



Maynooth University Awards

Coláiste Chiaráin has a history of partnership with Maynooth University. Each year about one third of our students choose Maynooth as their preferred university. As part of a long standing tradition Maynooth University awards prizes to our top students each year based on their results in fifth year.

The students were presented with their certificates of achievement and prizes by Sheila Purcell, Deputy Admissions Officer, Maynooth University, in the library at Coláiste Chiaráin. We are very proud of their achievements and wish them continued success in sixth year and beyond.

This year's prize winners are: Maths - Eric Brezina, Engineering - Ben Condell, Jim Johnson, History & German - Saoirse Hyland, Irish - Ciara Bracken, Business - Hannah Sylvester, Accounting - Ellen Devine, Geography - Hannah Lee, Construction - Savannah Seaforth, French - Eanna Ginnetty, English - Ciaran Connolly

Principal's Welcome

A Chairde,

We have had a very busy start to the year in Coláiste Chiaráin and this newsletter reflects some of the activities and accomplishments of our students and teachers.

At the end of the summer we welcomed the excellent Leaving Cert results of our graduates with 70% of our students attaining over 300 points. Eleven of our students achieved in excess of 500 points. One student obtained over 600 points while another secured the maximum 625 points. Three students in LCA had outstanding results, each achieving a Distinction. These accomplishments reflect a commitment to learning, hard work and partnership between student and teacher. Congratulations to all.

This newsletter also introduces our student leadership teams and reflects the wide range of extra-curricular activities that take place in our school. I am particularly pleased with our students' engagement with Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) activities, with girls often leading the way.

You will also note the commitment of our teaching staff to developing innovation in teaching and learning which is monitored through our School Self Evaluation process.

Well done to students, teachers and parents for their ongoing commitment to our school community. I look forward to starting this second part of the term with the same enthusiasm and energy that characterised the first half.

Le gach dea-ghuí,
Joe Sweeney

Recognising Junior Certificate Excellence!



The highest achieving students in the Junior Certificate Examination 2018 were congratulated recently and awarded with book tokens to recognise their excellent performance. You have done your parents/guardians and school proud, comhghairdeas!

I/r Ms. Grainne Heffron, Sean Halvey, Darragh Melville, Julianna Decuseara, Kerri Thornton, Kila Dunne, Ella McDonnell, Laura McGonigle, Alannah Hyland, Matthew Hunt, Mr. Joe Sweeney.

Missing from the photo are the following:
Jack Quinn, Oran Hayes, Cara McLaughlin, Ruairi Hession.

Student leadership involves giving our students opportunities to practice a range of leadership skills in a supportive, learning and social environment where success and errors are processed and reflected upon. Leaders are required to communicate well, engage in critical thinking, lead groups in problem solving and planning.

The leadership framework within Coláiste Chiaráin provides opportunities and experiences that facilitate our students' transition from school life into the community and beyond into the world of work and adult responsibility.

Student Leadership



Head Boy 2018 / 19
Ciaran Connolly



Deputy Head Girl
Ellen Devine

Deputy Head Boy
Ben Travers



Head Girl 2018 / 19
Ciara Bracken



Coláiste Chiaráin Mentors 2018/19

Back row: F.Adebambo, C.Kouogum, J.Dillon-Rampersaud, R.Hession, J.Quinn, D.Melville, K.Fox
Middle row: N.Kiernan, S.Byrne, E.Harrington, L.Doyle, L.Mcdermott, E.Mcdonnell, K.Dunne, S.Oduyebo, E.Turley, C.Mulleady
Front Row: A.Coburn, K.Cullen, K.Cleary, F.Akinbulejo, J.Bitinaite, C.Masterson, S.Rodgers, K.Thornton, A.Kelly, E.Scully



Coláiste Chiaráin Student Council 2018/19

Back row: O. Scanlon, S. Keogan, S. Mooney, E. Kovalchuk, O. Mulleady, D. Adeji, C. Devitt, K.Dunne, D. Khan
Front Row: F. Adebambo, S. Seaforth, L. Smyth, A. Reynolds, L. Choi, C. Keogan, T. Ibrahim, C. Jackson



