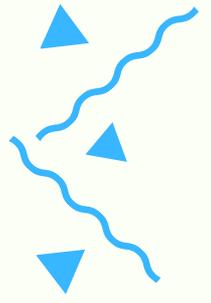


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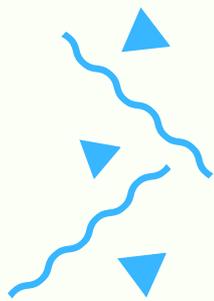
Mr. McCarthy's Message

Thank you to all of the families of Tallaght CNS for welcoming me to the school community at the beginning of this school year. It has been great getting to know everyone over the last four months.

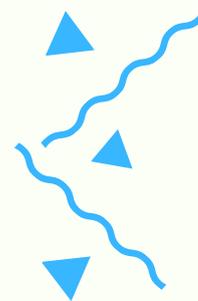
We have had an extremely busy term in school. The school has invested in new Maths and English resources. Teachers have been implementing our *Maths Recovery*, *Ready Set Go Maths* and *Mathletics* programmes. We have had extra curricular activities such as *Tag Rugby* with the IRFU, *GAA* with *St. Mark's* and *Marathon Kids* in 6th class take place. 3rd to 6th class have been learning to play *chess* with Mr. O'Connell and myself. Ms. McLoughlin's 1st/2nd class have performed with a music teacher from the *Music Generation* programme each week. We have also had visits from the *Civic Theatre*, *An Garda Síochána*, *Dogs Trust*, *Citywise* and *RTÉ News2Day*.

I am delighted with the resilience shown by staff, parents and children during the continuing COVID-19 restrictions. I am proud that we have been able to maintain a high standard of education.

I hope that everyone has a happy winter break. Stay safe and I will see you in the new year.
Conor McCarthy, Principal.



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Tallaght CNS Maths Curriculum

One of the core values of Community National Schools is a commitment to excellence in education. Our school has been working this year to design the way we teach Maths in school through training and the purchase of new resources.

In Junior/Senior Infants the children have been learning to count and manipulate number through the *Ready, Set, Go Maths* programme. This programme places an emphasis on teacher modelling, sorting, counting, relationships and understanding numbers. It will give children an excellent knowledge of the fundamentals of Maths.

Throughout the school all teachers have received training in *Maths Recovery*. Maths Recovery is a programme which offers a unique approach to extending children's number knowledge, understanding, and strategies. It will help teachers to assess where children are having difficulty.

Classes from 1st to 6th are using Mathletics as a means of allowing the children to work independently. It will ensure that well-able children can push themselves and extend their learning through relevant, attention-grabbing activities and challenges using our schools iPads.

Sarah Mulhere, Deputy Principal.



Music Generation

Mary from Music Generation comes into our class on Tuesdays. We have a lot of fun singing with her. We start with warm ups. We clap, click and pat in rhythm.

We play a game called Jump In, Jump Out.

Mary taught us the song Frosty the Snowman. We practiced singing it eleven times.

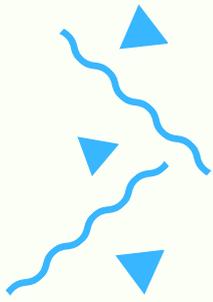
We added actions and practiced with Ms. McLoughlin.

We performed for the school at assembly on Friday. We were a little bit nervous but we knew we would be good.

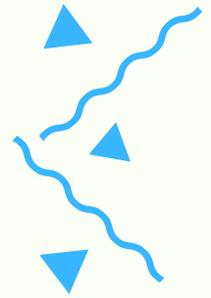
Jorja Johnston (2nd class)

Samantha Tuballa (2nd Class).





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Chess in Tallaght CNS

We have been learning how to play chess this year in school. Mr. O'Connell is teaching 6th class and Mr. McCarthy is teaching 3rd/4th/5th class. I already knew how to play chess, my brother taught me how to play. I like getting the chance to practice in school. I like being competitive and playing against my friends. We played a tournament in school to finish the year. I came first and I was delighted. I would like to tell people that chess is a really good game to play with friends or family.

Alex Nolan (5th Class)

I had never played chess before this year. I did not know how to play chess. We played games like "Radio-Active Horse Poo" to learn how to play, it was very fun. We learned how to check and checkmate. The school started a chess club in Citywise. I went to the club every week. It was great to play against children in other schools. I got a chess board at home. I'm trying to teach my sister Orla how to play.

