



# NEWSLETTER



*The official newsletter of Coláiste Chiaráin*

## Welcome

Welcome to the April edition of our Coláiste Chiaráin Newsletter. We are delighted to celebrate and showcase the many activities, events and achievements in the past month. From Success at Scifest to being crowned North Munster Football Champions, it has been another busy month! Enjoy the read!

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# Transition Year Gaisce Trip

On the 23rd of April a group of Transition Year students travelled to the Burren County Clare for their Gaisce Adventure Journey. They spent 2 days hiking through the beautiful Burren and the weather was even in their favour, They had a super time , so thanks to Ms. Rosina Dillon, our Gaisce TY Programme co-ordinator and who organised the trip.





# Careers News

## THIRD LEVEL GERMAN EXPERIENCE DAY AT MARY IMMACULATE COLLEGE

On Friday April 19th, our Year 3 German students, along with their teacher, Ms. Maher, travelled to MIC to get an insight into life as a Third Level student. The aim of the event was to present to students the opportunities for further study in German at Third Level, but also to give each student an insight into college life, as well as providing an opportunity to visit a third level campus, in order that they are better equipped to make informed decision about their progression routes in senior cycle.

The day commenced with a tour of the MIC campus, including the Lime Tree Theatre, the student hub and sports facilities. It was then time to get down to the academic side of university life with an introductory German lecture facilitated by German lecturer, Britta Jung. Britta introduced the students to linguistics and the morphology of the German language, highlighting the many aspects of language studied at Third Level, but critically doing so in a fun and engaging manner, through the words, story, illustration and music of Barbaras Rhabarberbar.

With Brains well and truly stimulated, it was then time to head to the college canteen for a short break and some well deserved sustenance. Business and Math skills were put to the test firstly however, as students conducted mental calculations at speed to work out how to maximise their return on the generous meal voucher provided by MIC! Once everyone was suitably rested and revitalised, it was then off to the History Department for the second lecture of the day. Ms. Maher felt it important that History be incorporated into the Experience Day, given the strong interest in German history and history in general, evident in this particular cohort of students. Dr. Liam Chambers, history lecturer, outlined how critical thinking and analytical skills play a key role in the life of a history student and how these skills are easily transferable to any workplace or future career, as employers seek to recruit people who can think for themselves and who are willing to question, query and interrogate assumptions for better outcomes. Dr. Chambers incorporated both History and German into his segment, by examining various assumptions advanced by historians regarding the Holocaust, whilst seeking the input of our Coláiste Chiaráin students who were more than up to the challenge, offering some fantastic viewpoints of their own and really deep, meaningful insights.

Ms. Maher would like to extend a special word of thanks to Megan, Nicola and Emma at MIC for facilitating this fantastic experience and to her students for their participation and engagement on the day.

Many thanks to Ms. Maher for arranging this informative and engaging visit.



Careers Presentation by Pontifical University Maynooth

# Scifest 2024

On 23rd April in TUS, 27 students travelled with projects, our biggest ever contingent presenting 16 projects. Ms. Olwyn McNerney, Ms. Ciara Danagher and Ms. Edel Farrell travelled as mentors. All students represented the school excellently and got very positive feedback from all the judges.

## Lily Li and Miles Beuno

- 1st place in intermediate/senior Technology
- ESRO discover space special award
- And overall runner up best project!



## Luke Walsh

- 3rd in intermediate/senior Technology



## Chloe Danagher

- 1st place Junior Life Sciences





## Other winners included

Dara Ajala - 3rd place in the Junior Life Sciences

Cian Murphy and Musa Njie - Cleaner Climate Special Award





# History Week

History Week dominated the end of April as the students clothed themselves in a myriad of international and historic outfits. From Stone Age Man to John Hume, the fashionistas of the school were out in force celebrating our past. Also in History week, traditional foods from pre-1800s whetted the tastebuds of history students in the school. Everything from insects to cake bread, nettle soup to rashers meant that students ate the unprocessed foods of the past and learnt about pure ingredients. Thank you to our History teachers for organising the events.





# The 5th Year Berlin Tour

A group of 5th year students departed early Friday morning from Dublin and arrived in Berlin at 10am. The groups' first stop was to Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp where 58,000 people were executed. That evening, they attended a Bundesliga match at the Olympiastadion - the match was between Bertha HSC and Hannover - was a thrilling match and the result was 1-1.

