

Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed Thurles

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Principal's Address

Welcome to our **Summer Newsletter**. We have come to the end of another busy, vibrant and exciting school year in Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed and I hope you will enjoy getting a glance into student life as you read through our newsletter. I would like to thank our students, parents, teachers and the wider community for their support during our successful school inspection this year. I wish all our Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate students every success in their exams and I welcome the exciting announcement by Minister for Education & Skills, Mr Richard Bruton of the significant additional accommodation of seven new classrooms and an ASD building for our school. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mr Jimmy Dunne a very happy retirement and to thank our hard working Parents Association, Board of Management and teachers for their ongoing cooperation, support and vision. Have a great summer! **Denis Quinn, Principal**

Ministerial Visit to CMCO

On May 18th, the Minister for Education & Skills Mr Richard Bruton visited Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed to announce the Governments financial backing of seven new classrooms plus an ASD Programme Building on campus. The Minister was greeted by Principal Mr Denis Quinn and Deputy Principal Ms Clare Wallace in the CMCO new media lab, where his visit and good news was warmly welcomed by all parties involved with Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed, including Tipperary ETB Chief Executive Ms Fionnuala McGeever, Director of Schools Ms Linda Tynan and Board of Management, Staff and Parents Association members.



Photo shows Minister for Education & Skills Mr Richard Bruton with Principal Mr Denis Quinn, Deputy Principal Ms Clare Wallace, Tipperary ETB representatives and local politicians.

Construct2 Programmers



Photo shows Dr Liam Noonan, LIT Tipperary with the TY students and their ICT teacher Ms Miriam Bergin. Dr Noonan recently viewed their Construct2 projects and gave an excellent presentation to the students on Computer Science Gaming Courses and the Games Fleadh at LIT Tipperary.



Success at SciFest 2018

Congratulations to 2nd year student Jack Kennedy, who successfully won the Irish Science Teachers' Association Award and the Department of Applied Social Sciences Award at LIT SciFest 2018.

Photo shows Mr George Porter, CFO at SciFest Ltd., award winning student Jack Kennedy and his teacher Ms Mary C Ryan.

Padre Pio Nursing Home & Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed Intergenerational Choir Project



CMCO students and teachers were delighted to take part in an intergenerational choir project with Padre Pio Nursing Home this term. Following six weeks of practice where the residents visited the school and the school visited the nursing home, we held a performance evening on May 17th for family and friends. It was a resounding success and we look forward to working together again soon!

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Trip to Manchester UnitedIn February, a group of 3rd, 4th and 5th years travelled to Manchester to see Manchester United take on Huddersfield at Old Trafford. United won by 2 goals on the day and everyone enjoyed a fantastic trip. By Mr J Fanning





History Quiz

Photo shows the 3rd year students who made the journey to Coláiste Phobail Roscrea to partake in the inaugural ETB schools History Quiz.

TETB SCC Quiz Winners



Congratulations to our Junior Quiz team of Eoin Craddock, Jack Cooney Shorley, Ellen Clarke and Kayleigh Cronin on winning the annual TETB SCC Quiz that took place this year in the Dome, Thurles.

Best Wishes to the Class of 2018

On May 24th, the Class of 2018 enjoyed a fabulous barbeque lunch prepared by the school canteen in a very sunny courtyard. After lunch, every student participated in an emotional graduation ceremony which was celebrated by school chaplain Fr Joe Walsh and Rev. Alison Seymour-Whiteley. A huge thank you to all the teachers, students and parents who organised and assisted in making this occasion such a memorable day!



TETB Talent Competition

Congratulations to students Gareth McCarthy, Kayleigh Cronin and Rebecca Elphick who participated in the 2018 Tipperary ETB Talent Competition recently.





School Business Partnership

Well done to the 5th year students who received their certificates following their School Business Partnership with local enterprise Dew Valley Foods. It has been a very educational and enjoyable experience for all involved. Special thanks to Mr Paddy Bourke, past pupil and Board of Management member, who gives generous personal investment to the SBP project.



