

Parents Bulletin



Week beginning 16th January 2023



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Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 19th January - 2nd Year Parent Teacher Meeting 4:15-6:45
Student should attend with their Parent / Guardian

Monday 16th January - Friday 20th - 4th Year Work Experience for 4 Addams and Barack.
Tuesday 17th January – Parents Association Committee meeting 7pm
Thursday 19th January – Parent Teacher Meeting 2nd Years 4.15 – 6.45pm
Monday 23rd January - Friday 27th - 4th Year Work Experience for 4 Corrigan and Dunant.
Monday 23rd January – 1st February - Mock exams for 3rd and 6th Years

School Uniform

Our school has a clear uniform policy. I ask that all students follow it correctly. Some items to be aware of are that the tracksuit bottoms should be navy. Only school jackets are allowed. We ask that all students wear their school jacket to school. Remember the uniform requires black shoes or black runners.

We are asking all parents that if you have spare uniforms that you could leave them in the school. We will be able to offer them to families who request support in the future.

Healthy Eating Policy

Our school's Healthy Eating Policy prohibits sugary, salty, fatty foods. Students are NOT allowed take items such as sweets, lollies, crisps, chocolate, and minerals to school. **We have asked local shops do stop selling these items to children in the mornings.**

This policy is to ensure the best health, wellbeing, concentration, and dental hygiene for our young people.

Proud of Our Heritage

Heritage and culture are important to all of us. We want to cherish the heritage of all students in our school. We now have a Culture Cabinet where we display items from across the world. If you have a souvenir from a country or region around the world, we would love if you donated it for display in our cabinet.



Excellent Attendance Certificates

Over 360 students from 1st Year to 6th Year received excellent attendance certificates for the period Halloween to Christmas. This means that our focus on attendance is having a positive impact. The best exam results are achieved by the best attenders.

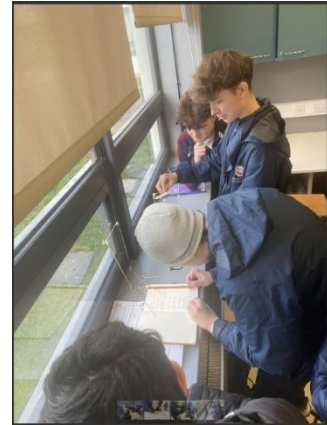
Some of our best attenders with their certificates





4th Year Engineering Workshop

Engineering students participated in a 3D printing workshop on Thursday 12th January. They worked with Irish Manufacturing Research in developing designs for our Pathways project with the Advanced Manufacturing Training Centre of Excellence.



Science Week

What an eventful fun packed Science Week we had in Coláiste Chú Chulainn last week.

Winners of Science week 2023!

Monday - Sustainability Quiz winners
Matthew Garry and Dominik Majewski (1st Year)

Tuesday:

Our Epic Science Week Obstacle course winner:
Ganiyu Balogun (1st Year)

On Wednesday there was a Science Treasure Hunt.



Below are some photos of the experiments carried out in class during the week.



1st Place: Jamie and Kristens constructed the highest and structural stable tower measuring 49cm.

2nd Place: Nadine and Ruby measuring 43.5cm.

3rd Place Alicia and Miski measuring 41.5cm.



2 Federer also completed a class poster on the phases of the moon.

BT Young Scientist Exhibition January 2023

Congratulations to Ayodeji Sofola and Breanna Winters (5th Year Chemistry) with their certificates, awarded on their successful entry to the BT Young Scientist Exhibition. The BT Young Scientist competition was in the RDS from 11th to 14th January. Thanks to Ms. Dunford for her work with this exciting project.



Basketball

Our Under 16 Boys defeated Abbey CBS Newry and are now in the final 8 teams in Ireland (Quarter Finals). There was great support in school for the game on Sunday 8th January.

Our Under 19 Boys defeated the same school on Sunday 15th January. Once again, we had great support. This team is now in the final 8 in Ireland and will compete in the national quarter final soon.



History Making in Rugby

Our school played our first senior rugby game in our short history. Mr Tiernan Gonnely from Dundalk Rugby Club and Mr Foentjies have been coaching them well and are making great progress. A special mention to Jordan Nieuwenhuys who scored our first try.



All of our achievements are a direct result of our school's commitment to our community. We strive for Success for All. This is achieved by planning, modelling, encouraging, reflecting, and celebrating.

Re: Proposed Amendments to Admission Policy

Dear Parent / Guardian / Staff Member / Student,

The Education (Provision in respect of Children with Special Educational Needs) Act 2022 has commenced. Following the commencement of the Act, all schools are required to amend their Admission Policy. As per Section 62 of the Education Act, any amendment must take place after a consultation process with staff, parents and students.

The proposed amendment/change to the Admission Policy of the school is to include the following two statements in the Admission Statement Section of a school's Admission Policy:

"Coláiste Chú Chulainn will comply with any direction served on the board or the patron under section 37A and 67(4)(b)."

and

"Coláiste Chú Chulainn will cooperate with the NCSE in the performance by the Council of its functions under the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004 in relation to the provision of education to children with special educational needs, including in particular by the provision and operation of a special class or classes when requested to do so by the Council."

The italicised changes above, are the only amendments being proposed to the Admission Policy at this moment in time.

The proposed amendments are a legal requirement. If you have any observations or feedback to offer on this matter, I would appreciate it if you could revert by emailcolaistecc@lmetb.ie by 18th January 2023.

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Thomas Sharkey

Principal

11th January 2023