Coláiste Chiaráin Prefects 2018/19

Back row: J.Johnson, P.Mason, B.Condell, D.Ecock, O.Scanlon, D.Farhan, D.McCarthy, R.Hetherington, E.Ginnetty
Middle row: C.Saunders, S.Tobin, N.Hussey, L.Smyth, S.Hyland, S.Seaforth, L.Choi, A.Reynolds, K.O'Brien, F.Akorede, J.Muchemi, S.Darii, H.Kisuku, C.Balakaite, A.Clare, H.Lee
Front Row: D.Lonergan, M.Balogun, A.Kovalchuk, A.Maher, H.Sylvester, B.Travers, C.Connolly, C.Bracken, E.Devine, S.Doyler, L.Boyle, M.Dagg, E.Browne



Coláiste Chiaráin Gaisce Silver Award Recipients 2018/19
Ciaran Connolly, Ciara Saunders, Hannah Sylvester, Abbie Reynolds

Extra-Curricular Activities

Coláiste Chiaráin is committed to the promotion of extra-curricular activities. We recognise the multi-intelligences of students and it is our belief that extra-curricular activities play an important role in their holistic education. Participation in activities leads to the development of self-confidence, self-esteem and school spirit.

Activity	Teacher/s	Day and Time of activity	Activity	Teacher/s	Day and Time of activity
S.T.E.M. club	C. Holohan	Tuesday 4-5pm	Senior Cycle Crossfit	N.Charles	Weekly/after school Crossfit sessions throughout the year.
Soccer (1st yr & U14s)	E. English	Matches/training throughout the year	Gaisce	S. Grandison	Most of year, we have students participating in Bronze, Silver, Gold
Breakfast Club	Healthy Living Committee	Friday Morning 8-8:30am	Cumann Gaelach	Roinn na Gaeilge	Meetings and events throughout year
Library	R. Coplen	Tues & Thurs 13.05-13.25	GAA Hurling/Gaelic football/ Handball	S. Leamy/ S.Cotter/ M.McMahon	Matches/training throughout the year
Games Club	E. English	Lunchtime / Tuesdays	Stress Management Programme	M. McDonnell	For 6th years, across the year.
Musical	B Sullivan/S Caffrey	Friday 1.30-3.30	Greenschools	G. Heffron	Meetings and events throughout year
Choir	B Sullivan	Tuesday lunchtime	LGBT	G. Heffron R. Coplen	Stand Up Week November
Basketball	E. Murphy	U16/U19 before Christmas 1st/2nd year after Christmas	Quiz Club	E. Quinn	Library Wednesdays 13:15-13:35
Camogie	E. Murphy	Tuesday 4-5	Yearbook	M. Kennedy	Most of the Year
Rugby	M. Kennedy	Matches/training throughout the year	Chess	M. Kennedy	Monday/lunchtime
Student Council	M. Kennedy	All year	Ski Trip (TY/5th Yrs)	M. Kennedy	February 2019
Yearbook	M. Kennedy	Most of the Year	Soccer(U17& U19)	C. Hyde	Matches/training throughout the year
Chess	M. Kennedy	Monday/lunchtime			



Bugsy Malone

This year's musical "Bugsy Malone" was a great success with superb performances from the entire cast. Our students put a great deal of work and preparation into the show and great credit is due to all associated with the production, your efforts are much appreciated.



Photos and a video clip from the show can be viewed by clicking the icon above or by scanning the QR code below.



1st Years take to the hills.



September
Maullin, Co. Wicklow

Open Night 2018

We held our annual Open Night on Monday 24th of September from 6pm to 8pm. Our school prefects welcomed visitors in the hall and provided a guided tour. The response from those in attendance was superb and the feedback offered was most positive.

Each department had a number of subject teachers and students on duty to answer any queries as the tours progressed around the school.

As in previous years the students on duty came in for great praise from those in attendance. In total, nearly eighty students helped in some capacity and we thank each and every one for their interest and effort in promoting the school.



