



NEWSLETTER



The official newsletter of Coláiste Chiaráin

Welcome

Welcome to our February -March edition of our Coláiste Chiaráin Newsletter. We are delighted to celebrate and showcase the many activities, events and achievements in the past two months. Enjoy the read!

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Litter Pick

As part of an exercise in negotiation the Form 1 European Studies class organised a litter pickup event. The exercise was to show that in politics you must learn how to negotiate and you only receive if you give also. The class collected 4 bags of rubbish from around the school (courts and driveway). The event demonstrated skills to the class like negotiation and organisation and also to start looking at things in our own neighbourhood before we consider the European picture.



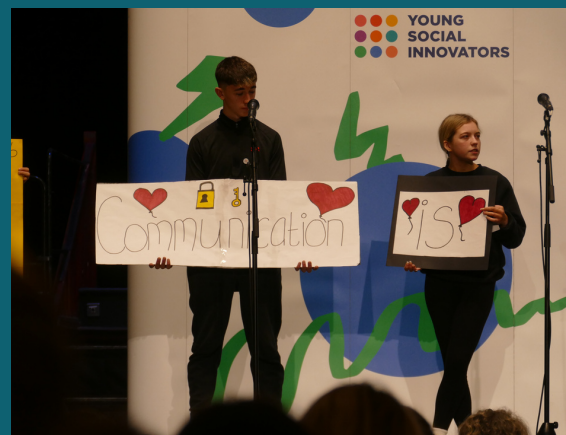
Young Social Innovators

On March 6th, the Transition Year Young Social Innovators travelled to Cork City Hall to showcase their project on the Speak Out stage in front of hundreds of students from schools around Munster.

We had three groups from Coláiste Chiaráin. The first on stage was 'Celebrate Culture'. This is the fourth year in a row that we had YSI students choose culture as a social topic for their project. This year's group discussed how they will run a Culture Week this year. They will also celebrate different cultures and their holidays such as Eid and share information about them with other students. They aim to promote diversity and reduce racism and xenophobia,

The next group on stage was 'Strong Body, Strong Mind'. This group aims to build resilience by training students who would not normally be very active to run the Great Limerick Run 10k. They will also create videos on how to reduce injuries in athletes.

The final group on stage was 'Communication is Key'. This group explained their goal to teach people how to communicate healthily in relationships. They spoke with a professional counsellor and got written answers to questions such as "how do I know if I am in a toxic relationship?" and made them into videos. They did a colours day and bake sale and raised close to 700 euros for ADAPT Domestic Abuse Services. They have also organised for ADAPT to come to the school to give a workshop on safe relationships.



Business in the community

24th February

Coláiste Chiaráin's 6th year students who are involved in the Northern Trust/Business in the Community Mentoring Programme had another beneficial meeting. Each pupil got the opportunity to work on a one-to-one basis with their mentor. There was a lot of energy in the room and good discussions took place as the students were developing their CVs and working on how to express their personal qualities. The Mentors gave their advice and shared their own personal experiences. The individual help was really useful to the group and assisted them in being career specific whilst also developing their own self-belief.

12th March

NT/BITC - Mock Interview Session - the 6th year students got the opportunity to hone their interview skills when working on the Northern Trust/Business in the Community Mentoring programme. Each mentee had a mock interview from their mentor. They learnt what to expect from an interview process and how to properly prepare. It was a wonderful experience to prepare our 6th years for their future careers and the world of work.

Northern Trust



Kirby Group Visit

Kirby Group employees visited our school on Friday February 23rd to complete an estimation challenge with 2nd year ICE.

Problem solving and teamwork skills were tested throughout this workshop. The students competed against each other in small groups with the winning group set to receive a prize at the next workshop.

Well done to our winners Jack Buston, Rian Anslow, Darren Chen and Jack Keane. Kirby Group, in collaboration with Business in the Community Ireland, will return to visit 2nd year ICE for another workshop on communication skills in late March.

Careers News

The Guidance Department were delighted to welcome Claire Cassidy, Programme and Engagement Office at MTU to our campus yesterday to speak to our senior students about the REEdI (Rethinking Engineering Education in Ireland) BEng (Honours) in Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering. This cutting edge programme is a blended degree that combines the best of manufacturing and mechanical engineering, culminating in flexible and adaptable engineers to meet industry needs. As part of the presentation students participated in a virtual reality experience, giving them great insight into how learners on this course use VR to learn and solve problems. The programme includes a 2 year paid work placement with a wide variety of partner companies, thus ensuring graduates are industry ready on graduation. To find out more visit <https://www.mtu.ie/courses/mt834/>



What a pleasure it was to welcome past pupil Oísín Brady-Halmschlag to the campus in March. Oísín met with 6th year students considering studying in Germany after their Leaving Certificate, offering some invaluable insights into the application process, the different types of colleges and the highly rated apprenticeship route promoted across Germany.

