



# C.B.S. THE GREEN

*Christmas Newsletter 2023*

## Principal's Address

Welcome to The Green Christmas 2023 newsletter. I invite you to take time to browse through this newsletter, where you can delve further into the numerous events that have taken place in our school this past term. I wish to congratulate our Class of 2023 on their excellent Leaving Certificate results. What a fantastic group of young men. We are so proud to see them move onto the next phase of their life journey, and we wish them every success. There was great excitement as we distributed our Junior Cycle results in October. Well done to the Junior Cycle Class of 2023. It is great seeing you progress positively into Transition Year and 5th Year. Our First Years are settling in very well, and it is a joy to see new friendships being formed as the students get used to the demands of secondary school whilst also embracing all the opportunities available to them. I especially want to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues for their dedicated efforts and commitment to providing a supportive and learning-rich environment for our students.



This newsletter will give you a flavour of the vast breadth of new experiences and learning opportunities our students have benefitted from since September. We have had occasions to celebrate many individual and collective achievements over the last few months. It is wonderful to see our students energising the school with their enthusiasm. In such a short period of time, they have had the opportunity to involve themselves in many activities and events. I want to thank the staff for their willingness to give their time so generously. I would also like to thank you as parents for working in partnership with us to ensure we maintain the highest possible standards for your sons. Thank you for your continued support.

Finally, I would like to thank Ms Rebecca Tobin for compiling this comprehensive Christmas newsletter.

We wish all our school community a peaceful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. We look forward to further shared experiences in holistic education in 2024.

# Leaving Cert Results

Congratulations to our Leaving Cert Class of 2023 on achieving outstanding grades in their Leaving Cert Results. The occasion was made even more special by a visit from Minister Norma Foley who had some inspirational words for our boys. "We remain invested in you. Whilst you were students here we wanted the best for you and when you leave we still want the best for you". Best of luck to all our 2023 Leaving Certificate Students. You've done us and yourselves proud.



## Gaisce Silver Medal



Minister Norma Foley presented our wonderful 5th Year student, Cian Heaslip, with his Silver Gaisce Award. Cian hopes to progress and complete the Gold Award. Well done Cian, an outstanding achievement.



## Staff 'Milestone' Birthdays

The staff surprised Mr. Flaherty, Mr Griffin and Mr Healy with cakes over the past few months to mark special milestone birthdays.



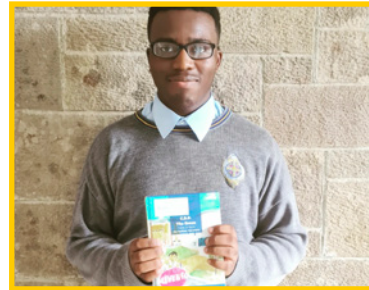
**HAPPY  
HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**

## Pattern Day



3rd year students attended Pattern Day in Ballyheigue, to celebrate Our Lady's Birthday, with their religion teacher Ms O Dwyer. Some students helped out with the distribution of Holy Communion by holding umbrellas over the priests and Bishop Ray to help shelter them from the scorching sun. They had fantastic weather to witness the faithful of the Ballyheigue community

## New School Journal



Introducing the All-New School Journal Cover! Designed by the creative and talented 5th-year student, Sean Soloman. Let's give a round of applause to Sean Soloman for his incredible talent that created a journal that encapsulates the spirit of learning, creativity, and growth in CBS The Green.

## Social Media Handles

Keep up to date with our latest school news on our school app and social media channels. Don't forget to share your son's achievements/good news to our email address [news@thegreen.ie](mailto:news@thegreen.ie)

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# September Challenge

The staff here at CBS The Green, organised by Ms. Kelliher and Ms. Anne Moore, went the extra mile in September, running and walking 60 miles, 2 miles a day, to support Chris O'Driscoll's recovery journey after he suffered a stroke on January 1st this year. They raised an impressive €2,830, which was presented to Chris's sister Aisling. The money raised will go towards Chris's ongoing recovery.