6th Year History Trip to Derry

Mr. Broderick's 6th year history class travelled to Derry to visit the Museum of Free Derry. Having spent some time in the museum a local historical guide led the students around the Bogside to various points of interest. We then moved on to visit the nearby Apprentice Boys Siege Museum where a guide provided a detailed account of the siege of Derry.



German trip to Berlin



Transition Year take on the ski slopes in Kiltiernan and camping in Larch Hill



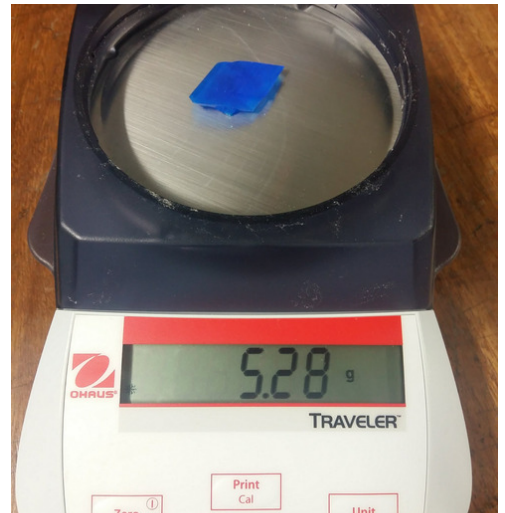
Tuesday STEM club in Coláiste Chiaráin

Last year saw a new addition to the wide variety of extracurricular activities already offered at Coláiste Chiaráin. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) club aims to further promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics amongst interested students outside of class time.

Through activities such as building rockets and spaghetti towers, making rainbow milk and explosive soft drinks, burning different salts to see how chemicals in fireworks work to poster competitions, Young Scientist Exhibition and much much more, students get a taste of STEM outside of the curriculum. Students also have the opportunity to discuss and share their ideas or anything they have found interesting recently with each other. Next term, the club will extend into technology by starting computer studies and coding with Google CS First.

According to many recent newspaper articles, STEM careers are the most 'in demand' jobs at present, with employers finding it difficult to fill vacancies with qualified professionals. A recent survey has found that students, in particular girls, are unaware of potential S.T.E.M careers open to them. By joining the club, it is hoped that each student's interest, engagement and awareness of the areas of STEM will increase.

Well done and hard luck to Elliot Curran-O'Brien and Noah Curran-O'Brien who narrowly missed out on qualifying to exhibit their project at the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition 2019. The exhibition is a highly competitive national competition. With over 2000 projects entered annually, just 550 of these projects are chosen to exhibit in the RDS in January. The Young Scientist is a great way for students to express and develop their creative, communication and scientific thinking skills. If you think you have an idea, why not start working on it now? Ask one of our Science teachers about entering next year's BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition. Deadline is September 2019. Best of luck next year to all prospective Young Scientists from Colaiste Chiarain.



Twenty four female students attended a talk in Salesforce, Sandyford, about STEM careers for women. It was specifically aimed at encouraging young girls to think about a career in computer science. The presentation was given by four young women each of whom have a background in computer science but all have completely different careers. This was to show the versatility of having a computer science degree and also to show how it can open many different doors for you in the future.

At the moment only 16% of computer science entrants are female yet computer science is becoming one of the most important qualifications in today's world.

