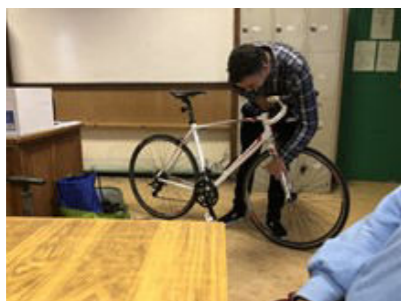


Green Schools News

It has been a busy term this year for green schools. Our Green Schools Committee along with the TY group have taken part in a number of environmental actions.

Dara Dever from An Taisce came and spoke to TY's about how to change a tyre. This was to promote cycling to school and reduce using cars. TYs had great fun finding the puncture and repairing it! We would like to thank Mr. Dever for an excellent workshop.



We are currently selling our aluminum water bottles at a cost of €3 per student. We have installed a water station in the lunch room for students to use. The reason for this is that we want to reduce plastic water bottles with reusable aluminum bottles. They are great quality and should last the school year. I would like to thank Ellie Rose Mannion and Chloe Reddan for speaking at the assemblies and selling the reusable bottles.



We are applying this year for our fifth Green Schools Flag for biodiversity. We have created a wildflower garden in our school lawn. Our first years and Green Schools Committee have planted crocuses, hyacinths, snowdrops, daffodils and heathers. These plants appear in March and the lawn will look lovely then. We hope to have our wildlife lawn featured in the Wildlife section of the Limerick leader then.

We have entered the Young Environmental Awards with two entries. One entry will deal with the environmental impact of disposable wipes and the second is biodiversity and our school wildflower lawn.

This newsletter was compiled by our new editorial student team: Nikoletta Kozma, Sarah Hanley, Lucy Malone, Erin Bermingham, Amanda Makulena, Leah Cosgrave.

Huge congratulations on their first publication.

In order to learn about planting and biodiversity, we had a visit from Albert Nolan who is an expert in this area. He told us the importance of wildlife areas for pollinators such as bees. Our bee species is in decline due to wildlife areas being cut down for buildings and roads and insecticides and pesticides being used in fields. These chemicals kill the plants that bees and butterflies need. The advice he gave us is to leave part of your lawn wild so that native bees and insects can live and pollinate in these areas. We would like to thank Mr. Nolan for coming to speak to us and advise us on planting.



WildLife Expert's Tips

Why do we need pollinators? We need them to make food. 75% of what we eat is pollinated by bees. Without bees we would not be able to eat our favourite foods like bread, pasta and cereal.

To avoid being stung, leave the bees alone. Bumble bees give 3 warnings that you are upsetting them. Firstly they lift one leg. Next they lift 2 legs and thirdly they roll on their belly. After that they will sting.

Worker bees live six weeks. They gather nectar and pollen. The bee will visit 10,000 to 20,000 flowers. What can help a tired bee is leaving a tissue soaked in sugary water. Male bees only appear in late summer.

To create a wildlife area, you need plenty of flowers. In our school lawn we need lots of flowers that will bloom in Spring time such as Crocus, Snowdrop, Hyacinths. When planting bulbs, you put 2/3 of them in pots at dig down far enough (2 times the height of the bulb).

Newsletter

Colaiste Nano Nagle

Principal: Ms S Moloney
Phone: 061311270

Deputy Principal: Ms T Murray



2018 Christmas Edition

A Message From Ms. Moloney:



Dear Coláiste Nano Nagle Community,

As we approach Christmas I have taken some time to reflect on my new appointment as the Principal of Coláiste Nano Nagle. Since assuming the role in September I have felt incredible support from students, parents and staff and for this I am so grateful. The role is one which is diverse, busy and very rewarding. It is a real privilege to hold this position and be involved in supporting the holistic development of students. I am thrilled to see students who have committed themselves to their studies progress and in some cases be rewarded in a Noreen McManus Scholarship. It is so exciting to see the sheer breath of co- and extra-curricular activities in our school thanks to the dedication of our student focused staff.

Recently we celebrated the 300th Anniversary since the birth of Nano Nagle, the foundress of the Presentation Order, with a memorable school mass. In his liturgy, Bishop Brendan Leahy reminded our community that Nano Nagle was quoted as saying 'not words, but deeds'. It is therefore very pleasing that in our school community we are rich in deeds. Our school's ethos is one which calls upon students to look beyond themselves and each day I see evidence of students responding in different ways to this call.

