

Parents Bulletin



Week beginning 28th November 2022



I want to start with huge congratulations to all students, staff and families. Our school is experiencing a string of successes in sports, exams and cultural activities. Students are working hard for December assessments. We thank all families for this support.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 28 th November	No school for students.
Thursday 1 st December	6 th Year CAO information presentation for parents at 6pm.
Monday 5 th December	No school for students.

School closes at 1pm Wednesday 21st December and returns at 8.45am on Thursday 5th January

Junior Cycle Results 2022

Junior Cycle students from last year received their results on Wednesday, 23rd November. Congratulations to all on their excellent results. We are delighted with their successes. This is the first year of Junior Cycle Examinations in all of the revised syllabi. Our students have the highest percentage of Higher Level Mathematics. We achieved Distinctions across all subjects and saw the first set of results in our new subject of Engineering. The Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement certificates will be issued in the coming weeks.

Healthy Eating Policy

We remind all parents/guardians that school provides a free snack at 10.50am and a free sandwich at 1.10pm. All students should bring an empty bottle as we have filtered water towers for them to drink fresh water.

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 to 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.

December Assessments

All students will have exams starting on Wednesday 30th November. Students, Parents/Guardians are advised that students should be studying hard for the coming weeks.

Medical Certificates/Hospital Appointments

If your student(s) attend a doctor or hospital appointment, we need your student to bring in the medical certificate/hospital appointment to their Year Head who will then put this in their student file. This will explain their reason for their absence in school.

Uniform Policy

All students know about the Uniform Policy. It is on page 7 of their journal. Please ensure full uniform at all times. Note the rule on facial piercings please.

5th Year Art

Our students use art to represent their view of the world we live in and the world we hope for.



Díospóireacht Gael Linn

Two teams competed in the Irish language debating competition last week. Comórtas an Phiarsaigh gives students an opportunity to debate contemporary issues in the Irish language. Tomi Olagbemiro, Jack White and Alice Adeyemo were our junior team and they debated the motion that school uniforms should NOT be abolished.

Lenny Nyoike, Elizabeth Adesanya and Queenie Huang were our senior team and they debated that Britain should NOT abolish their royal family.

Debating in any languages develops our student's ability to consider current affairs. They also learn to think of the opposite views to their own. When speaking in public in any language, students use vocabulary, communication, empathy and resilience.

Mo cheol sibh ar fad!



Christmas Appeal

Each year we accept food hamper items that we distribute to selected recipients. It has been very successful, and a lot of food items get donated. Going forward, let's have a focus on gift items also - the gloves you got last year and are still in the packaging etc.

Gaisce Irish Presidents' Award

Interested students had their first information meeting on the Gaisce Presidents Award. The President's Award is a self-development programme for young people aged 14-25 which has been proven to enhance confidence and wellbeing through participation in personal, physical and community challenges.

Maths Week 2022

We are hosting our annual Maths Week from 29th of November to 2nd of December. Students are encouraged to get involved in a variety of activities including the daily countdown numbers game, our junior and senior problem of the day, Maths bingo with Ms. Kelly and Ms. McGahon, Maths orienteering with Ms. McLaughlin as well as learning some interesting Maths facts from displays around the school.

College Awareness Week 2022

Last week was our College Awareness Week. As part of College Awareness Week our annual Careers and College Fair took place on Wednesday 23rd November from 9.30am to 1pm and it was again a great success. We had representatives from TUD, Maynooth, Galway, DkIT, SOLAS Apprenticeships, the National Learning Network along with a number of PLC Colleges. The students really enjoyed it, and we had multiple comments from our visitors regarding how well presented, organised and ambitious our students are.



Update on Diversity Week 2022

Cultural Diversity week in school had many events organised by Queenie Huang the Cultural Ambassador to promote and educate the school community of the different cultures in our school.

Wednesday during Cultural Diversity week was cultural dress day. Students were asked to wear traditional dress to school. The school was awash with beautiful traditional dress from around the world. This event is growing in popularity each year.

Thursday during Cultural Diversity week was culture quiz day. Queenie our Cultural Ambassador organised a quiz on culture in the triple room at lunch. The quiz was well attended, and students were questioned on their knowledge of different cultures.



Friday during Cultural Diversity week was Culture stand day in the canteen. Students were invited to take a stall and explain aspects of their culture to the school cohort. Food, traditions, music and facts were shared with the students during lunch in the canteen. It was a huge success and students enjoyed learning about the different cultures in our school and sampling the wonderful foods students had prepared from around the world.



Huge thanks to Queenie Huang our Cultural Ambassador with the help of the other ambassadors in organising a very successful cultural week

4th (Transition) Year

Ms. Byrne's 4th Year Politics students attended a Politics Conference "Understanding Ireland 2022" in the Íontas centre Castleblayney. They met and debated with MEPs, TDs and local Councillors about current affairs and the role of politics in shaping our futures.