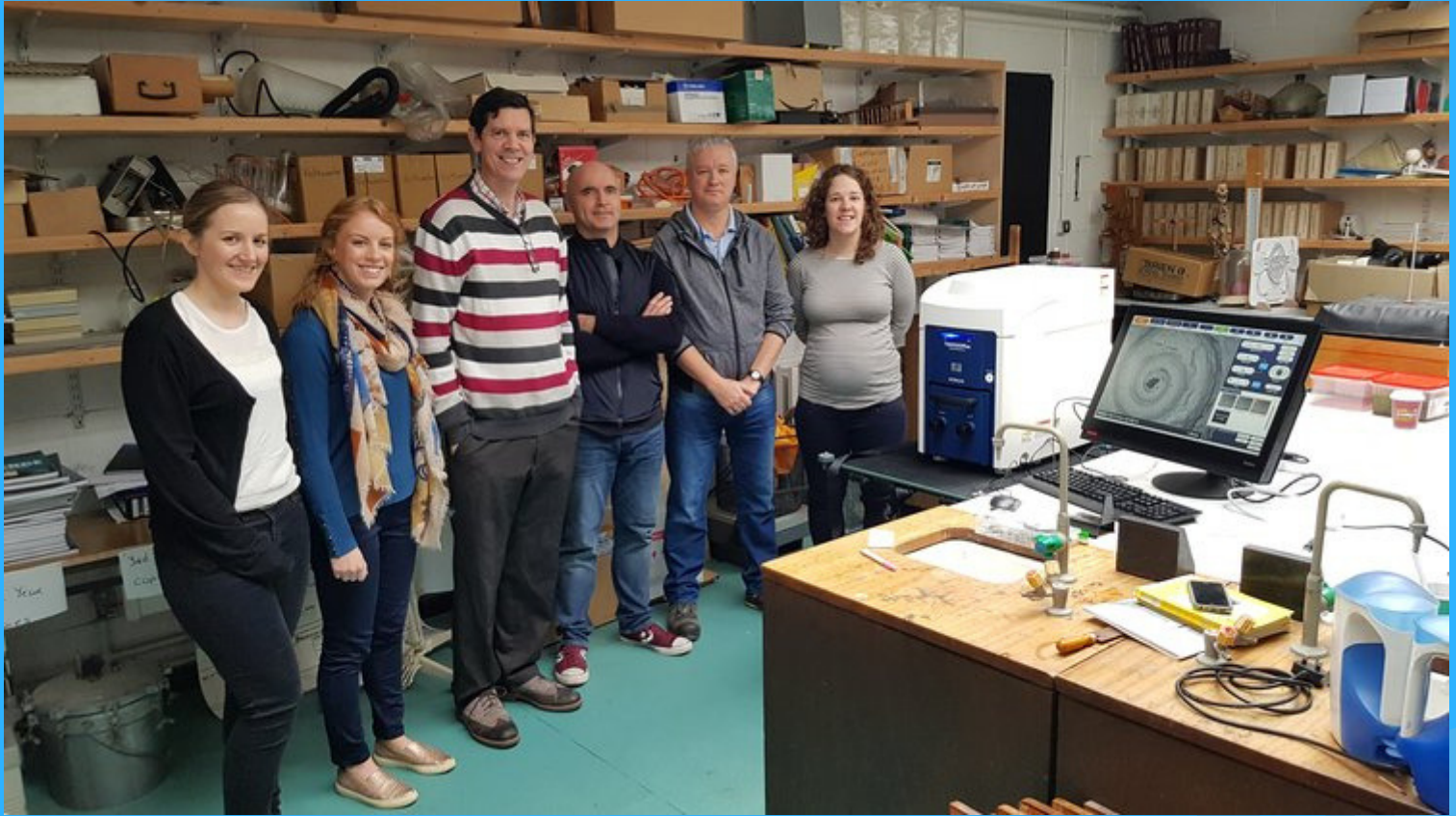
Our students found the talk very interesting and enlightening. Hopefully we will have more female computer science graduates in the near future.



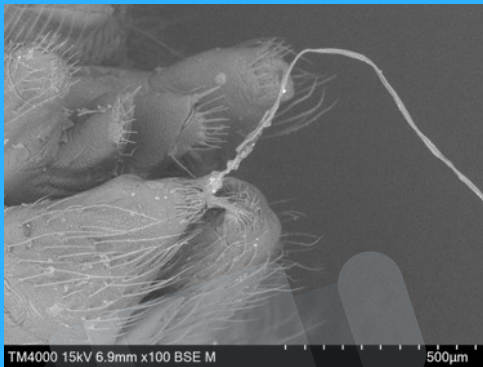
Hitachi Scanning Electron Microscope

On Monday October 1st Coláiste Chiaráin took delivery of a Hitachi Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM). This powerful and expensive piece of equipment is normally reserved for universities and industry. It has only been made portable in recent years and can magnify images up to 10,000 times their size! We are one of the first schools in the country to be allowed borrow this from Hitachi. Students in all years brought in samples to view under the microscope, these ranged from spiders to sponges to starfish.

