



# 'CMCO NEWS'

## Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed, Thurles

### Applause for Seven H1s at Coláiste Mhuire

Congratulations to Scott Beaton who achieved seven H1 grades in his Leaving Certificate in 2018 and is currently studying Middle Eastern Studies in the University of Edinburgh.



Scott is a son of proud parents Doug and Kate Beaton, a younger brother of past pupils Robert and Michael and a former pupil of Templetuohy National School. Scott hopes to embark on a career in humanitarian studies and we wish him every success in his future.

*Photo shows Scott being presented with the Best Leaving Certificate Award by principal Mr Denis Quinn and deputy principal Ms Clare Wallace.*

### Munster U15 Hurling Champions



Congratulations to our Under 15 Hurling team on becoming Munster Hurling Champions following their superb victory over St Patrick's Comprehensive School Shannon. The panel are photographed in jubilant mood with the Munster Cup. Well done also to managers Mr Jamie Fanning & Mr Kevin Gleeson on this excellent achievement.



## OPEN NIGHT

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2019  
6:30pm







## Principal's Address

Welcome to our **Summer Newsletter**. This has been such a fast flowing, energetic and fulfilling year for our students on both academic and extracurricular fronts. With one of the best Leaving Certificates in Ireland - 725 points recorded; all Ireland winner in Coding - 1<sup>st</sup> out of 550 entries; two Munster Finals - Hurling and Football and a Munster Chef award to name just a few of our successes. We would like to thank our hardworking staff, Parents Association and Board of Management for their support, vision and dedication. The very best of luck to our diligent exam students in their Leaving Cert, LCA and Junior Cert examinations. We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter. **Denis Quinn, Principal**

## Limerick Choral Festival

For the first time ever, Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed competed in the Limerick Choral Festival, which took place in the Redemptorist Church in Limerick City. The students sang 'Over My Head' and 'Shallow'. Soloists included, 1<sup>st</sup> year student Sophie McDonnell, TY student Ellen Clarke and 5<sup>th</sup> year student Caylum Gooney. Judges complimented the students on their 'spirited and rhythmic singing'. Huge congratulations to the students and their teachers Ms H Wallace & Ms E Meagher! **By Bill O'Dwyer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year**



## Trip to Old Trafford

A superb weekend was enjoyed by our 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year students as they ventured off on a school tour to Old Trafford to see the famous Manchester United defeat Watford 2-0. Everyone really enjoyed the match, stadium tour and shopping in the famous Trafford Centre!



## School Self Evaluation

Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed is proud to be involved in the DEIS scheme. This involves looking at 7 'pillars' and self-evaluating our progress. At the end of each year we survey students, staff and look at our raw data to evaluate our achievements. Of special note, this year, is the increase of students taking courses at higher level, the embedding of learning intentions as a teaching methodology and the successful adoption of CUBES as a numeracy strategy. It is hoped to involve parents in a focus group to get their input on our priorities for the coming year. Mr Fahy is taking over the role as the chair of the DEIS team and we wish him well in his work.



## One Book Project

All TY students took part in the One Book Project in conjunction with The Source Library. After reading and studying their novels, the groups researched various aspects linked to the novels and presented their projects to members of The Source.

**By Ms A Carey**

## Best Wishes to the Class of 2019

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Class of 2019 enjoyed a walk up the Devil's Bit with their tutors and on their return to school they enjoyed a fabulous barbeque lunch prepared by the school canteen. After lunch, every student participated in an emotional graduation ceremony which was celebrated by school chaplain Fr Joe Walsh.



Well done to TY student Sam Carroll on his fantastic achievement at the recent **Apprentice Chef Final** in Waterford IT. The challenge was to create a dish using locally sourced ingredients to ensure 'Good Mood Food'.