Photo shows our 5th year students proudly displaying their certificates with Dew Valley Foods and School Business Partnership personnel, Principal Mr Quinn and their teachers Ms Molumby and Mr Brennan.



Photo shows some of our 5th & 6th year students who visited Gurteen Agricultural College with their teachers Ms L Forde and Ms L Byrne on its Open Day in March.

Engineers Week 2018

During Engineers Week 2018, students and teachers acknowledged the contribution made by various Irish inventors such as John Phillip Holland, Louis Brennan and many more. Students also looked at the influence Engineering has in our society. By Mr K Gleeson

Safer Internet Day 2018

Under the guidance of Ms S Martin, students Madison Pitout, Rian Power and Chloe Hall worked on a campaign with the theme 'Change Your Settings' for Safer Internet Day and presented their work to all first and second year students. Rian created an excellent video called Change Your Settings. Parents are reminded that a great set of tools to support them can be found at https://www.webwise.ie/parents/.

School Self Evaluation

In line with Department of Education guidelines on SSE, the school continues to engage in initiatives that support students in their learning. This year, our students have participated in *Drop Everything* and Read and Reading Challenges. We have also adopted a whole school approach to problem solving called *CUBES*. All teachers have focused on Sharing Learning Intentions with students.

Our full reports on these areas can be found at www.cmco.ie.



Schools Go Orange Day in CMCO

On February 9th, the Schools Go Orange Day took place in schools all around Ireland to raise awareness of the message that 'It's OK not to feel OK; and it's absolutely OK to ask for help'. We decided to set up two stand alone exercise bikes in the assembly area and students and teachers were invited to cycle the bikes throughout the day to support the Cycle Against Suicide initiative. CMCO aims to complete all 'Five Gears of the Ambassador School Programme' over the course of a year and to continue to raise awareness, empower students and others to build resilience, and seek help when necessary. Well done to Ms K Carr and Ms L Byrne for organising the event. By Cameron Ferncombe









La Semaine Française

During French Week in CMCO, our students sampled various types of La Cuisine Française, participated in a French play, went to see a French movie in the Source and took part in various quizzes and themed activities throughout the week.

C'était Chouette! By Ms S Martin & Mr D Fahy





CSPE Trip to Nenagh

All 3rd year students ventured off to Nenagh recently to undertake a study of Nenagh District & Circuit Courts. Students viewed proceedings of live court sessions with Judge Elizabeth McGrath, paid a visit to the holding cells beneath the courthouse and contrasted the life of modern prison conditions with that of the adjacent 19th century unpleasant and dark Nenagh Gaol. A huge thanks to Nenagh Heritage Centre and to our guide from Nenagh Court Mr Tony Canning who made our trip a most exciting & informative day out. *By Mr S O'Cradóg*



"Ag dul go dtí an Ghaeltacht...."

Congratulations to Aaron Mac Conamara agus Sean Mac Craith a bhuaigh scoláireachtaí chuig Corca Dhuibhne Gaeltacht in West Kerry.



Well done to Cormac Leahy & Daniel Nolan who were also granted scholarships to attend the local Bí Réidh summer camp in June.

Alice Maher Art Exhibition

In April, the 5th year Art students and their teacher Mr PJ O'Connell visited Alice Maher's exhibition called '*Vox Materia*' in the Source Arts Centre. Her art work in this exhibition is based on the story of the little mermaid and how women should empower their voices. It was a very enjoyable and informative session for all students.



Photo shows Mr Brendan Maher, Artistic Director of the Source discussing the life and works of renowned Tipperary Artist/ Sculptor Alice Maher with our students.

By Madison Pitout & Chloe Hall



Defence Forces Visit

Our TY and 5th year students were treated to a most informative and enjoyable talk from members of the Defence Forces personnel recently.