A big thank you to Tony Fagan and Tom Kearney from Hitachi for lending us this piece of equipment and training the science teachers on its use. The students got great enjoyment using it over the past two weeks.



Some of the images produced using the microscope in the school.



Spiders Spinneret (web maker)



Starfish



Spiders Fang

Basketball

The U16 and U19 boys' and girls' basketball teams have been busy in the past few weeks, playing the group stages of the regional league and in the national cup. The girls have a 100% record in the league at both levels, recording wins over Malahide CS and Muckross Park. They play Loreto Dalkey and Holy Faith Clontarf after midterm. Unfortunately, Scoil Chríost Rí were lucky to beat us in overtime in round 2 of the U19 cup after we beat Bagenalstown CS well in round 1. Both boys teams were very unlucky to be drawn against tough teams in the National Cup. The U16 team travelled all the way to Rathmore, Co. Kerry only to be very narrowly defeated while the U19s lost to Mercy Mounthawk, Tralee. The boys have come to the end of the group stages in their league, playing Moyle Park, Coláiste Phádraig, Coláiste Phobail Setanta and Coolmine CS. The U19s have won all their games while the U16s had mixed fortunes. Both teams will go to the next stage of the league/shield in the next few weeks.

1st Year Girls win Kildare Futsal Title

The 1st Year girls soccer team got the year off to a great start by winning the county Futsal competition on Thursday 26th October. Futsal is a version of indoor football, played with 5 players on each team and 5 more subs who come on and off as needed.

The girls lined up in a difficult group against Holy Family Newbridge, Maynooth Post Primary, and Naas Community College. A steady start saw draws against Holy Family and Maynooth PP, before the girls went on a winning streak, securing victory in their remaining four group matches. 2-0 wins against Naas CC and Holy Family, and a 3-0 victory against Naas in the return fixture meant that a victory over Maynooth PP in the final group game would see the girls through to the final. A strong Maynooth team took an early lead but the girls upped their game, netting twice to take victory by 2-1. The final saw them face off against St. Paul's, who had won 6 from 6 in their own group. The Coláiste Chiaráin girls put in a tremendous display of passing football, coupled with some resolute defence to eventually win 4-3. All ten players performed excellently throughout the day, and special mention must go to our top scorers, Jodie Lawlor and Olivia Grange, and our two goalkeepers, Kate Ryan and Jessica Howard. The girls will now compete at the Leinster Finals on November 21st and hopes are high that they will achieve further success. Well done!



Camogie News

Coláiste Chiaráin's junior camogie team have had mixed fortunes in the Meath/Kildare/Carlow league so far. The incoming 1st years have added greatly to the team, with lots of experience after taking part in this year's Féile in Galway with Leixlip. Coláiste Chiaráin took on Celbridge Community School in their first game and won well. After a very competitive game against Piper's Hill, Naas, we fell short while also losing to St. Farnan's Community School, Prosperous. We look forward to getting back to winning ways in the next few days when we take on Naas Community College in the Shield Final. Here's hoping we can bring some silverware back to Coláiste Chiaráin.



Update!

Congratulations to the junior camogie team who won the Kildare/Carlow/Meath Shield, beating Naas Community College. Huge thanks to the organisers and to Cúl Sliotars who sponsored the competition and presented the team with 12 brand new sliotars for their continued training! Well done to all associated with this wonderful victory.



Saoirse Hyland wins Irish Translators and Interpreters' Award



Saoirse translated a literary text from German to English and won this year's German - English Translators award for secondary schools. The competition is organised annually by the Irish Translators and Interpreters' Association, who give awards for seven different languages nationally. Its aim is to promote language skills and to encourage students to consider careers as professional interpreters and translators. The awards ceremony took place on the 29th September in The Irish Writers' Centre, Dublin.

