

CPI NEWS

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Welcome



As we gather to celebrate the festive season, it is my privilege to extend warm wishes and heartfelt greetings to each and every member of our school community. The spirit of Christmas affords us a moment of reflection and celebration while acknowledging that many households will have lost loved ones over the last twelve months.

At the heart of our school's identity lies the unwavering commitment to respect – respect for oneself, for others, and for our school community. It is through this lens of respect that we forge meaningful connections, fostering an environment where everyone feels heard, valued, and empowered to contribute their unique perspectives.

The pursuit of excellence in education remains a cornerstone of our school's mission. Our dedicated staff work tirelessly to provide an enriching and nurturing learning environment that empowers students to discover their full potential. Through a focus on holistic development, we aim to cultivate a passion for learning that extends far beyond the classroom.

In our diverse community, we champion equality as a fundamental principle. Every student, regardless of background or circumstance, deserves an equal opportunity to thrive and succeed. We strive to create an atmosphere that celebrates diversity, fostering a sense of belonging where each student feels supported and encouraged to reach new heights.

Our school is not just a place of learning; it is a community that nurtures growth and collaboration. Together, we share the responsibility of creating a positive and supportive environment where students feel safe to explore, question, and learn. This sense of community extends beyond the school gates, fostering partnerships with parents, community organizations, and local businesses to enhance the overall educational experience.

The well-being of our students is of paramount importance. We place care as a guiding principle, ensuring that each student's emotional, social, and physical needs are met. By fostering a culture of empathy and understanding, we create a foundation upon which students can build resilience and face life's challenges with confidence.

Our Motto: "Learning Together to Achieve and Succeed" encapsulates the essence of our educational journey. It serves as a constant reminder that, through collaboration and shared aspirations, we can collectively reach greater heights. The bonds we form, the knowledge we acquire, and the skills we develop are all part of a collective effort toward success.

Parents, you play an integral role in our students' success. Your involvement and high expectations set the foundation for excellence. Encourage your sons and daughters to give their best effort in everything related to school. Your support in setting high expectations is a catalyst for their achievements. Together, let us instil a sense of pride and determination in our students as they navigate their educational journey.

Full attendance is crucial for optimal learning and growth. I encourage every student to prioritise their education by attending school every day. As we approach state exams, let us collectively commit to providing the necessary support and encouragement to ensure our students excel and achieve their best possible outcomes.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributes to the success of the Coláiste – our dedicated staff, our students, and our supportive parents. Each member plays a key role in creating an environment where learning flourishes, and achievements abound. May this Christmas be a time of joy, reflection, and rejuvenation for you and your loved ones. As we celebrate the holiday season, let us carry the spirit of togetherness into the coming year, continuing to learn, grow, and achieve great things together.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year!



Winter Newsletter
2023





Life in the Coláiste



Big congratulations to all the students who received their JPPI medals from Bishop Alphonsus of the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore.



We would like to thank all in Cahir River Search and Rescue for their recent generous donation to the school.



Well done to these students who received their Irish Board of Speech and Drama certificates. The students really enjoyed working with RC Music Academy last year as part of their Transition Year.



Students enjoyed attending the Engineering & Technology Teacher Association Annual Conference in MTU. Pictured here with the Association's Chairperson Mr. Barry Convey.



Students enjoyed MTU Open Day in Cork.

John Lonergan visit

Senior Students of French, German, Polish and Spanish proudly represented the Coláiste in the prestigious #juvenestranslatores translation competition



Life in the Colaiste

1st years enjoyed a great day of wellbeing activities which included a walk to the beautiful Swiss Cottage.



Transition Year Students

Introduced Coding & Game Design to our 1st year students. The platform used was MakeCode Arcade.



Well done to Dreamspace Ambassadors for hosting fantastic Christmas themed Coding workshops for @ 1st Yrs in MakeCode Arcadey.

Huge effort and fantastic teamwork displayed! Sparking interest, creativity and excitement in our future coders!



5th Year French class made Christmas cards.



