



Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed Thurles

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Principal's Address

Welcome to our **Summer Newsletter**. I would like to wish our Junior and Leaving Certificate students every success in their state exams. I wish to convey a special thank you to our Parents Council, Board of Management and staff for their on-going cooperation, support, vision and hard work and to all the parents for their trust, support and efforts throughout the year. I hope you enjoy reading about the superb school year Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed has enjoyed in 2016. **Denis Quinn, Principal**

Maths Goes Wild



Photo shows 1st year students attending the Make a Book Exhibition in Cork City Hall where they presented this year's publication "Maths Goes Wild".

Coding Day for teachers at Intel Ireland

Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed is proud to have been chosen as one of nineteen schools nationwide that will teach Coding as a subject at Junior Cycle level from September 2016.



All Ireland U15 Basketball Champions



Active School Flag Award

Congratulations to Ms Molumby and the Active School Flag committee who were duly awarded the prestigious Active School Flag in May.



Second Green Flag for Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed

Congratulations to the Green Schools' committee and coordinators Ms Smith & Ms Geaney on being awarded the second **Green Flag for Energy** for our school.



Underpinned with the theme "**Kill-A-Watt For A Better Future**", the committee have worked tirelessly to reduce energy consumption and promote a cleaner and greener environment in Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed.



SciFest 2016

Three first year groups, a second year group and TY student Javier Capilla Romerosa from Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed participated in the SciFest 2016 competition in May. Well done to all and a special thank you to their teachers Ms Smith, Ms Hayes & Mr Fanning in the STEM departments. Thank you to LIT Thurles who hosted the event. More information on courses in LIT Thurles can be found on [facebook.com/Environmentalcourse](https://www.facebook.com/Environmentalcourse) and www.lit.ie.



Stars in Their Eyes

Three acts from Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed took to the stage at the Presentation Secondary School to compete in "Stars in Their Eyes". Competition was intense on the night as students from the four second level schools in Thurles produced excellent performances. Well done to James O'Donoghue, Caylum Gooney and Arron Wort for superb performances on the night.



Engineers Week



Photo shows some senior cycle students pictured with Mr Mark Ivors, a Senior Process Safety Engineer with Merck Sharpe & Dohme who visited the school during Engineers Week in March.



Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge was celebrated in style in the school with events such as tráth na gceist, seisiúin ceoil, comórtas ealaíne, and bodhrán workshops taking place. A huge thank you to the Irish department for organising these events.

Photo shows Ms J Cahill presenting Aaron Cooke, Gary Delaney & Callum Blakebrough with awards acknowledging their participation & achievements during Seachtain na Gaeilge.

"Ag dul go dtí an Ghaeltacht...."

Congratulations to 1st year students Vincent Carney and Jay Jay Schoeman a bhuaigh scoláireachtaí chuig Corca Dhuibhne Gaeltacht in West Kerry.



Student Council News

Student Council members met with Mr Rory Boland, senior road engineer for Tipperary County Council and local politician Mr Michael Lowry Jnr to discuss a number of safety issues concerning the students of our school. Some members had the honour of representing the school at the collection of the national flag and the 1916 Proclamation at the ceremony in Croke Park. The council members were also involved in raising much needed funds for local charities Tús Nua, the Community Hospital of the Assumption and Flood Relief victims. This was accomplished by promoting and selling Thomas Francis Meagher 1916 commemorative badges.



School Self Evaluation

The school continues to engage in Self Evaluation. This year we reviewed teaching and learning in the school. Log onto www.cmco.ie to review our School Improvement reports and plans.

Career Guidance

Our TY & 5th year students travelled with Guidance Counsellor Ms C O'Connor to UCC, CIT & UL during the term.

They received a presentation on all the undergraduate courses available, a grand tour of each campus and enjoyed meeting Munster & Ireland Rugby player Donnacha Ryan at the CIT campus.



School Business Partnership

Congratulations to 5th year students on receiving their certificates following their partnership with **Dew Valley Foods**. Under the Schools Business Partnership initiative, our 5th year students liaised with personnel from Dew Valley Foods and were given a valuable opportunity to view operations at the industrial plant, to engage in mock interviews and get an insight into the life skills required for the world of work. This initiative was deemed a brilliant and an enjoyable experience by our students and many thanks to all involved, especially Business teachers Ms Molumby & Mr Brennan for their coordination of this partnership with Dew Valley Foods.



