

THE CASTLETOWN STAR



February 2024



Welcome Note

Welcome to our first school newsletter. The Student Council have been working hard to get this up and running for the past few weeks. We hope to send out a newsletter each half term to keep everyone in our school community up to date with everything happening in our school. We will show highlights of what we have been doing in school as well as informing you of any important dates or events coming up. We will also upload each newsletter to the school website. Please make sure to keep up to date with your daughter's class blog on the school website www.castletowngns.ie for more on what we have all been getting up to.

Interview with the Principal

The Student Council interviewed Ms Murphy to ask about her first few weeks in the job as Principal of Castletown Girls School.

Q: How does it feel being Principal?

A: I am delighted to be Principal and feel honoured and very lucky as it is such a wonderful school.

Q: What's different from being Vice Principal?

A: I don't teach anymore. I have to pay all the bills and I get to visit all the classes now.

Q: Do you miss being Vice Principal?

A: I miss teaching and Ms McNally but I'm very excited to be Principal.

Q: Is it hard being Principal?

A: Most days it is. It's very busy but I love it!

Q: Are the problems in school hard to fix?

A: We are lucky to have brilliant staff, wonderful parents and excellent students. They all help me out.

Q: What's your favourite part so far?

Making some changes and really listen to the student voice.



Upcoming Dates

- Tuesdays (13th Feb-19th March): 3rd Classes GAA
- Monday 26th February: Cultural Week
- Friday 8th March: School Closed for Elections
- Monday 18th March: Bank Holiday (School Closed)
- Monday 25th March-Friday 5th April: Easter Holidays

Reminders:

Please download the Aladdin School app if you haven't already and log in using the access code sent to you by text. This will be used to receive notices and reports from the school.

MEET THE TEAMS

Our school has some wonderful committees of girls who have volunteered their time to make our school a wonderful place to learn. They organise a lot of the extra activities that happen in our school, so you will hear a lot about them in these newsletters!

Student Council

Our Student Council is run by Ms Murphy, Ms Rogers and Ms Neary. Our Student Council members are Faith, Emanuela, Nikita, Zoe, Jana, Sumayia, Amna, Yasmin, Robin, Lavodi, Saoirse, Tiernagh and Zoe.

Our job is to bring ideas from the girls in our class to the teachers to make sure all of the girls in our school have a voice. We also help to organise Anti Bullying Week & Cultural Week.



Amber Flag Committee

The Amber Flag Committee is run by Ms McMahan and Ms McLoughlin. Our wonderful Amber Flag Committee and 'Wellbeing Warriors' are Emily, Zofia, Tiana, Rachael, Cassie, Ieva, Naomi & Kasey.

Our job is to come up with monthly activities to keep everyone in school happy and give them ideas about how to look after their mind and their mental health.



Active Committee

The Active Committee is run by Ms Butterly and Ms Heaphey. The members of the Active Committee are Emma, Demi, Carragh, Lakeisha, Emma, Najma, Lexi, Yusra, Anaya, Alison, Kate and Aoibheann.

Their job is to organise and hand out equipment for yard time as well as organising different active challenges.



STAY ACTIVE

CLASS HIGHLIGHTS

Have a look at what our classes have been up to recently.

Junior Infants



Junior Infants visited the fire station to help them understand the important job a firefighter has. They got to look at the uniforms, their breathing equipment and even sit in a fire engine and hear the sirens!

Senior Infants

Senior Infants also visited the fire station. The Firemen gave the girls a tour and answered all their questions about what it was like to be a firefighter. The girls got to sit in the fire trucks and see all the equipment used to help people in an emergency. Fireman Brendan put on the full safety kit and the girls took turns pushing the button on his mask to give him more oxygen.



1st Class

1st class were treated to a very special visit by the Gardaí recently. They got to see the Garda car and hear its siren. They even got to try on some of the uniform. They had a great time and there might be some future Gardaí in this class!

2nd Class

Some of the 2nd class girls made their First Confession. They put a lot of work into learning their songs and prayers.

2nd class have also been learning about China and made these beautiful Koi Fish for art recently.



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3rd Classes



Our two 3rd classes have been super busy! They learned about procedural writing. Ms Neary's class wrote a recipe for salt dough and made salt dough decorations for Valentines Day. Ms McLoughlin's class wrote a recipe for rice krispy buns and made yummy treats. 3rd class have also been getting GAA lessons recently as well as taking regular trips to the library.

4th Class

4th class have been learning about Italy recently and are working on projects based on what they've learned. The girls are designing booklets with information about Italy's flag, food, and famous landmarks.



5th & 6th Class

5th and 6th class have been working very hard practicing songs for the Peace Proms on Sunday. They have been practicing a huge selection of songs for the past few weeks and will travel to Belfast on Sunday to perform at the Peace Proms with other schools.

