





# Parents and Guardians Partners for Success Week Beginning 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear All

The weeks are flying by. This is your weekly bulletin issued via our website. We will inform you of our achievements plans for the week ahead.

#### 3rd Year Parents & Guardians Seminar

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm – 7.30pm, there was a 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Parents & Guardians Seminar on Study Skills, Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs) and Attendance.

6<sup>th</sup> Year Parent Teacher Meeting will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 4.30pm – 6.30pm.

# 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

- Praise and reward your student's achievements at school.
- Always support school staff in their efforts to control difficult or challenging behaviour.
- Discuss any problems or difficulties with the school staff are there to help and will be supportive.

#### **Art Sculpture**

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October we welcomed Minister Josepha Madigan to unveil our school Per Cent for Art sculpture. Minister Madigan unveiled a plaque marking the work involved and also formally opened our Autism Unit 'An Tearmann'. Martin O'Brien Chief Executive, LMETB, Cllr. Conor Keelan, Cathaoirleach, Louth County Council and Cllr. John Sheridan, Chairman, LMETB was also in attendance.



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#### **Arts Week**

This week is Arts Week - Exhibit and Dedication of Scáthach teaches Cú Chulainn.

# **2<sup>nd</sup> Year Students Entwined Futures**

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October our second-year students took part in the 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop of the Entwined Futures programme. Students from Coláiste Chú Chulainn are working with Lagan College Belfast to produce a short film based on the themes of citizenship and identity.









## **Sports Matches**

The U17s soccer team played Drogheda Grammar in the Leinster Junior Cup on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October. U16s Girls GAA vs Marist on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October. The girls gave a great account of themselves in their first outing of the year against a strong Marist team. For a lot of the girls, it was their first experience of a Gaelic football match and their hard work paid off with some excellent scores throughout.

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The U16 & U19 basketball games were on Tuesday 11th October v Castleblayney College at home. The

basketball teams had two good wins. U16s won 34-21 and U19s won 65-32. Next game is next Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at Home to Ballybay.



U16s Girls Basketball vs Greenhills on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. The U16s won 46-5.



U16s & U19s Girls Basketball vs Ballymakenny College on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October. The u16s won 41-17 and the U19s lost 31-29.

#### **Tour to Madrid 2022**

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

# 4th Year trip to Tanagh

4th Year students will be going on a visit 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.

#### **Dublin City University (DCU)**

Dublin City University (DCU) visited our 6<sup>th</sup> Year students on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October to tell them about the courses they offer in DCU. Dundalk Institute of Technology (DkIT) will be visiting on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October. There will be a College & Career fair on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of November from 9.30am-1.00pm. 4th, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> years will have the opportunity to attend.



#### **Beekeeper Visit**

Mr Paul Boyle met 3 Darwin and 3 Curie. He is a beekeeper and one of only 6 honey judges in Ireland. He brought in local honey for tasting.







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#### **Rotary Ireland Youth Leadership**

Congratulations to Nicola McElroy in 5<sup>th</sup> Year who has been selected to represent the school in the Louth leg of the Rotary Ireland Youth Leadership Competition. Rotary International is a humanitarian service organization that brings together business and professional leaders in order to provide community service, promote integrity, and advance goodwill, peace, and understanding in the world. Nicola will now attend the final of this leg of interviews in the Ballymascanlon hotel on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October.

# **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.

#### **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.

# **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. We wish you an enjoyable weekend and take time to prepare and plan for the school week ahead.

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

<u>www.studyclix.ie</u> www.examinations.ie

## **Dates for Your Diary**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 4.15pm to 6.45pm - 6<sup>th</sup> Year Parent Teacher Meeting. Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Mid Term Break. 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.

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