I see many random acts of kindness being carried out for others. I see students in our school organising donations and engaging in fundraising events to support charities such as St Vincent De Paul and the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. The parents of children in Limerick's neo-natal unit this Christmas will know they are in our thoughts with beautiful handmade Christmas decorations from our school. Children who are unwell this Christmas in the Children's Ark, at the University Hospital, will awake on Christmas morning to a beautifully decorated Christmas tree made possible by the Freaky Friday Fundraising event. Our choir will sing for the elderly bringing light and joy to the lives of those who may feel invisible.

This school is a special place. It is a special place because of Nano Nagle. It is a special place because of its community who have embraced her vision. I wish students, parents and staff a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. I hope that you enjoy time with family and loved ones and that you shine your light and bring joy to those around you.

Nollaig Shona,
S Moloney.

A huge welcome to our new staff:

- N Masterson, English and History
- T. Heffernan, Physical Education
- L. Griffin, Special Needs Assistant
- T. Fitzgerald, Special Needs Assistant

New Appointments

New Deputy Principal!

Coláiste Nano Nagle appointed Ms. Murray as the new Deputy Principal in June of this year. Ms. Murray has worked in education for the past sixteen years, working in Newpark Comprehensive in Blackrock, Co. Dublin for four years before coming to Coláiste Nano Nagle in September 2006 as a science and chemistry teacher and PLC co-ordinator of Community and Health Services. In 2013, she was appointed as the Home School Community Liaison coordinator. Here she led and managed many varied projects, playing a crucial part in DEIS planning, supporting parents and students and promoting strong co-operation between home, school, and community. In 2011, she completed a Masters in Educational Leadership and Management at Trinity College Dublin.



The vision of our new Deputy Principal is for Coláiste Nano Nagle and Central College to become centres of excellence and educational institutes of choice among the Limerick community. Students will continue to enjoy learning while achieving their full potential. In order to achieve this she will work closely with our newly appointed principal, Ms. Moloney, to create and manage effective cultures that maximise possibilities for all members of the school community. Ms Murray believes that teachers are our greatest resource and she will have a strong focus on teaching and learning, our Catholic ethos, student leadership and the wellbeing of all our students. To remain successful, Ms Murray explains that Coláiste Nano Nagle will continue to have a well organised school, with effective planning and continue to embrace change. She tells us that innovation and informed risk-taking will continue to be part of our culture. Ms. Murray believes that hard work and commitment will be recognised and success of both students and staff will be celebrated. She believes that encouraging the involvement of both parents and community will help us increase the effectiveness of our school.

Home School Community Liaison

A note from Noreen...

Transfer Programme (as part of My Child MY Vision). A very successful meeting was held in the school Library for parents of First Year students during October. Two parents, both on the Parents Council – Caroline Carmody and Lesley Cunningham, facilitated this. These two ladies are professionals at this stage! All parents were made feel welcome by the new HSCL coordinator, Noreen Kinane. Noreen is replacing Ms. Triona Murray who served the school so well for the past five years.

We also have three Parents classes running since September 1st. Health and Beauty on a Monday morning. Cookery on a Wednesday morning which is held in our Home Economics Room, along with Craft class on a Thursday morning. All classes continued for 10 weeks and are coming to an end just about now. The good news is that we expect our three tutors, Maeve McNamara (Beauty) Maeve Cosgrave (Cookery) and Colleen Collins (Crafts) to return to our school in January, to continue their creative and enjoyable work, that is so appreciated by our attending parent groups.

We share our Parent facilities with our neighbouring schools – Presentation Primary School, Colaiste Mhichil, Boys CBS Primary and St Michael's Infant School. This is a very worthwhile arrangement and it creates a sense of community for both parents and HSCL coordinators.



300th Anniversary: Presentation Day

On 21st November 2018, Colaiste Nano Nagle invited Bishop of Limerick, Brendan Leahy to celebrate the 300th Birthday of Nano Nagle. Also present were Fr. Frank O Connor, Mrs. Carmel Plant Diocesan Advisor, Sr. Colette Hourigan, Sr. Angela Leahy and Sr. Ann Hurley (Presentation Sisters, presently associated with our secondary school) management, staff and present students of the school.