## Blue Team



Meet our staff who underwent intensive training last May! They have now become fully trained and certified first aid responders, and we couldn't be prouder. They are now an integral part of our 'Blue Team' here at the school, and they will be the ones we turn to when a medical emergency arises.

## LCVP Trips



Exploring the world of business and thrill rides! Our 5th-year LCVP class had an amazing day at Emerald Park, diving into business, tourism, and corporate social responsibility while riding rollercoasters.



Exploring the world of industry! Ms. O'Connor's 6th LVCP and Ms. Dillane's 5th-year LCVP classes embarked on a fascinating journey to Liebherr Container Cranes Ltd in Killarney. The 5th and 6th year LCVP students delved into the realm of Enterprise Education, gaining insights into production, manufacturing, careers, and logistics during an enriching tour of the plant



## BASKETBALL



U16



Our u16 team had a very successful year and only just missed out on qualifying for the knockout stage. A 4 and 2 win/loss record would suffice any other year, but unfortunately for us, this wasn't enough. One of the highlights from the year was Gearoid Whites shot against Miltown. With 3 seconds remaining in the quarter, Gearoid picked up the ball in near his own baseline and with 1 hand, fired it the length of the court towards the basket....it swished through the net much to the amazement of all present!! This team played very good basketball during the season and represented themselves and our school very well. We look forward to next season with confidence. Below is a report on our game v The Sem by Sam Slattery TY....

### U16 Report The Green v The Sem

The Green U16's came out victorious against a strong Sem panel in their game Wednesday early in the morning at half nine. The U16's started with a solid first quarter with Michael Quirke grabbing plenty of rebounds on the defensive and offensive side of play. Gearoid White was racking up the assists helping his team get points on the board. Fionan Brosnan was hitting layups on the fast break pushing his team further and further ahead. At the end of the first quarter with timer ending Oisín Brosnan hit a last second buzzer beater from beyond the three-point line to put a close to the quarter. Gearoid White was the man of the match throughout the entire game and the Sem defence couldn't keep up with his speed and aggression on the offense. He was getting steals everywhere on the court throughout the intense game and overall, he was a standout player throughout the game. Daniel Spring shot 100% from beyond the arc and was driving his team ahead with these clutch threes. Daniel brought intense energy when he stepped onto the court by grabbing ten rebounds in the paint. Overall Oisín Brosnan was top scorer with 11 points and Daniel Spring had the most rebounds with 10 rebounds. Report by Sam Slattery TY.

U19

With only two 6th years in our squad, this year was always going to be a test for this youthful side. A 3 and 3 win/loss record wasn't enough to progress to the knockout stage so unfortunately our season ended with our last regular season game away to ISK. There were plenty of positives from the season and some great performances. Our game against The Sem was one of those games.



### U19 report The Green v The Sem

This past week in a dog fight affair the determined and still victorious u19 boys won a thrilling match against our arch-rivals The Sem. The game started even and stayed that way throughout with both teams exchanging baskets in the first two quarters. But the second half is where the u19's proved their everlasting determination and drive as they scored from all angles and distances, An example of a man who couldn't miss was Brayden Pierce who caught fire in the second half nailing five three point shots, along with Shane Kelly and Jamie Burke who also hit outside shots to help push the u19's towards victory. But the standout player was without a doubt Gearoid White to all spectators as he changed the tide of the game by bringing a newfound energy to the game, helping push the boys on to victory. The top scorer on the day was Brayden Pierce with 21 points, well done Brayden and shout-out also to Luke Griffin who grabbed 17 rebounds. Report by Tadhg Falvey TY

We wish both Shane Kelly and Dara O'Connor the best of luck in their Leaving Certificate and thank them for their time representing us so well on the hardwood. I'd like to thank Ms Dunlea for her time coaching the boys and advice during the season. Thanks too to Jack Noonan on Stats, a very competent and assured young man. Happy Christmas to all and a very sporty New Year! ROR.

# Halloween Quiz



1st years took part in a Spooktacular Halloween Quiz on October 27th! They dressed up in their scariest costumers in support of the Irish Heart Foundation and have a blast taking part in the quiz while enjoying some goodies and winning best costume prizes. Thanks to Ms. Dillane and her 5th year LCVP class for the event.

