



NEWSLETTER



Welcome *The official newsletter of Coláiste Chiaráin*

Welcome to the October edition of our Coláiste Chiaráin Newsletter. We are delighted to celebrate and showcase the many activities, events and achievements in the past month. From celebrating Wellness Week, to welcoming parents and children at our Open Night and getting no less than six projects accepted to the National Final of the Stripe Young Scientist Competition 2026. We have had a very busy month. Enjoy the read!

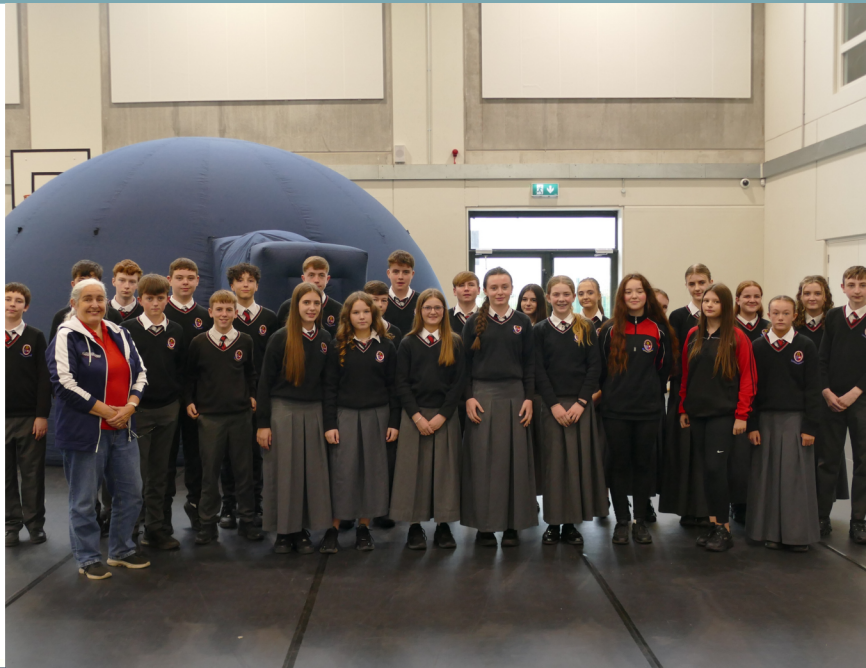
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Space Week at Coláiste Chiaráin

As part of Space Week, our school welcomed the StarDome, a portable planetarium from Blackrock Castle Observatory, Cork. Inside the inflatable dome, Frances McCarthy guided students on an incredible journey through the night sky – exploring planets, constellations, and distant galaxies.

2nd Year students enjoyed sessions throughout the day, while at lunch the dome opened to all students, sparking huge interest and excitement. A big thank you to the Science Department and the Media Team for bringing this unforgettable experience to our school!



Wellbeing Week 2025

Resilience – Overcoming Challenges

This year's Wellbeing Week celebrated the theme '*Resilience: Overcoming Challenges*', reminding us all of the importance of bouncing back, learning from setbacks and supporting one another along the way.

Throughout the week, students and staff took part in a range of uplifting activities organised by the TY Wellbeing Team. Lunchtimes were filled with energising and relaxing sessions, including yoga, art, boardgames and obstacle courses. The whole-school walk gave the whole CCO community time to gather together and take the opportunity to reflect on positivity and self-care whilst overcoming the challenging weather.

We were also inspired by guest speaker Colm Skehan of 'Empower', who shared his personal insights on building resilience, facing challenges head-on and maintaining a positive mindset.

In the GP area, a colourful display featured positive quotes and stories of famous failures—a powerful reminder that even the greatest successes often begin with setbacks. Wellbeing Week encouraged everyone to take time for themselves, connect with others, and remember that challenges are stepping stones to growth. A huge thank you to the TY Wellbeing Team for leading such a thoughtful and motivating week!



Coláiste Chiaráin Open Night 2025

Our Open Night took place on 9th October and it was a huge success as usual. Hundreds of parents and their sixth class children attended. They had a short talk by Senior Management and then had a tour of the school which was fun, entertaining and they got an insight as to what it would be like to be a student here. Thank you to all the teachers, students and the Parents' Council who made the night a huge success



Junior Cycle Results

The Junior Cycle results were presented to our students on 9th October by Mr. O' Sullivan in the GP area. There was huge excitement and lots of very happy and relieved faces. Well done to all. We are so proud of you!



Transition Year Activities

Our transition Years participated in 'Driver's Education Programme' where they learned the basics of car maintenance and had a chance to learn to drive.

On the 16th October, TYs had their annual 'Shine a Light' sleepover at the school. This was a fundraiser for 'Focus Ireland'. It was a great success and we would like to thank the teachers also who supervised the sleepover.