Florence Adebambo



You might recognize 5th year student Florence Adebambo from musician HOZIER'S new music video "Nina Cried Power" which was recorded at the Windmill Recording Studios, Dublin.

Florence has been acting since the age of seven starting out with Brennan's Academy of Performing Arts, Leixlip, she has since gone on to be involved in many TV adverts and TV shows including an American tv show called "Into the Bad Lands".

Florence has spent this summer recording a new drama which airs on RTE in November called "Taken Down". It is a crime drama and is produced by the makers of "Peaky Blinders" and "Love/Hate".

A Spotlight on Teacher Initiatives in relation to School Self Evaluation

School self-evaluation (SSE)

School self-evaluation (SSE) is a collaborative, reflective process of internal school review. It provides teachers with a means of systematically looking at how they teach and how pupils learn and helps schools and teachers to improve outcomes for learners. This year in Coláiste Chiaráin our focus in teaching and learning is on 'learning intentions'. Teachers are focusing on raising student awareness of what they are meant to know by the end of each lesson. Apart from our teaching and learning team we have a number of other committees working on school improvement, some of which are outlined below.

TL21

TL21 is a workshop-based Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme for teachers and school leaders that promotes innovative practice and professional learning communities in post-primary schools. The programme is research-led and is currently running as a partnership between Maynooth University Department of Education and Kildare Education Centre.

A team of teachers in Coláiste Chiaráin is involved in TL21 and have chosen 'homework' as their focus with the aim of updating the school's homework policy. Last year, the team did a pilot study with reference to the use of journals, the place of mobile phones and student choice in homework. The feedback from teachers, parents and students was very positive and it was decided to focus on these three areas over longer periods, setting targets, measuring the impact of same with a focus group of students and parents in order to inform our homework policy.

ICT in Teaching and Learning

Coláiste Chiaráin is committed to embedding technology and digital learning tools in teaching, learning and assessment. This will greatly enhance the learning experience and lifelong learning skills of all our students. With this in mind a team of teachers is working on the "Digital Strategy for Schools 2015-2020, Enhancing Teaching, Learning and Assessment". Their focus is the continual development of ICT in the classroom. From first year, students utilise the Google ICT suite, learn how to interact with Google classroom, use email for communication and develop skills using Google slides.

Forbairt

Coláiste Chiaráin is participating in the Forbairt programme run by the Professional Development Service for Teachers, PDST. It involves the Principal, Deputy Principal and three teachers working on an action based project to learn and develop through engaging and reflecting on their experience. The initiative chosen by our Forbairt group is discovering 'student voice' in relation to learning. Students will be surveyed regarding their experiences in the classroom. Strategies will be put in place and the results will be examined which will inform the writing of a report that will in turn influence classroom learning.

Battelle

Coláiste Chiaráin has made an online training platform available to teachers to aid their continuous professional development.' Battelle for Kids' is an online platform which teachers can access in their own time and supports them in using methodologies to enhance 21st century teaching and learning.

Wellbeing

The wellbeing of students and staff underpins the rationale of much of our decision making in Coláiste Chiaráin. For students who may be facing challenges in their lives there is a wide range of supports available. Students can seek help or advice from any of their teachers, their year heads, school chaplain, Ms. Gallagher or Guidance Counsellor, Mr. McGettigan. Sometimes, with parental knowledge and support, a student may need to be referred to an outside agency for more professional help.

We have made some changes to our timetable this year to allow for more well being time. 1st years are continuing with a ten week induction programme covering topics such as ICT, healthy eating, physical health, study skills and the language of the junior cycle curriculum. They will be covering the 'My Friends Youth' programme which teaches resilience. PE has been reintroduced for 5th years who are also doing the health promoting modules of 'Mindout' (Resilience for Seniors) and RSE (with particular focus on consent).

Pride in our Students Competing at International Level

In Coláiste Chiaráin we are very proud of all our students who perform and compete at international level. We recognise their focus, diligence and attainment. It is wonderful that these students are performing at such high levels internationally while continuing to apply themselves academically. Well done to you all, keep up the amazing work!