Life in the

A fundraising idea for Cancer Research. The Moustaches were a big hit!

Colaiste



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Congratulations to Aaron Fahy and Angelina Kobzar who won 'Investor of year' in their respective 1st year business class this year.

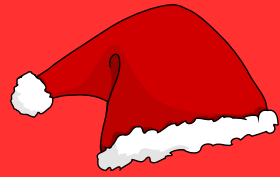




Athletics



Super proud of all the students who took part in the county schools cross-country. Special mention to Ned Delaney who took silver in the individual with 1st and 2nd year boys both taking bronze in the team events.



Debating society



Coláiste Dún Iascaigh Debating Society
Junior Debate 2023

**"This House Believes That the True Spirit of
Christmas Has Been Lost"**



Soccer



Under 17 side, sporting their new kit for the first time, who defeated CBS Highschool Clonmel 1-0 in a tight affair to progress to the next round of the Munster Junior Cup.



Well done to the first year soccer side who enjoyed their first outing of the season in Cahir Park.



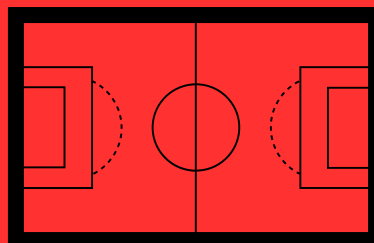
Under 17 Munster "A" Soccer.
Congratulations to our under 17 side who defeated Nenagh CBS 2-0 to progress to the next round of the Munster Junior A Cup. Leigh Murphy and Cian Collins were on the score sheet for CDI.



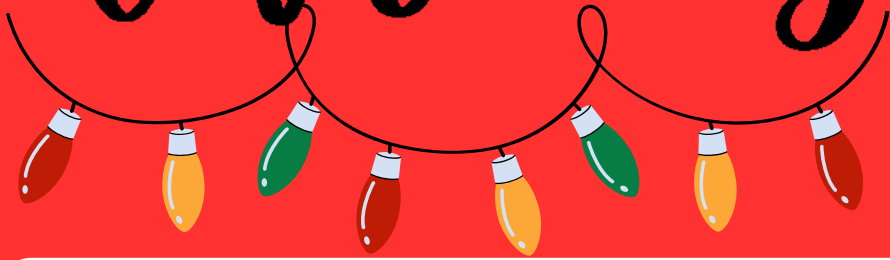
Munster 1st Year Boys Cup with victory over Col. Mhuire Thurles. Goals from Evan, Ewan (2) and Sam (3) helped the boys to a first competition win of the year.

Hard luck to the 1st year girls soccer team who lost to Newport in the Munster Cup.

Well done U17s who won against Newport to put them into the last 16. Goal scorers: Lexi Ferris(2) and Alex Smith.



Hurling



The Senior Boys Hurling team had a very good run this year. After a mighty effort in the quarter-final stages, the lads lost out to St. Mary's Newport. Our captain this year is Jesse Kiely (6th Year) and vice-captain is Jack Byrne (5th Year). The team had home advantage against Passage East and Carrigtwohill in the first two games and showed great skill and determination throughout!





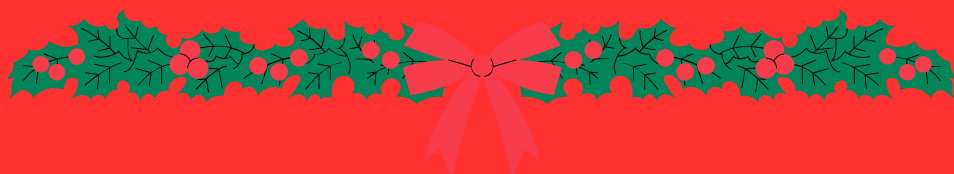
Ladies Football



Minor ladies
footballers who
played Loreto
Clonmel.



Camogie





Rugby



Under 17 rugby panel in Fethard Townpark, played Scoil Ruain, Fethard Presentation and St. Ailbes, 2 wins and 1 defeat.

