



Spotlight on Junior & Senior Infants

Reflecting on Our First Term

Annika & Jess chatted with the Junior Room about their time in school so far! This year, some of our new Junior Infants shared their thoughts on Hallowe'en Day and their very first term at school. Both the Junior and Senior Infants have been busy with lots of wonderful learning and creative projects, and they were so proud to present their artwork to their classmates. Our new Junior Infants spoke about their first day of school, the new friends they've made, and all the fun they've had settling into Brannoxtown CNS. They especially loved the BCNS Hallowe'en Day organised by the senior room and the fantastic Trunk or Treat created by the Parents' Association. It's been an amazing first term for our youngest pupils—and they're already excited for all that's to come next term!



🌿 Nature Walks and Autumn Play

In S.E.S.E., the children have been busy learning all about Autumn. They had great fun on a nature walk around the nearby grounds, keeping an eye out for the signs of the season. Along the way, they gathered autumn leaves, acorns, and chestnuts, and even spotted a few squirrels preparing for winter! During play time, the Junior Room pupils loved exploring the Witch's Kitchen and Pumpkin Patch in the role-play area. In small world and construction, they used their imaginations to create homes and farmlands inspired by the autumn landscapes they had discovered outdoors.

🍏 A Day in the Life of a Junior Room Pupil at Brannoxtown CNS

Our Junior Room pupils have wonderfully busy and exciting days. Each morning begins with table-top activities for fine motor skills, helping to build strong fingers and steady hands—great preparation for when we start cursive writing! Next, it's time for Maths fun, exploring number through counting games and hands-on activities. After break, we dive into English, where we practise our sounds, enjoy nursery rhymes, and listen to story time together – this term's highlights include 'Owl Babies' and 'Room on the Broom'! Then it's over to Gaeilge, where we learn new words and phrases through songs and games.

On yard, we love spending time outdoors with our friends in 1st & 2nd Class, playing and chatting. And the best part of the day? Finishing with play, where we explore role-play, sensory play, small world, and construction. Of course, there's always time for P.E., Art, Music —making every day in the Junior Room full of fun, discovery, and imagination! 🎨🎵🏃‍♀️

Spotlight on 1st and 2nd Class!

Highlights of School Life

The students in 1st & 2nd Class would like to share something that they love about school. Seven students will share their thoughts in this newsletter.

I love playing with my friends in school – Charlotte

I love all of the Art projects that we work on – Holly

I love the GAA training with Rob – Juliet

I love helping people in school – Michael

I love that our school is a friendly community – Dara

I love Golden Time every Friday – Jared

I love all of the learning that we do in school – Logan



Guess Who!

We had so much fun doing a guessing game with baby photos. At the beginning of the school year we talked a lot about how we have changed since we were babies. Múinteoir Eimear asked us to bring in a photo of us when we were a baby. Múinteoir put the photos on a big poster with a number under each photo and we got a sheet of paper with the numbers 1 – 20 on it. We had to look at the photos and guess who each baby was. It was so much fun!! Then we talked about how we have changed and what things we can do now that we were not able to do when the photo was taken.

Shared writing by First Class

Autumn Art

We created a really fun art project using crisp autumn leaves. We walked to the teacher's carpark to pick pretty autumn leaves. We saw lots of signs of autumn on our little walk. We saw acorns, conkers, huge mushrooms and lots of autumn leaves. When we were back in the classroom we wrote our names in bubble letters, mixed paint in autumn colours, painted our names and decorated the paper with the autumn leaves. We were very proud of our work!

Shared writing by Lochlainn, Holly and Luiza

Spotlight on 3rd & 4th Class!

House Constructions

We did house projects in 3rd and 4th Class. We had the choice to work with a partner or by ourselves. We brought in cardboard boxes and other equipment such as fabric, hot glue guns, plastic, wire and Astro grass. First we planned and wrote down the equipment we needed and a rough idea of our house in our SESE copies. Next we wrote down the steps we would take to build our houses in our English copies. Then we started constructing our houses. A lot of people wanted to get grass for their house, some used it for a garden while some people found other creative ways to use it. Some people got very creative with their designs and even added a swimming pool to their house. We all had so much fun with this project.

Written by Sienna, Leo, Peleg and Leon



Inspirational Projects

Lately in third and fourth class we have been working on projects about people who inspire us. Some people chose their parents while others chose actors 🧑 or musicians 🎸. We had to pick people that inspire us and make factual videos about them. First, we gathered images and facts by using the iPads. We found facts about where they are from, fun facts, their biggest achievements and why the person we chose inspires us. Then we put them into CapCut to create our videos. Afterwards we made it into a speech and recorded it. Finally, we did a voice over and we put altogether.

Written by Jamie, Tad and Robyn

Carving Pumpkins

For Halloween, 3rd and 4th class carved pumpkins. We all planned our ideas by using markers and stencils on the pumpkins to decide what we would carve. We were in groups of about three or four people. We were lucky to have some nice weather to carve our pumpkins outside. We did a ton of different funny and spooky faces. It was great to be able to carve pumpkins and we had a lot of fun creating different designs for our pumpkins.

Written by Edith, Scarlett, Erin and Rosie

Spotlight on 5th & 6th Class!