Photo shows 5th year students displaying their certificates with Dew Valley Foods personnel and Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed staff members.



Photos shows Danielle Wolmarans making a presentation to Mr Paddy Bourke, European Sales Manager with Dew Valley Foods.

Best Wishes to the Class of 2016

Congratulations to the class of 2016 who graduated recently. Students accompanied by Ms Delaney and Ms G Cahill spent the morning on a trek up the Devil's Bit, which was a lovely bonding experience for the group. On their return to the school, they enjoyed a fabulous barbeque prepared by the school canteen in the courtyard. The day finished with a very moving and emotional graduation ceremony which was celebrated by school Chaplain Fr Hennessy. A huge thank you to all the teachers, students and parents who organised and assisted in making this occasion such a memorable day. We wish the class of 2016 all the best in their future endeavours!



PDST Wellread National Award Winner

Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed successfully achieved the PDST Wellread National Award in early June. This enhances the work we have done through SSE Literacy to promote reading for pleasure. A range of initiatives coordinated by Ms C Browne & Ms K Amos were developed over the past few months. Strong links were forged with our ever increasing number of intergenerational readers and with Mr John Butler, proprietor of Bookworm. Some of our parents have become members of a parents' reading club and have enjoyed discussing their latest read over a cup of coffee. Other parents have become regular contributors to Coláiste Mhuire Co-Eds' reading circle Facebook page. The staff and students alike have embraced a culture of reading. Students participated in both Junior and Senior book clubs while staff



have recommended to colleagues a range of reading material from a variety of literary genres. Our 1916 celebrations were marked by an informative talk by Mr Brian Gallagher, author of the thrilling novel "Friend or Foe". National Poetry Day was celebrated with a poetry reading from former English teacher, Mr Paddy Moran. Students engaged in a literary quiz, a recipe booklet, DEAR and a host of other reading activities. Staff, students and parents will continue to collaborate with the wider community to further develop reading in Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed. Congratulations to the teacher, student and parent representatives involved in helping to achieve this wonderful award.

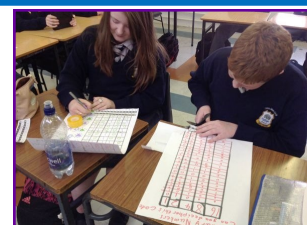
Photo shows renowned author, Mr Brian Gallagher with some of our 1st year students in the library after signing his novel "One Good Turn" for them.



Scratch Programming & Binary Coding

Photo on left shows students teaching each other Scratch at the study hub during lunchtime.

Photo on right shows 1st year students creating Binary Code posters in Ms Bergin's class.



Transition Year News

Gaisce Trip

Well done to our TY class who undertook a two day trek of the Slieve Bloom Mountains. The trip was completed as part of the Bronze Gaisce Award.

Visit to Garda College

Transition Year students visited Templemore Garda College as part of The Road Safety Programme.

Creative Engagement Garden Design

Our Transition year students are being afforded the unique opportunity to hone their artistic, creative and masonry skills as they work with local renowned sculptor Phillip Quinn on our Garden Project. The work so far has produced some impressive pieces carved out of wood and stone. Well worth a view for anybody visiting Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed.

Generations Euro Students' Award

Huge congratulations to Transition Year students Javier Capilla Romerosa, Arron Wort, Jennien O'Gorman and Aaron Cawley on their tremendous achievement in coming runners-up at the National Final of the Generations Euro Students' Award. This is a prestigious competition ran by the European Central Bank and students at Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed have come second in Ireland out of 278 schools. Huge acknowledgement goes to their Business teacher Ms Molumby.

Tourism Trip to County Antrim

TY students travelled to Antrim as part of a school trip recently and enjoyed many of the attractions on offer including the Giant's Causeway, Carrickfergus Castle, the Shankill and Falls Roads, The Houses of Parliament at Stormont, Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge, and the highlight for many the renowned Victoria Shopping Centre.

Cricket Award

Congratulations to TY student and international cricket player Aaron Cawley on receiving the prestigious "Annerville Award" for his outstanding contribution to cricket. Aaron played in the European Championships in 2015 and delivered superb performances that have culminated in his selection for this season's under 17 Ireland squad.

Other events that the TY students participated in or attended this term include The One Book Project with Ms B Ryan, Seachtain na Gaeilge activities, Fairtrade talk in LIT, Games Fleadh 2016, Student Enterprise Competition, SciFest, Active School & Friendship Week and many more.

