



Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed Thurles

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Important Dates

Up to July 1st

CAO Change of mind

August 13th

Leaving Certificate Results

August 25th

Staff Day

August 26th

1st year students start school

Mid September

Junior Certificate Results

Principal's Address

We have come to the end of a very busy exciting and successful school year. The year started with excellent Leaving and Junior Certificate results enabling the class of 12/13 to enter Universities and Colleges throughout Ireland to study a variety of courses from PE Teaching to Engineering. Our Music Department got into gear with the musical extravaganza "Grease". This was followed by success from the Science Department in the BT Young Scientist who then proceeded to win the SciFest Intel Award for Technology. Our Business Department were very successful achieving 1st and 2nd prizes in the National Enterprise Awards and not to be out done the students in our Maths Department were one of two schools in Tipperary to win county medals at the MATHletes provincial final and came third place in their category in Munster. Our Extra Curricular and Sports Departments had similar success with a County u14 Gaelic football title and All Ireland trophies in both volleyball and athletics, followed by success in hurling and soccer. The school was also awarded its first Green Flag for Litter & Waste. Congratulations to all involved. We welcome the incoming first year students whose induction programme is running successfully. Enrolments closed in January due to the increased numbers. We bid farewell to the heavy school bags as first years can now use iPads and we congratulate the incoming first year students who won iPads in the Science Technology Engineering and Maths Competition. On behalf of the staff, I thank the Parents Council for their ongoing cooperation, support and hard work, and the Board of Management for their vision and leadership. On behalf of the Board of Management, I would like to thank the hardworking staff for their commitment and dedication in striving to achieve the best for all our students. Finally, I wish our Leaving and Junior Certificate students the very best in their exams. Have a great summer!

Denis Quinn, Principal



Encouragement from our school chaplain Fr Hennessy on Exam Day

Green Flag Award

Green Schools'

Committee members Ms Smith, Philip O'Sullivan, Aaron Moriarty, Joe O'Donoghue and Ms Geaney proudly displaying Coláiste Mhuire Co-Eds first Green Flag for Litter and Waste at the Awards Ceremony.



u14 Gaelic Football County Champions



Farewell to the Class of 2014

The 6th year class of 2014 began the celebrations by spending a fun packed morning go-karting at the National Kart Centre in Limerick. The students were accompanied by their year head Mr J Dunne and Ms O Ryan.



On returning to school, they enjoyed a fabulous meal in the school canteen where staff members joined them and wished them all the best in their future endeavours. The graduation concluded with a prayer service in the school assembly hall celebrated by Fr. Hennessy.



MATHletes Challenge County Winners & Provincial Finalists 1st year students Colm Keyes & Patrick Shelly enjoyed great success in the online Maths competition.

Nature's Palette Art Exhibition

Under the guidance of Art teachers, Ms R Dorney and Ms Cahill, this exhibition took place in LIT Thurles on March 21st and featured works from art students in TY, 5th year and PLC, as well as works by local renowned artist Jurgen Ryan. The exhibition was opened by Jean Forbes Cooke of LIT and 10% of the proceeds were donated to Suir Haven in Thurles.



Tipperary ETB Table Quiz

The Tipperary Educational & Training Board inaugural table quiz took place in the Dome at Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed earlier this year. It involved all ETB Tipperary schools and it was a very enjoyable and successful experience for all involved. Stephen Troy, Mary Maxfield, Brima Jordan and Lee Jordan represented our school.

Neat Streets Programme

Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed completed the Neat Streets Anti-Litter and Waste Management Programme and students were invited to the awards ceremony in Croke Park, Dublin. The students presented their findings on the success of the programme in our school.

A Neat Street Certificate was awarded to the school from An Taisce. Many thanks to Ms Smith for all her hard work seeing this programme come to fruition in the school.



Seachtain na Gaeilge

Students at Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed made a special effort to use “an cúpla focal” with their friends outside the classroom during Seachtain na Gaeilge. A number of events such as quizzes, poster competitions and traditional Irish music sessions took place during the week.

Féile an Aonaigh

During Seachtain na Gaeilge a number of our students entered various competitions at Féile an Aonaigh and were very successful in the Ealain and Filíocht categories.



Photo shows Féile an Aonaigh Óg Fhile 1st and 2nd place winners Stiofán Ó'Troithigh & Micheál Beaton with múinteoir Ms Geaney.

Photo shows Féile an Aonaigh Ealaíne 2nd place winner Darren McCarthy with múinteoir Ms Geaney.