Great day out and the lads even got their hands on the URC trophy on show from Munster RFC 🤝

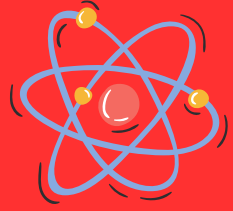
A recent intense but friendly game against the High School Clonmel.

Chess





Science Week



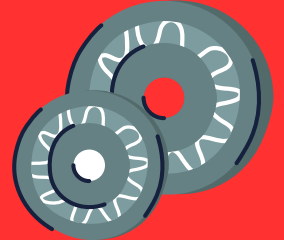
Science week!
Special thanks to Mr. Brennan
for a wonderful science show
that 3rd years enjoyed.
Lots of activities each day in
classes. Well done to all
students for taking part.



We are always
happy to welcome
our friend and
former colleague
Mr. Gerry Brennan
back to the school
where he shows us
all how much fun
learning Science can
be!



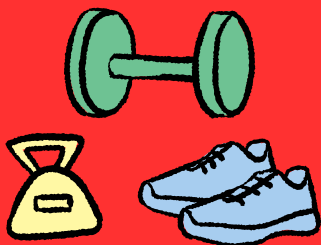
LC PE



LCPE class enjoyed
a day of
Performance
Workshops in TUS
Thurles



Values:



Transition year

Transition Years enjoyed a visit to Doneraile Park.



Well done to TY students who participated in an Introduction to Coaching & Young Whistlers Course.



Transition Years enjoyed a Remembrance Gathering as part of November Remembrance month ✕



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Well done Transition Years Melissa and Chloe who recently finished their stint opening the local playground for the Friends of The Playground Cahir.
Our students love the opportunity to volunteer and help in their local community.



Transition year



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A coffee morning and bake sale took place in aid of Irish Dogs for the disabled. The total raised was 1,117Euro. Thanks to all who contributed. Much needed funds for dogs and family's who depend on donations. Dogs like Neil, our school assistance dog, make a huge difference in the lives of their loved one. Calendars are also available @dogsfordisable.ie.



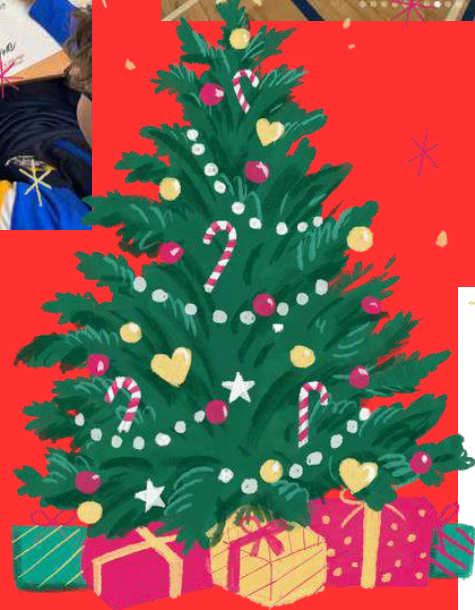
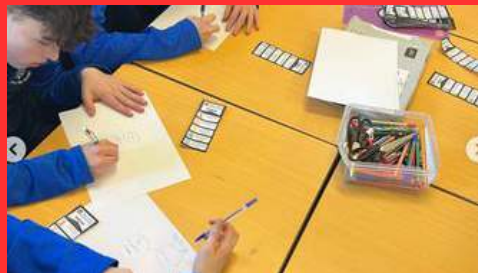
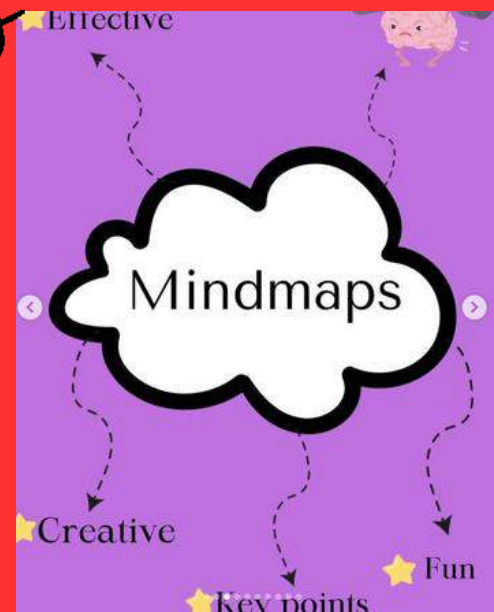
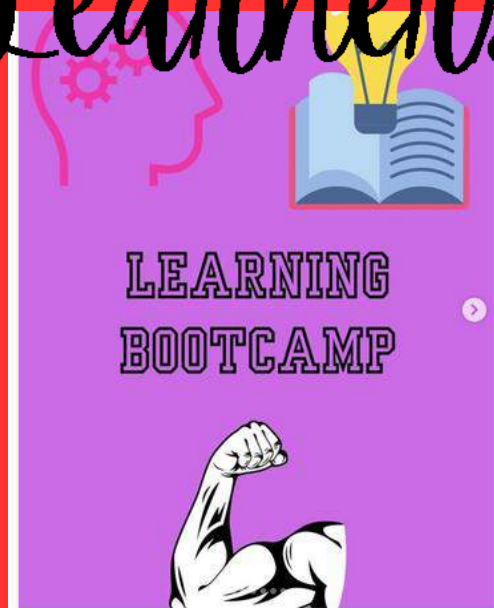
DOGS
FOR THE DISABLED