A lively questions & answers session followed between both parties pertaining to a career in the Defence Forces at home and abroad. By Ms L Byrne

Message from CMCO Parents Association

CMCO Parents Association wish to congratulate Mr Quinn, Ms Wallace and the staff on a very positive WSE Report. Our members met with the inspectors for an in-depth analysis of the various aspects of Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed. During the year, we ran a tuck shop for the school musical and ETB Talent show, we had a very successful fundraising bag pack in Dunnes Stores, organised match day parking for matches at Semple Stadium and helped out with the weekly lotto. All monies raised are for the benefit of the students and on behalf of all our members we wish all exam students every success in their exams and we wish the Class of 2018 everything you wish for yourselves. Thank you for your friendship and remember 'The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams'. Finally, on behalf of all members, we wish you all a wonderful, sunny & safe Summer!! By Mary T Spillane, Secretary

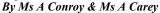
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Transition Year News

Tourism Trip to Northern Ireland

Over the three days spent in Northern Ireland, the students were lucky enough to visit the Titanic Experience, have a private bus tour of the Antrim Coast where they visited the Giant's Causeway, Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge, Carrickfergus and various spots from the Game of Thrones TV show. The TYs also experienced all Belfast had to offer as a city, as they completed the Hop on, Hop off City Tour.



Rock Climbing and LIT Sports Workshop

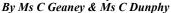
Earlier this term, all TY students took a trip to Upper Limits in Upperchurch to try their hands (and feet!) at indoor rockclimbing and they also got the opportunity to take part in various fitness tests and fun activities with LIT Strength & Conditioning students and lecturers in their state of the art Sports Lab. The students enjoyed hearing about students' experiences in LIT first hand and received talks on nutrition and psychology from experts in the field. By Ms E Carey

Creative Engagement Project

The TY class, under the guidance of Philip Quinn from Stonemad in Holycross constructed a willow outdoor space in the school grounds this term. It will be a wonderful addition to our school as a place for quietness, calm and reflection. *By Ms C Geaney*

Young SVP

Ivana Kolic from St Vincent de Paul helped the TY students run a series of projects this year. They set up their own conference in the school, held a clothes drive and donated the items to SVP. They taught all first year students about the work of SVP and held a bake sale in aid of SVP raising €300 which will be used locally. The bake sale was a cross curricular initiative between social education and enterprise for SVP.





Soccer Tournament

CMCO TY students teamed up with Nenagh College for a mixed gender TY Soccer tournament as part of both schools' Wellbeing initiatives. A great day was had by all involved! By Mr JP Butler

Some other events and activities that the TY students participated in or attended this term included:

- Killary Adventure Centre Students enjoyed kayaking and doing the bog challenge Ms Conroy & Ms M Hayes
- Scratch Programming, HTML Web Design, Construct 2 Programming, App Inventor 2 Ms Bergin.
- Road Safety Seminar in LIT Tipperary
- Micro:bits Workshop with Lecturer Keith Quille (IT Tallaght) Ms Bergin
- Enterprise Film Ms C Dunphy
- Boxing with John Connors, St Ailbhe's Boxing Academy







Congratulations to all our Transition Year Graduates and well done on all you have achieved both as a class and individually!

Ms A Conroy & Ms C Geaney TY Programme Coordinators

SCP Art Competition

The first year art competition entitled "Miss school, miss out and if you are not in, you can't win" was part of an attendance initiative organised by Michelle Morgan, School Completion Programme Coordinator in Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed. Thanks to the art department for their help with this initiative.



Photo shows
Michelle Morgan
(SCP), winning
students TJ
Cunningham,
Stephen Healy,
Shayna Hackett and
Ms P Hickey
(HSCL Officer).



ICT Conference in LIT Tipperary

Photo shows 2nd year Business and Coding students displaying their work at the Annual ICT Conference at LIT Tipperary with their teacher Ms E Molumby.

Some of their work on display included Micro Bits, App Inventor, HTML & CSS, Padlets, Powtoons, Kahoots, Menti-meter, prezis, google education platform and more.





Micro:bits Workshop with Lecturer Keith Quille, IT Tallaght



The workshop was delivered by Computer Science Lecturer Keith Quille and it involved 1st, 2nd and TY students working with micro bits by programming mini games. The workshop included computational thinking and information about the future of computer science.

Photo shows Lecturer Keith Quille, Coding Teachers - Ms M Bergin, Ms E Molumby, Ms M Hayes and all the students who participated in this very interesting coding workshop.

