



Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed. Thurles

'CMCO NEWS'

School Newsletter

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CMCO enjoys Double Success in the Student Enterprise County Final

Congrats to 5th year students **Kaitlyn Ryan** and **Kayleigh Cronin** on winning the **Best Online Business Award (Senior Category)** with their **Well-being App 'Give Me That ENERGY'** - an app that is paving the pathway to Positive Well-being in CMCO. The girls also won the SciFest@Teen-Turn Young Innovator Award and entered the Coolest Project International Competition with their well-being app project. Well done to 3rd year student **Cormac Kiely** who scooped **3rd place** in the **Intermediate Category** with his enterprise **'Kiely's Wooden Bee Hives'**. Special thanks to their mentor Ms Miriam Bergin and to Student Enterprise Coordinator, Bronwyn April for the help, support and guidance given to our enterprise students this year.



Principal's Award

Congrats to Leaving Cert student **Danny Slattery** (former pupil of Rossmore NS) on receiving the Principal's Award 2021 in acknowledgement of his wonderful contribution to life in Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed. throughout his six years.



Pictured above: A delighted Danny with Principal Mr Denis Quinn, his proud parents, sister and grandmother after being presented with the Principal's Award.

SciFest@College 2021 Finalists

Best Wishes to CMCO students **Sarah Ryan**, **Suzie Ryan**, **Kayleigh Cronin** and **Kaitlyn Ryan** who have entered three different projects in the SciFest 2021 online competition in LIT Thurles. We look forward to hearing the results in July.



Pictured right: 2nd year student Sarah Ryan with her teacher Ms Katie Carr.

Sarah investigated Vitamin B12 deficiency and its impact on the human body.

Message from Mr Quinn, Principal

Welcome to our **Summer Newsletter**. I am delighted to report that Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed. navigated this difficult year with all, now safe and well. We wish to thank our Students, Parents and Parents Association and the Board of Management for their continued support, especially through Covid and the recent lockdown. Our students; your children will be more resilient as a result and this will stand to them as they progress through life. We wish our Leaving Cert students every success in their exams. May their hopes and dreams come true, be it in college or in the world of work.

Thank you, especially to the parents of our graduating students - your children have been great ambassadors for the school and have played a big part in our ever growing enrolment. We are getting stronger and stronger together.



'Ní Neart go Cur Le Chéile' - 'Together We Stand'

Denis Quinn, Principal

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Intergenerational Choir Fundraiser for SVP

Due to Covid 19, our students were unable to visit, sing and dance with the residents of Padre Pio and we decided to move the Intergenerational Choir to an online platform instead.



The Music & Drama departments joined up with the residents of Padre Pio and released the song 'You Can't Stop The Beat' from the musical *Hairspray* in the hope of raising

funds for the local *St Vincent De Paul Society*.

This fabulous, energetic performance can be viewed on the school YouTube channel and you can still donate using the following link - www.svp.ie/intergenerationalchoirfundraiser

TYtv Crew

A very special thank you to the Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed. TYtv crew and their mentor Ms Caoimhe Geaney for the wonderful end of year celebration recordings that are available to view on the *Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed. YouTube channel* - fantastic work!



CMCO TY News

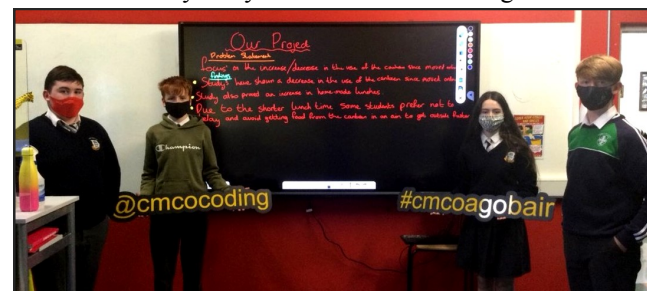
Our students enjoyed participating in a variety of events and activities in April and May, such as climbing the Devil's Bit, taking part in the GAA Coaching Foundation Course delivered by Andy Ryan and learning about Car Care, Hair Care and CPR/AED in workshops organised by Ms Pollard and Ms Carr. Our TYs had great fun learning how to use the E Movement Segways, playing Foot Golf and Pitch & Putt in Cashel and washing cars for their fundraiser. Various online events were organised and these included, talks from the Road Safety Authority, DSPCA and Rory O'Connor (aka Rory's Stories). Congrats to TYs Kevin Fitzgerald and Aaron McNamara who represented CMCO in the Scratch National Final. To round off the year, all students designed a CMCO TY memento tie-dyed t-shirt and competed against each other in the TY Fun Challenge organised by Mr Kinane.



Many thanks to Ms Caoimhe Geaney and Ms Ann Conroy for organising very engaging activities and events for our TYs during a challenging year.

