Preparatory School News



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The Bath Tour Goes Ahead

he Sixth Class rugby tour to Bath is an annual event of great importance in the Preparatory School calendar. For many of the Sixth Class boys, the three-day trip to England is their first experience of travel abroad without their families. For all of them, it is the big milestone in their last year in primary school.

This year's tour was unwittingly scheduled for the start of the volcanic ash crisis. On the morning of departure, 16 April, the flight from Cork to Bath was cancelled. Sixth Class found themselves in the same position as air passengers throughout Ireland: all flights were grounded; nobody was going anywhere.

It looked as if the trip, anticipated for so long with such excitement, would not go ahead. The high concentration of volcanic ash in the atmosphere created a cloud of gloom over the Prep School. However, the Sixth Class parents took the initiative in trying to arrange another means of transport to Bath. After much research and many phone calls, an option on tickets for the Rosslare-Fishguard ferry was secured. All parents were consulted and the overwhelming majority were for rearranging to travel by ferry. The touring group sailed out of Rosslare on the evening of 16 April.

The boys enjoyed the ferry crossing and withstood the two long bus journeys, first from Cork to Rosslare and later from Fishguard to Bath.

The weather was very pleasant during the entire tour. As well as playing several games spread over two days, the boys also attended the Bath v Sale Sharks match held at the Rec in Bath. Bowling and the cinema were also on the list of activities.

Special thanks are due to Ms Anne Mc-Carthy, the Sixth Class representative on the Parents Council, and Mr Niall Brown, parent, for pushing the right buttons and securing the ferry tickets.



SIXTH CLASS 2009/10 IN THEIR SPECIALLY DESIGNED BATH TOUR JERSEYS

BACK ROW (L-R): JOHNATHAN BARRY, NATHAN NAQVI, ROBBIE O'FLYNN, DECLAN BARRY, TRISTAN GIFFORD, TOM MCKENZIE, STEPHEN O'DRISCOLL, JAMES KEAVENEY, CIARÁN MCHUGH, KEVIN MCCARTHY, MARC GRIFFIN, ALEX MCHENRY, CORMAC O'CONNOR, ORAN O'CONNOR, JAMES CUNNINGHAM, DAVID CAHILL, BILLY O'HARA, DARRAGH NAGLE; (FRONT ROW L-R): FAHD MIRZA BAIG, PETER OWENS, TIM LEHANE, LIAM MURPHY, MARK MCSWEENEY, ADAM MCCARTHY, ROY O'MAHONY, CONOR LEAHY, COLIN BROWNE, ADAM LOUGHNANE, TOM KELLY

Preparatory School Newsletter October 2010

arly November is an appropriate time to publish our annual Preparatory School Newsletter. It presents an opportunity to review the school year just gone by — before it fades from memory — and a chance to look ahead at the unfolding school year.

Looking back on last year what we tend to remember – and this is reflected in the photographs and articles in this newsletter – are the school trips, the visitors to the school, the concerts, the games, and all other things that were a departure from the normal school day. In school, as it the outside world, routine is not news.

However, what goes on in the classrooms, day after day, is essentially what defines the Preparatory School. It is worthwhile, therefore, to take a little space here to record what the staff in the Preparatory School are trying to achieve. Our mission statement is as follows and it touches on all of our core values:

"Christian Brothers College Preparatory School is a Catholic School in

the Edmund Rice tradition, with the National School Curriculum as its educational programme, modified and extended to better prepare its pupils for entry into Christian Brothers College Secondary School."

The religious ethos of the school is reflected in our assembly every morning when prayers are said, hymns are sung and scripture is read; also in the work that goes into preparing boys for First Communion and Confirmation. However, non-Catholics pupils are welcome to the school and their religious views are always respected.

The Edmund Rice educational philosophy is fully explained in the ERST Charter, which may be accessed at:

http://www.erst.ie.

The Christian Brothers tradition of teaching in CBC attaches particular importance to character formation, hard work, attendance, punctuality, and neatness, including the wearing of school uniform.