**Photo shows Sam displaying his award with Home Economics teacher Ms Katie Carr.**

## Message from CMCO Parents Association

CMCO Parents Association with the support of Mr Quinn, Ms Wallace and staff organised the tuck shop and raffle prizes for various events throughout the year. We also assisted with bag packing in Dunnes Stores, match day parking and the weekly school lotto. All monies raised are for the benefit of the students and your continued support is greatly appreciated. We wish all students the best of luck in their state exams and wish the class of 2019 every success; you were great role models in Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed and thank you for your support and friendship. We welcome new members and on a personal note as I bid adieu, my sincere thanks to the fantastic dedicated PA members for your friendship and support. Continued success to Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed and remember our Parents Association is your voice and we would love to hear your voice at the table. Have a great summer! **By Mary T Spillane, Secretary**





### La Semaine Française

CMCO witnessed a diverse programme celebrating everything French which was embraced by all our students. The French Department organised a French quiz, a short film-making, a French movie, a French theatre group in the Dome, 'Je Peux Parler Français' cards to encourage students to speak French, plus 'Le déjeuner Français' where baguettes, Brie cheese and tasty Escargots (snails) in garlic were sampled by a few brave souls! *By Ms S Martin & Mr D Fahy*



### History Quiz

Our 1<sup>st</sup> year students and History Department staff enjoyed a historic walk around Thurles as they visited numerous sites, some very well known and some lesser known, such as St Mary's Church, West Gate, castles, town walls, the 1798 memorial monument etc. It gave our students an insight into the origins of street names and place names, such as Parnell Street, Log na Fola and Liberty Square. Feedback was most positive from all involved.



### "Ag dul go dtí an Ghaeltacht...."

*Congratulations to Conchubhair Mac Cormaic, Micheál Mac Cormaic, Conchubhair Mac Cormaic & Sarah Ní Mhurchú a bhuaigh scoláireachtaí chuig Corca Dhuibhne Gaeltacht agus Coláiste Gaeilge (Bí Réidh) i nDurlas Éile.*



### 'Wellbeing through Art' Exhibition

*Photo shows Ms Melanie Scott, Arts Officer for North Tipperary, Ms Regina Dorney (Art teacher), Ms Deirdre Durack, Ms Julia Knobel and art students Kevin Fitzgerald, Sophie McDonnell & Maria Lanigan at the official launch of a unique and very colourful intergenerational art exhibition during Wellbeing Week. The exhibition featured over seventy impressive works of art by students, parents and grandparents.*

### Digital Champions

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, our Digital Champions travelled to Google HQ to showcase their project along with forty eight other schools. They developed a video for incoming first years to show them around the school and help the students become familiar with every area. They heard talks from Googlers (those who work for Google) and got to experience Google hospitality at it's best. They also attended a very interesting talk on Internet Safety in the afternoon. Earlier in the term, the students and their teachers visited the RTE studios and had the privilege of being guests on The Late Late Show with your host Ms G Cahill!



*Photo shows our Digital Champions and their teachers Ms Ryan & Ms Durack meeting Minister Seán Canney at Google HQ.*

*Photo shows students Bill Aherne, Stephen Cullen, Jack Cooney Shorley and Ms Cahill on the set of The Late Late Show in the RTE studios.*







## Ireland Skills Live

A number of our senior students attended the **Ireland Skills Live** event in the RDS Simmonscourt in March. The event aims to promote skills in apprenticeship, traineeship and graduate courses. It encourages students to engage positively with career choices that provide learning and earning potential from the day of registration. Many thanks to Mr Spillane & Ms Byrne for organising a visit to this very informative event.



## Intergenerational Choir

A very special event took place in Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. The residents of Padre Pio Nursing Home Holycross joined over forty students from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> year in an intergenerational celebration of music. With an age span of over eighty three years from the youngest to the oldest participant, there was great friendships and bonds formed. On a personal note, I would like to thank Deirdre Moore and the residents of the nursing home for their participation in the choir and we are looking forward to next year already. *By Caylum Gooney, 5<sup>th</sup> Year*



Photo shows some of our students rehearsing with the residents.

## LCA Inspection

In March, the LCA Programme in CMCO had a very positive Inspection. The inspection took place over two days and across a range of LCA modules. The teaching, learning and planning in LCA was commended. Of particular note was the inclusivity of LCA students in all aspects of school life. The inspector advised that more choice in Elective Modules be given and this recommendation has been acted on. Well done to all teaching staff involved in the LCA Programme, Ms Conroy the LCA Coordinator and to the LCA students for the very positive Inspection Report. Ms Tynan (ETB Director of Schools) requested that LCA be sent on a trip to applaud their achievement and this resulted in a trip to Waterford for the group at the end of term. We wish our 6LCA students well in their forthcoming exams and we are very proud of all their achievements to date.