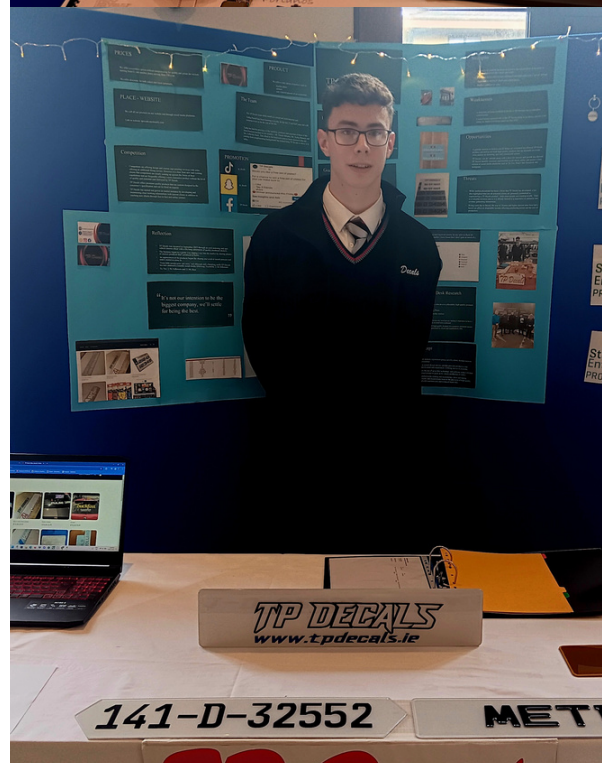
Oísín also met with and spoke to Ms. Maher's third year German class about his experience of the Freiwilliges Soziales Jahr, as well as his current studies in taxation and finance. Oísín had the class enthralled with his account of his experience of studying, living and working in Germany to date. No doubt Oísín's story will inspire many other students to consider opportunities such as studying abroad, taking a gap year or immersing themselves in a foreign language and culture. He certainly instilled a belief in the students that the world certainly is their oyster!

Heartfelt thanks to Oísín for taking the time out to visit us today, not forgetting his mam too for her support and cooperation in facilitating his visit!

Student Enterprise Awards

Coláiste Chiaráin collected 4 awards at the Limerick Student Enterprise Awards in the Castletroy Park Hotel. Well done to all the students that participated today and represented the school so well in what was our largest every entry into this competition with 8 mini companies representing our school. Winners on the day were

- Taha Njie - Most Innovative Award
- Tadhg Purcell, TPDecals - 1st overall in the Intermediate Category. Tadhg will go on to represent Coláiste Chiaráin and Limerick in the All Ireland Student Enterprise Finals in Mullingar in May.
- Picture Perfect 3rd in the Intermediate Category - Mia Rouziers, Rachel O'Shea, Leah Jordan, Tiarna Parker, Emily Gore, Kim Harvey, Aimee Oyeyemi-Cryslar.
- Buttons and Beads 2nd in the Junior Category - Lacey McInerney, Aoibheann Doran, Ava Burke, Ellie Lynch.



Briary Gap Light Entertainment Competition

The preliminary round of the Briary Gap Light Entertainment Competition took place in February at the Palace Theatre, Fermoy. Soloists were Harry Moriarty (2nd Year), Rebecca Clancy (5th year), Rosemary Lucey (TY) & Erika Lee (1st Year).

Feedback from the adjudicator included the following:]
"Outstanding soloists", "amazing dance routines", "Great team effort", "a slick performance". Well done all and also to their mentor, Ms. Moroney as the group qualified for the National Final that took place on 20th March in the Cork Opera House. The group again performed brilliantly and received the Award for Best Variety . Well done all!



North Munster Schools History Champions



Our Junior History Quiz team won the North Munster Schools Competition against tough opposition from three counties. Tymek Baranowski, Andrew Svetlissnoj, Ruben Massey and Liam Power swept the boards, easily defeating all opposition. They now qualify for the All-Ireland final in Dublin next month

Keela Murphy and Isabelle Kane were recognised at the Cork Gala celebrating the Chinese New Year for their entries in the Abu Cup painting competition. Keela got a certificate and Isabelle won an award for her portrayal of a dragon.



Congrats to Form 1 student Tadhg Twomey on his "Outstanding Achievement Award" in Maths Competition 2024 . Well done to his mentor Ms. Hartnett also

Model Council of Europe

Well done to Samantha Unda Kalace, Malgorzata Krosta and Aoife Hulevych Slapka who represented Colaiste Chiarain as Slovenia in the 2024 Model Council of the European debate . Well done to their mentor Ms. Maeve O' Sullivan



Well done to Ben Moloney who entered Oireachtas Essay Competition and was awarded " Highly Commended" for his essay " Parliamentary Political Matters for Peace"



Limerick Sports Partnership VIP Programme 2024/2025



Congratulations to Form 3 students James Fitzgerald & Liam Kingston, who have secured a place for the Limerick Sports Partnership 2024/2025 VIP Programme beginning in September 2024