LIT Aspirations

Earlier this year, all 5th year students completed three events in this programme which aims to support senior cycle students in their progression to third level education. The programme consisted of interactive workshops, campus visits and parental information events. Many thanks to Career Guidance Counsellor Mr O'Brien, to Elaine Morris of the National Learning Network and to LIT for organising and facilitating these events.

“Ag dul go dtí an Ghaeltacht....”

Scott Beaton agus Ruairí Barrett a bhuaigh scoláireachtaí chuig Corca Dhuibhne Gaeltacht lena múinteoirí Gaeilge.



“A day at UCC....”

Our 5th year students and teachers Ms A Purtill and Mr J Fanning enjoyed a day away from the classroom and into a lecture theatre on University College Cork campus where they got a taster of college life. This event was organised by Career Guidance counsellor Mr O'Brien. The students found the experience most helpful and informative as they prepare to enter their final year in September.

“Le Chéile” Lunch

Our 2014/2015 “Le Chéile” programme leaders enjoyed a very tasty lunch with the “Le Chéile” programme coordinator Ms O Ryan, Deputy Principal Ms C Wallace and Principal Ms D Quinn.

Our incoming first year students can be assured that they will adjust and integrate into school life very quickly with the help and support of their sixth year “buddies” who will guide and support them.



Career Speakers

In February, our senior cycle students enjoyed very informative presentations on third level courses and careers from Mr Declan Phillips of the Engineering Department at U.L. and from Ms Laoise Ní Cheallaigh of An Roinn na Gaeilge at St Patrick's College in Thurles.

Technology Scholarship 2014 Winners

Congratulations to incoming first year students Madison Pitout & Ben O'Sullivan who were successful in the STEM competition and won a bursary of €1,000 euro each which includes an iPad and school iBooks.



Make a Book Celebration

A group of Junior Cycle students participated in Make a Book which an annual celebration of reading, writing and the creative imagination of students and teachers involved in the Junior Certificate School Programme. This year the students composed poetry, wrote short stories and book reviews. They travelled to Cork City Hall accompanied by Ms H Wallace to view their works on display.



Junior Certificate Schools Programme Awards

Congratulations to all the 3rd year students who completed the JCSP and received their official certification from the Department of Education and Science at the Awards Ceremony. A number of successful JCSP initiatives took place during the year in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy, Gaeilge, Art and Science.

Photo shows 3rd year JCSP Certificate recipients with Ms Deirdre Dunne; Parents Council

Congratulations to second year student David Manning on being appointed captain of the u14 Mid-Tipperary Gaelic football team earlier this year.

David excels in both hurling and football at school and club level and is a member of the Holycross/Ballycahill club.

NFTE Regional Final Awards

Congratulations to 5th year student Milena Rataj who received a second place award for her project entitled "Personalised baubles and handmade cards" at the regional Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship Awards ceremony held at LIT Thurles. Milena received a medal and a certificate for all her hard work completed under the guidance of her Business teacher Ms M Bergin.

Photo shows Milena with the judges who were Eric O'Brien Foróige, Marney O'Regan BOI branch manager Thurles and John Kennedy Thurles Chamber Enterprise Centre (TCEC) manager.



LCA Walk for TÚS NUA

As part of their Enterprise Task, 6th year Leaving Certificate Applied students Mary Ellen McCarthy, Liam Meaney, Aaron Ryan Casey & Jesse O'Dwyer organised a very worthy 5km fundraising walk for all non exam students in aid of TÚS NUA Autism Residential & Resource Centre. This event was organised with the assistance of their Enterprise teacher Ms M Bergin.



Photos show 6LCA students Mary Ellen and Liam presenting Mr Michael Walsh with a €300 cheque for the TÚS NUA centre & 5th year students who took part in the walk



Under 14 Boys Volleyball Team play in All-Ireland Semi Final



The u14 cadette boys team successfully reached the All Ireland Semi-Final of the shield competition. and were very unlucky not to overcome St Brigid's of Loughrea in the final set. Many thanks to their coach Ms D Wall for her dedication to the sport.

Transition Year News

Transition Year students had a very rewarding, enjoyable and educational time experiencing life inside and outside of Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed. Programme coordinator Ms A Conroy and the TY teachers organised a vast amount of activities and trips for the students to partake in and must be congratulated.

TY School Trips

The students enjoyed a festive trip to the Galway Continental Christmas Market in December where they enjoyed the Christmas festivities.

In January, they went on a geographical and historical trip to Co. Clare as part of their Tourism module. They visited the Cliffs of Moher, the Aillwee Caves in the Burren and Bunratty Castle.

