



Scoil na mBráithre Chríostaí

October 2018

Principals Welcome

I would firstly like to wish all in our school community best wishes for the new academic year. Our school is a very busy place with the core business of teaching and learning as well as a substantial programme of extra and co-curricular activity. As always, I thank teachers for their generosity of spirit in delivering this extensive programme of activities which is so important for the development of our students and for the formation of school spirit. I hope this publication gives you a small insight into the school year to date.

Kathryn O'Brien
Principal

Opening School Mass

In early October the entire school community made the short journey to Thurles Cathedral to attend our annual school mass, which was celebrated by Fr. Stapleton and Fr. Walsh. The ceremony was a beautiful way to mark the beginning of the school year as well as an opportunity for students and staff alike to reflect on their own prayers and wishes for the coming year.

Also present for the mass were the students from St. Ailbe's primary school, many of whom also contributed to the service and to the choir.



Welcome to our First year students

In September our first year students had a great day getting to know each other. Accompanied by their teachers they travelled to Castlecomer Discovery Park where they partook of a variety of exciting activities which included a tree top walk, archery, zip lines and climbing walls. A really enjoyable day was had by all.



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Upcoming Events

- > *Our Open Night* will take place on Tuesday 6th November, 7.00pm–9.30pm
- > Parents Council AGM will take place on Tuesday 13th November. All Welcome.

News in Brief

Congratulations to Emmet Fogarty on being invited by the State Examinations Commission to participate in the upcoming National Science Olympiad in DCU. This prestigious invitation is based on Emmet's exceptional achievements in maths and science in his Junior Cert exams last June.



Our Transition Year students welcomed Mo Chara animal rescue a few weeks ago. A great insight into their valuable work.



First Year Hurling League

The final of the first year hurling leagues, the culmination of weeks of lunchtime matches, was played in September between teams from 1A and 1D. After a toughly fought contest 1D, captained by Eugene O'Dwyer of Boherlahan, emerged victorious. Over 70 first years competed in the competition with players representing north, south, mid and west divisions. Well done to all.



Soccer

Well done to our first years soccer players, who took part in the FAI Futsal competition. They had a really enjoyable day, reaching the finals. Well done boys.



Team photo of the **Rice Cup** winning hurling team under 14. The boys won the final in the last week of May and received their medals from Peter Ryan.

CBS Thurles Cyclothon

On 19th September students took in the CBS Cyclothon in support of past pupil Peter Ryan and local charities. On the day Peter was presented with his CBS no.2 jersey, the no. he wore in Harty/all Ireland's finals for the school back when he was a student. Peter



spoke our students with pride and passion which inspired students to focus on the important things in life. A great sportsman and ambassador for the school. Good luck to Peter as her prepares for the next Olympics.

Our under-19 soccer panel progressed to the next round of the Munster Senior Cup thanks to a 3-2 victory over Rockwell. Kevin Patan opened the scoring for Thurles midway through the first half and the CBS had several chances to double their lead before the interval but, alas, they did not take them. Rockwell started the second half strongly, scoring twice before Thurles began to take control of the game.

A mazy dribble from Aidan Slattery won a penalty which Patan converted to draw the sides level and with just minutes remaining Kevin struck the winner to secure the win, and a hat-trick for himself. The under-17s had their first run-out of the season last Tuesday, taking on Cashel in a challenge game. The match finished 3-3, with Cathal McElgunn, Conor Murphy and Conor Fogarty scoring the goals for the CBS.

Digital Schools Excellence Project



The 11th October saw the official launch of the school's involvement in the Digital Schools Excellence Project, a scheme which aims to use technology to encourage interest and improve achievement in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects.

The programme, which will run for three years, will see Thurles CBS act as a Lead School, liaising with a cluster of seven local primary schools and sharing our expertise and equipment with them. The first year of the project will focus on wireless sensor technology and in that regard the school is delighted to partner with Lennox Laboratories as the sole agents for PASCO Sensors.

The CBS will act as a mobile laboratory, visiting primary schools and training students in the use of sensors, as well as encouraging them to think up of novel ways to use the technology. Over 400 primary school students attended the launch at which guest speaker, Ms Devyn Olsen-Sawyer of WeCreate Workspace and Science Foundation Ireland spoke about the innovative ways that technology can be used in STEM areas.



Transition Year

Our 96 Transition year students are having a busy time since early September. From cooking to GAA coaching and Law Modules to mention but a few. On 15th October students travelled to the University of Limerick Activity Centre Killaloe. Some of the activities they boys participated in included orienteering, sailing, kayaking, windsurfing and team challenges. It was a great way to get the boys active and step outside their comfort zone. A great day was had by all!!

Students travelled to Dublin on 27th September to brush up on their maths skills focusing on techniques used in the senior cycle course and have some good old banding exercises. Over the next few weeks students complete modules in car safety, Health and Safety, Public speaking and the GAA future leaders Programme. Preparation for the annual school musical will commence in earnest following the mid term break.

On Monday, the 24th of September, our transition year art students participated in a Creative Engagement workshop which was facilitated by Ultan McAvinue of Limerick Printmakers. The students learnt about screen printing, the ultimate aim of which is to create an installation piece in the school as a tribute to the late Mr Tom McCarthy, in recognition of the huge contribution that he made to the CBS down through the years. The project will take the form of a stained glass window and will be a small token of the school's appreciation of Mr McCarthy's dedication to the school.



After School Study

Evening study takes place every Monday to Friday for 2 hours commencing at 3.50pm. It is geared towards providing a formal study environment and is supervised by a teacher. Saturday study for 3rd and 6th year students is also available. This is a 6 hour study period commencing at 9am. For further information contact Mr. T. Lloyd.

Homework Club

The homework club is a First year club that takes place after school 5 days a week. (Monday–Friday). The club lasts for one hour each day from 3.30pm–4.30pm. A teacher will ensure that all homework is completed and students can ask for assistance if they need help. The club is free of charge.

DCG Talk for Students

On September the 6th, Mr Michael Gleeson from Elite Drone Services delivered an informative talk on drones to our sixth year DCG classes (which also included a flying display). As part of this year's Leaving Cert DCG students will be using CAD software to design a quadcopter drone: the information relayed by Mr Gleeson will thus be invaluable to the pupils as they begin to plan their designs.





Acknowledging Success

Thanks to past pupils, Rory, Bryan and Gearóid for taking the time to talk to our leaving cert students. The lads passed on some really helpful advice. Best wishes boys as they begin their studies in mathematical sciences, financial mathematics and materials & architectural technology



A wonderful occasion took place in the school to honour our past pupils who won under 21 All-Ireland medals and current Munster Minor Champions.



Congratulations to our Junior Cert Class of 2018



U 15 Hurling finalists in the Br. Anselm tournament



Each year we hold our Maths week activities, lots of fun and engagement for student during last week of October



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News in Brief

The school would like to wish Evan Lyons the best of luck as he follows his dream and embarks on a career as a professional musician. Evan has been chosen to play banjo and gui-



tar, as well as providing backing vocals, for the well-known country music singer Robert Mizzell and his band, The Country Kings. Over the years Evan made a wonderful contribution to the music department in the school.

Congrats to Dillon Ryan who came 4th in the Junior Boys competition at the Irish Schools Combined Events. He has been selected for the Irish team for the SIAB Schools International in Glasgow on November 3rd..



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