Digital Champions

This year, our Digital Champions examined and analysed the effects Covid 19 had on the school canteen and the eating habits of students and staff. An online quiz was completed using infographics, iMovie and other tools which applied to their project. Congrats to our team who presented their project in May in a virtual showcase. Many thanks to their mentors Ms Mary C Ryan and Ms Miriam Bergin.



JCSP News

On Tuesday April 20th, our first year students attended the *JCSP Make A Book* virtual exhibition. The online event was most enjoyable and attendees were entertained by storyteller Niall de Búrca. This year, four 1st year students - Grace Maher, Érin Connolly, Niall Ryan and Adam Phelan proudly represented their respective classes and presented our project, a digital book documenting *Life in First Year in CMCO*. Also, congrats to our Junior Cycle students who received their *JCSP Certificates* following completion of all their JCSP statements, as identified by the Department of Education & Science. Special thanks to Ms Helen Wallace and the JCSP Core team for overseeing the progress of all our Junior Cycle students.



Photo shows some 3rd year students displaying their JCSP Certificates after being presented them by Ms Helen Wallace, JCSP Coordinator

Best Wishes to the Class of 2021



CMCO staff, students & whole school community wish our Class of 2021 good health, happiness and the very best of luck in whatever paths you pursue after the Leaving Cert.



Deputy Principal's Address

I have deliberately decided to approach my summer newsletter address differently. I will not restate the college's achievements or applaud the myriad of academic and extracurricular activities that characterised our year. Instead, I want to thank all the people who have helped me and the school through an extremely difficult year.



All year, Denis and I wrote to our parents and we regularly spoke about choppy waters and navigating the turbulent waters of Covid 19. We have said it before, but I will say it again and again - without the support of our parents we could not have managed this year. On all occasions parents were gracious and understanding. You truly appreciated that all the changes we made were to keep your children safe. **I can't thank you enough**

Our students have been incredibly resilient and adaptable. The hallmark of a Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed. student is your ability to mind and take care of each other. Once again you showed those core values of care and respect in spades. **Mile buíochas**

I have the great pleasure and privilege to work with an exceptional bunch of colleagues. To all who work in Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed. - thank you. It has been a hard year. **I can't thank you enough**

We are supported in our work by Tipperary ETB - we are so lucky to have that support. To all and to Liam, Clodagh and Colin in particular - **Mile buíochas**

Finally, a school is just a small part of the wider community. We enjoy excellent relationships with so many organisations, schools and businesses within the community. For any part you played in a great year for Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed. - **Mile buíochas**. The community is represented in our very supportive Board of Management and Parents Association. Thank you to both of those organisations - you do so much unseen work for the benefit of our students. **I can't thank you enough**
All that remains is to wish everyone a safe and happy summer. Here's hoping for a more "regular" year next year.

Clare Wallace, Deputy Principal

Awards Night 2021

On May 26th, Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed. celebrated the successes and achievements of our school and students in a 'virtual' format. Our core values of **Respect, Honesty, Effort and Co-operation** and our School Motto "**Rath as Saothar**" are the common themes that are acknowledged at our annual awards event. A special thank you to Ms Purtill for organising a very enjoyable 'Virtual' Awards Night ceremony and to Ms Geaney and the TYtv crew for creating the wonderful celebratory video of the event which is available to view on the Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed. YouTube channel.
Comhghairdeas do chuile dhuine a bhuaigh graham ar an oíche. #cmcoagobair



Annual Awards

Principal's Award	Danny Slattery
LIT Language	Grace Ann Maher
Rath as Saothar	Jamie Kinane
Mary Delahunty Cup	Stephen Cullen
Engineer of the Year	Sebastian Spiakowski
Frank Dwan Cup	Jack Kennedy
Gaeilge Award	Danny Ó'Slatara
Perfect Attendance Award	Ellen Clarke
JCSP	All 3 rd Year Students
Junior Music	Sophie McDonnell & Ben Nolan
Senior Music	Rebecca Elphick
Coding Awards	Ethan Taylor & Aaron Cummins
Scratch National Final	Aaron McNamara & Kevin Fitzgerald
Teen Turn Awards	Rebecca Jordan, Sarah Ryan & Sophie Maher
Entrepreneurial Spirit Award	Kayleigh Cronin & Kaitlyn Ryan
Enterprise Award	Cormac Kiely



Student of the Year Awards

1 st Year	Grace Ann Maher
2 nd Year	Lily Rose Sayers
3 rd Year	Suzie Ryan
TY	Amy Ryan
International TY	Fabio Duina
5 th Year	Nathan Kenehan
5 th Year LCA	Jack Ryan
6 th Year	Rebecca Elphick
6 th Year LCA	Rose Shanahan

Certificates were also presented to the **Energy Well-being, BT Young Scientist, LIT SciFest, JCSP Make a Book, Gaisce & Digital Champions** participants.
Students in every year group were also rewarded for their excellent **Attendance**.