Tilly Oshisanya (3rd Class)



Tag Rugby/GAA/Marathon Kids

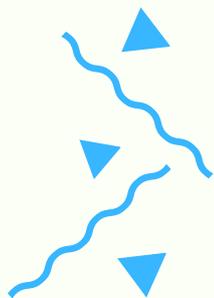
This term we got to play Tag Rugby, GAA and take part in Marathon Kids in school.

Rob from the IRFU came to school and taught us the rules of Tag Rugby. We played "Flush the Toilet" as a warm up. We learned about passing backwards, scoring touchdowns and getting tagged.

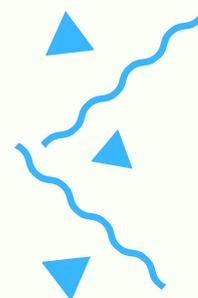
Gavin from St. Mark's GAA came into school and trained us in GAA. We learned handpassing and soloing. Gavin said there was no belting the ball allowed but he didn't always follow his own rules! We found playing GAA easy because we had played before.

We ran laps of the yard during Term 1 for Marathon Kids. We ran every morning and slowly did more and more. Eventually we went to Tallaght Athletics Club and ran 800m to finish the challenge. We ran a full Marathon (42km) in total.

Eoghan Broderick (6th Class)
Mawandy Mbhele (6th Class).



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Parents' Association

We have been busy over the past number of months working hard to re-establish our Parents Association here in Tallaght CNS. Thank you to all of the parents who have expressed their interest in being involved in the Parents Association so far. At our recent AGM, we elected our new Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer for the 2021-2022 school year. Our new officers are:

Chairperson - Pavan Prem Kumar Mannava (Nollaig's Dad)

Secretary - Claire Kelly (Seán and Lorcan's Mam)

Treasurer - Peter Butler (Callan's Grandad)

If you are interested in becoming involved in our Parents Association, please get in touch with any of our officers, Mr McCarthy or David Fagan HSCL on 0863311996. Our next meeting will take place in January with a time and date to be confirmed.

Coffee Morning

We had a fantastic coffee morning earlier in the term and it was great to see so many new faces in attendance.

Thank you to all those who attended and hopefully we will get to see you all again in the near future.

Thanks to Carmel from the National Parents Council who visited our school this term to give a talk about establishing a Parents Association.

I would like to thank you all for the warm welcome this year. If there is anything I can do to help please feel free to contact me on 0863311996. I am usually here on a Tuesday but feel free to contact me at any stage of the week.

David Fagan - Home School Community Liaison



School Building

I am delighted to announce that we will be making improvements to our school building in 2022.

Working with the DDLETB we have been approved for a grant from the Department of Education for €150,000 to fund the replacement of every window in the school. The new windows will be modern and double glazed. The project is now at tender stage and I hope that it will begin around Easter 2022.

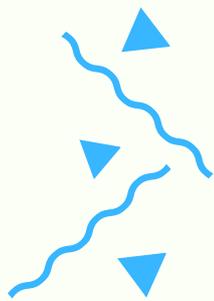
I am currently getting quotations for the cost of painting the exterior of the school. I hope to begin painting in May/June 2022 when the weather is suitable.

We have fantastic ground here in Tallaght CNS. Thanks to Ky Van our caretaker and Greenogue Business Park for organising the hedges surrounding the school to be cut.

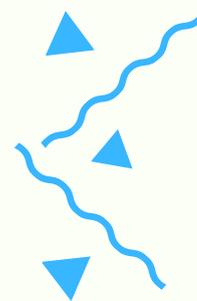
I am happy that we now have a sign at the rear of the school and am in talks with DDLETB about installing one in the front.

Lastly, if there are any parents/uncles/aunties who are handy - particularly electricians, carpenters, plumbers - and you have time to volunteer it would be great if you could give your name to reception. A small school like Tallaght CNS needs all the helping hands we can get!

Conor McCarthy, Principal.



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Contact/Information

The best way to contact the school is through reception.

Call: 01 452 7933

E-mail: info@tallaghtcns.ie

I am asking all families to once more ensure that you have downloaded the Aladdin Connect App. We are moving to Aladdin Connect as the main way we will send message to parents. Texting costs the school money however sending notifications on the Aladdin Connect App does not. If you do not download the Aladdin Connect App you will begin missing out on important messages.

You can also use Aladdin Connect to update any reasons behind absences for your child.

Twitter/Website

Please check out and follow the school Twitter to see more pictures and updates from the school during the school year. Our Twitter name is @TallaghtCNS.

You can also find information for parents on our school website www.tallaghtcns.ie

Enrolment

We are currently enrolling for the 2022/2023 school year. Please spread the word about our school to your friends who might be looking for a school for their children. Our Enrolment Form can be found on the school website. You can also contact the school reception and get details.