After a great sleep the group set off on Saturday for The Berlin Wall, students took photos and admired the murals. Shopping was next and they were thrilled to have some time to explore the amazing shops in the city centre. That afternoon the group met with their tour guide who provided a very informative talk on the history of Berlin, the arrival of the Soviets and the life of Adolf Hitler. After dinner at the hotel they had a table quiz, the focus of which was based on information they had learned that day.

On Sunday morning there was a trip to Berlin Zoo, an amazing time was had and the petting zoo was a huge hit. This was followed by a visit to the DDR Museum before heading back to the hotel for relaxation. On Monday, the action packed final day started at CheckPoint Charlie, followed by a visit to its famous museum. Topography of Terror is a stone's throw away and this internal and external exhibition gave great insight to the horrors experienced in Germany. Before setting off for the airport, the group visited the beautiful UNESCO World Heritage town of Potsdam, about 45 minutes from Berlin. A beautifully rich town of palaces, lakes and gardens. Then it was time to depart for the return flight. Thanks so much to all the teachers who accompanied the students and made the trip possible.





# Battle of Shannon Schools

Shane O' Carroll, a past pupil now studying in TUS (Technological University of the Shannon) organised the event. There were a number of Schools competing in it, Thomond College, St. Flannans from Shannon , Ard Scoil Rís and Coláiste Chiaráin were all present for the battle.

First up was a soccer match against Thomond College. which gave us four points. The ultimate challenge was against Saint Flannans in the tug-of-war . We were victorious and gained another four points. We reached the penalty shootout vs Flannans. Ryan went into goals. Penalty takers were Darragh, Sam and Obi. After a close contest, Coláiste Chiaráin won the battle to reach the final against Ard Scoil.

The final event was an obstacle course . We got off to very strong start and held it all the way through. Near the end, our large lead had reduced but we were victorious! It was a great win and a great day in TUS.





# The Kirby Group Visit

The Kirby Group finished the World of Work Programme with 2nd Year ICE on Friday 19th April. Students were presented with a certificate of completion during the wrap up session. This was the last of five workshops which the 2nd years completed this year. Other workshops completed this year included a Day in the Life Workshop, Communication Workshop and Estimation Task Workshop.



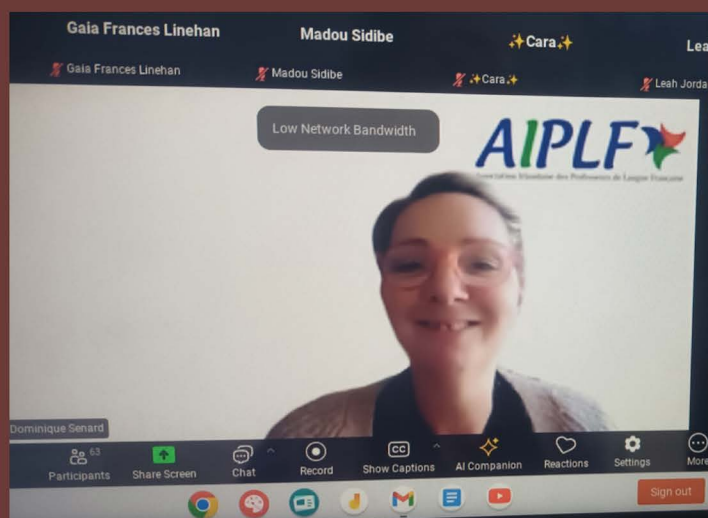
## AIPLF - Online Quiz

Quiz:

On Tuesday 23rd April, 3rd Year pupil, Leah Jordan (Austen 3) represented the school in an online quiz competition about Belgium for 2nd, 3rd and TY students of French.

This quiz was organised by the AIPLF Team to celebrate the 2024 Belgian Presidency of the Council of the EU.

The questions were in French and were on the topic of Belgium and included questions on facts, specialties, celebrities and Belgian expressions.





# LCETB Sports Day

A strong team represented our school at the ETB Sports Day which included several schools from Limerick and Clare as they battled it out with a number of relay events over different distances. We picked up 8 Gold, 15 Silver and 4 bronze medals. Well done to all the schools who competed in this wonderful showcase of talent!







Girls Gaelic Football who were victorious in the North Munster Final



Under 15 Boys Soccer team - North Munster Finalists.

Unfortunately they were unsuccessful in the final.