Leading Learners



our leading learners ran a learning Boot Camp for the second years. They learned how to study by using flashcards, mind maps and whiteboards. We hope that this will help them to prepare for their Christmas exams.



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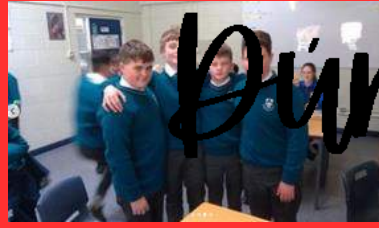


Junior



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First years took part in an education based relay race. Each team of four got thirty questions and worked together to finish first.





Achievements



Huge congrats to students James, Ronan and Patrick and their u16 Tipp hurling teammates that won their all Ireland shield final v Kilkenny by 0-14 to 0-13.



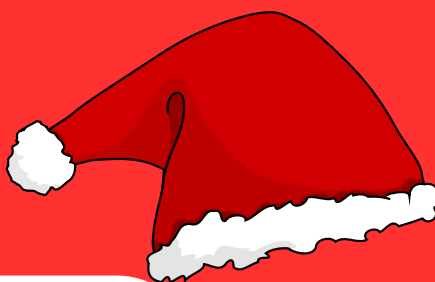
Well done to students Daniels Lakis and Josh Davey who were in League of Ireland Action recently.



Congrats to first year student Ricky Mee who recently set two new records with the Irish Field Archer Federation



Congrats to Art students Matthew Egan, Ciara Nolan and Attija Gill, who progress to the National stages of the Credit Union Art Competition.



Some of the victorious students after winning the South U17B hurling title with Cahir GAA.



Well done to Richard, Jack, Shane, Noah and Jojo on making the South Tipp U13 football divisional squad.



Achievements



Congrats Lucien Morari who won U17 Munster Junior Chess Championships in Newcastlewest. He also achieved a Ranking of 296 in Ireland in 'http://Chess.com' online Chess Community.



A big congrats to Enterprise students who took part in the Cahir fair day recently, in the school.

Shane Lonergan was selling his Christmas wreaths and an array of jewellery.

Oran Bourke and Rian O'Keefe selling their much loved jerseys.

Well done lads on taking your free time on a Sunday to take part.



Congrats to the South Tipperary U13 Football team on winning the Dom Browne Inter Divisional Cup. Well done to our Coláiste students involved.



Tipperary Under 14 Football Squad who won the Mick Frawley Inter Divisional Championship. Well done to our Coláiste students involved.





