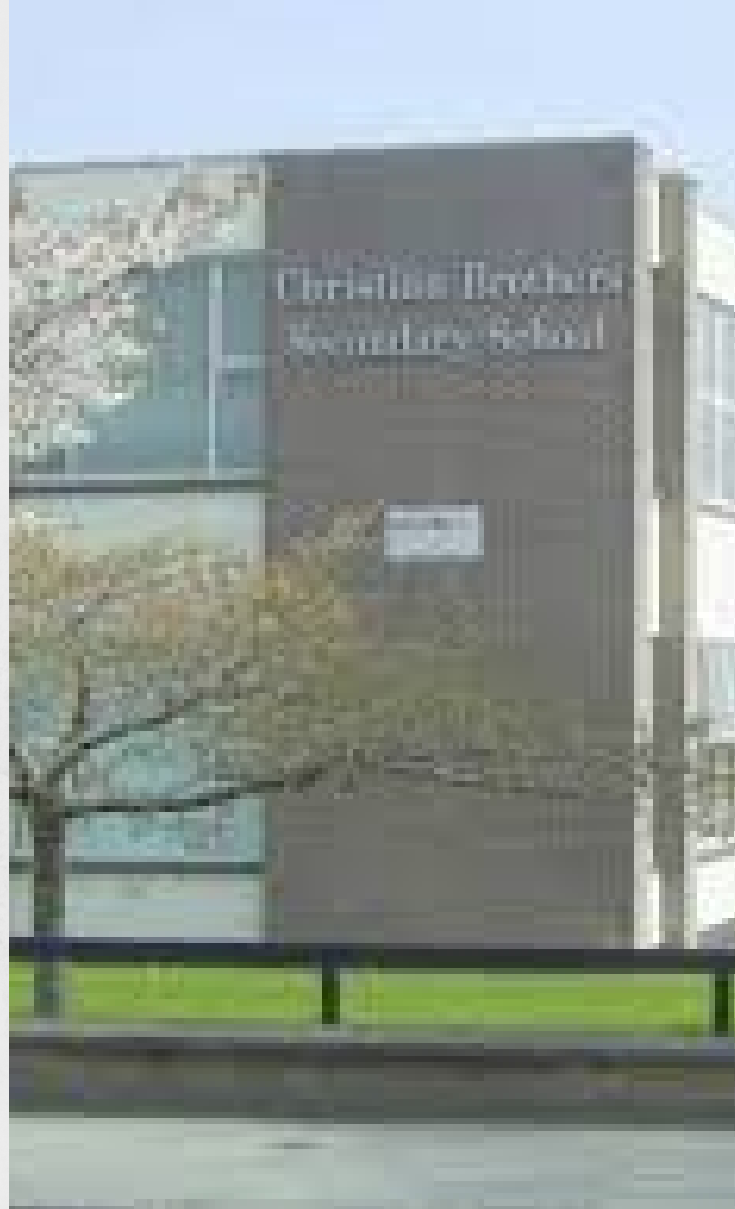
2020 marks 50 years in our school building, a milestone in the 150-year service of CBS to the Charleville community. We are proud of all our graduates and have enjoyed learning about the pathways they have taken in our new CBS Charleville Careers Feature.

Congratulations to our Student Council, and my thanks to our students for taking on this important role. The contribution our students make, results in our positive school culture, informs decision making, while increasing motivation, self-esteem and resilience. We are particularly proud of our students who volunteered to be recorded for the CBS Charleville Christmas Carol CD for residents in our local Nursing Homes, to bring festive cheer to residents who have had a particularly challenging year. This is another example of how we maintain links with our local community and promote cohesion throughout our school.

Thank you once again for your support and partnership this term, may you have a blessed Christmas and New Year.

Andrea Murphy  
Principal

**We Care, We Respect, We are Responsible**



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*by S. Costello (Teacher)*

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\*\*\*\* ATTENTION ALL PAST STUDENTS \*\*\*\*

\*\*\* CBS CHARLEVILLE NEEDS YOU \*\*\*

by S. Costello Teacher

Current and prospective students at CBS Charleville often wonder what past graduates of CBS Charleville have done or achieved since completion of their leaving cert.

