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School Developments

Dear Parents/Guardian

As you are probably well aware by now we are very excited to have added to our school facilities this year by way of our new sports complex which includes; a 2500m² astro-turf pitch; two handball alleys; a ball wall and a basketball court. The lunch time, PE and sporting activities have been much enhanced which have really improved the sense of fun in the yard each day.

It is a great privilege to be able to provide these facilities for your sons and for the future generation of CBS boys. We have in the past held fund raising activities in order to pay for these facilities and monies raised in the past can now go towards this excellent facility. We are very grateful to all the 'Friends of CBS Thurles' who gave so generously. Unfortunately, we still have some more fundraising to do to pay for our new facilities and the fundraising committee has been busy creating new ways of fundraising, in what we realise is a very difficult climate.

CBS Thurles will raffle a brand new 2021 Renault Clio, which is parked in the front of the school at the moment. As you can see on the image of the ticket, there are several other excellent prizes on offer too. A maximum of 800 tickets will be sold, at a cost of €100 for one ticket or €250 for three tickets. Our aim is to keep prize in the community. It is our hope that each family will purchase a ticket and money can be collected weekly or fortnightly in school between now and January. Online payments option will also be available (details to follow).

I am hugely mindful of the economic climate we are currently in and if you can support us by purchasing a ticket, I would be extremely grateful.

Yours faithfully

Kathryn O'Brien



Fun Run 2020

The day the Fun Run prizes and gear is given out to the students is always one of great excitement in the school. Ordinarily the boys must wait two months to get the gear but this year they had to wait much longer. The boys have been waiting patiently for the jerseys to arrive and they were not disappointed. Mr Stokes has helped design each of the Fun Run jerseys with Masita since 2013 and each one has been a major hit with the boys. This year's jersey is different, but the boys are delighted with it. The colours are like our uniform colours. We hope the boys that won them get lots of use out of them over the next few years. We gave out 150 jerseys, 100 school shorts and have 50 pairs of school socks to give out once they arrive. Thanks to all the people that contributed to the Fun Run, the monies collected help cover a small portion of our extracurricular costs. It is a major cost in any school but one that is so important to the boys and one that is dearly missed over the past few months because of the limited capacity extra-curricular activities are able to operate.



TY

Tipp Tops Challenge



The hardy TYs hit off to take on the second of the Tipp Tops climbs this week. They previously climbed The Devils Bit and on Thursday they climbed famous Slievenamon. Led by Mr Lloyd and Mr Devane the boys are enjoying their trips around the county. They still have to climb Keeper Hill and Galtymore in the new year. Each climb is getting progressively higher and thankfully the weather has been kind to the group.



1st year **HSE injections** took place on Thursday 5th in the school. Our thanks to the HSE staff for taking such good care of the boys. Thanks also to the TY students that worked with them throughout the day doing all sorts of jobs from organising the boys to helping take care of them while waiting to return to class.



Higher Options – 6th years



Our 6th years had their midterm house exams either side of the midterm. Thanks to Mr Pat Ryan for coordinating the exams as usual. On Thursday the Irish Times Higher Options Virtual event took place. Each year a number of students travel to the RDS to meet

with representatives from all the national colleges and universities to help them decide on their future path. This year was different but equally important, so the boys experienced the day from home.

Incoming 1st years 2021

Monday the 9th was the closing date for next year's incoming 1st year students. Thanks to all the hard work by the staff and students in promoting the school to the boys as they decide on their transition to secondary level. Thanks to all the parents that are placing their faith in us to give their boys the best possible education. We look forward to meeting you all when rules allow and hope to have you into the school if this is allowed for different events.

Sean Mockler

Sean Mockler is a great example of an all-round student athlete from our school. He was the only student to ever win the sportsperson of the year award. He was leading player of the 2016 Under 16 basketball team who won the All Ireland in both league and cup with Sean winning the MVP award in both games. His basketball talents also landed him a place on the midlands panel. He played schools basketball up until 5th year and as he was too old to compete in 6th year, he helped coach the under 19 team.

However, in the last few years Sean's main sporting focus has been athletics. His main event is the Hammer competition, but he also competes in Weight for Distance, Weight for height, discus, shot putt and ran a few relays in his time in CBS. In his last three years in school alone he won 28 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze medals for the school. He played an integral role in the school winning 6 best overall schoolboys schools' trophies in East Munster, Munster and All Ireland competitions. He also set several school records including East Munster senior boys hammer and relay.



Recently he won awards at the 2019 Tipperary and Munster athletics awards. He won gold in September in both the weight for distance and weight for height competitions in the U23 national final. He also won gold in the weight for distance indoor national finals last January. His biggest achievement to date is competing for Ireland in the U20 European Athletics championships in Sweden last summer.

Sean completed his time in school last year and having achieved brilliant results in the Leaving cert he is hoping to make the move to the USA next year to attend university and continue in his athletics training.



First Years



Homework Club has started for any 1st year that wishes to avail of it. It is a free service we provide for an hour after school Monday to Thursday. On Monday and Tuesday, it begins at 4.10 and finishes at 5.10. On Wednesday and Thursday, it begins at 3.30 and finishes at 4.30. It is a great opportunity for the boys to start their homework in a quiet and supervised manner.

Hurling Training



Hurling training takes place on the following evenings for groups under the national covid guidelines for training.

Monday – First year

Wednesday – U15, White Cup

Thursday – U19, Harty Cup

Friday – U16.5, Dean Ryan

A major part of the boy's development is using the hurling wall before school and at lunch.

Bebras Challenge 2020

110 students ranging from 1st to 4th year took part in “The Bebras Challenge” as part of “Tech week 2020”. This is a computing challenge which challenges students to solve interactive tasks online. It is run in over 50 countries and takes place on an annual basis with particular emphasis on problem solving skills throughout. Well done to all students that participated.



Lunchtime Activities					
	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Lunch Early/Late		PE Class overlap and has priority	PE Class overlap and has priority		PE Class overlap and has priority
Astro	Ty – Astro	5 th – Astro	Ty – Astro	5 th – Astro	Ty – Astro
Bball	5 th – Bball & Tarmac	TY – Bball & Tarmac	5 th – Bball & Tarmac	TY – Bball & Tarmac	5 th – Bball & Tarmac
Tarmac	6 th -				
Railway					
Astro	1 st – Astro	1 st – Watching / Walking	1 st – Bball & Tarmac	1 st – Astro	1 st – Watching / Walking
Bball	2 nd – Bball & Tarmac	2 nd – Astro	2 nd – Watching / Walking	2 nd – Bball & Tarmac	2 nd – Astro
Tarmac	3 rd – Watching / Walking	3 rd – Bball & Tarmac	3 rd – Astro	3 rd – Watching / Walking	3 rd – Bball & Tarmac
Railway					

Sympathies

Deepest condolences to the O’Dwyer family on the passing of Ronan.

Sincere sympathies to Mr Micheal & David Butler and all the Butler family on the passing of Tommy.

Sincere sympathies to Mary Dwyer, Chairperson of the Board of Management and all her family on the passing of her brother and past pupil Bill.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.