**National Coding Success**  
Congratulations to 2<sup>nd</sup> year Coding student Keelan Fahey who recently won the **Scratch Computer Programming National Final** in the 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> year category.

Keelan created a game which started as a maze, then progressed into a coded mathematical converter from binary numbers into decimal numbers. His winning project '**Maze Runner**' was selected from over 550 entries nationwide. Huge congratulations also to Keelan's Coding teacher Ms Miriam Bergin.

## International Women's Day



On International Women's Day, our students visited the Source Arts Centre and were kindly treated to tea, coffee, hot chocolate and cake. They wrote positive messages for each other and visited the gallery exhibition afterwards. Students also visited the second '**Women in Technology**' event in W.I.T. They listened to talks from inspirational speakers, including Phil Walker (Ireland's Fastest Woman and computing student) and Katie Wall (project engineer at ESB). The girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience and loved hearing about the achievements of women in technology. **#IWD2019**



## Coollest Project International



On May 5<sup>th</sup>, Bill O'Dwyer, a third year coding (Computer Science) student competed in the **Coollest Projects International** event at the RDS venue in Dublin. Bill created a **HTML, CSS & Javascript** website based on a local archery club in Thurles. **Coollest Projects** is an international showcase (18 countries were represented) hosted by the **Raspberry Pi Foundation**, whereby young people from around the world travel to present tech projects they have created.





### CMCO hosts Cycle Against Suicide



On May 4<sup>th</sup>, Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed warmly welcomed Cycle Against Suicide and had a fantastic time providing lunch and entertainment to all the incredible cyclists and volunteers spreading the important message - *'It's OK not to feel OK; and it's absolutely OK to ask for help'*.

### Student County Enterprise Finals

Congratulations to all our students who showcased their entrepreneurial talents at LIT Tipperary for the Student County Enterprise Finals. Many months of diligence and preparation from students and Business Studies teachers Ms Bergin and Ms Molumby resulted in a hugely successful day, as many of our groups won awards.



### Wellbeing Week

Wellbeing Week ran from April 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> and the aim this year was to promote positive thinking and to add to the positive atmosphere in the school. It featured art, sport, games, hill walking on the Devil's Bit, a visit to Templemore Park, whole school meditation, baking, cooking, Chinese calligraphy, a visit from Mo Chara animal rescue organisation, a History walk of Thurles, a rap workshop, an Easter Egg hunt and many more activities involving the school and the wider community. The highlight of the week was the *'Wellbeing through Art'* intergenerational exhibition.



### Business Department develops links with Thurles Credit Union

*Photo shows Thurles CU Manager Mr Michael Harty presenting our students with a €2,000 cheque which will be used to purchase Google Chrome books.*



As part of the new Junior Cycle Business Studies, there is an emphasis on developing links with local businesses and our first year business students used a resource called <http://cluedin.ie/> that explains personal finance and is supported by Thurles Credit Union. Ms Bergin organised a field trip to the credit union after completion of a research project on personal finance. Our students partook in a live twitter chat based on personal finance and managing your money with Thurles CU manager Mr Michael Harty. They also initiated a survey with our parents on personal finance.

### GAA Future Leaders

TY students organised and ran a GAA Super Games Blitz, involving hurling and football for all the 1<sup>st</sup> year students as part of the Future Leaders Programme. Teams, refereeing, fixtures, score keeping, coaching and much more were managed by the students resulting in a very successful and enjoyable blitz. The TYs also had the privilege of interviewing top intercounty referee Johnny Ryan, who has been at the top of the national game for over a decade. We thank him for his time and insight.  
*By E Carey & P Stapleton*



*Photo shows TY students Kellie Healy, Luke Galvin & Evan Tobin with their team of first year students.*

### Agricultural Science Visits

This semester, our agricultural science students enjoyed some very educational and informative tours of local farm enterprises, including Healy's Coolroo Potato Farm, Russell's Dairy farm, Clarke's Sheep farm & Connolly's tillage farm. The 5<sup>th</sup> year students also attended the Farm Walk & Talk event at Kildalton College. The Agricultural Science teachers would like to express a special thank you to the farmers for affording the students the opportunity to visit their enterprises.







