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NATIONAL AWARD



## Welcome back ....

Welcome to the Christmas edition of our Wellread Newsletter here in St. Mary's CBS, Portlaoise. Please enjoy some festive reads in the pages ahead. Wishing all our readers a Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2024!

## The Literacy Word of the Week continues...

Each Monday a new exam word and meaning will be announced for all students to take down in their journals. We hope to build a bank of words in our journals that will help improve our understanding and performance in exam questions. Here is a quick update:

Week 1: **ANALYSE**: Break down into parts and examine.

Week 2: **ASSESS**: Consider / weigh up usefulness.

Week 3: **COMPARE**: Say how two things are the same or different.

Week 4: **CONTRAST**: Highlight the difference between.

Week 5: **CREATE**: Generate something new.

Week 6: **CRITICISE**: Consider and comment on your judgement (Not all negative).

Week 7: **DEFINE**: State the meaning of...

We missed a few Mondays due to In-service and a long weekend and we will be back in the new Year with more key exam words.

## 1B get a visit from the local library staff.



The more that you read,  
the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
the more places you'll go.

Dr. Seuss



# 1B DRAMA: 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY SQUIRT'.







# DEBATING: CBS V SCR

***'Continuous  
assessment  
should be  
implemented  
in schools'.***

In October the Senior debating teams from both schools battled it out regarding the motion 'Continuous assessment should be implemented in schools'. Kyle John won best speaker and the girls from SCR were the winners on the day. The debate was held in our GPA, and First Years from both schools watched attentively.

CBS speakers on the day were Kyle John, Aaron Branagan and Jack Murrell.

Well done boys!



# READING

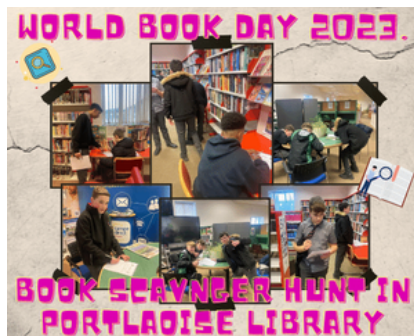


EVERYONE IS A READER ... SOME JUST HAVEN'T FOUND THEIR FAVOURITE BOOK YET!



## Next Edition...

We will have our next issue out in time for World Book Week 2024. Keep an eye out for events, competitions and displays around the school. Here are some competition winners from last year



## Volunteers Needed..

Would you be interested in submitting some of your creative writing to appear in future issues of the Wellread Newsletter? We are looking for student volunteers! Please get in contact with Ms. Lalor: email her at [mlalor@portlaoisecbs.com](mailto:mlalor@portlaoisecbs.com)

## What are you Reading?

Please email Ms. Lalor with any good book recommendations and we will post them in upcoming newsletters.



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