# History



Traveling Back in Time: Our Senior History and 3rd Year History students had an incredible journey at the Kerry County Museum with Dave Swift, a heritage expert from Claiomh. Claiomh is a 'living history' group that brings Ireland's past to life. Our students immersed themselves in the material culture of the Irish Revolutionary period – a hands-on history lesson they won't forget!

## Young Kerry Historian

Kieran Cahill took home the prestigious Senior Award for Young Kerry Historian with his outstanding work, "The Murder of Batty McCarthy and Trial of His Killer William Little 1916-1917". The President of Kerry Archaeological Society presented Kieran with this remarkable accolade. Keep an eye out for Kieran's research soon to be featured in the Kerry Archaeological Magazine! Well done Kieran.



# Introducing our 1st Years for 2023/2024



Capturing the smiles and camaraderie of our 1st-year students at CBS The Green! Here are our six amazing class groups with their dedicated Year Head, Ms. McGillicuddy, and their awesome tutors. 1A with Ms. O'Daly, 1B with Ms. Costello, 1C with Ms. Somers, 1D with Ms. O'Keeffe, 1E with Mr. McMahon and 1F with Ms. O'Flynn

# Lee Strands Garda Youth Achievement Awards



Congratulations to all the recipients of the 26th Lee Strand Kerry Garda Youth Achievement Awards 2023. Your dedication to your

communities in Kerry is inspiring. A Special acknowledgement to Elma Walsh for receiving the Inspiring our Youth Award, and to our own past pupils Pauraic Meaney, and Eoin Buckley for their well-deserved wins! A final huge congratulations to our outstanding TY students Ethan Ward and Aaron Horgan, and 5th Year student Cillian Ginty on their well-deserved awards!



# SCIENCE

## Science News by Ms Knightley

As we bid a heartfelt farewell to two esteemed members of our Science Department, Mr. John O'Mahony and Ms. Geraldine O'Shea, we want to express our deepest gratitude for their years of dedicated service as Physics & Maths Teacher and Biology and Science Teacher, respectively. Their hard work, enthusiasm, and commitment have left an indelible mark on both their students and colleagues in the Science Department. They will be greatly missed, and we wish them all the best in their well-deserved retirement.

The past few months have been exceptionally busy for the Science Department, filled with notable achievements and exciting events. We are thrilled to announce outstanding Leaving Certificate results, a testament to the dedication and hard work of our students and teachers and wish all our students the best in their future endeavours.

In celebration of Space Week and Science Week, our Science Department has been actively involved in various events. Four of our projects have been accepted to the prestigious BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition in January, showcasing the innovation and talent within our department.



During Space Week, Ms. Knightly's 3rd-year students engaged in a thrilling table quiz, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Sabit, Mark, and Luca for their great performance

Our 2nd-year students had a fantastic Science Week, attending a captivating talk titled 'The Universe Talk' at Siamsa Tíre, presented by the esteemed David Moore. Ms. O'Keefe also led students in solving daily riddles, fostering a love for scientific problem-solving. The week culminated with our Senior Science Team trained by Ms. Knightly emerging victorious in the Senior Science Quiz, with team members Karim Abusamra, Samuel Regan, and Tom Stuart securing 1st place.

In early December, our Senior Science Team represented our school and county at the ISTA National Senior Science Quiz held at TCD. The team's exceptional performance earned them the 9th highest score in a fiercely competitive field of 43 teams. Congratulations to our team for their dedication and achievement and also to their teacher Ms. Knightly.



## BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition

Out of a staggering 2,040 entries, only 550 projects have been shortlisted by the judges, and our students have clinched their spots! Second-year wonders Eanna Thibaud, Joseph O'Connor, and James Doody have secured their positions in the Biological and Ecological Sciences category. They are carrying out an exciting research project on enhancing soil health and crop growth through natural soil enhancers. They are looking at waste products from industry that can be used as natural fertilisers, all part of the circular bioeconomy. They have greatly benefitted from the expertise of John de Brún Iasc Teo Dingle, Kerry Ingredients Listowel and Shannon ABC, MTU. Ethan Ward, Donncha Enright, Jaidon Ward Barrett, Tomasz Bober and Rian Curtin from Transition Year are heading to BTYSE 2024 with their impressive Technology projects.