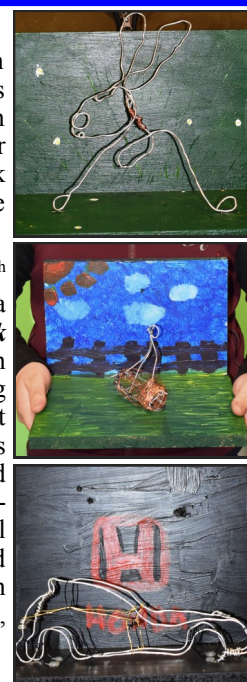
Leaving Cert Applied News

The 5 LCA class did great work during the year for their General Education Task which was based in the **Visual Art Individuality and Identity** module. The students, under the guidance of art teacher Ms Geraldine Cahill decided to make **Wire Sculptures** of something personal or relevant to them, based on their own individual interests or hobbies. The finished pieces of Art were presented with a report for their General Education Task Examination which forms part of the LCA Assessment.



Practical Achievement Tasks completed by Leaving Certificate Applied students.

The Practical Achievement Task in 6th Year challenges students to take on a new interest, hobby or skill. **Craft-work** was the dominant force this year with Knitting, Crochet and Cross Stitching taken up over the six weeks with great support and patience offered by Ms Mary C Ryan! Cake-decoration and Wood-craft also featured. After self-evaluating their progress and skill achievement, the students completed Task Assessment Reports with guidance from their LCA Coordinator, Ms Ann Conroy.



TETB May Day for Sustainability

Congratulations to all our students and staff who worked diligently on the TETB May Day for Sustainability initiative. CMCO focused mainly on Sustainable Development Goal 3 (*Good Health & Well-being*) and Goal 4 (*Quality Education*) and our students participated in various activities and events e.g. art/poster competitions, well-being events, organised walks, digital media literacy and coding initiatives. Special thanks to all involved, especially Ms Eimear Meagher who coordinated the **#MayDayforSustainability** events.



Photo shows Grace Maher, Niall Ryan & Jack Killane who enjoyed success in the **#etb_sdgs Quiz and Poster Competition**.

Congrats to 2nd year students Rebecca Jordan & Sarah Ryan who represented Tipperary in the **Teen-Turn Competition** with their **Latesleeper App**.



The girls used App Inventor 2 to create and code a **"wake you up"** alarm app with gaming features. Many thanks to their Coding teacher and mentor Ms Bergin. **#Coding #GirlsInStem**

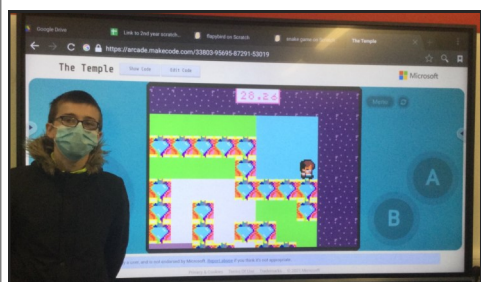
Best Wishes to Ms Julianne Butler who is taking up a new position closer to her home. As a true professional and a great friend, our loss is their gain.

Thank You and 'Go n-éirí leat' Julianne from everyone in Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed.



Coding Games Fleadh

In April, our 2nd year Coding students enjoyed taking part in the very first **Coding Games Fleadh** with students from Borrisokane CC. The games were peer assessed by students from each school. Well done to their Coding teachers Ms Bergin and Ms Fogarty for organising this very positive inter-school event during **Tech Week Ireland 2021**.



Congrats to Ethan Taylor's game 'Snake' and Aaron Cummins' game 'The Temple' on winning 1st and 2nd places in CMCO.

Message from the CMCO Parents Association

We would like to wish all students an enjoyable Summer holiday with their families. It has been another challenging school year, but our children's resilience, determination and cooperation have got them safely to the end. Best wishes to our Leaving Cert students of 2021 in your exams and in your future endeavours. Special thanks to Denis, Clare & all the Staff for their dedication in keeping our school safe, so that our children could continue with their education and learning. Special mention also to Una, Pat and Ricky. And finally, thanks to Triona & Staff in the canteen for keeping the students 'well fed' - your work is very much appreciated. Wishing the Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed. school community a great Summer and thanks for supporting the CMCO Parents Association.

Frank Nolan (Chairperson) & Lisa McCarthy (Secretary)

THANK YOU Míle buíochas to all the staff & students who contributed in any way to this newsletter and to the editor Ms Deirdre Ryan. For more information on Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed., log onto www.cmco.ie