The National School curriculum is the educational programme followed in the Preparatory School. The recommended number of hours per week is spent on each part of the curriculum. Special attention is given to Maths and to the development of a high level of literacy in English. Irish is also strongly promoted, with an emphasis on speaking the language.

The word *Preparatory* in the school name reflects another special focus of attention. Since virtually all the boys will go on to CBC Secondary School, an effort is made to make the transition as easy as possible.

As the boys progress from Junior Infants to Sixth Class, they are expected to approximate more and more closely to the behaviour, outlook and attitude expected of First Year pupils. In this way, they get off to a flying start when they reach secondary school.

The extended curriculum in the Preparatory School is also a great help to the boys when they move on. French is now being taught, using the Rosetta Stone method, from First Class to Sixth Class. A good knowledge of French will lighten the work load when they reach First Year.

Though the educational programme at the Preparatory School has an eye to the future and concentrates on equipping the boys with useful skills for the life before them, a close eye is also kept on the present. The teachers try to ensure that every pupil has a good day every day. Parents are always encouraged to draw a teacher's attention to any matter that may be causing upset to their sons.

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Front Row (L-R): Ms Sharon McAdoo (1st Class), Mrs Kathleen O'Shea (2nd Class), Mrs Sheila Curley (Senior Infants), Mrs Denise Lowry (Junior Infants); Absent from picture: Dr Larry Jordan (Principal), Mrs Ruth O'Shea (Music), Ms Evaleen Whelton (Speech & Drama).

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Visitors to the Prep



The visit of Cork's first citizen The VISIT OF CORE 2...
to CBC is always a special occasion. Last year, the clapping was louder and the welcome more enthusiastic in acknowledgement of the fact that Lord Mayor Dara Murphy is a past pupil of CBC, both Prep and Secondary. The entire school pupil population — almost a thousand boys - with their teachers, assembled in the Hall to greet him. For Fifth Class pupil Daniel Fitz-Patrick and his brother Conor of Third Class it was extra special: Dara is their uncle! They were invited up onto the stage to enjoy some of the reflected glory. The visit finished with the Lord Mayor leading the entire assembly in a rendition of 'The Banks of my own Lovely Lee'.

This year, Dara's successor Cllr Michael O'Connell, was the recipient of the special CBC welcome. The Secondary School Gym was packed to the rafters again with the pupils of both schools combined. The traditional half-day was much appreciated as the visit was on a Friday morning!



The boys of the first to welcome delighted to welcome Corkwoman Lisa Cummins to the school on 19 October 2009 (see picture on page 7). Lisa had been in the news for her incredible feat of will and endurance: swimming across the English Channel and turning round immediately and swimming back again. It took her 36 hours. She is now in a group of only twenty who can claim this achievement. Lisa took questions from the assembly which ranged from: 'What kind of fish did you see?' (Senior Infants), to 'How did you occupy your mind while in the water for such a long time?' (Sixth Class).

Three players from the Munster Senior Rugby Squad, all past pupils of CBC, came to Lansdowne on 13 November to help out Prep School trainers Dennis Lenihan and Steven Lynch with the training of Prep School Rugby Teams. The boys were delighted to get a full training session with Stephen Archer, Billy Holland and Duncan Williams (picture page 6).

International Handicrafts Artist, Mr Rajender Singh, Delhi, gave a demonstration of Paper Craft for all Preparatory School pupils. Mr Singh, using only scissors and coloured paper (no glue or pins), made flowers, garlands, paper chains and other decorations during the presentation of his craft. His book, giving full instructions on how to make 25 items from paper was made available for sale to the pupils at a cost of three euro. Almost a hundred copies were sold.

Preparatory School Parents Council

The first Parents Council of the Preparatory School was elected in September 2009. They did an excellent job in the school year just gone by, setting a very high standard for those who follow in future years. Among their achievements are:

School Yard Refurbishment: the Council investigated the possibility of improving the playtime facilities and came up with the idea of having patterns painted on the yard to facilitate games. A further development of this idea was to provide for the installation of a rubberised surface on about one third of the upper yard to make it safer for playtime activities. To help finance this project, the Council organised a fundraising dinner. The event took place in January and was a great success.