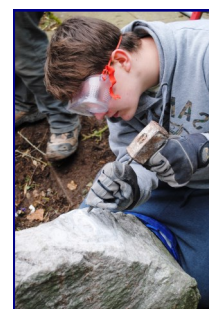


In May, the much anticipated trip to Killary Harbour Adventure Centre in Connemara took place and "un'esperienza indimenticabile", "fue fanastico" and "grossartig" were the positive responses from some of our respective Italian, Spanish, and German non-national (E.F. and SPIL) students following their return from the trip. Our students engaged in wide array of outdoor activities ranging from water trampolines, turf challenges, laser combat, and the Killary challenge. Students and teachers Ms A Conroy & Ms C Geaney deemed their trip to be a most enjoyable, exciting, and memorable one!!



Creative Engagement Garden Design

The students worked on a creative engagement project with renowned Holycross sculptor Philip Quinn in an enclosed garden in the school that consists of trees and boulders of limestone rock. The students worked diligently with hammers, mallets and chisels in their endeavour to create faces and artistic shapes on the wood and rock. It was a great learning experience and unique opportunity for our students to get an insight into the life of a sculptor and the methods of sculpting.



TY Awards Ceremony

On May 26th, the TY students received numerous certificates in recognition of their participation and involvement in the various activities, projects & exhibitions during the year. As well as receiving an overall TY Certificate, the following events, activities and achievements were acknowledged and certified: Chinese and Cultural Studies, Intel Youth Enterprise Ideation Camp, Scratch Computer Programming, TRYS - Peer Leadership Training, BT Young Scientist, NFTE, Student Enterprise Awards, GAISCE, Creative Engagement Garden Design Project, Community Care, Log on & learn, Tap Tourism Award and Irish Language and Culture. We wish all our TY students every success in their future education.



Intel Ideation Camp

TY students took part in an Ideation Camp which was organised by Thurles Lions Club and involved students from all the secondary schools in the town. Curtis Ryan was part of a group that won 1st place with an idea based on employees of retirement age sharing their work experiences with young people for approximately two weeks within the workplace.

TY One Book Scheme



Visit to Butlers Chocolate Factory

During the year our business students visited Butlers Chocolate factory in Dublin and received a guided tour of the functioning factory and were shown the production process for making Santa Clauses and Easter Eggs. They also got the opportunity to decorate their own chocolate product.

TY students enjoyed participating in this scheme which was carried out in partnership with Thurles Library. It involved the students compiling themes from selected novels and organising an exhibition based on their themes. The eight week project was carried out under the guidance of their English teacher Ms B Ryan.



School Business Partnership with Lisheen Mine

As part of the Schools' Business Partnership Initiative, Lisheen Mine have been working closely with our 5th year students on an on-going basis to expose them to the world of employment opportunities available in a Primary extractive industry such as that of Lisheen Mine.

Our students have benefitted hugely from this programme as visits have taken place at the mine both above and below ground, as well as subsequent follow-up sessions and mock interviews. Personnel from Lisheen Mine and our Business Department in school have built up a strong rapport over the last number of years and this has proved most valuable to the students as they contemplate on their career choices before progressing on to the Leaving Certificate year.

This years' programme concluded in May with our students receiving their certificates and delivering a presentation on their experiences to Lisheen Mine personnel. Many thanks to Business teacher Mr J Brennan for liaising with Lisheen Mine throughout the programme.



Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed on Tour

The 1st and 2nd year students ended the school year in a flurry of great activity and fun as they enjoyed school tours to Cork and Limerick. The 2nd year students thoroughly enjoyed escaping from reality for the day to play Airsoft at the National Kart Centre in Corbally, Co Limerick and enjoyed some relaxation time at the Crescent Shopping Centre afterwards. The 1st year students enjoyed an action packed day at Trabolgan Adventure Centre in Co Cork. Among the activities undertaken by our students were archery, go-karting, laser combat, bungee jumping and tennis. Many thanks to the teachers who organised these very enjoyable tours!!



Student Enterprise Ireland Competition

Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed enjoyed many successes this year in the North Tipperary Student Enterprise County Awards especially in the Intermediate category where the school won 1st and 2nd place respectively with student projects entitled "A & J Scrolls" set up by Jennien O'Gorman, Patrick Hackett and Arron Wort and "The Baker's Cousin" by David Morris and Nicholas O'Halloran.



"A & J Scrolls" advanced to the All Ireland final and represented our school and Tipperary in the Student Enterprise Ireland Awards which were held in Croke Park. Our young entrepreneurs received lots of praise and advice from the panel of judges and are busy thinking of new enterprise ideas for next year.

Photo shows North Tipperary Student Enterprise County Winners displaying their awards with their teacher Ms M Bergin.