Student County Enterprise Finals 2018

Congratulations to all our students who displayed projects at LIT Tipperary recently for the Student County Enterprise Finals. The array of projects on display were of an exceptional standard. CMCO won a merit in the Junior Category (Kori, Kyle & Keelan) and Best Display in the Intermediate Category. (John Shaw and James Gleeson). Well done to Business Studies teacher Ms E Molumby for her guidance and diligence in preparing our students who competed in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Categories of this competition.

Photo shows our Enterprise students displaying their Student County Enterprise Certificates with Principal Mr Quinn & Ms E Molumby.



SciFest 2018

Congrats to all the students who proudly represented CMCO with their impressive projects at SciFest 2018. Second year student Jack Kennedy successfully won two awards at the event with his project 'Analysing the Effect on First Year Students' Positivity using Three Good Things'. Jack also displayed his project at a Science Exhibition in Cabragh Wetlands recently. Congrats to all students and teachers involved in SciFest 2018 and a special thank you to Kevin Healion and LIT Tipperary for hosting the event. More information on courses at LIT Tipperary can be accessed at www.lit.ie.









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LCA News

Photo shows the 5th LCA students presenting a cheque to Tus Nua in Stradavoher. The students organised a soccer blitz and raised €100.

Photos show 5th and 6th LCA students and Mr P Stapleton all set to compete against each other at Delta Karting in Limerick.



Clare Glens Adventure



As part of their Classroom Based Assessment in Wellbeing, the 2nd year students completed an outdoor adventure module, culminating in a fantastic trip to the Clare Glens in Newport. Special thanks to Mr Rabbitte for organising a very enjoyable day.



Congratulations to incoming 1st year student Michael Treacy from Littleton N.S. on winning the Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed iPad Scholarship for 2018.

Photo shows Principal Denis Quinn, Michael Treacy and Mr Christy Clancy, Principal of Littleton N.S.

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JCSP News

This term our Junior Cycle students were involved in a wide variety of JCSP initiatives, including Make a Book, French Theatre, Science Trip, Sewing Club, Maths games and a school based Literacy Project. For the Make a Book Literacy Initiative, some 1st year students compiled a book about their favourite topic and other students compiled a book on local churches in Religion class. In May, all 3rd year science students visited Cabragh Wetlands as part of their Science Initiative. The weather was sunny and perfect for completing an ecological study of the flora and fauna in the wetlands. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved. Well done to our 3rd year students who received their official JCSP Student Profiles from the Department of Education and Science at the School Awards Ceremony. By Ms H Wallace & Ms J Delaney









JCSP Make a Book

The highlight of the year for JCSP students was Make a Book in Limerick. The exhibition took place in the Strand Hotel. We got to meet rapper Garry McCarthy. His webpage is GMCbeats.com. The Make a Book project was lots of fun, we loved the whole day. The event was amazing and we would love to do it again next year, our class are coming up with ideas already. It was cool to meet all the other schools and see their projects. We really enjoyed the rap workshop, it was a lovely way to end the day! By Bill Aherne & Shauna Bray, 1st Year Students



Lourdes Pilgrimage Representatives

Congrats to 5th year students Evan Donnelly & Mikey Spillane on being selected to represent CMCO on the pilgrimage to Lourdes in June. The students did a huge amount of fundraising to help cover costs, which included organising a vintage tractor run and holding a school raffle. Many thanks to the local vintage clubs for their help and support with the tractor run.

Photo shows Evan and Mikey presenting a cheque to the Irish Pilgrimage Trust. After covering their pilgrimage expenses, the students donated the remaining balance of €300 to the Irish Pilgrimage Trust.

NCCA Publication of Business Students work

Congratulations to 2nd year Business Studies students Odhráin Donaghy and Dillon Tuohy who were delighted to hear that examples of their CBA work from last year will be published by the NCCA as exemplars for the new Business Junior Cycle course.



Photo shows 2nd year student Odhráin Donaghy with his Business teacher Ms Molumby and Director of Schools Ms Linda Tynan.

