



**Parents and Guardians  
Partners for Success  
Week Beginning 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Dear All

We are ready to start back after our midterm break. As always, we focus on punctuality, attendance, uniform, homework and study.

**Dates for Your Diary**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 8pm – Parents Association meeting

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 4:15pm to 6:45pm - 1<sup>st</sup> Year Parent Teacher Meeting.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November - No school for students.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December - No school for students.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Holidays.

**Attendance: Did you know?**

- 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**

- No television, tablet or phones allowed in the morning.



**Bake Sale**

Classes Darwin and Curie hosted a bake sale on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October. Our students are committed to being loyal and active environmentalists. The funds they raise in their bake sales support their projects.

**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.

**Punctuality**

Students are expected to be punctual each morning. It is important for your student to understand the importance of being in school on time and to go to each class on time. Your student is expected to be

in the school by 8:45. Missing a few minutes each day at the start of the school day or during the school day can add up to many hours lost over the year.

Good punctuality means:

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- You show respect for the person you are meeting.
- You respect yourself enough to keep your word.
- You prove that you can be trustworthy.
- You are appreciated for being on time.
- You are regarded as a reliable person.
- You are seen as a professional.
- You build a strong reputation for your character.
- You attract more opportunities for your character.
- You eliminate stress from your life by removing the anxiety of being late.
- You do the right thing and feel good about it.

### 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.



### 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.



### Meet the Student Council Coiste 2022

Mr Melaniphy (Deputy Principal), Fiyinfoluwa Olaleye (Rúnaí), Cillian Naylor (Tánaiste), Esther Ojo (Taoiseach) and Bean Uí Riodal (Leader of Student Voice).



### Literacy Week 2022

The week before mid-term break was literacy week in Coláiste Chú Chulainn. We celebrated this by holding quizzes, public speaking events, poetry corner and Countdown Anagram competitions.



**Short Story Competition** – Details in English class



**Cú Chulainn's Countdown**

Daily Conundrum/Anagram in the Canteen  
Place your answers in the box provided.

**Teachers are Readers Too** – Guess the teacher based on their favourite book –  
Competition board at the front door – place your answers in the box provided.

**Listen for Literature** – Listen out each day on the intercom.

**1<sup>st</sup> Year – L2L – Literacy Mindfulness**

**Blackout Poetry Competition** – Details in English class

**'Oh the Places You'll Go'** – Trace your journey around the world in books on the school map – Canteen

Keep an eye out for our literacy displays, including the infamous **'Banned Books'** display



**Lunchtime Literacy Events**

**Triple Room**

**Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> Oct – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Year**

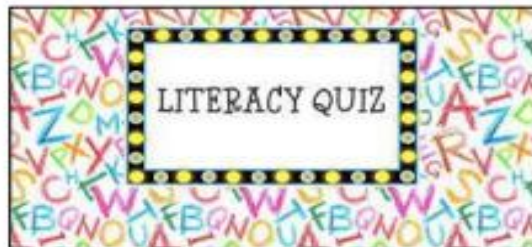
**Junior Literacy Week Quiz**

Teams of 4 – register your team with your English teacher!

**Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> Oct – 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Year**

**Senior Literacy Week Quiz**

Teams of 4 – register your team with your English teacher!



**Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – All year groups – Lunchbox Soapbox**

Opinionated? Like to speak out? Love a challenge?  
Come to the Lunchbox Soapbox challenge and share your voice.  
Register with your English teacher.





## Student leaders in Coláiste Chú Chulainn

### Student Ambassadors

Since their appointment in May the student ambassadors met the outgoing 6th year ambassadors to further understand their roles and share ideas for this academic year. They set up for the 6<sup>th</sup> year graduation ceremony in May and guided guests and helped with refreshments afterwards. Pricilla and her team have met regularly at lunchtime and assisted at Open Night ensuring guests knew where to go and managed the Space Quiz for the visiting students. They were also on duty at the School Awards Ceremony, and for the official opening of An Tearmann.



Harry Begley, Cheta Obiefuna, Lenny Nyoike, Kevin Sweeney, Solomon Nwachukuwu-Anakwe, Esther Pedro, Sofia Fedane, Queenie Huang, Gabija Bivainyte, Portia Quaye, Leah O'Grady, Elizabeth Adesayna Sabina Dullaghan.

