



Dundalk's Coláiste Chulainn make history and take All-Ireland Basketball title home

Colaiste Chulainn beat St. College Mullingar 52-46 in an entertaining encounter in the Boys All-Ireland Schools League the National Basketball Arena Tallaght.

Dundalk's David Osagie took the game MVP (Most Valued) for an 18-point performance, which included some fiercely contested rebounds when the game was in the melting pot.



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The game was played at a frenetic pace throughout the first, as the teams traded scores. Cú Chulainn captain Franciszek Chmielecki showed the leadership required to get separation between his team and Mullingar. Solal Parra dropped a perfect three-point shot, quickly followed by a David Osagie free-throw to leave an 11-7 gap in favour of the Dundalk school.

That advantage grew to five after some slick Kevin Mincans shooting grabbed him five points in the space of 18 seconds.

A hotly contested third quarter proved to be the difference in the game. David Osagie imposed his will on the offensive and defensive glass, while also having his most productive scoring salvo, eight points of his final total coming at this crucial juncture. He was not the only one making his shots though. Chmielecki and

Fahd Nii-Adjei Monney also making big contributions, the latter coming up big with the final score of the quarter. St. Finians College were doing their best to stay in touch. Ryan Bell, John Akinola, Volusko Opala and Keaveney all took turns to step up for their team and leave just six between the teams, 38-32 in favour of Colaiste Chulainn as the final quarter began.



Consecutive three-point shots from Chmielecki and Parra to start the fourth quarter appeared to have put an end to the Westmeath schools resistance, but an unerring shooting performance from Ryan Bell reduced the gap back to five on two occasions. They could not get any closer though. Colaiste Chú Chulainn had the experience to keep the scoreboard moving in key moments, taking shots late in the shot clock, thus limiting the chance for a comeback by their opponents.

A Franeck Chmielecki free-throw as time expired was the icing on the cake in a famous win for the Louth school.

The school team has made history in winning an All-Ireland title in its ninth year.

"Our students are trail blazers. They have worked tirelessly for this title. Many of the players are with Dundalk Ravens and we enjoy the club's support and co-operation" said Mr Kelvin Slowey, coach. "Their success is not over as Franciszek and his teammates mentor the younger teams who have their eyes on further regional and national finals in the coming weeks." Mr Slowey's assistant coach is Mr Aaron Murray, locally renowned for his footballing skills with Geraldines GFC.

Coláiste Chú Chulainn was an of excitement and joy on Friday. students travelled to the national to support their school mates the school canteen was set up as auditorium for the remaining six hundred students to watch the livestream event.



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Coláiste Chú Chulainn team:

Solal Parra, Fiyan Olaleye, Franek Chmielecki, Joan Duran, James Bisan, Bright N'Kongolo Kadima, David Osagie, Fahd Nii-Adjei Monney, Matthew Messin, Kevin Mincans, Mahdi Gahyr.

Coaches: Kelvin Slowey & Aaron Murray

Coláiste Chú Chulainn students and staff make Wellbeing our culture as we take on Fitzer's 5K.



Colaiste Chú Chulainn students and staff made a team of forty runners in this year's Peter Fitzpatrick 5Km event in Dundalk.



Local school Coláiste Chú Chulainn started the new running season with a bang this weekend as forty students and staff took to the Fitzer's 5K with gusto.

Mr Brendan O'Donohue was encouraged by his coach Ms Dunford to take first place in the staff section. This was indeed a feat considering the number of times he paused for photos.



Seán Reilly showed a strong recovery from a broken foot to win the students section. Luna the dog made history in taking the first ever school pet racing award – the ducks having taken a diversion into the Ramparts River. on her new running equipment and recommends them.



Parents Bulletin

Week beginning 27th February 2023

Sadhbh Garvin was delighted to accompany board of management member Siobhán Greer across the finish line.

There was some confusion around Mr Nick's alleged participation but that was cleared up with a confirmation that the dinosaur was not in fact him.



Training for next year's event has already started with rumours that Mr Glendon has browsed the internet for a new pair of runners and headband.



Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 7th March 4.15 pm – 6pm
 Tuesday 14th March 7 pm
 Friday 17th March

4th and 5th Year Parent Teacher Meeting.
 Parents association meeting
 St. Patrick's Day.



