

**Parents and Guardians
Partners for Success
Week Beginning 26th September 2022**



Dear All

We hope all is well with you and your family. This is your weekly bulletin issued via our website. We will inform you of our achievements plans for the week ahead.

Every School Day Counts

Monday 19th September was the start of our Attendance Awareness Week. There was a raffle every day for students who were in school called 'If You're Not In You Can't Win'. An announcement was made each day announcing the winner of the competition. There was also a poster competition entitled Every School Day Counts.



The winners of the 'If You're Not In You Can't Win' competition were:

Jake Sally (2nd Year)
Gabriel Purkinaite (5th Year)
David Osagie (4th Year)
Jessica Danqua (1st Year)
Emmet O'Hanrahan (6th Year)
Finn Madine (3rd Year)

The winners of the poster competition were:

Enda Sharkey
Agata Domka
Daniel Omowumi
Ulrszula (Ula) Komendarszyk



Attendance: Did you know?

- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child both now and in their future.
- It will benefit a student's well-being, education and career.
- Improved literacy and numeracy skills, even among those students who are struggling in school.
- Students who frequently attend school feel more connected to their community and develop strong social skills and friendships.

How you as Parents/Guardians can help make Every School Day Count

- Establish a good routine in the mornings and evenings so your child is prepared for the school day ahead.
- Be organised. Make sure they have everything ready from the night before.
- Have their coats and bags at the door.
- Have their lunch made.
- Have their uniform/PE uniform ready.

Awards Event

Our annual awards event was held on Friday 23rd September from 10 am to 10.50 am in the school with all students present. The music department planned the entertainment and Mr Corrigan arranged the awards.

Mr Sharkey opened the awards event. Gerard McGuill, Chairman of the Board of Management attended the event, and our special guest was Heather Humphreys TD. Senator John McGahon, Councillors Andrea McKevitt and Marianne Butler and Deputy Imelda Munster also attended.

FREE English classes for adults

There are FREE English classes for adults, all levels in the LMETB offices in Chapel St., Dundalk.

Application forms are available in the school. You can call into the school to get an application form, or your son/daughter can get an application form to bring home to you. For further details you can talk to Mr. Cumiskey.

This the link to the details of the FREE English classes: <https://www.lmetb.ie/further-education-training/part-time-and-evening-courses/als/>

Democracy Week

Last week was 'Democracy Week'. The nominated candidates stood for election on Friday 16th September and gave their manifesto speech. Students then filled in their ballot papers using proportional representation to cast their votes. Once the votes are counted the new student council will be announced.



6th Year Higher Options

The Guidance Department organised for our 6th year students to attend the Higher Options Expo on Thursday 22nd September. This event welcomed the Leaving Cert Class of 2023 to the RDS in Dublin to meet up with around 150 universities, colleges and information bodies from Ireland, the EU and the UK.

2nd Year Students Entwined Futures

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Coláiste Chú Chulainn are working with Lagan College, Belfast as part of the Entwined Futures programme over the coming weeks. The programme will bring together 160 students from 8 schools in ROI and NI to explore the themes of citizenship, identity and sovereignty through the lens of the past.

1st Year Science

1st years preparing microscope slides in science class.

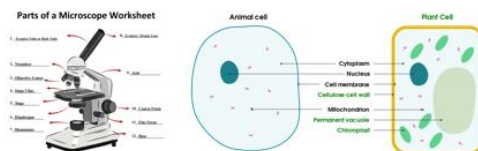
Last Week in 1 Fial and 1 Boleán



Students created their own microscope slides to view under the microscope – here is a sample of what we saw!

We used glass slides and coverslips to prepare samples of onion skin and used the microscope to view them.

We used this to practice labelling and using the microscope, and to practice labelling and understanding plant cells.



6th Year Parents & Guardians Seminar

Ms Nic Eochaidh invited all 6th Year parents/guardians last Tuesday to a seminar on getting a good study pattern established in the home to support academic success. The importance of attendance in school was also discussed by Mr Cumiskey our HSCL officer.

Student Direct Costs

Our school operates a Student Direct Costs system. This means that all book rental, insurance, journal, copying, materials are costed and an annual payment of €240 is required. This system ensures affordability and efficiency. We ask that all outstanding accounts are settled as soon as possible as the books and materials must be paid for.



School Clubs & Societies

Students have signed up for their extra-curricular activities. The Clubs & Societies notice board will detail when training and events will take place.

Soccer this week:

- Monday: 2nd and 3rd Year 3.50pm-5.00pm.
- Tuesday: TY, 5th and 6th Year 3.50pm-5.00pm.
- Wednesday: 1st Year 1.15pm-2.30pm.

Rugby this week:

- Wednesday: 4th, 5th and 6th Year 1.20pm-2.20pm.
- Fridays: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Year 4.00pm-5.00pm.
Both girls and boys are invited.

Uniform: Did you know?

School uniform plays a key role in **promoting pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging within the student body**. These factors contribute to students' wellbeing, removing the additional pressures of deciding what to wear and added stress of meeting the expectations of their peers.

Home School Community Liaison (HSCL)

Mr Cumiskey is our HSCL officer. His role is to engage with families where a student's attendance is of concern. He will be meeting parents/Guardians at our seminars.



As the week draws to a close, we encourage our students to reflect on the learning they have achieved and monitor their continued progress in the week ahead.

Resources that can help your student(s) with their studies:

www.studyclix.ie

www.examinations.ie

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 4th October 6.30pm to 9.30pm - Open Night for 4th 5th & 6th Class.

Thursday 6th & Friday 7th October - No school for students.

Tuesday 11th October 6.30pm to 7.30pm - 3rd Year Parents & Guardians Seminar.

Tuesday 11th October 8pm - Parents association.

Thursday 13th October 4.15pm to 5.45pm - 3rd Year Parent Teacher Meeting.

Thursday 20th October 4.15pm to 5.45pm - 6th Year Parent Teacher Meeting.