Ms. O'Brien, (Religious Education) Department in collaboration with all Religious Education Classes in the school studied the life and works of Nano Nagle and prepared a very elaborative Liturgy. Every class was given a role and responsibility to ensure that our celebration was a day to remember. Our students embodied the life and spirit of Nano Nagle and decorated the whole school with words, images and creativity in Nano Nagle's memory.



The readings recalled Nano's life and works. Symbols that were used to illustrate the life of Nano Nagle included: The Icon of Nano Nagle by Desmond Kyne, A Bible to remind us of her great devotion and prayer life each night, A Lantern which was the light that guided her though the streets of Cork visiting the sick, poor and lonely each night, A Relic of Nano Nagle. Bishop Brendan in his homily reminded us that Nano Nagle's conversion from life of luxury of Paris to when she was led by the Holy Spirit to the poor of Cork City.

TY Students performed a Liturgical movement to the beautiful St. Teresa's Prayer reminding us that Christ has no body on earth but ours. This prayer had a profound effect on all of us present as we meditated, while the girls moved in graceful and reverent motions.



The Handing on the Flame of Nano Nagle was a pivotal part of our celebration. Sr. Colette Hourigan P.B.V.M spoke about highly educated lay men and women continue this wonderful work which began in South Presentation Convent in Cork City and that flame spread not only around Ireland but also to the Five continents around the world. Sr. Colette spoke about the wonderful contribution that was made by Presentation Sisters in Limerick City since 1837. Appreciating everyone's role in the school community, the role of the Spiritual Lay Leaders is the future of Spiritual and Human Growth for our youth. Sr. Colette called on Ms. O'Brien who has wide Spiritual Experiences of leading our students in moments of quiet prayer but also praying as a whole school community to opening their eyes to wider world and developing them to be Just and Responsible people. Being the last Presentation Sister at this moment, Sr. Colette holding the Lantern of Nano Nagle in her hand, she asked a very important question: Will you carry the flame of Nano Nagle both now and into the future To which she replied "it is my honour to carry the flame of Nano Nagle both now and into the future".



Spirituality and Wellbeing

Knock

Sunday 26th August 2018 will forever be close to our hearts and one of the most memorable experiences of our lives.

A group of pilgrims selected to represent the junior and senior students in our school undertook a very special pilgrimage to Knock. Pope Francis was expected to go on a small pilgrimage to Knock as part of his visit to Ireland for world meeting of families 2018.

We were successful in obtaining such special tickets for this once in a lifetime event. This was to be the second papal visit of a Pope to Knock and we wanted to ensure we would be there to witness such a unique opportunity.

We departed from the school at 4am full of expectations, excitement and worry that we would ensure we would be as close to Pope Francis as we could. We did not sleep on the way up to Knock, the darkness added to our sense of mystery.

We arrived up, the bus was parked up and we set off walking towards such a sacred ground. The heavens opened up with rain, but it did not dampen our spirits, merely bought ponchos we all looked gong!!!



We were located in the red zone and we secured front row along the barrier to our great excitement one of the guards on duty told us that the popemobile was going to drive slowly past us. We were ready with our cameras to take photos as he passed us by. As he passed us by, he looked at our group and waved to us and each of us received a very special blessing from Pope Francis. We were so close to the Pope, we could have touched him with our hands, but probably would have been arrested by the Swiss guards, Gardaí.



After Pope Francis left a beautiful Mass was celebrated in Knock, after stopping to buy souvenirs we headed for the bus and stopped on the way down for a beautiful hot, warm dinner where the meal was full of chat about the Pope.

The journey to Limerick was short each one of us building and sharing our memories to family and friends and later the school community during our opening of the School Mass.



We all would like to thank Mrs Ryan, former principal for the amazing once in a lifetime opportunity.

First Year Wellbeing

The first year students have completed a number of lessons since beginning their journey as secondary school students in Coláiste Nano Nagle. Classes began with induction to help the students to settle into their new 'school life'. The students were then involved in a bullying awareness campaign which finished with a poster competition. Well done to all the students who participated and a special congratulations to Maria Goncalves from Marissa, Aia Almansori from Joanne and Ayesha Alam from Saoirse who won the top three prizes in the competition. Currently the students are doing the ALERT programme in classes which focuses on 'how our engines (energy levels) run' in different situations. The programme focuses on teaching students about self regulation using their senses so that their energy levels are running 'just right' rather than 'too high' or 'too low'.