Past Pupils



Adam Lomagan who graduated from MTU with a Bachelor of Business in Management & Enterprise.



Eoin Corbett who graduated from MTU with a Bachelor's degree with honors Environmental and Sustainable Technology.



Graduating from MTU students Ciaran O'Donnell and Luke O'Brien. Ciaran receiving his Doctor of Philosophy and Luke his BS Hons in Quantity Surveying.



Congrats to former student Dawid Merta who graduated recently from SETU with a Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biology with Biopharmaceutical Science.





Exchange Students



Llegamos a Irlanda el 1 de Septiembre pero empezamos el colegio el 3. Por lo que llevamos de momento, esta siendo una experiencia increíble. Hemos tenido un monton de experiencias no solo con el colegio, sino tambien con nuestros amigos irlandeses y con las familias con las que estamos viviendo No hemos tenido ninguna dificultad para hacer amigos irlandeses y la verdad es que nos han tratado genial desde el primer dia que vinimos.

Una de nuestras experiencias favoritas de lo que llevamos de curso, fue la de el viaje a Delphi. Salimos a las 7:15 de la manana y estuvimos mas o menos 4 horas en el autobus. Llegamos a Delphi como a las 2 (teniendo en cuenta que hicimos una parada de hora y media mas o menos). Comimos algo rapido y nos fuimos a hacer las actividades que tenian preparadas para nosotros. Despues, cenamos y estuvimos un rato con nuestros amigos; nos fuimos a dormir y al dia siguiente, hicimos otra actividad por la manana y despues nos fuimos. Me gusto mucho el viaje porque es un viaje corto que solo duro 2 dias pero muy intenso y es un viaje que nunca habia hecho antes.

Esta siendo una gran experiencia que se disfruta al maximo

We bid goodbye to Josie who returns to Argentina after being with us since the start of the year. Adiós Josie



Christmas Shoebox Appeal



Coláiste students show their support for Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal.



New Year Goals



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Student Council

Student Council handover of Hygiene products donated by students and staff to the local Hygiene Hub



Student council 2023 ,

The student council have been meeting weekly since September and have been working hard. They have applied for and are working toward their second Amber flag which aims to raise awareness of positive mental health. They are hoping to record as much work as possible done on the school which promotes student and staff wellbeing and add this to their application . They will be asking everyone to let us know of activities in the school which promote well being after Christmas.

They had more recent success with the amazing collection for The Hygiene Hub, all items generously donated will be given to those in need at local level. This campaign highlighted the issue of Hygiene poverty in our society. Thank you to everyone who participated.

During the first half of the term the student council handed out pins for Haven house a local agency offering mental health services for people in South Tipperary badges are seen on school bags and pencil cases all around the school .

They have met with the Green schools committee and hope to help support them in their aim of getting The green flag for marine environment.

They have representatives from the council on Comhairle Na Nog , young persons county council and they are working with local politicians on a number of issues which they hope to help with .



Christmas Carol Singing at Brambleigh Lodge Nursing Home



Christmas Traditions celebrated by our EAL students



Christmas Jumper and Market Day 2023



Christmas market day was on the 21st of December.

Business students from 1st – 6th year sold products from their mini enterprises.

First and second places will be moving onto the next round, the county final; where they will be representing Coláiste Dun Iascaigh and be in with a chance to win up to €500.



1st place
Senior
market
day
winners
2023 !!



Junior
market
day
winners
2023 !!



Christmas Jumper and Market Day 2023



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Sustainability

The Colaiste Dun Iascaigh Green Schools Committee have been working together with the Student Council, Class Captains, Mentor students and teachers to promote our aim for the Marine Flag for Green School's 2023/'24.

Our focus is to improve the use of the correct bins and recycling within the school community. As part of our action plan, initiatives such as a 'Big clean up' for one week in January, Marine week in April and a Poster competition will be ran to promote active citizens who take care of our environment, especially the Marine environment that so many of our students enjoy while with family or friends on holiday in coastal areas around Ireland not just for today but for the future!



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