Wellbeing WeekWellbeing Week ran from March 20th to 23rd in CMCO and the aim of the week was to create awareness around mental health, promote health and wellbeing, as well as adding to the positive atmosphere of the school. A schedule of activities was planned for the week by Ms K Carr and the Wellbeing Team. Some activities included making nutritional smoothies, pancakes, healthy spice bags, trying out weird and wonderful fruits and vegetables, meditation, Pilates, leisurely walks, placing positive comments on the wellbeing tree and on all student lockers. We also launched our Respect Chapter which is now displayed in all classrooms. Students received a sexual health and consent talk and a limitations talk. The final day was a Fun Day and a variety of activities took place in the Dome, including Rodeo Bull, Wrecking Ball and Wipeout. Students also had the opportunity to climb the Devil's Bit. Thanks to all involved in coordinating the week's activities.



Photo shows 5th year students with Guest Speaker Seamus Hennessy - Run for Josie during Wellbeing Week 2018.

School Tours

Earlier this term, a group of 1st and 2nd year students had a most memorable and educational trip to Paris. Students and teachers visited famous sites such as The Eiffel Tower, Montmartre, Disneyland, L'arc de Triomphe and many more!! For their end of year school tour, our 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students visited *Tayto Park* which boosts attractions such as Air Race, the Rotator, the Cú Chulainn Coaster and many more. The weather was fabulous and students and staff has a spectacular time. Our 5th year students and tutors travelled to the shores of the majestic Lough Ree and has a splashing time at Ireland's largest inflatable waterpark, **Baysports**.









U14 Gaelic Football Success

Well done to the u14 Gaelic Football team of Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed on winning the Rockwell tournament with excellent wins over Clonmel College, Rockwell College, Abbey CBS and St. Ailbe's.

Photo shows a jubilant squad with their captain Aaron Holland proudly holding the winning trophy. Also, included in photo are coaches Mr JP Butler and Mr S O'Cradóg.

Handball Tournament

Our 1st & 2nd year students made the journey to Newport where they took part in a Handball tournament for ETB schools. Well done to Stephen Healy on winning the 1st year Boys singles competition and hard luck to Doubles pair Stephen Maher & Luke Lamphier and 1st year student Shayna Hackett on their narrow defeats in their respective finals. Many thanks to their coach Mr JP Butler. *By Mr S Ó'Cradóg*







Volleyball & Hurlball

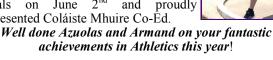
Well done to the 1st year boys volleyball team on their tournament successes recently in Loughrea, Co Galway where they qualified for the semifinals, but ultimately came up short against a formidable Roscommon Community College. Despite not bringing home the cup, spirits were high as they look forward to more competitions next year, onwards & upwards! By Ms A Carey

In early May, some students competed at 1st year, Junior & Senior level in the inaugural Hurlball ETB County tournament in Holycross/Ballycahill GAA Club. *By Mr S Ó'Cradóg*

Athletics Success

Congratulations to all our students who competed recently in the County Athletics Competitions at Templemore Athletics Track. In particular, well done to Gavin Ryan who took gold in the 400 metres, to Jack Kennedy who took silver, to Azuolas Varnele on winning the hammer throw and Dylan Coady Clancy who won bronze in the 110 metres hurdles.

Azuolas Varnele won gold in the Shot Putt and came second in the Hammer and Armand Schoeman won silver in the 100m sprint at Junior level in the Schools Munster Championships held in Cork. Both students went on to compete in the All Ireland Schools Athletics Finals on June 2nd and proudly represented Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed.





U15 Rugby Team play in Thomond Park In April, our u15 Rugby team participated in the Schools Munster finals in Thomond Park. Our students played some

Munster finals in Thomond Park. Our students played some excellent rugby winning against Villiers School Limerick and Coláiste Chiaráin Croom, but unfortunately lost to Rice College Ennis. They were very close to securing a semi-final spot in the competition, but ultimately lost out due to points difference. A huge thanks to the coaches Mr Gleeson, Mr Power and John Shaw who trained our rugby squads throughout the year. **By Mr K Gleeson**



U15 Hurling Munster QF

Our u15 hurling team contested the Munster Quarter final against Comeragh College.