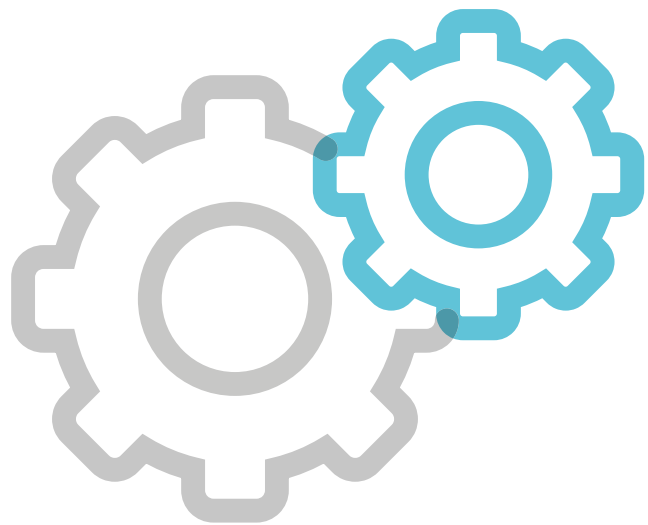
We are always so proud of all our graduates who have secured employment across a wide variety of careers on a local, national and global scale. Some have achieved prominence in their chosen career. Regardless of how long you are gone from us at CBS, we would love to hear your stories !!

If you would like to share your career journey to date, please email us at [info@cbscharleville.com](mailto:info@cbscharleville.com) and let us know what you're up to for a new CBS Charleville Careers Feature to help celebrate 50 years of teaching and learning in our premises on Bakers Road.

Please include a photo of you that captures your current work or study.

#celebrating50years  
#careerpathways

Looking forward to hearing from you all





CBS CHARLEVILLE AND SVP

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# CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

NON PERISHABLE AND DATED TO  
AT LEAST MARCH 2021

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ITEMS CAN INCLUDE PASTA, RICE, TINNED  
FOOD, TEA, COFFEE, SWEETS, SUGAR, FLOUR,  
CEREALS, JAM AND SPREADS, SHAMPOO AND  
CONDITIONER, QUICK SOUPS. NOODLES,  
SAUCES (GRAVY/KETCHUP) CRACKERS BY  
FRIDAY DECEMBER 11TH

All food collected goes towards families in Charleville area.  
Thank you for your continued support.

## CBS CHARLEVILLE – A CARING SCHOOL COMMUNITY

by S. Costello (Teacher)

CBS Charleville has been busy over the last couple of weeks collecting food for St. Vincent de Paul's Christmas food drive. We received huge support from teachers, students and their families and have made one of the biggest food donations from CBS Charleville to SVP to date. We would like to thank you all so much for your very generous donations and continued support of this appeal. The work that SVP do in Ireland is crucial and as this year has been a tough one for many people their services are under a lot of pressure. All of the food donated to SVP is distributed to people in the local area and is very much appreciated by all those who receive the support. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Charleville SVP volunteers for all that they do; from delivering food to homes and being a support in times of need, they are a voice for those who need one. We hope our food drive goes some small way to help local families in the area.





## CBS RECORDS CHRISTMAS CAROL CD FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS AT ST.MARTHA'S AND ST.GOBNAIT'S NURSING HOME

by S. Costello (Teacher)

2020 has been an unprecedented year but that did not stop our students from linking in with local residents in St.Martha's and St.Gobnait's Nursing Homes. Together we recorded Christmas songs and some individual students gave a sterling performance of Holy Night and Silent Night. Under the guidance of Ms.Hanley, our TY students also wrote individual Christmas cards for each resident sending them some festive cheer this Christmas . It was lovely to see two generations connecting albeit apart. Thanks to all students and staff who contributed to this initiative.





## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY IN AID OF CMRF CRUMLIN

by S.Costello Teacher

The school organised its Christmas Jumper Day in aid of CMRF Crumlin on the 11th of December. We had a great turn out from both our students and teachers with many varieties of festive dress on display. Over € 400 was raised by the school on the day, with prizes presented to the best dress from each of the year groups as well as from the teachers and staff. Childhood illness takes too many precious moments of laughter, play and happiness. Christmas should be a special time for them no matter where they are. We as a school, hope that our effects can go a small way towards creating some magical memories for sick children this Christmas.