Photo shows some TY and 5th year students who completed a **Scratch Computer Programming** language course during this academic year. By using scratch they were able to create interactive stories, animations and games. While not all students will become programmers, learning to program enables students to develop as logical thinkers and helps them understand new technologies.

Junior Science Quiz

In May, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd year science students enjoyed participating in an educational and fun-filled table quiz organised by the science teachers and TY students. The questions were based on the Junior Science syllabus and provided some valuable revision to the students prior to their exams. The principal Mr Quinn presented the winning teams with their prizes. The overall winning team included Ruairí Barrett (1st year), Alan Kelly (2nd year) and David Morris (3rd year).



Winners of the Intel Award for Technology at SciFest 2014



Congratulations to students Curtis Ryan, Brendan Callanan, Ben Hennessy and their teacher Ms M Smith who won the Intel Award for Technology for their project entitled “The Geometry of Goal Scoring” at the SciFest 2014 in LIT Thurles. SciFest 2014 is an all-inclusive, all island science competition where students showcase science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) projects in third level regional colleges.

BT Young Scientist Exhibition

Transition year students Brendan Callanan and Curtis Ryan travelled to the 50th BT Young Scientist Exhibition with their Science teacher Ms M Smith to display their project entitled 'The Geometry of Goal Scoring'. This project involved many months of extreme hard work and thorough research, and their hard work paid off when they were invited to display their project at this prestigious event. Their research involved studying the most perfect angles from which to approach a football when kicking it in order to hit a successful target. It can also be applied to other sports as well such as Gaelic football, rugby, golf etc. The students thoroughly enjoyed showcasing their project at the exhibition and meeting many well known faces from the worlds of TV, Music and Business.



ITLG Young Innovators



Our 3rd and 5th year Business and ICT students had the opportunity to partake in the Irish Technology Leadership Group brainstorming session in Shannon Airport. The students had to work in a group with a mentor and analyse a case study. Many thanks to Richie Bowers from Foróige who worked with us on the day.

Leaving Cert Applied

Well done to the LCA students who worked extremely hard this semester to complete tasks and key assignments in their various modules of art, social education, general education, agriculture, enterprise etc. The students made various trips to experience the world of work outside the classroom. They visited John Ryan Moores' hurley making business in Littleton and the Mid Tipp Mart in Thurles as part of their forestry and agriculture modules.

SCP News

The School Completion Programme coordinator Ms Slattery along with Mr J Dunne ran an Attendance Initiative with the 1st and 2nd year students challenging the students to design a poster highlighting the importance of school attendance and punctuality. The winners were Cameron Ferncombe, Brian O'Halloran and Katelyn Meaney. The junior and senior soccer leagues organised by Ms Slattery, Mr Fahy and Mr Stapleton in the Dome every Wednesday and Friday at lunch time were a huge success this year. Finally, the SCP's Summer Fun activities will run every Thursday for six weeks during June and July!





u14 Gaelic Football team

GAA News

Huge strides have been made this year in Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed in both hurling and Gaelic football and sincere thanks much be expressed to the following teachers Mr P Stapleton, Mr S Ó'Cradó, Mr J Brennan and Mr D Fahy who dedicate some much of their time to training teams.

Our u14 Gaelic footballers were victorious in the County under-14 blitz held at Dr. Morris Park. A number of comprehensive victories in the earlier rounds saw us qualify for the semi-final against Comeragh College, and subsequent final against St. Ailbe's of Tipperary Town, where we narrowly defeated our opposition on a scoreline of 2-05 to 1-04. Well done to all the players and football trainers Mr D Fahy and Mr S Ó'Cradó.

The u14 hurlers took part in a hurling tournament at Dr Morris Park and played three matches against teams from Cashel Community College and Scoil Ruain of Killenaule.

In May, the 1st year hurling team travelled to Killenaule to play in a hurling tournament against Scoil Ruain, Ballingarry and Fethard.

The students played well in all three matches and thoroughly enjoyed a follow up training session with former Tipperary Hurler Tommy Dunne.

Earlier this year, the u14 hurlers played in a highly entertaining and competitive indoor hurling blitz in the Dome and enjoyed successes against Thurles CBS, Scoil Ruain and Ballingarry. Our team won five out of seven matches and the students were delighted with their performances.



u14 Hurling team with their trainer Mr P Stapleton



u16 Gaelic Football team with their trainer Mr S Ó'Cradó

Our u16 Gaelic football team played in the County quarter final against Coláiste Chluain Meala in February and despite their positive attitude to succeed they were overcome by a superior team.

Finally, the sporting year concluded with the presentation of Coláiste Mhuire Co-Eds Sports Awards by Tipperary Hurler Padraic Maher to the deserving recipients.