World Book Week 27th February 2023

We are focusing on the importance of reading and have a busy schedule for students next week.



World Book Week 2023

27th February – 3rd March

The Masked Reader

Can you identify the mystery teacher reading from their favourite books each morning? The readers' identities will be revealed during the last class of the day.



Book Tasting Cafés

Café-style, book-tasting at lunchtime in the triple room with different genres at different tables. Come to the Book Bistro and taste some different types of books!

Monday – 1st Years
Tuesday – 2nd & 3rd Years
Thursday – 4th, 5th & 6th Years

Friday: Story-time in the Library

Ambassadors are going to perform readings in the library at lunchtime on Friday. Students from all year groups are welcome to attend and listen for pleasure.

A real life 'audio-book' experience!



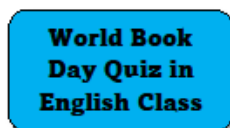
Our Favourite Books

Our Favourite Books Wall

In English class this week students will be invited choose a book to stick up on the canteen recommendation wall.

Mon – 6th Years
Tues – 5th Years

Wed – 3rd Years & 4th Years
Thurs – 2nd Years
Frid – 1st Years



Door
Decorating
Competition



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.

Student Absences

All student absences from school need to be recorded in the inside cover of the school journal.

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.

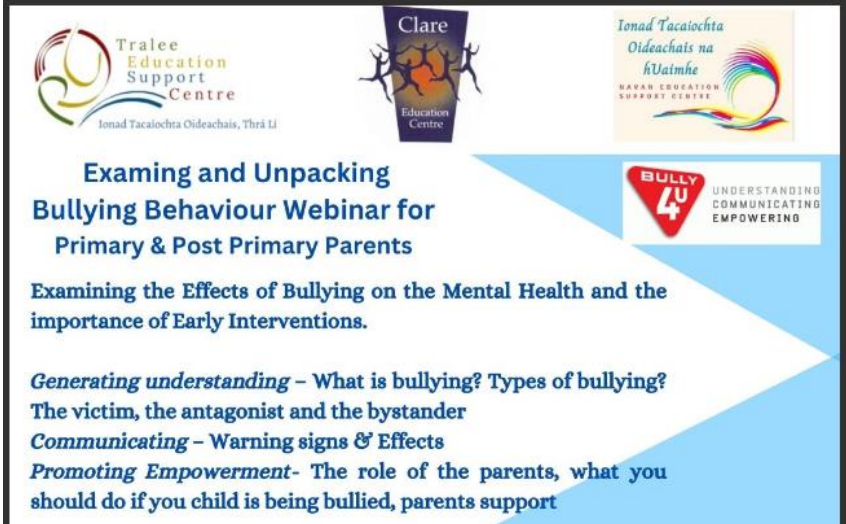
Examining and Unpacking Bullying Behaviour Webinar for Primary and Post Primary Parents March 29

There will be a Webinar on Examining and Unpacking Bullying Behaviour. Details of the Bully4U Parents webinar are below:

Webinar: Examining and Unpacking Bullying Behaviour Webinar for Primary and Post Primary Parents

Date: March 29th, 2023

Time: 7:00pm -8.00pm



The poster features logos for Tralee Education Support Centre, Clare Education Centre, and Ionad Tacaíochta Oideachais na hUaimhe. The main title is 'Examining and Unpacking Bullying Behaviour Webinar for Primary & Post Primary Parents'. Below this, it states 'Examining the Effects of Bullying on the Mental Health and the importance of Early Interventions.' The poster lists three topics: 'Generating understanding - What is bullying? Types of bullying? The victim, the antagonist and the bystander', 'Communicating - Warning signs & Effects', and 'Promoting Empowerment- The role of the parents, what you should do if your child is being bullied, parents support'. A 'BULLY 4U' logo is also present.

Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FLIBo3wQQiGYH13I1tD91A

Website Link: <https://www.ecnavan.ie/cpd-courses-ecnavan/parent-courses/1611-sp23-213-examing-and-unpacking-bullying-behaviour-webinar-for-primary-post-primary-parents.html>