Student Council Elections

On the 1st of October 2025 Brannoxtown C.N.S held their year 25/26 Student Council Elections. Two weeks in advance, the students who were running began campaigning for their classmates votes. Many children were in the running and the quality of speeches was incredibly high. After some phenomenally persuasive speeches and extremely close vote counts the results were announced. Congratulations to all who ran, we know your time will come. Your 2025/2026 BCNS Student Council:

1st Class: Juliet

2nd Class Holly

3rd Class: Sienna

4th Class: Tad from

5th Class: Sophie

6th Class: all members

Vice President: Luke

President: Aryan

By Aryan Mehmood



Clay Dragon Eyes

To accompany the dragon projects, 5th & 6th Class used clay to create their own dragon eyes that included intricate designs of dragon scales and facial features. They embedded a dragon eye in the clay and then got to work carving out spikes, horns and eye lids. Pupils used biro lids, clay knives and smoothing techniques to produce astonishing pieces of work.

DRAGON PROJECTS

5th & 6th Class have been doing dragon projects and they have been very educational and enjoyable. Before creating our own species of dragon, we learned about animal adaptations and how habitat affects them. We walked around the classroom looking at multiple habitats such as the tundra, the desert and the deciduous forest. We discovered the geographical locations of these habitats along with the adaptations needed to survive. We started creating our dragons and they were all really good! We developed facts about habitat, diet, hunting and appearance. The projects were inspired by our teachers former class, who did their own dragon projects five years ago. We also created scientific names for our species of dragons. The dragons ranged from aquatic dragons to dragons living in the clouds and ranged in size from half a meter to six hundred and fifty metres tall! In conclusion, the dragon projects have been a perfect way to let our imaginations run wild, develop our non-chronological report writing skills and learn about nature all at the same time. I truly hope you enjoyed our newsletter.

Sincerely, Luke and Samuel.

Whole School News

Farewell Múinteoir Lyndsey

It was with great sadness that we said farewell to Múinteoir Lyndsey on the last day of term. Múinteoir Lyndsey brought so much joy and creativity to Brannoxtown CNS. Her kindness and warmth will be fondly remembered by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her. We will miss her dearly and we wish her and her family every happiness and success as they begin an exciting new chapter closer to home.

Upcoming Events

HSE Flu Vaccine Return Visit:

6th of November

2nd Hand Book Sale (by former pupil Lucas Flynn): 13th of November

Parent-Teacher Meetings:

18th & 19th of November

**Sign-up links will be sent out on Aladdin after the mid-term break*

Maths Week Magic at Brannoxtown CNS!

We had a fantastic time celebrating Maths Week with lots of hands-on activities that brought numbers, problem-solving, and creativity to life! Pupils enjoyed visiting our Estimation Stations where they guessed the length of the skeleton, the number of creepy critters in the jar, and the weight of the pumpkin. The Senior Room also enjoyed an incredible Maths Escape Room! Throughout the week, classes took part in Maths Journalling and explored mathematical thinking during our Maths Week-themed Morning Meetings.

A special highlight was when 1st and 2nd Class visited the Senior Room to share their October calendar work and the wonderful Maths stories they had co-created. Múinteoir Deirdre was especially impressed by their confidence, creativity, and enthusiasm for learning. Well done to all our wonderful mathematicians for making Maths Week such a fun and memorable celebration of learning! 💡📏

Thank You for a Spooktacular Trunk or Treat! 🧛‍♀️

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our Trunk or Treat such a wonderful way to end the term! The event, organised by the Brannoxtown CNS Parents' Association, was filled with creativity, laughter, and community spirit. Our school grounds were transformed into a Halloween wonderland, with our pupils thrilled by the incredible car displays, treats, and plenty of spooky fun. The look of glee on the children's faces when they discovered the surprise was a sight to behold!

A huge well done to our Senior Room pupils, who organised an extra-special Hallowe'en Fun Morning for the whole school. Their imagination and leadership shone through as they ran games including the Grape Escape, Monster Target Games, Pin the Spider's Web, and The Witches' Lab! It was a fantastic celebration to finish the term—thank you to everyone who contributed to making it such a memorable day! 🎃

Bí Cineálta

Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour

A heartfelt thank you to our pupils, parents, staff, and the Board of Management for their support and engagement with this key policy. Together, we endeavour to make sure that every child in Brannoxtown CNS feels happy, safe, and welcome at school.

Well done to our pupils who designed a child-friendly poster and guide to accompany the Bí Cineálta Policy – helping make kindness visible in every corner of our school!

At its heart, Bí Cineálta means **Be Kind**. We encourage everyone in our school community to lead with kindness, so that Brannoxtown CNS continues to be a place where everyone can thrive together.



Click here to access the BCNS Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour:



Junior Infants 2026

We are enrolling!

A reminder that our admissions window is open and will close on the 13th of November! Click here to access our enrolment page!



Brannoxtown CNS
JUNIOR INFANT
September 2026
Admission Now Open!

- Small Class Sizes
- Active, hands-on & playful learning
- Strong & caring relationships
- High Expectations
- Child-centred & inclusive

Opens: 16th of October
Closing Date: 13th of November

Apply at:
<http://www.brannoxtowncns.ie>

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WEEK 8

CRAZY HAIR DAY!