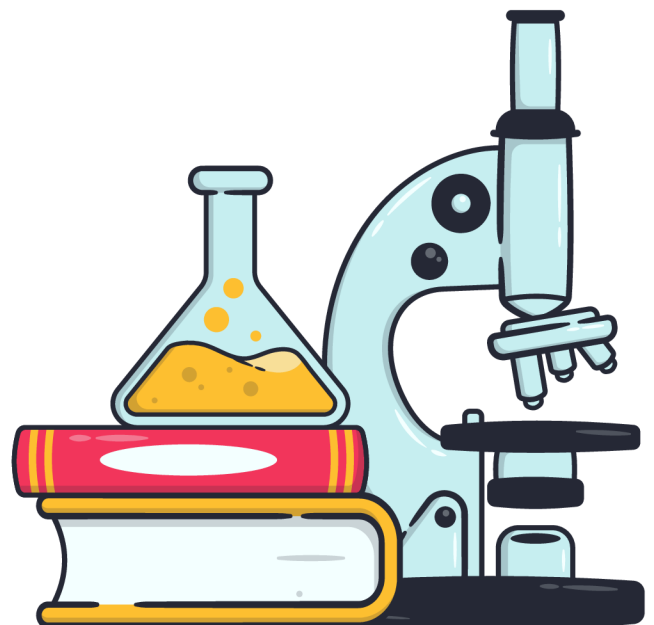


Stripe Young Scientist and Technology 2026

Six projects have been selected from Coláiste Chiaráin to take part in young scientist this year. This is a great achievement as only 550 entries from 3000 were selected.

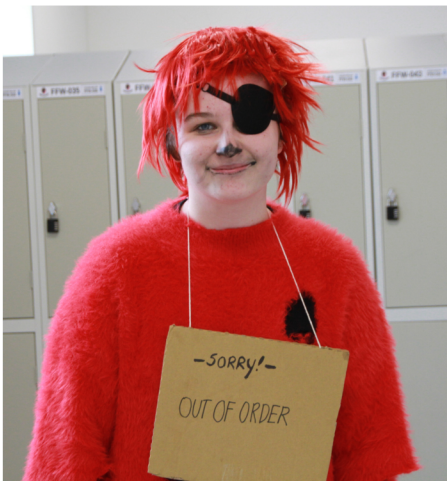
- **Senior Technology - Sarah Hurley & Miles Bueno:** *PowerPredict* (Predicting Outages Up to 10 Days in Advance)
- **Senior Technology - Matthew Furlong & Liam Power:** *SmartSpecs*
- **Senior Technology - Amina Costello:** *Watersense* - A Predictive Surface Water Monitoring System using ML and Arduino
- **Senior Technology - Chloe Danaher, Liam Costello and Adam Sheehan :** *Grammer Maketh Man* (Coding a Chrome Extension to Optimise ChatGPT Queries
- **Junior Technology - Tomás O' Sullivan:** *Chirp* - A Low Cost Approach to bat monitoring using AI Audio Analysis
- **Junior Technology - John Shanahan:** Public Awareness and Reaction to Presumed Consent for Organ Donation in Ireland

All students have been working hard since June and will continue until January. Best of luck to you all!



HALLOWEEN AT COLÁISTE CHIARÁIN

It was a spooky school on the Friday before Mid Term break where a huge number of students and teachers dressed up in Halloween Costumes. The 4th Year mentoring students organised lots of games for all the first years and the Students Council organised a Fancy Dress Fashion Show. The atmosphere was one of fun, craic and lots of spooky mischief. Well done to all those who made such an effort with their costumes and lets do it all again next year!





SPORTS UPDATE

- 2/10/25 - Great win in both U16/U19 boys Basketball v Kilrush
- 6/10/25 - U19 Girls Basketball vs Hospital. Win for Coláiste Chiaráin
- 6/10/25 - U16 & U19 boys Basketball v Thomond. Win for Coláiste Chiaráin
- 7/10/25 - Boys U17 Football v Ballybunion. Well done boys
- 8/10/25 - Win for U17 Soccer v Charleville
- 9/10/25 - Win for the Girls Minor LGFA v GCL
- 9/10/25 - Win for the rugby team: U16s Rugby V Salesians in Bruff
- 14/10/25 - Win for the Junior Girls Junior LGFA v Newport College
- 15/10/25 - The Rugby boys were back in action: U19 Munster Cup V Thomond
- 16/10/25 - The boys soccer team suffered a defeat U15 soccer vs Caimins. Hard luck boys!
- 17/10/ 25 - The Boys under 15 Gaelic Football team were victorious v Askeaton
- 21/10/25 - The girls Senior soccer team lost to Ballincollig 4-2 in the Munster Cup
- 22/10/ 25 - The under 17 boys soccer lost 5-2 to St. Brendan's in the Munster Cup
- 23/10/25 - Both boys Basketball teams were victorious against Coláiste Íosaef
- 23/10/25 - The senior boys football team were victorious over Ennis Community College
- 23/11/25 - Under 14 soccer team played Mungret College



Well done to Seán Potter who was nominated as Man of the Match at our soccer game versus Ennis Community College. Coláiste Chiaráin now progress to the next round of the Munster Championships.