

Celebrating Francophonie Day at Coláiste Chú Chulainn: A Visit from the French Ambassador



Coláiste Chú Chulainn was delighted to welcome the French Ambassador to our school as part of our **Francophonie Day celebrations**, a special occasion to celebrate the French language, the rich diversity of French-speaking countries, and the cultures that connect us.

Students involved in our **School of Sanctuary journey**, our Cultural Ambassadors, and students from Francophone countries came together to meet the Ambassador and share the wonderful work taking place in our school community. Through a series of presentations, students highlighted our School of Sanctuary journey and the importance of creating a welcoming, inclusive environment where everyone feels safe, valued and respected. They also shared their experiences of the Erasmus trip to France, reflecting on the opportunities international travel provides to learn about new cultures, develop language skills and build connections across borders.

Our students also spoke about the diversity that makes Coláiste Chú Chulainn such a vibrant school. Their contributions demonstrated how different languages, backgrounds and experiences enrich our



school community and help us to learn from one another.

Following the student presentations, the Ambassador addressed the whole school. She spoke about the importance of **diversity, diplomacy, inclusion and peace**, encouraging students to recognise the value of understanding different perspectives, respecting other cultures and building positive relationships with people from all backgrounds.

The visit was a meaningful opportunity for our students to celebrate their identities, share their experiences and recognise the importance of global citizenship. It also reinforced the values at the heart of our School of Sanctuary work: kindness, welcome, respect and belonging.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the French Ambassador for taking the time to visit Coláiste Chú Chulainn and engage with our students. Her visit made our Francophonie Day celebrations particularly memorable and reminded us that language and culture have the power to bring people together.

At Coláiste Chú Chulainn, we are proud to celebrate our diversity and continue building a school community where every student is welcomed, included and valued.