Huge acknowledgement goes to Ms Conroy for coordinating a very successful TY Programme in 2015/2016.



Construct 2 Programming

This year our TY students were introduced to construct 2, a gaming program as part of the TY programming module. TYs visited LIT Thurles for a talk on using construct 2 for games development. They then worked in class with Ms Bergin and progressed through the online manual to create a construct 2 game. TY students also attended the Games Fleadh 2016 in LIT with Ms Molumby.



Photo shows TY students who successfully completed the online manual with their teacher Ms Bergin and Dr Liam Noonan, lecturer of Game Design and Development in LIT Thurles.

Mental Health Ireland Competition

Congratulations to TY student Arron Wort who won the title of Highly Commended in the **Mental Health Ireland Photography/Art Competition**. His picture will appear in the 2017 calendar along with the provincial winners in the Photography category. A special thanks goes to Ms G Cahill for anchoring this project.



The ceremony was held in Dublin City Council offices and prizes were presented by CEO of MHI Orla Barry and artist/judge Lisa Butterly.

Active School & Friendship Week 2016 - "Be Bright, Be Happy, Be You"



Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed is the first second level school in Tipperary to be awarded the Active School Flag and huge acknowledgement goes to Ms Molumby and the ASF Committee on striving to create a more physically educated and physically active school community. Active School week and Friendship week (May 16th - May 20th) ran in conjunction with one another under the guidance of Ms. Molumby and Ms Hickey. As part of the action packed week, all students participated in mental health and wellbeing workshops, orienteering, skip-a-tons, a whole school walk, Friday funday, poster competitions, active homework, circuits and many other initiatives throughout the week.



EA Sumo Robot Games

In May, 5th year students attended the All-Ireland Sumo Robot Games in Dublin Castle. Many thanks to Mr J O'Sullivan and the Engineering/Metalwork departments for their input into producing Sumo Robots that were highly commended by the adjudicators at this event. The participants from left to right include Séamus Holohan, Aidan Butler, Emmett Clarke, David Morris, Alan Kelly, Ben Steppath and Danielle Wolmarans.



Junior Gaelic Football Winners

Congratulations to the Junior Gaelic Football squad and their coach Mr O'Crádóg who were victorious in a thrilling final against Newport College at the Fethard College tournament in Fethard.



Basketball Champions

Congratulations to our U15 basketball squad who were victorious in the All Ireland Cadets Schools' final against Tullamore College. Our boys under the guidance of Ms Hickey and Ms Delaney battled hard throughout to win on a resounding score line of 41-20. Congratulations to all on this excellent achievement!



Formula 1 in Schools

Photo shows team members of **CMCO Racing** who designed a Formula 1 racing car under the guidance of Mr Fanning & Ms Bergin to participate in the penultimate stages of this event.

Senior Camogie Schools County Blitz



Congratulations to the senior camogie team on reaching the schools county blitz final against St. Anne's Secondary School. Superb for Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed in this cup final were Claire McGrath, Kellie Healy, Danielle Meaney and Jennien O'Gorman. Many thanks to coaches Ms G Cahill & Mr O'Crádóg.

U15 Rugby Squad

This year Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed took part in the Munster U15 emerging schools rugby competition. We played four blitzes throughout the year enjoying success in many matches and finishing fourth overall in Tipperary.



Member of the Tipperary Minor Hurling Panel

Best wishes to Leaving Certificate student Gavin Dunne who is a member of the Tipperary Minor Hurling Panel and will play Cork in the semi-final of the Munster Minor Hurling Championship at the end of June. We wish Gavin & the Tipp Minors all the best!

Ceardlann Bodhrán

JCSP and TY students were treated to a **Bodhrán Workshop** as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge.

Under the guidance of renowned musician Seán Geaney from Nenagh, students were given a masterclass on how to play the bodhrán and how bodhráns are made.



Make a Book

Well done to our 1st year students on producing a Maths workbook called **"Maths goes Wild"**. The aim of this year's publication was to promote the idea of numeracy in everyday life. A trip was undertaken to Dublin Zoo and follow up worksheets were devised based on the experience. The book was displayed in Cork City Hall for the **Make a Book Exhibition** to huge appraisal. Well done to all involved and a special thank you to Mr J O'Sullivan for coordinating this initiative.



