

Coláiste Chú Chulainn Guideann Success for All Barr Feabhais do Gach Éinne

Week beginning 6th March 2023



Dates for Your Diary

 $\begin{array}{ll} Tuesday \ 7^{th} \ March & 4.15 \ pm-6pm \\ Tuesday \ 14^{th} \ March & 7 \ pm \\ Friday \ 17^{th} \ March & \end{array}$

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

Trinity College Entrance Award

An Entrance Awards celebration was held in Trinity College last week. Dr Linda Doyle, Provost and President presented Coláiste Chú Chulainn's Michael Olagbemiro (Bay Estate) with his award. Michael achieved over 500 points in his Leaving Cert 2022 to receive this prestigious award and enter Trinity College to study Computer Science.



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

Colaiste Chú Chulainn beat St. Finians College Mullingar 52-46 in an entertaining encounter in the U16 Boys All-Ireland Schools League final at the National Basketball Arena Tallaght.

Dundalk's David Osagie took home the game MVP (Most Valued Player) for an 18point performance, which included some fiercely contested rebounds when the





game was in the melting pot. 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 Akinnola, Volusko

Barr Feabhais do Gach Éinne 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 Chú 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 arena of excitement and joy on Friday. 200 students travelled to the national arena to support their school mates while the school canteen was set up as an auditorium for the remaining six hundred students to watch the livestream event.

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







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World Book Week 2023

Last week was World Book Week. We focused on the importance of reading and had a busy schedule for students during the week. We had the masked reader daily. A teacher read their favourite book and the students had to identify the teacher. We also had our favourite book stand and teachers decorated their doors with the design of their favourite books. There was a book-tasting at lunchtime in the triple room with different genres at different tables. This was the Book Bistro. There was story-time in the library. Ambassadors performed readings in the library at lunchtime on Friday.

Local business River Roe Books judged our competitions and remarked on the insight young students have in the new genres of literature.





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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 Fitzers 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.

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.









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Team

Leinster Schools Soccer All Stars

Congratulations to Emmanuel Ojo and Joshua Ebele Ubaezuonu who were selected on the Northeast Leinster Schools Soccer All Stars Team. Theis is a programme whereby the public select their star players from the recent season. DKIT and the Argus Newspaer sponsor the initiative. The boys received their awards and jerseys at DKIT with their proud coach Mr Nicks.



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



Zoom Link: <u>https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FLIBo3wQQiGYH13I1tD91A</u> Website Link: <u>https://www.ecnavan.ie/cpd-courses-ecnavan/parent-courses/1611-sp23-213-examing-and-unpacking-bullying-behaviour-webinar-for-primary-post-primary-parents.html</u>