The new surface was in place for the reopening after the summer holidays. The two inches of rubber now provides a cushion and a soft landing for any boy who takes a tumble in the yard.

Tracksuit Design: The Council had several meetings with Mr Michael Cronin who is the retailer of CBC uniforms. The purpose of the meetings was to design a tracksuit for Prep School pupils which Mr Cronin would be prepared to make available in the range of sizes required. Every detail of the tracksuit was looked at including the washing and drying instructions. At the end of the process a very nice garment emerged which is available for purchase all year round.

Swimming Lessons: The Council researched the possibility of arranging swimming lessons for Prep School pupils from Third to Sixth Class and made arrangements with the Metropole Leisure Centre to accommodate the school. The lessons commenced in March 2010 and were a great success.

Building on that experience, the Council has put together a very attractive swimming package for Prep School boys from Second Class to Sixth. The Council has arranged a course of swimming lessons in Mayfield swimming pool. The course will be for eight consecutive Wednesday afternoons from 2.00pm to 2.50pm, beginning on 3 November. Swimming and life-saving will be taught appropriate to the level of experience of each individual. The course costs €25 per pupil, and will be repeated in January and March if there is sufficient in-

School Library: The Council is supporting the establishment of a school library and have encouraged parents to donate books which their children have outgrown. The school has purchased many new books and the Library should be functioning by Christmas.

Uniform Sale: A sale of unclaimed items of uniform was held in October of this year and the proceeds of €350 was donated to the Zambia project. More sales are planned by the Council, including a sale of school books.



THE 2010/11 JUNIOR INFANTS CLASS PLAY ON THE RUBBERISED PLAYING SURFACE ON THEIR FIRST DAY IN SCHOOL

Preparatory School Calendar 2010/11

he tables of information on these pages give the daily, weekly and yearly routines of the Preparatory School and should be kept carefully for reference.

Texting

Parents will be informed by text of any changes in school routine. Texting is also used regularly to remind parents of upcoming events. To facilitate texting, parents should always ensure that the mobile phone number given to the school to receive texts is upto-date whenever it is necessary to do so.

Attendance & Punctual

Pupils are expected to be present and on time for school every day. A roll is taken before 10am each morning and absences and lates are recorded on our database.

In the case of an absence, please inform the teacher on your son's return, either by note or personally, of the reason for his absence. The Department of Education and Science requires that reasons for absence be recorded.

Preparatory School Day

8.00am	School Opens	
8.30am	Assembly for all Classes in Lunch Room	
8.45am	Teachers Lead Pupils to Class	
10.30-10.45am	Break: Junior and Senior Infants, 1st and 2nd Class	
10.45-11.00am	Break: 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Class	
12.30pm	Junior Infants Finish (also Senior Infants up to mid-term)	
2.00pm	Senior Infants Finish (12.30pm on Wednesday)	
1.00-1.30pm	Lunch Break for All Classes	
3.00pm	Classes 1st to 6th Finish (1.00pm on Wednesday)	
3.00-4.00pm	Pupils may stay in Library under Supervision	
4.00-5.30pm	School building normally open but there is no supervision	
5.30pm	School building is closed	

Uniform

Full school uniform must be worn every day, with the exception of Tuesday, which is PE day for classes from Junior Infants to Fourth. On that day the school tracksuit is to be worn. Please note that soccer and other tops are not permitted for PE. Pupils in Fifth and Sixth Class must come to school in full uniform on PE and Games days.

Please pay particular attention to footwear. Runners are not part of the school uniform and are not permitted outside of the Gym.

Lost Property

Every effort will be made to locate lost property. It helps if all items are labelled with the pupil's name. If items of clothing are lost the matter should be reported to the teacher. Found items of cloth-

ing should be handed to the teacher. These items, and clothing found by the Caretaker in Lansdowne and about the school will be placed on a clothes rack. Pupils will be given the opportunity to search the rack for their missing items.