Photo shows our 1st year students with their teachers Ms H Wallace, Ms G Cahill, Ms J Delaney & Mr J O'Sullivan outside Cork City Hall.

English Literature Quiz

The English department in conjunction with JCSP ran a very successful quiz for all 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students.

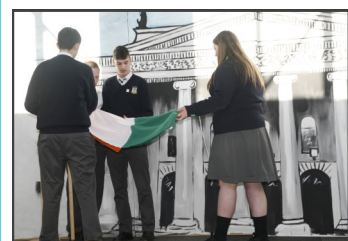
Congratulations to our **English Literature Quiz** champions Jack Cooney Shorley, Gary Delaney, Cameron Ferncombe and Asier Aragon Puerma.



1916 Commemoration

On March 15th, the students and staff combined to commemorate Proclamation Day with songs, music and reflective readings from respective parties involved in 1916.

The Art & Woodwork Departments joined together to produce a spectacular backdrop of The GPO that added to the atmosphere of the whole occasion. The Irish Proclamation of 1916 was read aloud by student council members, as was a new proclamation for 2016. The event concluded with the raising of the Tricolor and Amhrán na bhFiann.



Celebrity Chef

Celebrity Chef Mark Doe visited our Junior Certificate students as part of a JCSP initiative organised by Home Economics teacher Ms K Stakelum. The experience was thoroughly enjoyed by all!



JCSP Reading Corner

Linking in with the huge drive to promote reading for pleasure in the school, our **JCSP Reading Corner** in the school library has had a facelift creating a relaxed atmosphere and a positive ethos around reading. Students and staff are looking forward to getting lost in a good book!!!

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."
Joseph Addison

French Language Magazine

First and second year JCSP French students have been working hard all year on developing their vocabulary and reading skills with the aid of their **French Language Magazine**. Thank you to Mr D Fahy for facilitating this initiative.



Artist in the Classroom

A very successful JCSP **Artist in the Classroom** initiative took place during the year. A huge thank you goes to Ms G Cahill for running the workshop. The initiative was run in conjunction with our Make a Book entry **"Maths goes Wild"**.

St Patrick's Day Parade Award

Photo shows Ruairi Barrett, Liam Ryan and Aaron Hassett displaying a bronze statuette of Michael

Collins. This award was presented to Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed for the Best 1916 Commemorative float on St. Patrick's Day in Thurles.



**On Tour to Trabolgan**

Our 1st year students enjoyed a fantastic day out in Trabolgan and enjoyed taking part in activities such as swimming, go karting, crazy golf and laser tag. Students deemed it a super experience and a great way to end the school term!

**Athletics**

Congratulations to Colin Morris and Gary Delaney in the schools' East Munster Track & Field Championships who won silver in the long jump and bronze in the 800m competitions respectively.



Well done also to Pádraig Gleeson who ran superbly in the 800m, and to Matthew O'Rourke Bourke who qualified for the 100m & 200m finals and finished an agonising 4th in both!

First Junior Cycle English Classroom Based Assessment

In May, the 2nd year English students presented their first classroom based assessment on their chosen topic to their classmates and English teachers Ms J Butler and Mr Stapleton.

Photo shows students peer learning & using ICT to prepare for their oral presentations.

**Link with the Local Community**

At the Thurles Parish exhibition in the Premier Hall, our TY students assisted by Art, English, and Woodwork Departments displayed a tree as a symbol of knowledge containing a plethora of student work pertaining to the learning environment and activities that take place both inside and outside the classroom. Many thanks to Ms B Ryan, Mr Dunne, Ms G Cahill, Ms Leahy, Ms D Ryan and to all who helped out over the weekend.

**Surfing in Lahinch**

Our 3rd & 5th year students made the journey to Lahinch for their end of term trip. Excitement was palpable among students and accompanying staff as they ventured off to enjoy some surfing at one of Ireland's most famous surfing destinations!

School Show - October 2016

Auditions have taken place for next year's school show. A record number of students auditioned for main parts. Congratulations to all who were successful.

Paintballing Mania

Second year students were treated to an end of term sojourn to Carlow where they took part in a series of paintballing games. Students and teachers alike had a great day.