Debating

Junior Debaters Victorious

Junior debaters are competing in the Edmund Rice Cup, their first debate was against Gaelcholaiste Lumnigh with the motion "Same sex schools should be abolished", although they were not successful in winning that particular debate they gained one of the highest scores of the day.



In the second round, they competed against Mungret Community College with the motion "Young people will inherit a better world than their parents did" and CNN were the victorious opposing team. We are waiting to hear about the next stage of the junior debating competition at present.



Many thanks to all the girls who have helped and participated in debating so far this year, looking forward to the continued effort from all.

N. Masterson, G. Galligan & N. Carmody.

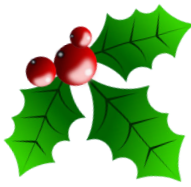
Senior Debating Success

Coláiste Nano Nagle have had a very successful year so far in debating. Senior Debaters had their first debate as part of the Concern debating competition against Hazelwood College, Dromcollogher. The motion for this debate was "Individuals serious about climate change must give up meat". Colaiste Nano Nagle were the victorious opposing team. Their second debate in the same competition was against John the Baptist Community, Hospital where the motion was "The United Nations is no longer relevant" and CNN were the victorious proposing team that night.



The final round for 2018 was held on Thursday 6th of December, where the girls were successful in proposing the motion 'The population 'timebomb' is being diffused' against St. Caimin's Community School.





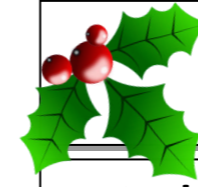
Some of our students who took part in the **School Mass** at the beginning of the school year.



Beannachtai Feile na M



The school orchestra pictured before their audition for the **Late Late Toy Show**.



Social, Biological & Mental Health Science



Amber Flag

Following on from the fantastic work that was carried out in the school last year by teachers and students to obtain the Amber Flag for our school, we have applied to Pieta house to renew our flag and keep it flying. Class Boland in 2nd year are taking charge of this task and will be asking the students and teachers for their opinions on how we can continue to promote positive mental health in our school. From these opinions the class will set goals and objectives for the promotion of positive mental health in 2019 and happy mind day will be hosted on the 28th March 2019 (a date for your diary!) We look forward to working with you all on this great initiative in the new year.



Cór Nano Nagle

The choir have had a very busy first term, singing at the Mass for the beginning of the academic year, open night, Limerick hurling team visit, Presentation Day and the scholarship awards night. At the moment, the choir is busy rehearsing Christmas music and getting ready for carol singing in the nursing home in Newport and in the city centre, as well as our own Christmas liturgy on Thursday 21st. Christmas is a busy but exciting time for the choir and the girls are really looking forward to all of the events. Congratulations to the girls on your excellent performances so far this year.



There is a new beginners' guitar club in the school, led by third year student Sophie Dillon. It takes place at lunchtime on Tuesdays in the music room, and all interested students are welcome to join. Guitar club members are also preparing for Christmas performances, having already accompanied the choir on several occasions this year. Players in both groups have made so much progress this term. Well done to all involved.

BT Young Scientist

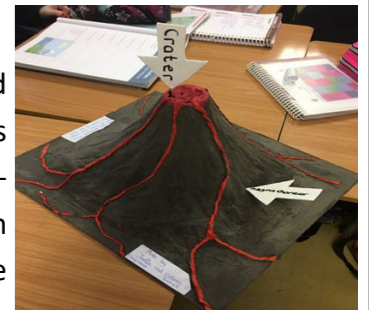
One of the groups that got through are Georgina Pankshavaa and Hafza Abdiwali. They have entered an app aimed at young teens, trying to teach them about the environment. It includes topics like global warming, pollution, etc. It has an easy to understand interface, making it easy to simply pick up and learn.

The other group that got through is Buki Adejomehin, Abbey O Keeffe and Lauren Kelly. They have entered a project called 'Cookies for Rookies' which is about the new GDPR consent and the cookies that came into effect earlier this year. The TY students teamed up with Teen Turn and with the help of Ms. Walsh and Shane Hennessy, UL student they got through to the finals in Dublin. Congratulations to both teams and we wish them the very best of luck.

First Year Geography: Formative Assessment.