## Cabragh Wetlands Experience



*Leaving Certificate Biology students & their teacher Ms D Ryan recently visited Cabragh Wetlands to carry out an ecological study of the flora and fauna of a unique and valuable natural resource in our locality.*



## JCSP Make a Book Exhibition

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, our students exhibited their JCSP Make a Book project at the Killeshin Hotel in Portlaoise. The aim of the project is to develop literacy and this year the chosen topic was the school musical Grease. The students completed a digital element where they recorded and edited rehearsals of the school musical and a literary element outlining their own experience of the musical. Also, the JCSP team organised rapper Garry McCarthy to do a very successful workshop with all first year students. This was a combo of music and literacy and the raps can be heard at <https://www.cmco.ie/curriculum/j-c-s-p/>.

## FICTION Erasmus+ Project

Five staff members in our school are currently involved in an international Erasmus+ project known as **FICTION** under which they will investigate through scientific subjects, the use of digital tools in the classroom. This two year project will see our school work alongside LIT Tipperary & Limerick, as well as the University of Genoa, Italy and Sodertorn University in Sweden to develop a literature review of our research based findings.



## School Tours

*Photos show some students enjoying their school tours to Venice & Lake Garda in Italy, Barcelona & Salou in Spain, Fota Wildlife Park in Cork, Dunmore Adventure Park and to Baysports in Athlone.*



## Transition Year News

This semester was packed with countless events, activities and trips and our students thoroughly enjoyed each and everyone of them. The highlight was the international tourism tour to Barcelona & Salou. Other exciting adventures and activities included participating in the Gaisce Journey on the Waterford Greenway, the TETB Charity walk, the mixed gender soccer tournament, the French film and Cully & Sully's Grow 2 CEO competitions, the Games Fleadh at LIT Tipperary, the GAA Future Leaders TY programme, the One Book and Creative Engagement projects; visiting Microsoft Ireland, the Templemore Careers Exhibition and a Fairtrade talk; learning new skills, including app inventor and Jiu Jitsu; helping out on Schools Go Orange Day and with many other extracurricular events.



To celebrate the end of a very successful and enjoyable school year, our TY students enjoyed a day out together at Dunmore Adventure Centre in the glorious May sunshine!

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





**Munster U15 Hurling & Gaelic Football Champions**

*Photo shows joint captains Eoin Craddock & Killian Crosse receiving the U15 Munster Hurling Cup following their recent victory over St. Patrick's Comprehensive School.*

*Photo shows our Munster U15 Gaelic Football Champions being presented their medals by Mr Andy Ryan, Tipperary GDA and Mr Ger Ryan, Munster Council Vice-Chairman.*



Comhghairdeas to their hurling managers Mr J Fanning & Mr K Gleeson and to their football managers Mr S Ó'Cradóig & Mr J.P. Butler .

**Girls Soccer**

Congrats to our girls soccer team who played some competitive matches this term in both league and cup competitions. And many thanks to their coaches Ms Dunphy & Ms Brennan.

**Volleyball**

Our Junior Boys Volleyball team qualified for the All Ireland Semi-Finals where they played very competitively against Dungarvan Community College and Mary Immaculate Secondary School from Co Clare.  
*By Ms A Carey*

**Munster Athletics Success**

Congratulations to all our students who competed successfully in the different athletics championships this year. Results from the East Munster Schools championship are as follows:

**Armand Schoeman**-1<sup>st</sup> place 100m & 2<sup>nd</sup> place 100m hurdles; **Azuolas Varnele**-1<sup>st</sup> place in the hammer with an impressive throw of over 41metres & 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the shot putt; **Dylan Coady**-2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 400m hurdles and **Aaron Graham** won his 100m heat by a huge stretch, but just missed out on medals securing 4<sup>th</sup> place.



**Daithi Lawlor, Eamon Delaney & Jack Condon** also performed well in their events.

Many thanks to their coach Ms Carey.

**Soccer**

Our U14 Soccer team played superbly in their matches against Rockwell College in the South East Cup and against Intermediate School Killorglin in the Munster Quarter Final.

*Many thanks to our soccer managers/coaches Mr Fahy, Mr Butler and Mr Spillane, for their time, diligence and dedication throughout the year.*

**U14 Hurling Blitz**

*Well done to our U14s who won 3 games out of 3 in their blitz in Dr Morris Park. They were successful against St. Joseph's Borrisoleigh, Nenagh College and Nenagh CBS.*

**Munster U16.5 Gaelic Football Finalists**

Our Munster U16.5 Gaelic Football final transpired to be a nail-biting and absorbing contest against St Josephs College, Kilkee. The lead changed hands on numerous occasions, but ultimately we succumbed to a late goal on a 2-07 to 1-07 score line. Well done to our football panel and the managers for their dedication and commitment throughout the year.