Ciara Saunders

Ciara has played nationally and internationally on Ireland's U21s Women Canoe Polo team for the past 4 years. She has travelled to various countries for competitions, such as the Canoe Polo World Championships in Sicily.

Ciara Bracken

Ciara is currently in her fourth year of representing Ireland for basketball, she has played at under 15, under 16 and now at under 18 level. She has represented Ireland in nine foreign countries including Macedonia in 2017 for the European Championship.

Cian Tiernan

Cian is playing with the Irish U16 basketball team. Cian plays his club basketball with Liffey Celtics Basketball Club.

Ciaran Connolly

Ciaran is a sixth year student, who has competed for his school and his country in the International High Jump SIAB Championships. He continued on to compete again with the Irish Team in the Celtic Championships, where he was awarded silver in both events. Ciaran now focuses on achieving the qualifying standard for the European Championships in the coming year.

Ronan Foley

Ronan enrolled in Coláiste Chiaráin this year as a Leaving Certificate student. He is an elite kayaker who has made and represented the Irish National Team multiple times abroad. The season of 2018 was a very special one for Ronan. His achievements included: Irish National Marathon Champion, Multiple Irish National Sprint Champion, Double World Cup Gold Medallist, Junior European Marathon Champion and World Championships Silver Medallist.

Caoimhe Masterson

Caoimhe has been representing Ireland in basketball for the past 3 years. She was on the U16 development squad one year ago and is currently on the U16 Irish squad for her age group now.

Tiernan Howe

Tiernan is a member of the Irish under 18 men's basketball squad and represented Ireland in Bulgaria in the under 16 European Championships.

Hannah Sylvester

Hannah has competed at Irish Dancing World Championship for the past 6 years, recalling and placing at top level, internationally.

Mollie Dagg

Mollie plays GAA handball at an international level. She has won a total of 5 world titles, 4 silver medals and 3 world championships (Ireland, Calgary and Minnesota). She has also won a number of All Irelands, representing Leixlip, Kildare and Leinster.

Conor Walsh	Conor represented Ireland in basketball at the European u16 Championships and is currently on the u17 Irish team.
Ciara Mulleady	Ciara is currently on the U17 Irish basketball team. She has previously represented Ireland at U15 level.
Killian Geraghty	Killian came 2nd in the World Boxing Championship for Youths in the 60kg weight category in Italy. He has represented his country over 20 times in places such as Russia, Italy, Ukraine, Belarus, France and Spain.
Nelson Fotso	Nelson plays on the U16 basketball team. He is in preseason training at the moment preparing for tournaments in Belarus in December. He is very proud to represent Ireland.
Fatimah Akorede	Fatimah has been representing Ireland in basketball for the past 3 years. Last year, she travelled to Serbia to represent the school and Ireland in the 3v3 world Schools championships. She also participated in the U16 European Championships with her Irish Team in Montenegro last August. She is currently on the U17 Irish basketball squad.

Anti – Bullying Week

We began our anti-bullying week with a positive message from Jason Maupin and his wife Jessica visiting from the US. He is the founder and CEO of Elevate Industries, a motivational assembly programme designed to help students make right choices. He had words of encouragement for our 5th Year students "Your past does not dictate your future; it's how you handle the circumstances that come your way!" "You can become whatever you want to be!" "Everyone in life hurts, everyone has pain but if I can make it you can make it! Don't ever give up!" Jason and his wife Jessica reside in Milwaukee, WI where they also direct a leadership college called iMPACT School of Leadership. Jason is committed to helping students make the right choices, regardless of the hand they may have been dealt!



Sticks and Stones



Our 2nd Year students took part in the Sticks and Stones Anti-bullying Programme. Sticks and Stones Anti-bullying Programme is a European award winning anti-bullying programme for Irish schools. They aim to heighten awareness of bullying in all its guises, reveal the misery it inflicts and help break the silence that ensures its continuance. Using a combination of in-depth discussion, communication exercises, role-play and forum theatre the facilitators encourage students to explore and articulate their feelings and attitudes towards bullying. Their approach is not to attribute blame to individuals, but to look at the class holistically and to examine the group dynamics at play. It is intensive and participative – students will never again be able to say: "It was only a joke". The format encourages pupils to take personal responsibility for their actions, and equips them with the skills to address bullying in their environment.