As part of their Christmas Geography tests class Marissa and Saoirse were given the task of designing a model of a something they studied this term. This project is worth 15% of the students Christmas test geography result.

The students designed and sculpted fantastic models which are proudly displayed in room 9 and room 10. The students used the following key skills of the



Junior Cycle in creating these projects; being creative, managing myself, managing information, working with others and communicating. Well done to all. Mr. Philips.



Leadership, Lourdes, Limelight

Coláiste Nano Nagle Orchestra

The Colaiste Nano Nagle Orchestra was invited along with sixteen other schools to spend ten days in Birmingham. They left on the 10th of August and returned on the 28th of August. For the first eight days they practiced with the other schools. They played two concerts on the last two days, the first concert was in Birmingham and the second concert was in London.



On the 22nd of November the Coláiste Nano Nagle orchestra auditioned for The Late Late Toy Show hosted by Ryan Tubridy. Although they didn't get through Ryan Tubridy invited them to audition again next year. On the 7th of November we were joined by some members of the Limerick Hurling Team winners of the All Ireland Championship 2018. The Orchestra performed at this event.

Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl

Emma Kelly, and Shannon Hickey, have recently been voted as headgirl and deputy headgirl. Firstly, we would both like to thank our teachers and our class group for voting for us, to get us this position. In the short amount of time we've had these positions we have represented our student body in events such as the visit of Bishop Brendan Leahy and the Awards Night at the Noreen McManus Scholarship. We have done so much so far and hopefully we will continue to do more. We would like to wish all students and staff a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year. Merry Christmas, from your Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl.



Lourdes

Emma Kelly, and Robin Carey had the privilege of going to Lourdes last June. We attended this pilgrimage with the Limerick Diocese centre. Emma and Robin along with 90 other youths, a couple of leaders and Father Chris, went to Lourdes for 5 Days.

While being in Lourdes, they took part in various masses and they helped out the sick. They helped the elderly and sick who couldn't walk around on their own.

They sang to the patients in a meadow field and got them all involved. They danced with the patients and brought the Irish culture to Lourdes. They got to take part in everything in Lourdes. They went to the baths and got to light candles and pray for our family and friends.



Lourdes was such an amazing experience and the girls will definitely be returning in the future. The girls encourage all the 5th year students to enquire about Lourdes. It will be an experience of a lifetime. Good luck to the next two students who are chosen. You will both thoroughly enjoy it.



Christmas Jumper Day organised by TYs in aid of Limericks Neo-Natal unit.

Nollag chugaibh go leir



A Christmas Greeting.

Subject Department News

French Department News:

L'apprentissage actif

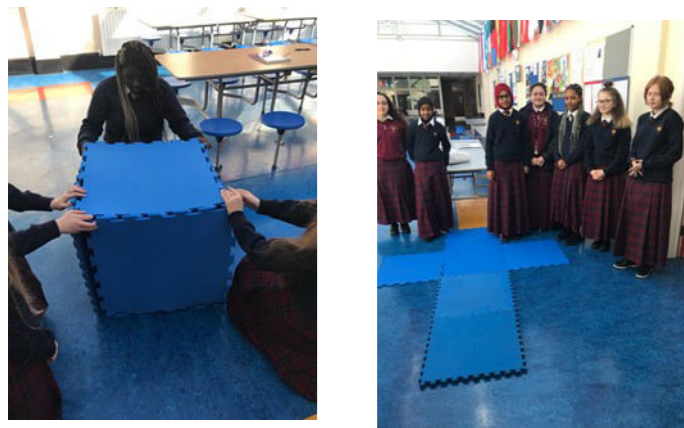
Congratulations to the TY students who have successfully taught in pairs a French mini-lesson. Great resources, exercises and much interaction made the learning fun and Miss Healy proud.



Maths Department News

This year Maths week was from the 15th of October to the 20th of October. Students took part in many different activities such as drop everything and weigh your school bag, and revise an important topic, nets.

Thanks to the Maths Department for all the work they put in throughout the week.



Geography News:

Fieldwork investigation

On the 26th of October Mr. Phillips took his Leaving Cert Geography class to Lahinch, Creg Beach and Doolin to complete their fieldwork investigation. The students did not let the cold temperatures dampen their spirits. On their travels they saw the Cliffs of Moher. Each student is now in the process of writing up their own report booklet based on the information they gathered during their trip. Fieldwork investigation is an essential part of Leaving Cert Geography, representing 20% of the marks.