To end the day our Management treated the whole school community to a hot chocolate and a treat to acknowledge everyone's hard work in adhering to our Covid protocols and making CBS Charleville a safe environment for all. Special thanks to Tara, Ann, Tadgh and Geraldine for all their assistance and support. Well done gentlemen and thanks again for all your hard work and dedication in term 1 and 2.

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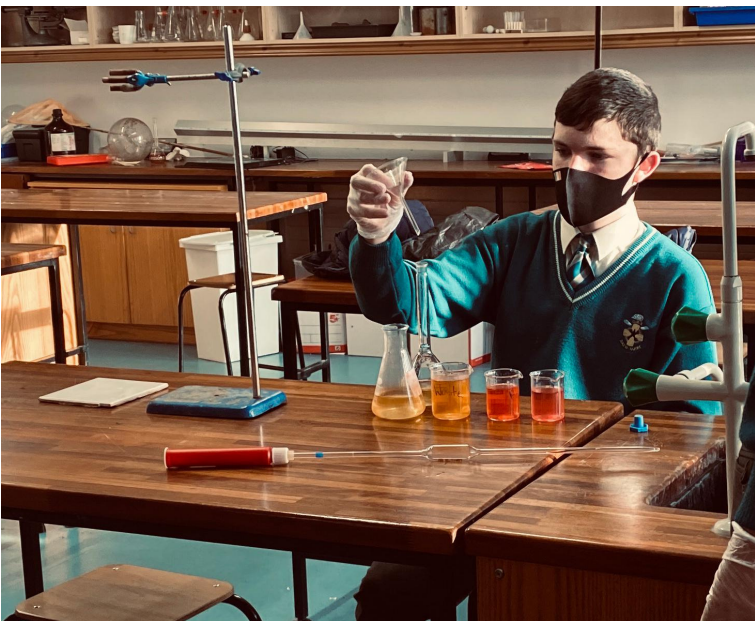


## SCIENCE WEEK AT CBS CHARLEVILLE

By Z.Daly and M.Reidy (Science Teachers)

SCIENCE WEEK at CBS Charleville - helping our students raise awareness of the interconnectedness of the world in which we live. Science Week at CBS Charleville provides our students with the opportunity to ask questions, explore the science behind everyday lives, and consider the future we want and the role science can play in helping us create and understand our shared future. Science Week at CBS Charleville is always an exciting time for both Science department and students. 2020 was no different and proved to be a tremendous success with all years taking part in daily activities. Inquiry based lab practical activities, quizzes; problem solving activities and a multitude of fantastic prizes were awarded throughout the week. Congratulations to all our winners and a special thanks to all students for their participation in events throughout the week.

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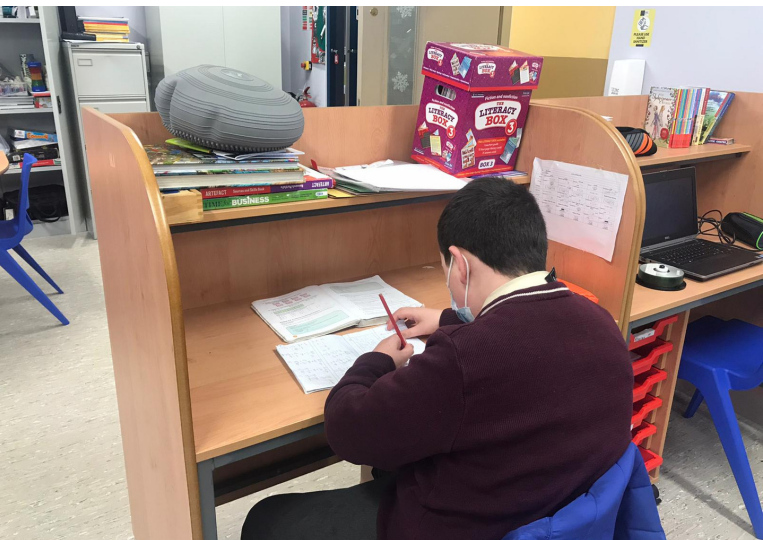
# HOMWORK CLUB

by M.Kelly Teacher

This year in CBS we have recommenced our Homework club initiative. The purpose of this after school club is to enable students to develop and build on their study skills, as well as complete homework and projects after school with help from their teachers. This has provided new experiences for students and staff in teaching and learning. Teachers supervise this after school, and provide guidance in various subject areas. This has been a success so far, with students feeling that they are improving in their study skills and developing confidence in different subject areas. Homework club is held after school from Monday to Thursday from 4:00 pm – 5:30pm. All are welcome.