### Student council 2022

Elections were held at the first form class of the year to nominate a council rep for each class. At the first council meeting the new council members met with Lenny Nyoike last year's Taoiseach. Applicants were invited to run for Taoiseach, Tánaiste and Rúnaí. The students had an opportunity to nominate themselves for the Coiste and an election for the roles of Taoiseach, Tánaiste and Rúnaí was held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

Their role as an eco- council was outlined at the last meeting and they will be busy this year addressing the issues facing our environment.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Year History

1<sup>st</sup> Year students were busy designing and building Mesolithic and Neolithic structures competition. Newgrange by Mya Howley recreated Newgrange.

Aoife Smyth recreated a Neolithic house.

Fatima Shahzad used Minecraft to create a representation of a Portal Dolmen.

Kajus Bevirsis created a Stone Age hut



### Science

In Science, 1 Fial and 1 Bolcan were investigating planets, dwarf planets and exoplanets, and made some wonderful informational posters on their favourite celestial object. They also worked together to make History of Space Exploration timelines using what they had learned about timelines in their history lessons.

Pictured below are examples of the work along with Ryley Maher, 2 Ali, with his model of an atom.



### Sports

1<sup>st</sup> Year Boys Soccer played Clonturk Community College at Dundalk Sports Centre on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October. The boys were defeated 5-4 after extra time against Clonturk Whitehall in the Leinster Cup. It was an even game with the boys leading 2-1 at half time thanks to goals from Nelson Akubuko and Kofi Owusu. In the second half Nelson made it 3-1 with his second goal. The boys were pegged back to 3-3 before the final whistle. Clonturk got two goals in extra time before Alex Bogiel pulled one back late on. A good performance against a strong Dublin side, but disappointing not to get the win.

U16s & U19s Boys Basketball teams played away to Ballymakenny College on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October. The U16s continued their unbeaten streak with another solid performance with everyone playing their part excellently. The U19s were short starters Daniel McCabe and Tadhg Dowdall due to school trips but the rest of the boys stepped up and put in an excellent performance to secure top spot in the group. Prosper Umeh in 5 Descartes had an especially good game and is improving every single week. Final scores were U16s 62-44 and U19s 60-26. Next stop the quarter finals.



There was also a Junior rugby blitz. Our lads won 1 game lost the other games.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Year Art

5 Engels working on their identity project for Arts Visual.



### Dundalk Institute of Technology (DkIT)

DkIT visited the school on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October and went through all the courses available in DkIT. There will be a College & Career fair on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of November from 9.30am -1.00pm. 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> years will have the opportunity to attend.



### 4<sup>th</sup> Year Biology

Two biology classes in 4<sup>th</sup> Year have been taking part in the national GLOBE air quality investigation. The aim is to measure the air quality at a local level in our school community. Thus far, students have mapped out the school and as a class decided on the locations of three test tubes. Our fantastic caretaker David installed the test tubes in these areas. The areas include the front of the school, the teacher's car park at the rear of the school and the sheltered area in the quad in the centre of the school. They also conducted a traffic survey to tally how many vehicles pass the school and counted 64 bicycles in our bike stands. We have taken down the test tubes after four weeks of gathering air quality samples and have sent the test tubes off for analyses to the designated laboratory. Now we patiently wait for the results at the end of November.



### Rotary Ireland Youth Leadership

Nicola McElroy in 5<sup>th</sup> Year was selected to represent the school in the Louth leg of the Rotary Ireland Youth Leadership Competition. Nicola attended the final of this leg of interviews in the Ballymascanlon Hotel on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October. The result will be announced on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November.



### Tour to Madrid 2022

4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Year and 6<sup>th</sup> years students went to Madrid from Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Year trip to Tanagh and Gaol

4<sup>th</sup> Year students went to Tanagh Outdoor Education and Training Centre on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October. Tanagh is a Day and Residential Outdoor Education and Training Centre. The Centre provides a range of water-based and land-based adventure activities for all. 4<sup>th</sup> Years also attended the dedication of the World War 1 memorial in Dundalk and followed it with a visit to the old gaol.



Some pictures from the week before half term. MADRID 2022. TANAGH 2022. Dundalk Gaol visit 2022