Religion Department News: Gardening

On the 5th of September TYs done gardening around our statue, Christ the king with their religion teacher Ms. O'Brien as a team building exercise.



Lip Sync Battle

All singing, all dancing, Colaiste Nano Nagle was transformed into a fanfare of costumes and characters. The talent of Colaiste Nano Nagle was evident as all the acts took to the stage. There was arrangements from Frozen, Grease, Beyonce and more. The judges had a difficult task when trying to select the winners as all the acts put in huge effort and were top class performers.



The crowd was electric with excitement and it was clear from their cheers that the acts were hugely entertaining. Parents, students and young children alike enjoyed the event immensely and were engrossed from start to finish.

After the acts put on their display, the crowd was treated to very generous raffle prizes. First prize going to Michelle in Class Saoirse, which was sponsored by Johnson & Johnson.



This event would not have been a success without the great work done by Mr. T Heffernan, Ms. E. Madigan, Ms. C O'Reilly, Ms. M Begley, Mr. A Philips, and Ms. S. Donohue with some of them making spectacular and surprising appearances throughout the show.

The judges, aka The Discipline Committee, also entertained in their delightful costumes and hairstyles as they were called on stage to demonstrate their best dance moves! They did not disappoint.



Colaiste Nano Nagle was delighted to welcome Louise Cantillon from Spin South West and 4FM to act as MC for this event. She was blown away by the talent and the warm reception she received. Third place was awarded to Aoibhinn and Leona in 2nd year. Second place went to the TY group. While 5th years who performed a memorable performance with Grease, Sia and Mariah Carey came first. Well done to all who took part.

The Lip Sync Battle was a huge success and Ms. S Moloney commended Mr. Heffernan for taking on such a challenge that really enriched the life of the school community.



Sci Fest Success

On the 14th of December a number of our TY students travelled to the Digital Hub in Dublin to compete in this year's Teen Turn Scifest event. The girls had huge success in the competition coming home with three prizes including first and second place for Tracka and Eco Case. This was a huge achievement. Five projects were entered into the competition:



1. Cookies for Rookies

"A cookie is a small text file created by a website that is stored in the user's computer either temporarily or permanently. Cookies provide a way for the website to recognize you and keep track of your preferences."

The main objective of this project is to raise awareness and to educate the public about cookies and what they're consenting to as they browse the internet. Through the years, we have discovered arising notices apprising us to agree to cookies and their privacy policy, but do we fully acknowledge the consequences of consenting to cookies? We have gathered data from internet users using surveys to get a better understanding whether or not internet users understand what cookies really are. We will then produce an animation providing information on different types of cookies and what their purpose is to help educate our school community.

2. Planet Project

An app aimed at young teens, helping to teach them about the environment, it includes topics such as global warming, pollution and the extinction of bees.

It has an easy to understand interface, making it simple to pick up and use.

3. Dark Patterns

A dark pattern is a user interface formed to trick online users into doing things they wouldn't generally do. The goal of our project is to spread awareness and hopefully make internet users more conscious of dark patterns. We have designed an app which will scan certain applications on an internet user's phone and detect whether the apps contain dark patterns.

4. Eco Case

The aim of our project was to create the "perfect" case for a phone. A case that will be able to self-cool, solar charge, keep headphones untangled and most importantly keep your phone protected. We plan to keep our case as locally manufactured as possible. We approached FabLabs Limerick with our concept and asked if they could appraise our design and make it for us. They modified and adjusted certain areas in our design and suggested that the best possible material we could use was Polyurethane so we tried it out and it was a success.

5. Tracka

Each Student that registers will get their own private account that only the student and their teacher will have access to. The students input their results of each class test into the app and it will automatically start to generate a tracking graph. Students will clearly see through visual graphics how they are progressing throughout the academic year. Our app will also be a useful tool at parent teacher meetings to help parents to understand where their child may be struggling and to help to improve their child to progress in their learning.



Spirituality, Sports, Enterprise

School Mass

Our first school mass took place on the 19th of September at O'clock. Fr. Frank was there to celebrate the start of the new school year with us. Our theme was family as 2018 is the year of families. Thanks to all the girls who helped out during the mass and thanks to Ms. O'Brien for all her hard work.