*"This enables our students to develop and build their study skills"*



# STUDENT COUNCIL

by Principal A.Murphy



Our Student Council members for 2020-2021 are: Tom Horgan, Gavin Dorney, Aaron Deane, Conor Horan (Chairperson), Bill Collins, Joseph Hickey, Oisín O’Sullivan, Evan McEnry, Shane Maloney, Cian O’Mahony, Iurie Reaboi.

The role of our Student Council at CBS Charleville is to create, in cooperation with the principal, students & staff, a better school life for both students & staff. To allow the students a voice and to develop a sense of responsibility. To encourage students of our school to become more aware of how the school is run and to constructively identify and express their needs.

CBS Student Council met recently with rich discussion and input about school life. We look forward to implementing many of the great ideas raised.

*"Student council met with rich discussion and input about school life"*





## GAEILGE 24

by N.O'Sullivan Teacher

CBS Charleville excels in teaching and learning whilst building links with local community



On 10th November 35 higher level Irish students in 5th and 6th year participated in Gaeilge 24. This was a 24 hour Irish speaking challenge. This challenge is organised by Conradh na Gaeilge each year and students from all over the country participate. This year our event was hosted in Charleville Park Hotel to allow for a safe and socially distanced event. All students collected sponsorship in advance of the challenge which went towards t-shirts and wrist bands for all students, with any profits going to Conradh na Gaeilge. Over the course of the day students participated in Irish quizzes, an Irish film screening, yoga as Gaeilge and an Irish raffle. Prizes for the events of the day were kindly sponsored by Bridgets, Ray Lee's Centra, Dunnes Stores and The Oriel. The day was a huge success with students making huge efforts to speak Irish for the day and actively engaging with Irish as a living language. Beatha teanga í a labhairt.

*"Students made huge efforts to speak Irish for the day"*





# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

by J Riordan Teacher

## Physical Education



During the month of November our PE students took part in a cardiovascular fitness beep test challenge. All students with the exemption of Transition Year students took part and were given the opportunity to challenge themselves against one of the most famous physical fitness tests. All students did extremely well with Sean Bresnan in 2nd Year getting the highest score in the school. Well done to all students.

Class Groups	Average Score
1 KEATS	6.3
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2ND YEAR	7.4
3RD YEAR TUESDAY CLASS	8.3
3RD YEAR WEDNESDAY CLASS	7.9
3RD YEAR THURSDAY CLASS	8.6
5TH YEAR PE	8.1
6TH YEAR PE	8.7
SCHOOL AVERAGE	7.7

Year	Average Score
1ST YEAR	6.2
2ND YEAR	7.4
3RD YEAR	8.3
5TH YEAR	8.1
6TH YEAR	8.7

Rank	SCHOOL TOP 6 PERFORMERS	
1	SEAN BRESNAN 2 YEAR	12.5
2	ZACK BIGGANE-3 SWIFT	12.3
3	FIONN O BRIEN-3 JOYCE	12.1
4	JOHN O FLYNN-5TH YEAR	12
5	STEPHEN MCCARRTHY-6TH YEAR	11.10
6	ROBERT TROY-3 JOYCE	11.8
6	EOIN O MAHONY-3 JOYCE	11.8