Ethan Ward and Donncha Enright are carrying out research into how an AI platform they have developed can aid in differentiating learning in a mixed ability classroom.

Jaidon Ward Barrett, Tomasz Bober and Rian Curtin have built a mobility and care assistant. Both these teams have learned from REEdI, MTU. Rae Moriarty from Transition Year is set to shine in the Social and Behavioural Scientist Category having undertaken a project on transforming sustainability education in the Irish education system. Rae has benefitted from interview with geologist members of Conservation Fenit.

These students are being mentored by Ms. Eilín Enright, Ms. Máire Fitzgerald, Ms. Julianne O'Keefe and Ms. Ellen McGillycuddy and supported by all the school community in the lead up to the event.



## CPR 4 Schools Training

Ms. R Tobins' 2C and 2F classes successfully completed their CPR 4 Schools training, a program by the Irish Heart Foundation. They've gained vital life-saving skills that will make a difference! They received their certificates on National Restart a Heart Day 2023. This is a CPR awareness day where people across the world share their CPR knowledge and skills.



## Ag Science

Exploring the world of Ag Science! Our students got a hands-on at a Teagasc Beef Animal Health Ireland farm walk. From housing to nutrition, parasites to vaccinations, and even silage quality and animal breeds. Special thanks to the amazing farmers Killian, Margaret, and Phelim O'Leary, and the dedicate Teagasc and AHI team, especially Maurice Shine.

# SOCCER

## A Soccer Season Unfolded: Triumphs and Challenges

Embarking on the Munster campaign, the senior soccer team showcased promise, only to bow out after a hard-fought match against Crescent College. Despite the disappointment, the season served as a vital building block for the future, given the team's youthful composition.



## U15 Soccer

The U15 squad faced a significant setback with co-captain Calvin O'Sullivan sidelined due to a long-term injury. Undeterred, the team rallied, securing a spot in the last 12 of Munster with two commanding victories, netting an impressive total of 9 goals. As anticipation builds for the upcoming matches, the team is also eyeing a third consecutive triumph in the Kingdom Cup later this year.



## 1st Year Soccer

The first-year soccer blitz unfolded with intense matches, culminating in the 'blue team,' led by the talented Daniel Lane, claiming victory. A standout moment was goalkeeper Jamie Parker's heroic performance, where he courageously saved a crucial penalty played and broke his wrist in the process. As the 1st year team gears up for their post-Christmas season, we extend our best wishes to Jamie for a swift recovery, celebrating his dedication to the team's success.



# CBS Rugby

Rugby in The Green is represented by our 1st and 2nd year teams. Both teams have competed in the Emerging Schools Blitz's in Tralee RFC. These blitz's are organised by Munster Rugby and run by Munster development coaches.

They have afforded our students the opportunity to play and develop their skills, playing schools from Castleisland, Kenmare, Killorglin and Killarney. We have a number of students who only started playing rugby upon coming to the Green and they thoroughly enjoy playing. We aim to grow rugby further in the school by fielding u17 and u19 teams in the future.

Training takes place after school on Fridays and a massive thank you to Mr Sweeney, Ms Collins and Mr Butler for giving their time to training our teams.



# FOOTBALL

## U17 Football

Our U17s have qualified for the Dunloe Cup Final which will be played on Thursday December 14th. We beat Presentation Milltown in the quarter final on a score of 7-11 to 1-6. In the semi-final we played St Brendan's Killarney and we prevailed on a score of 1-13 to 1-10. Best of luck to the team and management in the final.



## Senior Football

### Corn Uí Mhuiri quarter final awaits in 2024

Our senior footballers finished top of their group to progress to the quarter finals of the Corn Uí Mhuiri, which will take place in mid-January. In a group that contained 3 Cork teams (Skibbereen Community College, CSN Bishopstown and HHS Bandon) qualifying from this group was always going to be tricky and so it proved.