Athletics

Our Junior boys team of Aaron Maher, Joe O'Donoghue, Bill Hogan and Patrick Doyle finished in 3rd place in the County Tipperary Cross Country Championship held in Thurles Crokes AC.

Following on from their success at the county championship, the students travelled to Waterford to partake in the East Munster Schools Post-Primary Cross Country where they pitted themselves against the best in the province.

The school competed in the County Track & Field Championships in Templemore and in the Munster Indoor Games in Nenagh where Aaron Maher finished in 3rd place in the 600m. Many thanks to their coaches Mr L O'Brien and Mr P Stapleton.



Friday Funday

"Friday Funday" was April 11th and it transpired to be an excellent day in Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed. It was a day of entertainment where students took part in eight different activities at designated stations throughout the day. Among the array of activities undertaken by the students were Wipe out, Last man standing, Wrecking ball, Rodeo bull, Obstacle course, Ball games, and field games. A huge amount of thanks goes to Mr. Heffernan who organised this day.



A considerable sum of money was raised for school equipment and both students and teachers agreed it was a fantastic and most enjoyable way to finish the school term before the Easter holidays.



Awards Ceremony 2014

A great sense of excitement filled the assembly hall in Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed as Bean an Tí, Iníon Ní Chathail introduced the various awards at the annual ceremony on May 26th. These awards have become an outstanding milestone in the students' academic and extra-curricular lives. Several students received recognition for their achievements in a wide range of activities; including academic achievement, Art, Poetry, Music, Enterprise, Woodwork, Languages, Green School, Maths and Sport. Best Attendance and Gaisce Awards were also acknowledged and presented. Transition Year and 3rd Year JCSP students also received their end of year certification at the ceremony. Awards were presented by representatives from LIT, Bank of Ireland and Foróige. Tipperary Hurler Padraic Maher presented the Sports Awards and many staff members presented awards in their subject areas. In a thoughtful and inspiring address, the Principal, Mr Denis Quinn thanked every student for their contribution during the school year emphasising that he was very proud of them and delighted that they were all using their talents to full potential. He also thanked the staff involved in organising this prestigious ceremony especially the coordinator Ms A Purtill. The school music club and choir provided beautiful music and song throughout the ceremony and the evening concluded with refreshments and photos.

Annual Awards

JCSP

Foróige NFTE
Entrepreneurial Spirit
Intel SciFest
Community Spirit
Student Enterprise Awards

Féile an Aonaigh Ealaíne
Féile an Aonaigh Óg Fhile
Scoláireachtaí
BOI Mathletes Award
BOI Music Award
LIT/Tipperary Language
Spirit of Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed
Sporting Excellence
Sports Bursaries

Athletics

Junior Football
Junior Hurling
Senior Hurling
Senior Football
Soccer
Volleyball
Green Schools Person
Seamus Maher Award
Frank Dwan Award
Mary Delahunty Cup
Best Leaving Certificate 2013
Best LCA 2013
Best Junior Certificate 2013
1st Year Student of the Year
2nd Year Student of the Year
3rd Year Student of the Year
TY Student of the Year
5th Year Student of the Year
5th Year LCA Student of the Year
6th Year Student of the Year
6th Year LCA Student of the Year
Principals Award
U14 Gaelic Football Team
Best Attendance Awards
Gaisce Awards

All 3rd Year Students

Milena Rataj
Sorcha Kelly & Scott Beaton
Curtis Ryan, Brendan Callanan & Ben Hennessy
Lisheen Mine - Christine Walker & Terry McKenna
David Morris & Nicholas O'Halloran
Arron Wort, Jennien O'Gorman & Patrick Hackett
Chantelle Dwyer, Mark Ivers & Darren McCarthy
Michael Beaton & Stephen Troy
Ruairí Barrett & Scott Beaton
Colm Keyes & Patrick Shelly
Stephen Troy
Scott Beaton
Brima Jordan
David Kearney
Claire McGrath
David Kearney
Aaron Fogarty
& Aaron Maher
David Manning
Shane Ryan
Seán Butler
Gary Donnelly
Seán Butler
Arnold Arlaukas
Gary Donnelly
Emmett Clarke
Harry Hodgkins
James O'Meara Ryan
Donal Ó'Maolchathaigh
James McCarthy
Gavin Dunne
Eoghan Cagney
David Manning
Aaron Moriarty
Aaron Hassett
Porsche Dwyer
Belinda McCarthy
Mary Maxfield
Liam Meaney
William Bowe



THANK YOU I would like to thank the staff & students who contributed to this newsletter.
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