

Castletown Girls N.S: Our Link School



Castletown Girls' School – Our School of Sanctuary Link School

As part of our **School of Sanctuary journey**, Coláiste Chú Chulainn has been delighted to establish a positive and meaningful partnership with **Castletown Girls' School**, who have acted as a valuable link school, providing guidance, encouragement and inspiration as we work towards developing our own School of Sanctuary.

Recognising the importance of learning from schools already involved in the School of Sanctuary initiative, we connected with Castletown Girls' School to gain a greater understanding of how the principles of **Learn, Embed and Share** can be brought to life within a school community. Their experience, knowledge and willingness to share their journey have been instrumental in helping us shape our own approach to promoting inclusion, diversity, belonging and welcome.

One of the most valuable aspects of this partnership has been the opportunity to learn directly from their **School of Sanctuary Committee**. Through a presentation delivered by their committee, our students and staff gained important insights into the activities, initiatives and practices that have helped Castletown Girls' School develop a welcoming and inclusive environment. Their presentation provided practical guidance and inspiration, encouraging our own School of Sanctuary Committee and Cultural Ambassadors to explore new ideas and consider how similar initiatives could be introduced and developed within Coláiste Chú Chulainn.



Our partnership has also been strengthened through our **Reading Programme**, which brings students from both schools together through a shared love of reading and learning. This initiative provides a wonderful opportunity for our students to act as positive role models, develop leadership and communication skills, and build meaningful connections with younger pupils. Through reading together, students develop confidence, friendships and a greater appreciation of the importance of supporting and encouraging one another.

The Reading Programme reflects the values at the heart of the School of Sanctuary initiative, demonstrating how simple acts of kindness, cooperation and shared learning can help create a stronger sense of community and belonging.

Beyond these activities, our connection with Castletown Girls' School has highlighted the importance of **collaboration and shared learning between schools**. Their support has helped us reflect on our own practices, identify opportunities for development and strengthen our commitment to ensuring that every student, regardless of their background, culture or circumstances, feels welcomed, respected and valued.

As we continue our School of Sanctuary journey, we are extremely grateful to Castletown Girls' School for the guidance, knowledge and encouragement they have shared with us. Their example has demonstrated the positive impact that a committed school community can have in promoting sanctuary, inclusion and understanding.

Our partnership with Castletown Girls' School is a wonderful example of schools learning from one another, sharing good practice and working together to create communities where everyone feels they belong.

At Coláiste Chú Chulainn, we look forward to continuing this valuable relationship as we further develop our School of Sanctuary journey and uphold our school ethos of “**Success for All.**”