First day out against Skib CC was a tight contest early doors. It was point for point during the first quarter of the game but a strong running game from the likes of Jake Foley, who top scored on the day, Maurice Lenihan and Luke Rochford proved to be the catalyst for a strong finish from our boys. A 7 point win for the The Green and a happy drive home from Banteer's 4G pitch and facilities in Cork.

Our next assignment proved to be a trickier affair. We took on CSN Bishopstown in Banteer and after a tit for tat battle, the scores were level at half time. When the second half resumed, the close battle continued. It wasn't until 15 minutes to go that CSN got a grip on the game when a fortuitous break of a ball, allowed them in for an easy goal. With 10 minutes to go, Ronan Carroll collected the ball and burned his marker. After a searing run, his shot flew just over the bar. A goal at that stage would have brought The Green right back into the game. From the resulting passage of play, CSN went down the field and got the insurance goal and we left Banteer once more, this time with a defeat.

As a consequence of the results from the other games in the group, we went into the final game knowing a win was the only result that would allow us to qualify for the knockout stages – lose and our year was over before Christmas.

So for the third time, we headed for Banteer, this time to take on table toppers HHS Bandon. It was clear the boys were fully tuned in for this game and their performance showed as much. A scoreline of 2-15 to 1-11 was how it finished. Such a commanding performance was built on a ferocious appetite for work and willingness to play the ball to man in the best position all of the time. There was big performances from Liam Óg O'Connor at midfield, Luke Rochford, Hugh Lenihan and Jerh Brosnan in attack and the defence was well anchored by both Eoin O'Flaherty and Fionnan Ryan.

We now look forward to a good Christmas period of training and matches in preparation for our quarter final in mid-January.

# OPEN NIGHT



There was a wonderful atmosphere at CBS The Green as the school opened its doors to over 500 visitors for its annual Open Night. The event provided a glimpse into the school's rich array of offerings and state-of-the-art facilities. The night was filled with the harmonious melodies of students, including captivating classical piano performances, traditional Irish music, and the rock vibes of a student-led band.

The sound of music resonated through the halls, setting the stage for an evening of exploration and discovery for sixth class pupils and their families. The science labs proved to be a hub of excitement as explosive demonstrations wowed the 'audience'. Visitors also got a glimpse into the future in the technology rooms, where they were introduced to the world of robots, highlighting the school's dedication to nurturing technological literacy. Attendees explored the modern gym facilities, emphasising the importance of physical well-being at CBS The Green.

The school's commitment to holistic education was evident in the range of supports available to students. Our Open Night was once again a success. The turnout was amazing, and we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated students and staff who put in so much effort to organise and run the event.

## Open Night Appreciation Post

To our amazing students who dedicated their time to set up, assist, and clean up after the Open Night - you're the heart of our school community. Your commitment and care for your "Green family" shines through

# THANK YOU!



## Debating

Our TY students Rae, Ethan, Alex and M.J completed their first debate in the round 1 fixture of concern debates opposing the motion "Africa will regret its reliance on China". It was a remarkable display of critical thinking and public speaking skills. This event marks the beginning of a promising debate season for our talented students, and we eagerly anticipate their future success in the world of competitive debating.



## Golf

Well done to our golf team who qualified for the All-Ireland finals following qualifying in Newcastle West. Daniel Gazi, Sean Hickey, Thomas O Connor, Mark Gazi, Oscar Morrisson and Ronan Kelly. Many thanks to Nealie for supporting the boys.



## Ewan Morris

Ewan Morris, 2nd-year, steals the spotlight in the short film "Two for the Road," showcased at the Kerry Film Festival in October.

With his compelling performance, Morris is hailed as a rising star in the making and won the Best of Kerry award at the Kerry International Film Festival.

## Junior Cycle Results Day



Congratulations to all our wonderful students in TY and 5th Year that received their Junior Cycle results

*Well Done!*



# HURLING

## Primary School Blitz

Our Primary Schools Blitz happened on October 23rd. 5th and 6th-year classes from 9 different schools took part and spent the morning in our school displaying their incredible hurling skills. Caherleaheen National School and Scoil Mhuire de Lourdes were triumphant on the day.