**Student Enterprise 2016**

Congratulations to 2nd year students, Evan Donnelly and Thomas Stokes who came second in the Intermediate Category of the Tipperary Student Enterprise Competition. They set up a business making outdoor ornaments called '*E & T Outdoor Ornaments*'. Huge credit goes to teachers Ms Bergin, Ms Molumby and Mr O'Sullivan for providing on-going guidance and support to the students throughout the competition.

**John Lonergan Talk**

Former Governor of Mountjoy Prison John Lonergan delivered a talk to parents entitled "*Presenting the Challenges and the Rewards of Parenting*". This was an enthralling, witty and informative evening that was hugely enjoyed by all in attendance. A huge thank you is conveyed to the Parent's Council for organising this highly successful event and for their ongoing cooperation and support.

Leaving Certificate Applied News

Some divine and decadent aromas emanated from the Home Economics room and wafted through the corridors, as our LCA students spent a morning cooking pancakes for Pancake Tuesday. A very successful venture for our budding master chefs!

Later that day, the students visited Templemore College of Education. This visit formed part of their guidance project and was organised by their teacher Ms O'Connor.

Awards Ceremony 2016

A great sense of excitement filled the assembly hall in Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed as Mná an Ti, Ms Caoimhe Geaney & Ms Olivia Ryan introduced the various awards at the annual awards ceremony on Wednesday, May 25th. A vast array of awards were presented reflecting the achievements and talents of students during the school year. Entertainment was provided by 1st year student Rebecca Elphick who played two beautiful pieces on the piano. Tremendous energy and input went into organising this most auspicious event and huge acknowledgement goes to ceremony coordinator Ms. A Purtill.

Annual Awards



JCSP	All 3 rd Year Students
Gaisce Bronze	Jennien O'Gorman, Arron Wort, Seán Kearney, David Manning, Patrick Buckley & Javier Capilla Romerosa
LIT SciFest	Aaron Cooke, Jack Cooney Shorley, Padraig Connolly, Rebecca Elphick, Caylum Gooney, Kellie Healy, Darragh Lyons, Jack Murphy, Ben O'Sullivan, Ivan O'Sullivan, Leisha Ryan & Cormac Walsh
Student Enterprise Awards	Evan Donnelly & Thomas Stokes
LIT Language Award	Seamus Holohan & Danann O'Dwyer
Entrepreneurial Spirit	Scott Beaton
Music Award	Evan Donnelly
Green Schools Award	Arron Wort
Féile an Aonaigh	Ellen Clarke
JCSP Make a Book	Madison Pitout & Aaron Cooke
Scoláireachtaí	All 1 st Year Students
Formula 1 in Schools	Vincent Carney & Jay Jay Schoeman
Generations Euro Award	Aaron Cooke, Ben O'Sullivan, Ivan O'Sullivan & Katelyn Ryan
Seamus Maher Award	Jennien O'Gorman, Aaron Cawley, Javier Capilla Romerosa & Arron Wort
Frank Dwan Award	Michael Spillane
Mary Delahunty Cup	Gavin Dunne
Best Leaving Certificate 2015	Aaron Moriarty
Best LCA 2015	Stephen Troy
Student of the Year Awards	
1 st Year	Belinda McCarthy
2 nd Year	Neil Holland
3 rd Year	Ivan O'Sullivan
TY	Eoghan Cagney
5 th Year	Arron Wort
6 th Year	Brid Gleeson
Principals Award	Gavin Dunne
Sports Awards	
Junior Camogie	Philip O'Sullivan
Senior Camogie	Kellie Healy
Junior Hurling	Claire McGrath
Senior Hurling	Luke McGlin
Junior Football	Gavin Dunne
Senior Football	Eamon Ryan
Junior Soccer	David Manning
Senior Soccer	Caylum Gooney
Basketball Cadet	Aaron Maher
Rugby	Arnold Arlaukas
	Gary Delaney



Other awards presented at the ceremony included Celebrity Chef, Bodhrán, Seachtain na Gaeilge, Mental Health Art Project, School Show, Attendance Awards, U15 All Ireland Basketball team, Junior Football winning team and a presentation of the Active School Flag. Gold, Silver & Bronze Merit Awards were presented to Junior Cycle students in recognition of their overall contribution to school life. Certificates were also awarded for academic excellence and attendance.

THANK YOU Míle buíochas to the staff & students who contributed to this newsletter and to the editors Ms D Ryan & Ms H Wallace. For more information on Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed, log onto cmco.scoilnet.ie/blog.