Items not claimed after a reasonable amount of time will be sold by the Parents Council to raise funds for various causes.

Activities Timetable

	Computers	French	Games	Music	PE	Science	Sp. & Drama
J. Infants	Wednesday			Friday	Tuesday		Monday
	9.00-10-00			9.00-9.30	11.30-1.00		11.30-12.00
S. Infants	Wednesday			Friday	Tuesday		Monday
	9.00-10.00			11.00-11.30	11.30-1.00		11.00-11.30
1st Class	Thursday	Wednesday		Friday	Tuesday		Monday
	10.45-11.15	10.00-10.30		11.30-12.00	11.30-1.00		12.00-12.30
2nd Class	Monday	Thursday		Friday	Tuesday		Monday
	8.45-9.15	1.30-2.00		1.30-2.00	12.00-12.45		12.30-1.00
3rd Class	Wednesday	Wednesday	Friday	Friday	Tuesday		Monday
	12.20-1.00	12.20-1.00	11.30-12.30	9.30-10.00	1.20-2.00		9.45-10.15
4th Class	Thursday	Thursday	Friday	Friday	Tuesday		Monday
	2.00-3.00	2.00-3.00	11.30-12.30	10-10.30	1.20-2.00		10.15-10.45
5th Class	Thursday	Thursday	Monday	Friday		Tuesday	Monday
	9.45-10.45	9.45-10.45	1.30-3.00	12.00-12.30		11.00-12-00	9.15-9.45
6th Class	Thursday	Thursday	Monday	Friday		Tuesday	Monday
	8.45-9.35	8.45-9.35	1.30-3.00	12.30-1.00		11.00-12.00	8.45-9.15

School Events 2010/11

Standardised Testing:

Christmas Concert:

October Rugby Camp

Staff Meeting:

Parent/Teacher Meetin

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First Holy Communion

Staff in service day:

Early November

Thursday 9 Decembe

26-28 October

Tuesday 11 January

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Monday 21 March

1-3 April

19-21 April

Saturday 21 May

Friday 27 May

Rosetta Stone French



This year, Rosetta Stone French has been introduced to the Preparatory School for all classes from First to Sixth. This is the most modern way to learn a language. It is interactive and self-paced. The teachers have access to a management programme which gives detailed information on each pupil's progress. Full details of this system are available at the Rosetta Stone website:

www.rosettastone.com

Important Notes

Early Closing Days: The Halloween and Spring mid-term breaks and also the Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays begin with an early closing day, that is, the school finishes as on Wednesdays. No other early closings are anticipated.

Standardised Testing takes place in Autumn for First to Sixth Class; the Middle Infants Screening Test (MIST) takes place in Spring.

Staff & Parent Teacher Meeting:

The Secondary College will open on Monday 10 January after the Christmas holidays; the Preparatory School will not open until Tuesday 11 January. A Staff Meeting will be held on the morning of 11 January from 9.00am to 11.00am and a Parent Teacher Meeting will be held from 11.15 to 3.00pm.

The Assessment Test for Sixth Class pupils going to CBC Secondary College has no bearing on the class the pupil will join in September 2011. Grading and banding have been discontinued in the Secondary College, so all classes are academically of equal merit.

Rugby Fixtures

All Preparatory School Rugby Fixtures will be posted on our website: www.cbcprep.ie

and regularly updated.

Science

CBC is recognised for its achievements in Science and Maths. Over the past few years, pupils of the Secondary College have achieved spectacular results in the sciences, including first place in Ireland in the Leaving Cert in Physics, Chemistry Maths and Applied Maths

Fifth and Sixth Class go to the Science Laboratories regularly where Secondary School staff give them a good introduction to Physics, Chemistry and Biology

Games & PE

CBC's Sports Grounds are available to the Preparatory School pupils for competitive matches, and after school training. Lansdowne, with its three pitches and dressing rooms is within five minutes walk of the school. Classes, from 3rd to 6th (occasionally 2nd) have a weekly games class in Lansdowne (weather-permitting).