## 1st Year Hurlers New Jerseys

Thanks to the amazing support of Adams of Tralee, our 1st-year hurling team at CBS The Green now has brand new jerseys.



## A Year of Hurling History for CBS The Green

### Senior Hurlers

Huge congratulations to our senior hurlers for an incredible victory against CNS Bishopstown with a final score of 3-17 to 1-15 points in the Corn Thomais Mhic Choilm. This marks the school's first-ever win in the Munster B championship. Well done to all players and everyone involved in this fantastic achievement!



### 1st Year Hurlers

CBS The Green's first year hurlers clinched the Limerick 'A' Hurling Final title on Tuesday, seizing a stunning 2-15 to 1-11 win against Ardscoil Rís Limerick. This remarkable feat makes it the first time in history that a team from CBS The Green has had every North Kerry Club represented on the panel, which has forged a robust first-year panel, showcasing a squad with an abundance of skills. The final match against Ardscoil Rís was a true spectacle, with CBS The Green showcasing their prowess with a remarkable scoreline. This achievement is more than just a win; it's a milestone for CBS The Green, underlining the school's commitment to nurturing and celebrating the sporting prowess of its students.





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**TY GAA Future Leaders**



Our TY GAA Future Leaders have had a busy start to the year. There have been many activities planned and completed so far with many more to come.

- Primary Schools Hurling Blitz
- TY Skills Challenge in Lixnaw GAA
- Twitter reporting
- Match interviews
- Pre-match promotions
- Team profiles
- Youtube channel
- A new Media Series 'Raise The Green Flag'



We are very excited about the plans for the second half of the year. We are especially looking forward to finalising our ambitious plans for the Super 9s tournament. We have enjoyed working with Gort Community School on this and it was a great experience to begin our work with TG4 Spórt and TG4 Foghlaim. Keep an eye on our twitter feed to follow our latest updates.

[@thegreenTYFL](https://www.instagram.com/thegreenTYFL)





## Now That's What I Call the 80s Disco



The 80s disco, organised by the CBS The Green Parents Council, brought out leg-warmers, bandanas, and vibrant '80s fashions. Thanks to the creative minds of the CBS The Green Parents Council for this unforgettable night!

## Portraits



A sample of portraits completed by 1st year this term.

## Creepy Creativity alert!



Check out the eerie and fantastic 1st-year Halloween drawings on display

## Ciara Tuite



TY students enjoyed a visit to see the paintings of Ciara Tuite recently in Siamsa Tire Gallery

## Festive Art



Our first-year Visual Art students can't wait to see their clay Christmas decorations come to life in our kiln, just in time for the festive season

## TY Christmas Cards



Meet the faces behind the art! TY students Naode, Daniil, Odhran, and Davison will be spreading festive cheer by selling their handmade Christmas Cards. All proceeds go to support the Irish Cancer Society

## School Prefects

The Prefects are outstanding role models and ambassadors in CBS The Green. In school the Prefects get involved in a myriad of activities giving up their free time to help out and support school initiatives and activities. In late August they returned to school early to support the Incoming First Years with their induction into life in The Green. They assist with Parent Teacher Meetings, Parent Information Evenings, the Open Night, 6th Year Mock Interview evening and Wellbeing Week. The Prefects selflessly give up their weekends to help the Parents' Council with bag packing and assist with Incoming First Years Entrance Test Day. Our Prefects are also involved in many new initiatives in The Green such as Wear Green in The Green non uniform day and Wear a Red Wristband Day to show Racism the Red Card. They are also running a Movie Club for First Year students at lunchtimes. The students that take on this leadership role, as Prefects, have a very positive contribution to school life here in The Green.



## 6th Year Wellbeing Walk

Embracing the journey together – our 6th-year squad had a fantastic day walking from Banna to Ballyheigue with their teachers and yearhead Mr Clifford! A stroll, a cuppa, a dip, and some football – making unforgettable memories for their final year!