James Fitzgerald



Liam Kingston

Transition Year Activities



Cycling on the Greenway



Kayaking in Limerick

Muckross House, Killarney



Mayoral Reception to celebrate Coláiste Chiaráin - Best School in Ireland Seán O'Sullivan overall BT Young Scientist of the Year winner



Well done to Rawan Al Hassanay and Marzakotou Oustmane and their film crew for winning the "Audience Choice Award" at this years' Fresh Munster Film Festival. Congrats also to Kevin Dillon for winning a spot in this years National Final for his documentary "When it Rains". A Limerick musical Documentary

FILM

Fresh Film Festival Success



First Year Spelling Bee

Our First Year Spelling Bee took place on March 22nd . Thanks to Ms. Hanley for organising the very competitive event . Theo Ramendik, 2nd was Aoifeann O' Hanlon and 3rd was Andrew Noonan.



Seachtain na Gaeilge

Bhí SnaG an-ghnóthach againn i mbliana; líonadh na laethanta le himeachtaí inár dteanga náisiúnta. Bhí go leor spraoi ar siúl sna ranganna i rith na seachtaine, idir cluichí, scannáin agus dathadóireacht - sos deas ó na leabhair!

Leis an gcúigiú bliain ag dul ar thaithí oibre, cuireadh tús luath le SnaG24. Tosaíodh Déardaoin 7ú Márta le Tráth na gCeist. Ceithre bhabhta bunaithe ar Spórt, Ceol, Teilifís agus Eolas Ginearálta. Bhí iomaíocht an-ghéar ann ach ar deireadh, bhí an bua ag Foireann 1. Comhghairdeas mór le Sinéad, Emma, Keeley agus Lucy.

Dé hAoine, cuireadh fáilte roimh na cuairteoirí ó Mheiriceá le céilí mór beomhar! Ghlac 40 dalta ón Idirbhliain páirt ann agus rinne siad an-iarracht leis na 1, 2, 3s. Ag deireadh an taispeántais, fuair na Meiriceánaigh seans 'Ballaí Luimnigh' a fhoghlaim. Tá súil againn gur bhain siad taitneamh as!

A leithéid d'aoibhneas a bhí ann don séú bliain tráthnóna Déardaoin! Críochnaíodh an lá le Geandáil Ghasta; dhá nóiméad ag caint 's ag comhrá leis an duine os a gcomhair agus ansin ar aghaidh leo go dtí an chéad duine eile - cleachtadh iontach don scrúdú béil a bhí ag druidim leo!

Cuireadh deireadh le #SnaG24 leis an siúlóid bliantúil timpeall an cheantair. Chuaigh na daltaí ón gcéad bhliain amach ag siúl i gCromadh chun samplaí den Ghaeilge a aimsiú. Cé go raibh sé ag stealladh báistí ar maidin, bhí an t-ádh linn go raibh an ghrian ag spalpadh anuas faoin am a shiúlamar amach geata na scoile! Chonacthas an Ghaeilge ar charranna, ar chomharthaí, sna fuinneoga - tá an teanga beo i gCromadh gan dabht!

Gabhann Roinn na Gaeilge buíochas mór le gach duine a ghlac páirt i Seachtain na Gaeilge i mbliana agus leis na múinteoirí ar fad a thug tacaíocht dóibh. Ní neart go cur le chéile.



American Exchange

It was wonderful to welcome our guests at Shannon Airport on March 8th for the return leg of this years Limerick to Limerick, American Ireland Exchange.

An action packed trip was experienced by all. From shadowing our students in school, participating in a hurling demonstration , feasting to an Irish breakfast and planting almost 200 trees to add to our school's biodiversity forest..... and this was only their first day!

Over their 2 week stay in Ireland, the group visited Bunratty Castle and Folk Park, went surfing in Lahinch and attended the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The group also experienced the beauty of the Cliffs of Moher and had tour of the picturesque village of Adare. While in Dublin, a trip to Trinity College , Croke Park and Tayto Park was all experienced and much more.

We truly had a wonderful time with our new friends and thank you so much to Mr. Moore, Ms. Lynch and Ms. Hartnett who made it all possible.....







Congrats to Liam Costelloe who was the recipient of the 9th Annual Limerick Garda Youth Awards



Congrats to Isabelle Regan who has won a 3 day educational tour of Strasbourg , which will include a trip to the European Parliament where she will take part in the Youth Parliament with students from across EU member states



Form 4 student Conor Ó Longaigh who has been selected as Limerick Minor Football Captain for the year ahead. Fantastic Achievement



Well done to Form 1 student Cushla O'Sullivan who has been selected as part of the Limerick Under 14 Camogie Panel



Form 1 student Jia Jie Ruan and Form 2 student Tommy McMahon who aced the Bebras Challenge 2024 and made it to the Finals!



Congratulations to our 2nd-year basketball team and Coach Dave Crowley, who won the South West Basketball Championship . They came back to the school to a well deserved Guard of Honour to celebrate their Achievement.Unfortunately, our 1st-year team narrowly lost out on us winning the double.



LGFA North Munster Champions