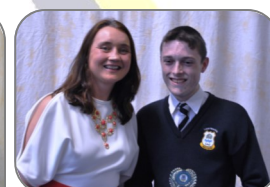
## Awards Ceremony 2019

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, our annual Awards Ceremony was held in the school. A great sense of excitement filled the assembly hall as Bean an tí Ms Trish Hickey and Fear an tí Mr J.P. Butler introduced a vast array of awards recognising the academic and sporting achievements of students, and also acknowledging the 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, dignitaries, staff and members of the wider community. Mr Paddy Barry, a special guest from Padre Pio Nursing Home sang along side choir members Caylum Gooney & Kayleigh Cronin and entertained the large crowd with beautiful singing and music. Huge credit goes to ceremony coordinator Ms Annemarie Purtill for organising a very enjoyable evening. Comhghairdeas le gach duine a bhuaigh gradam ar an oíche. [#cmcoagobair](#)



### Annual Awards

LIT Language .....	Kaitlyn Ryan
Rath as Saothar .....	Dylan Molumby
Seamus Maher Cup .....	Ronan Carroll
Frank Dwan Cup .....	David Kearney
Mary Delahunty Cup .....	Anthony Doyle
Engineer of the Year .....	David Kearney
Metalwork Award .....	Jack Kennedy
CMCO Achievement .....	Jamie Kinane
Attendance Award .....	Ivan O'Sullivan
Maths Award .....	Sebastian Spiakowski
Coding Award .....	Keelan Fahey
Energy Leader .....	Gary Delaney
Young Scientist .....	Katie McCarthy, Róisín Ryan, Adam Ryan & Toby Womack
JCSP .....	All 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Students
Junior Music .....	Kayleigh Cronin
Senior Music .....	Caylum Gooney
Spirit of the Musical .....	John Shaw
Best Leaving Certificate 2018 .....	Scott Beaton
Best Junior Certificate 2018 .....	Rebecca Elphick
Charity Award .....	Evan Donnelly & Mikie Spillane
Féile na Samhna .....	Bill O'Dwyer, Katelyn Ryan & Cormac Leahy
Entrepreneurial Spirit .....	Conor O'Sullivan & Dan O'Connell



Certificates were also presented to the **Scoláireachtaí, BT Young Scientist, LIT SciFest, Student Enterprise, JCSP Make a Book, Wellbeing, Debating, College Awareness Week, Coolest Project, Gaisce & Digital Champions** participants.



### Student of the Year Awards

1 <sup>st</sup> Year .....	Michael McCormack
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year .....	Stephen Healy
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year .....	Odhráin Donaghy
5 <sup>th</sup> Year .....	Ben O'Sullivan
5 <sup>th</sup> Year LCA .....	Mark Martin
6 <sup>th</sup> Year .....	Claire McGrath
6 <sup>th</sup> Year LCA .....	Joey O'Sullivan
Principals Award .....	Aaron Cooke



### Sports Awards

Athlete of the Year .....	Armand Schoeman
Junior Hurling .....	Eoin Craddock
Junior Football .....	Stephen Maher
U15 Hurler 2019 .....	Lee Ferncombe
U15 Footballer 2019 .....	Odhráin Donaghy
Senior Hurling .....	Danny Slattery
Senior Football .....	Caylum Gooney
Junior Rugby .....	Seán Lloyd
Senior Rugby .....	John Shaw
Junior Soccer Girls .....	Sophie Delaney
Senior Soccer Girls .....	Danielle Meaney
Junior Soccer .....	Pierce Briody (U14) & Óisín Gooney (U15)
Senior Soccer .....	Shane Turner (U17) & Martin O'Reilly (U19)



Members of the **Munster U15 Hurling, Munster U15 Gaelic Football & Tipperary FAI Futsal** winning teams were presented with their medals and the successes of students in the **East Munster Schools Athletics** were also acknowledged. Excellent attendance across all year groups was recognised and Platinum, Gold, Silver & Bronze Merit Awards were presented to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students in recognition of their overall contribution to school life. [@colmhuirecoed](#) [#cmcoagobair](#)