Preparatory School PE classes are held in a variety of locations, depending on weather and availability: the Gym, the All Weather Pitch, the Preparatory School Hall or the safety surfaced area of the school yard.

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Speech & Drama

Speech and Drama is scheduled for Monday for all classes. Much of the time is spent preparing for the Christmas and Summer Concerts. Groups and individuals are also entered for Feis Maitiú.

Music

Music was introduced last year and has proved to be very popular with pupils from Junior Infants to Sixth. The emphasis is on fun, enjoyment and participation.

Computers

The College's fully equipped Computer Room is available to all Preparatory School classes. Classes are taken to the Computer Room once a week for lessons on Computers and, in the case of 1st to 6th Class, French also.

School Holidays 2010/11

Halloween Mid-Term	School closes School reopens	Friday 22 October Monday 1 November
School Holiday	School closed	Monday 29 November
Christmas Holidays	School closes School reopens	Thursday 23 December Tuesday 11 January
Spring Mid-Term	School closes School reopens	Friday 18 February Monday 28 February
St Patrick's Day Weekend	School closes School reopens	Thursday 17 March Tuesday 22 March
Easter Holidays	School closes School reopens	Friday 15 April Tuesday 3 May
Staff In-service Day	School closed	Friday 27 May
Summer Holidays	School closes	Friday 3 June

Our Classrooms Have No Walls!



espite the headline, this is not a pitch for reconstruction funds! It's just a way of emphasising that education in CBC is not confined within the walls of the classroom. We like to give our pupils the opportunity to enjoy educational experiences outside of the school. We also like to invite interesting visitors to the school to talk to the pupils on their area of expertise.

The first outing of the year was in November when the entire school went to the City Hall to a performance of the **Cork Pops Orchestra**. The boys enjoyed the popular orchestral pieces, introduced by con-

ductor Evelyn Grant. There were plenty of opportunities to clap, stamp the feet and to sing along with some popular songs *as Gaeilge* and some American spiritual numbers.

Later in November, Third and Fourth Class went to the 'Discovery 2009' Science exhibition, again in the City Hall. Pupils had the opportunity to visit the various stands, choosing whichever ones interested them. The 'Slime Station' proved to be the favourite. Later the full group attended a film show in the 'Stardome' set up by the Blackrock Castle Observatory.

Every class had a part to play in the **Christmas Concert** which was held on the evening of 10 December. On the last day of term, the Junior Infants class performed a **Nativity Play** in the Secondary

School Hall at 11.00am. All parents were invited and the Parents Council laid on tea and cakes for everyone.

The first two events of the new year were rather sombre: a **non-uniform day** in aid of earthquake relief in Haiti, which raised over €600, and the funeral Mass of **Brother L.P. Reynolds**. The Preparatory School pupils joined with the boys of the Secondary School in St Mary's Church, Pope's Quay for a commemorative mass in honour of the former Principal of CBC.

In March, the six week's **swimming** course started.

April was a busy month. A **Rugby Camp** was held in Lansdowne during the Easter holidays. It was so popular that two camps are planned for this school year.







April was particularly hectic for the boys of Sixth Class. They were **confirmed** on Thursday 22 April, having just arrived back from their **tour of Bath** two days before; two days after, they sat for their Secondary School **assessment test**. The month of April finished with the **annual sports** when the Preparatory joined with the Secondary School in the UCC sports grounds at the Mardyke.

The great highlight of the month of May was **First Communion** for Second Class on Saturday the 8th. After the ceremony in St Patrick's Church, the First Communion boys and their families came back to the Preparatory School where the ladies of the Parents Council had a very nice spread laid on for

them. While the parents chatted the boys went to the lower yard for a game of soccer!

The **Annual Book Fair** was held on 12 May. The boys were exposed to a large collection of books and had the opportunity of purchasing them at a discounted rate.

School tour to Oysterhaven was held on 25 May. The younger pupils remained in school where entertainment was laid on.

The Secondary School Class of 2010 finished school on Thursday 27 May. Some of the **Sixth Year boys** were delighted to be welcomed back to the Prep School where they started fourteen years previously. They visited their former classrooms and chatted with the boys now sitting in their old places.