We were very unfortunate to lose out by two points on the day. Well done to all for such an amazing effort this year.

By Mr J Fanning

U14 Soccer

In the East Munster Soccer Cup competition, our u14 squad defeated Fethard College on a score line of 4-1 victory to reach a quarter final against Tramore College. With a place at stake to reach an East Munster Final both sides hit the ground running to produce a scintillating and enthralling game of football between two equally matched sides. Unfortunately for us, Tramore College capitalised on a couple of errors in defence to score two fortuitous goals that ultimately clinched victory on a 3-1 score line. By Mr S O'Cradóg

Many thanks to managers/coaches Mr Fahy, Mr Butler and Mr Spillane, for their time, diligence and dedication throughout the year. Congrats to Ms H Fahey for organising various lunchtime activities this term. Some of these activities, included a soccer league for students, a female staff versus female students soccer match and a students versus staff game of rounders in the glorious sunshine in May!





Awards Ceremony 2018

On Thursday 24th May, a great sense of excitement filled the assembly hall in Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed as Bean an tí Ms Caoimhe Geaney and Fear an ti Mr Paddy Stapleton introduced a vast array of awards at our annual awards ceremony. As well as recognising the tremendous academic and sporting achievements of students, the awards evening also acknowledges achievements of students across the whole spectrum in education and in the broader community. This prestigious event was hugely attended by students and their families, staff and members of the wider community, including His Grace Archbishop O' Reilly, Linda Tynan, Ray Corbett, Andy Ryan, Joe O'Sullivan, John Shaw and representatives from various charities. Ms Linda Tynan, Director of Schools Tipperary ETB addressed all assembled on the evening highlighting the care and support all students are given in CMCO. Huge credit goes to ceremony coordinator Ms A Purtill for organising a very enjoyable evening. Comhghairdeas do chuile dhuine a bhuaigh gradam ar an oíche. @colmhuirecoed #cmcoagobair





ScoláireachtaíSeán MacCraith & Aaron MacConamara Maths Achievement......Odhráin Donaghy Scientist of the YearJack Kennedy CMCO Achievement.....Liam Ryan CMCO Student Voice.....Seán Kearney LIT Language AwardScott Beaton Seamus Maher Cup......Jamie Kinane Frank Dwan Cup......David Manning



Poetry AloudEmily Hall Junior MusicJames O'Donoghue

Senior Music Eamon Ryan Spirit of the Musical Award Caylum Gooney

Best Leaving Certificate 2017....Brid Gleeson Best Junior Certificate 2017 Aaron Cooke



Certificates were also presented to the Féile na Samhna Quiz teams, Foireann Díospóireachta, TETB SCC Quiz team and to BT Young Scientist, LIT SciFest, Student Enterprise, JCSP Make a Book, NCCA & Coding participants.



Student of the Year Awards

3rd YearEllen Clarke & Jack Cooney Shorley 5th Year Evan Donnelly

5th Year LCA.....Katelyn O'Gorman & Ivan O'Sullivan 6th YearScott Beaton 6th Year LCA.....Liam Ryan Principals Award......David Manning

Sports Awards

Athlete of the YearAzuolas Varnele Junior Football Eoin Craddock Senior FootballMartin O'Reilly Junior HurlingDanny Slattery Senior Hurling......Jack Dwan

RugbyPhilip Treacy & John Shaw HandballShayna Hackett, Stephen Healy HandballStephen Maher & Luke Lamphier





Members of the Munster u15 Gaelic Football winning team were presented with their medals and the successes of the u14 Gaelic Football and u15 Rugby County winning teams were also acknowledged. Excellent attendance across all year groups was recognised and Platinum, Gold, Silver & Bronze Merit Awards were presented to 1st and 2nd year students in recognition of their overall contribution to school life. Every year, enterprise students donate a percentage of their profit to charity and this year cheques were presented to representatives from the Order of Malta and the Jack & Jill Foundation. #cmcoagobair