## Water Safety Seiko Award

Cillian Ginty, our courageous 5th-year student, and his dad Damien made waves of heroism at Banna Beach. In September, they spotted a distressed kite surfer and a struggling swimmer, they fearlessly intervened, towing the exhausted surfer to safety. Their valour was honoured with a water safety Seiko award at Dublin Castle.



# Christmas Shoebox Appeal

1st Year CSPE classes and their teachers worked hard on creating shoeboxes for the Team Hope Ireland Christmas Shoebox Appeal. 1st years dropped off their thoughtfully crafted shoeboxes at Kelliher's Toymaster in late November. These boxes, brimming with holiday cheer, are destined to bring smiles to children.



## Student Council

The Students Council in the Green are a proactive voice for the students, they have an input on most policies implemented within the school and work with the ISSU to ensure student voice is heard not only on a school level but a regional and national scale. They are run by students for students with Preston O'Keeffe (5th year) as Chairperson, David Morrissey (5th year) as Deputy Chairperson and Graham Edge (3rd year) as Secretary as well as representatives from each year group. The Student Council plan many events such as the Christmas Quiz, bake sales and facilitate lunchtime clubs. They also organise the annual Christmas Food Drive.



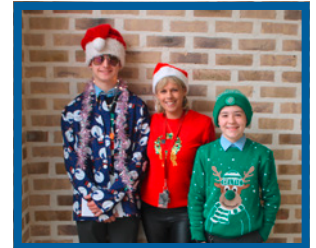
## Christmas Jumper Day

In the spirit of giving, staff and students joined Radio Kerry's 10th annual Christmas Jumper Day, organised by Ms. Dillane and her LCVP students. A big shoutout to Celsius Menswear for donating vouchers, making the event even more exciting! Congratulations to our best dressed Christmas Jumper winners:

**Junior Category (1st to 3rd Year):**  
**Ewan Morris - 2C**

**Senior Category (TY to 6th Year):**  
**Keelan Best - 5C**

**Overall Winner: Jack Lynch - 2C**



## Mentor Programme

Launched in September, the mentor programme at CBS The Green has swiftly become a resounding success, seamlessly connecting first-year students with their enthusiastic mentors from transition year. This innovative initiative has proven instrumental in fostering a supportive and inclusive school environment.

Transition year students, selected for their leadership qualities, have been instrumental in helping first-year students navigate the challenges of their initial year in secondary school. Regular check-ins and engaging group activities have forged strong bonds, creating a tight-knit community that values mentorship and peer support. Thanks to Ms D Lane for organising and running a valuable programme in the school.

# Transition Year Activities



*Sunny Reunion* The biggest TY class yet kicked off a vibrant year under the sun.



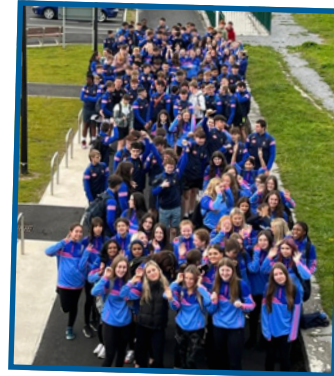
*Watersports Bonanza* Jamie Knox's Watersports set the stage for fun and team bonding.



*Outdoor Bliss at Ballyhass Coachford* Archery, aqua park, and high nets course – a day of pure exhilaration.



*Scenic Stroll* - TYs and Presentation girls made memories on the Fenit to Tralee Greenway.



*Ploughing Adventure* Muddy antics and agri shopping at the County Laois Ploughing Championships.



*Kerry Camino Conquest* Tackling the first leg from Tralee to Camp with tired legs and stunning views.

## TY Thrills: Highlights of 2023 / 2024 So Far!



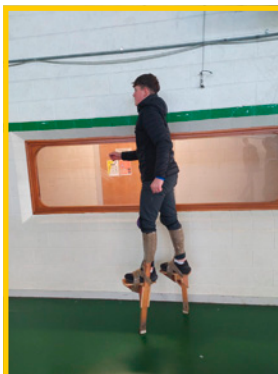
*Hospitality Mastery* TYs honed hospitality skills with Fiona Dunne, gearing up for success.