THIRD CLASS CHECK OUT THE BOOKS DURING BOOK WEEK.



CROSS-CHANNEL SWIMMER LISA CUMMINS ADDRESSES THE PREP SCHOOL BOYS

n Friday 7 May all the boys of the Prep School assembled in the Hall to await the arrival of the Romanian Ambassador to Ireland, **Mr Iulian Buga**. As he walked into the Hall, Mr Buga was given a great round of applause by boys from Junior infants to Sixth Class.

Mr Buga spoke to the boys about Europe Day, 9 May, and the importance of the declaration made on that day in 1950 by M.

Robert Schuman, which is regarded as the first significant move towards a united Europe.

The Ambassador spoke about sports in Romania and how football is the most popular sport in his country. He said that rugby is also played in Romania, but that Ireland has had more success at that sport than Romania.

Then Roy O'Mahony and Conor Leahy, captain and vice-captain of the Sixth Class

rugby tour to Bath, presented Mr Buga with a CBC rugby ball. The ball was made in the black, yellow and red colours of CBC which closely resemble the blue, yellow and red of the Romanian flag.

The Ambassador then spoke informally to pupils and teachers and posed for pictures before moving on the Secondary School.



AT THE SCIENCE EXHIBITION IN NOVEMBER



SOME OF THE 5TH CLASS CHOIR DURING CON-FIRMATION CEREMONY.



The Wider World

In the course of the school year, several factors that will eventually find a place in the history books impacted in a special way on the Prep School.

Floods and Water Shortages CBC had to battle with the problem of water shortages in November 2009. The difficulty was due to the widespread flooding in the city which damaged water pumps in Cork's water treatment plant. While most city schools had to close for up to a week, CBC managed to stay open by arranging delivery of water by tanker trucks. The school water tanks were pumped full each evening with sufficient

The Big Freeze

The coldest period for decades was experienced in early January and again, many schools took the decision to close their doors. As in November, CBC Prep and Secondary Schools remained open. However, the Minister for Education and Science ordered all schools in the country to close and CBC had to comply.

water to last the following day.

Swine Flu

Hand washing was emphasised from the start of the school year in compliance with HSE advice on how to avoid swine flu. Several pupils contracted swine flu and were advised to stay out of school for seven days. On 21 December, a vaccination clinic was made available in the school for the convenience of parents who wanted their children to be vaccinated.

Volcanic Ash

Who would have thought that the annual Prep School Sixth Class tour to Bath would be affected by an Icelandic volcano? It was. On 16 April the scheduled flight from Cork to Bath was cancelled, and that looked like the end of the tour. However, parents rallied round and managed to get a ferry crossing for the boys instead of the cancelled flight, and the tour was back on.



First Communion Class 2010

BACK ROW (L-R): ALAN McDonald, CILLIAN BRACKEN, CORMAC McCARTHY HANN, ANDREW TREACY, JAMES MURRAY, SEAN HANNON; MIDDLE ROW (L-R): ADAM O'KEEFFE, ODHRAN WILLIAMSON, MATHEW MALLEN, RYAN BEADLE, MICHAEL CARROLL, WANFRED WATERMAN, HARRY MCHENRY; FRONT ROW (L-R): DYLAN FORDE, CONOR FITZPATRICK, LOUIS HEALY, RONÁN O'SULLIVAN, DAVID KIELY, SAM AHERN, RONAN FITZGERALD.

Last Days in School





Top: Some of the Sixth Year boys on their last day in school visit Junior Infants Class; **Bottom:** the Grand Finale of the Summer Concert after which everyone went home for the Summer Holidays.

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CALLING TO THE SCHOOL

Callers are always welcome to the school. However, please note that clamping is in operation on the avenue leading to the school entrance gate. You should either park your car outside the school campus in a disc parking area, or drive up to the main gate and wait for the barrier to be lifted (it is monitored by CCTV). Then you can park in the visitors' parking area which is near the Secondary School. It is best to make an appointment in advance of calling.