Internet Safety and Cyberbullying

As part of our anti-bullying week our 3rd and 5th Year students attended a lecture on "Internet Safety and Cyberbullying" from leading forensic psychologist Dr Maureen Griffin. Dr. Griffin shared her experiences from her research and from talking to students around Ireland. She highlighted the potential dangers of sharing too much personal information online and encouraged students to think before they upload material or send it via mobile phone. She explained how to use privacy settings and pointed out some of the dangers and misconceptions about the use of social media. She also spent time talking about cyberbullying, its effects and the psychological and legal consequences. Students found her presentation engaging and informative.



Positive Mental Health

Our senior prefects presented a magnificent display of resource material in the foyer of the school that focused on positive mental health. Darcy Lonergan, Stephanie Curran, Ellen Browne and Mariam Bologun

To celebrate World Mental Health Day students posted thoughts on "what makes me happy" on our Wellness Wall.



Teaching and Learning Activities

Maths Week

Maths Week 2018 ran from Monday 15th to Friday 19th October. To celebrate this numerous activities took place including an "Escape Room" challenge, a "Scavenger Hunt" for 2nd Year students and a "Paper Airplane" competition for students and staff.

Prizes were awarded for furthest distance covered and most original design in the airplane competition. The winners were Alana Healy (1A2) Vincent Mooney (1A2) and Cristofer Scanlon (2A2)



Horror Stories

Frightful first year horror story finalists gathered in the library this morning (Friday 26th October) to tell their terrifying tales! With a super-natural standard set, might Colaiste Chiarain have a future Stephen King in its midsts?!



Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal

Students were invited to fill a shoe box with 4W's, something to write with, wash with, wear and wow factor. We had a great response to the appeal this year.

Thank you to all the students who supported this worthwhile initiative. Your generosity is much appreciated.

An Ghaelbhratach

Tá coiste nua i gColáiste Chiaráin, an Coiste Gaelbhratach. Is iad baill an choiste ná Ava Kelly, Shauna Mooney, Sophie Browne, Anna Halvey, Jodie Lawlor, Ríon Nallen agus Kelly Bracken. Tá súil ag an gcoiste seo go labhróidh níos mó daoine sa scoil (agus taobh amuigh den scoil) Gaeilge. Eagróidh an coiste imeachtaí difriúla i rith na mbliana chun an Gaeilge a spreagadh. Cheana féin, d'fhreastail an rang 6ú bliana ar dhráma Gaeilge "An Triail" san amharclann Axis i mBaile Muna. Ár mana ná "Gaeilge bheo, Gaeilge go deo"...ar aghaidh linn!

There's a new committee in Coláiste Chiaráin, the Irish Flag committee. The members of the committee are Ava Kelly, Shauna Mooney, Sophie Browne, Anna Halvey, Jodie Lawlor, Ríon Nallen and Kelly Bracken. They hope to get more people speaking Irish in (and outside) the school. They will organise different events through the year to promote the use of Irish. Already, the 6th Years have gone to the theatre to see the Irish drama "An Triail". Our motto is "Gaeilge bheo, Gaeilge go deo"...onwards and upwards!



Amnesty International

On 25th October, Deirdre Walsh Schools Officer from Amnesty International visited our school to speak to a group of interested senior and junior students about human rights issues and stories from around the world. We learned about some of the campaigns Amnesty are conducting worldwide. Deirdre inspired us to take action in our school to highlight issues and raise awareness.



Recycling in the Home Economics room

In Home Economics students learn about recycling. Recycling is the process of collecting and processing materials that would otherwise be thrown away as waste and instead, turning them into new products. Recycling benefits our school community and the environment. The girls in the photo display their collection of clean dry paper and rigid plastics. Our Green Schools Committee also encourage students to reduce, reuse and recycle. You can keep up with some of the goings-on from the Home Economics room by following @msquinn_homeec on Instagram!