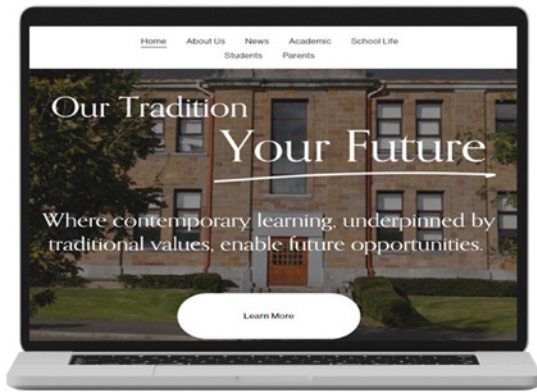
*Misty Hike* Killarney National Park revealed its charm on a foggy day post-exams.



*Circus Magic: Stilt* walking and enchanting performances turned ordinary moments into extraordinary ones.



# Digital Learning at CBS The Green



## NEW WEBSITE

Our website underwent a redesign and was relaunched in the autumn term. It now provides the latest information on school policies, curricular, and extracurricular activities.

*Check it Out!*



## Future Initiatives for the Digital Infrastructure of our School include

- Implementation of an enhanced Wi-Fi system across the entire school
- Installation of new digital noticeboards by the upcoming Christmas season
- Scheduled upgrades for all computers in the computer room in the year 2024
- Collaboration with technology companies to explore options for refurbished devices that can be integrated into the school environment to enhance student learning.

### Use of digital technology in respect of teaching, learning and assessment

- All staff and students have Microsoft 365 accounts which has enhanced both teacher and student collective and collaborative practice.
- Many teachers use online assessment and virtual learning environments as part of their teaching and learning (OneNote, Teams, Flipgrid, Quizlet, Kahoot, Padlet, StudyClix and others)
- All exam results and class tests are recorded on Athena, which is our academic monitoring tool, which highlights when a student falls below his potential and may need further support. In recent months our 3rd, 5th and 6th year students now have student accounts to encourage them to set their own targets and reflect on their learning, thus empowering them to take more responsibility for their school work.
- Our school has created a bespoke Junior Cycle short course 'Learning to Learn' which supports students use of technology across the curriculum.
- All Transition years students complete the Microsoft Office Specialist training programme as part of the TY curriculum since September 2023. This course distinguishes our students as truly knowledgeable in using the suite of Microsoft office applications and students are awarded a worldwide recognised certificate upon successful completion of the course and exams.

### Digital Technology Leadership and Policy Development

- All staff are part of digital leadership teams, where they benefit from mentoring by our team of staff digital leaders.
- 10 of our TY students are engaged with the Microsoft Dreamspace Ambassador programme and through this programme organise various student events to promote STEM education at The Green.

### The Green Pouch

The school's Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) has been updated to include the use of 'The Green Pouch' which was introduced in September 2023 to safeguard the use of mobile phones.

**MOBILE PHONE USAGE  
THE GREEN POUCH**

- Turn your phone OFF
- Put your phone into your Green Pouch
- During class, your phone is in the pouch switched off and on your desk.
- In between classes your phone is in the pouch switched off in your school bag.
- At break times your phone is in the pouch switched off in your school bag or in your locker.
- You are not allowed to turn your phone on and use it, at any time during the school day, unless instructed to do so by your teacher during class time.

### CBS The Green Partnership with Microsoft

**SHOWCASE SCHOOLS & COLLEGES**

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**WE ARE PROUD TO BE A MICROSOFT SHOWCASE SCHOOL!**  
2023-2024

**CBS THE GREEN TRALEE**

The Green was recognised by Microsoft as a 'Showcase School' in September 2023. This status is afforded to schools who demonstrate a desire to promote the use of Digital Technologies which support learning and build upon successful practices each year. The Green is proud to be the first school in Kerry to be bestowed with this status and one of just 10 post-primary schools in Ireland. Collaboration with Microsoft will further cement The Green's position as a leader of learning in the digital era.