Francis Verling on behalf of the Student Enterprise Programme (SEP) is helping our 4th Year students to become entrepreneurs and to try their hand at running a business while still in school.

Students spent a day in Dundalk library where they worked with artist and graphic novelist Wayne O'Commor. Graphic novels are an exciting way to engage the reader with history and also for the writer and artist to offer their interpretation of the emotions of history.

The 4th Year students have started driving! Drive Virtual Driving Academy Ltd is the first company in Ireland to introduce car simulators to teach people of all ages to drive.

Entwined Futures Showcase Premiere

The Entwined Futures Showcase Premiere will take place in Louth County Museum, Jocelyn Street, Dundalk, Co Louth on Thursday 1st December 2022 at 11am to 1pm. Our students created a short movie about cultural identity and citizenship. This is a cross border event with Lagan College Belfast, the first integrated college in Northern Ireland. The Department of Foreign Affairs will be in attendance.

Parents of the participating students are welcome to attend.



Coláiste Chú Chulainn
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Invitation

The students of Lagan College Belfast and Coláiste Chú Chulainn Dundalk would like to invite you to our

Entwined Futures Showcase Premiere

Venue
Louth County Museum
Jocelyn Street, Dundalk, Co Louth A91 W104

Date and Time
Thursday 1st December 2022
11 am to 1pm (please arrive by 10.50 am)

We created a short film on the themes of Citizenship, Identity and Sovereignty. Our learning outcomes are:
We have a greater understanding and appreciation for the complexity of Irish history and different perspectives
We have a greater understanding of how the past continues to shape contemporary issues around citizenship, identity and sovereignty
We make positive relationships with peers across the island and can work with those from different backgrounds
We feel more confident in meeting and working with new people



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Department of Foreign Affairs

Mathematical Olympiad Round 1



Good luck to our Chú Chulainn Mathletes who took part in Round 1 of the Mathematical Olympiad in the regional schools round. There are six questions they are working on. Top scorers are sent to Dublin to train in an Enrichment Centre. From there, they are then chosen for the International Team for the World Maths Olympiad. Ms. Kelly, Mr. Gallagher and Ms. McGahon are very proud of our group. This is our second year representing the school.

Sports

This is a big article so please bear with us!

U16s Boys Basketball team defeated O'Carolan College Nobber in the North-East semi-final. The boys won 60-35 and are through to the North-East Final which will be played on Thursday 1st December. Our coaches are Mr. Slowey & Mr. Murray.



U16s Girls Basketball team defeated Ardee Community College 29-20 in the Semi-Final. The girls are now through to the Final. Coaches: Ms. McLaughlin & Ms. McGrory.

Senior Girls GAA played St Louis, Dundalk. Another great showing from our girls' team. The girls defended resolutely in the first half against a strong breeze. Fifi Awotundon and Leah Townsend proved difficult to break down and Josephine Fagbemi in goal pulled off some excellent saves. Nicola McElroy and Sophie Gray Curley worked tirelessly in midfield, the latter making some bursts forward creating scores for Grace Reilly and Aoibheann Morrow, who ended with 1-4 from play. The girls again showed great heart and work ethic to battle until the end. Players of the Match: Aoibheann Morrow and Josephine Fagbemi. Coaches: Mr. Callan & Ms. Duffy.



U19s Boys Soccer defeated Bush. The score was 2-1. It was a tight game. Manny Ojo scored the two goals for Cú Chulainn and Man of the Match was Alan Jumbo. Alan is accomplished in many sports codes. He was in a county final in Gaelic football with Dundalk Gaels only a few weeks ago. Coach: Mr Nicks.

There was another good win for the Cú Chulainn **U19s Basketball boys** as they maintain their undefeated record and booked their place in the North East C Final next week. They defeated Dundalk Grammar School 54-46 in what was a very tough match against great opposition. The Cú Chulainn lads trailed by two points heading into the final quarter and managed to turn the game in their favour in the final few minutes. They now face St. Clare's Ballyjamesduff in the Final next week, joining the U16s Boys and U16s girls who have also made their respective finals. Well, done all. Coaches: Mr. Slowey & Mr. Murray.



U15 Boys Soccer team defeated Ballymakenny College 3-0 to make it 3 wins out of 3 to top the group. Two goals from Fahd Monney and a goal from Mylka Kaloso. Player of the Match was: Mylka Kaloso.



1st Year Boys Soccer Our First Year boys had a great game against Coláiste Dún a Rí Kingscourt. They won 3-0. Nelson Alubuko scored all three goals with the amazing tactical work from the whole squad. Mr. Fearon is their coach.



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.

Our school sculpture embodies what we do – Focus, Aim Power!



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 all our students the best of luck in their December assessments over the coming weeks.