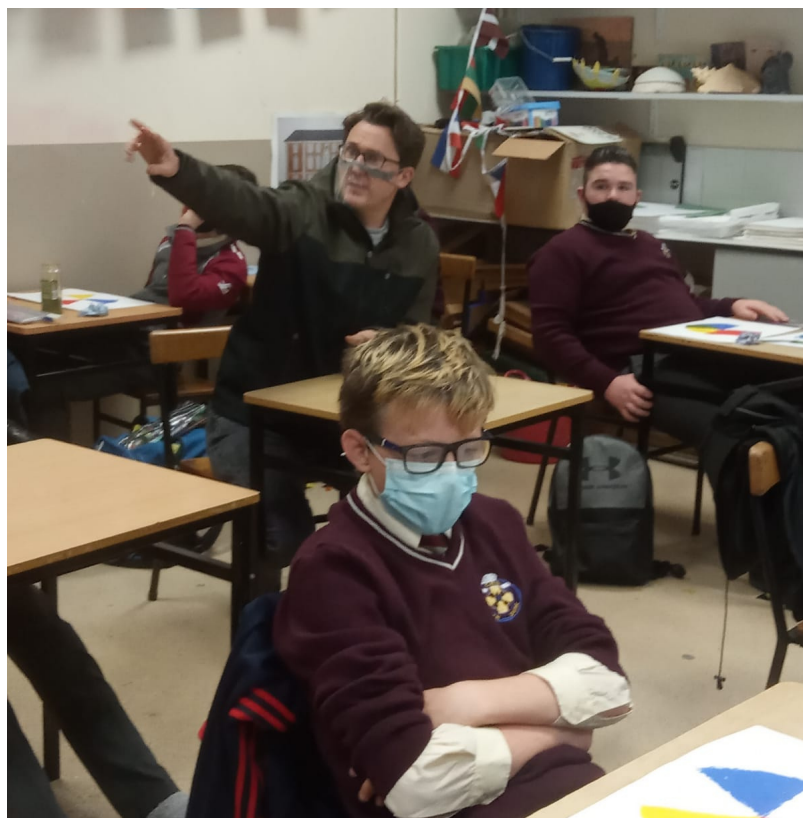


## CBS CHARLEVILLE PROMOTES PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF OUR STUDENTS WITH A VISIT FROM YOUNG OFFENDERS STAR SHANE CASEY.

by A.Hanley Teacher

On Tuesday the 3rd of November students were excited to welcome the famous Shane Casey to CBS Charleville. Our Transition year students were buzzing with excitement to ask invaluable questions from such an experienced Irish actor and playwright as a part of the Drama studies. On arrival Transition years were fortunate to hear all about Shane's journey of resilience and hard work to get to where he is today. This was very inspiring to all, and evoked thoughtful questions and reflections for our students. After an entertaining introduction, Shane then set an improvisation task for the group. Shane's passion for creativity inspired performances from our students which were comedic and reflective on society. Shane then visited our Leaving Cert Applied students as a part of their career investigation. This provided our students the opportunity to ask questions about what personal skills are needed in his profession and what advice would he give to his younger self. This sparked intrigue within our students, and proved to be a valuable learning experience for all. We look forward to welcoming Shane back to CBS in the future!

*"Shane's visit sparked intrigue within our students"*





# TY BUILDING LINKS WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY

by M.Mulroe (TY Co ordinator) *" Key message - Staff and community form an integral part of Business "*

Transition year students had a busy morning on the 7th December. Guest speakers from Charleville Chamber of Commerce, John Paul 11 Awards and HC21 gave informative and inspiring presentations to the boys. Ray Lee, a past pupil of CBS Charleville took the boys through the formation of the Centra Stores in Charleville and the work of The Chamber of Commerce. One of the key messages that Ray passed on to the TYs was that that the staff and community form an integral part of his business .Ray went on to tell the boys that the business had to adapt and change when new challenges arose, an example of this is the new click and collect service in Centra. This has proven to be a successful and vital service for all members of the community.

Bernadette from the Cloyne Diocesan Youth Services made a presentation on the John Paul 11 Award. TYs are going to commence their community and church involvement for the award in early January. Students will prepare the readings for morning mass in Charleville and work in their own parish church. Transition Year students have already recorded Christmas Carols as part of their community work and they will distribute them to the local Nursing Homes.

Owen Curtin took time out of his busy schedule to talk to our Transition Year students. Owen is founder and chairperson of HC21 one of Ireland’s leading medical care distributors. He engaged students by recalling the choices he made in his career and the different paths that life can take you. Owen started out working in the stores of in the South Infirmary and gained valuable knowledge of the medical distribution services. This grounding on the job and the people he worked with have stayed with him in all his business ventures. One piece of advice that he got along the way was that” a bad pen is better that good brain”.

Four local groups benefited from Owen’s generosity, NCBI, St Vincent de PAUL, St Joseph’s Foundation and Charleville Tidy Towns. Each group were presented with €500. Owen’s went on to present a number of vouchers to the TYS for their community work and engagement in the talk.One of the key messages that the boys took away was that there is something out there for everyone and if you fail at something you can start again.