Kindness Week 2018

We held our Kindness Week from the 26th of November until the 30th of November. Kindness Week encourages us to be kind to everyone not just this week but everyday no matter where you are. In the science corridor we have a poster where you can choose a kind thing to do for someone. At the last ten minutes of one of the classes during Kindness Week the teachers did something kind for their classes. The Transition Year class baked rocky road, brownies and other treats for all the students as part of Kindness Week.



Badminton club news

Badminton club on Tuesdays at lunchtime has become very popular for students with between 35-40 students taking part each week.



The students enjoy learning the skills, rules and techniques of Badminton in a relaxed setting. This year there was a lot of interest in starting a school badminton

team and this team practices on Friday at lunchtime. The team recently competed against Villiers school and the students performed very well. Badminton club is open to everyone to join in the new year and we hope to see some new faces try it out. A special word of thanks to Pauline Begley and Rebecca Quinlivan who help with the club.

Student Enterprise

On the 26th of September our TYs went to Thomond Park with their business teacher, Ms. Hammill. Here the girls listened to different speakers who talked about the projects they've done in the past. This gave our TYs some ideas of what product could be produced for the Enterprise Awards.



Transition Year News

Derg Isle breaks the ice

On the 20th of September our TYs went on a team building trip to Derg Isle with their TY coordinator Ms. Madigan and Mr. Phillips. They stayed there overnight as part of Gaisce. There our TY students took part in outdoor activities such as Rock climbing, Canoeing and many team competitions. They had a great time and really bonded as a class.



Nirvana Fitness

TYs took part in a six weeks Nirvana fitness programme with their P.E. teacher Mr. Heffernan. The girls practiced boxing and did some breathing exercises.

Thanks to Ms. E Madigan for organising this.



TYs take to the sky!!

Our TY students have won a trip of a lifetime to the European Parliament in Strasbourg!!!!The students designed a hand painted four page information booklet on the Netherlands. The booklet contained an illustrated flag, a vibrant field of tulips, windmills, Sketches of Van Gogh and Anne Frank, Hollands finest exports e.g. Cheese and Heineken and a view of the Amstel river in Amsterdam.

On January 31st 2019 our TY students will be in Strasbourg to participate in Euroscola with 500 other students from other member states.

Here they will debate and discuss current European affairs and issues concerning all of us.

This is indeed an amazing opportunity for all TYs and will undoubtedly be an unforgettable experience.

We wish them all Bon Voyage/ Gute Reise!



Holocaust Awareness Talk

TYs received a very informative presentation on the Holocaust from Anne O'Reilly representing the Holocaust Education Trust.

It was an interactive presentation where the girls were involved in a number of activities that increased their awareness around the topic.

Each student received a booklet entitled 'Learning from the Past-lessons for today' which outlines a number of interesting facts surrounding the Holocaust.

The girls hugely enjoyed the presentation and the booklets were an excellent resource for History class.

Sportsmen and Scholarships

Hurlers visit

On the 7th of November we had four very special guests visit our school the All Ireland Senior Hurling Champions, Declan Hannon, Sean Finn, Diarmuid Byrnes, Noel Hartigan. After forty five years, the Liam McCarthy Cup was back in Limerick and the team spoke about their journey.

This was a historic moment in our school. Photographs were taken with the students and all monies raised went to the Lourdes fund.

The first specially commissioned hurley signed by the Limerick team was presented to Ms. Moloney.

Thanks to Ms. Cantillon and all members of staff who helped throughout the day and for all their hard work.



Freaky Friday

On Friday 26th October students were permitted to come to school in their own clothes and were encouraged to wear Halloween costumes. Money raised went to the Children's Ark. A student versus teachers' basketball match took place where our students won. Well done to all! We were honoured with a special guest Louise Cantillon from Spin South West.

This event was organised by JCSP students & Ms. Ryan.



Noreen McManus Scholarship

On the 28th of November 2018 Coláiste Nano Nagle congratulated this year's recipients of the Noreen McManus scholarship in the Strand Hotel in Limerick. Staff from the school attended the event along with Noreen McManus. The choir and the orchestra from Coláiste Nano Nagle performed at the event. The orchestra performed a beautiful piece called "Pavane". The choir sang two beautiful songs called "This is me" from the Greatest Showman and "Oceans" a beautiful hymn. The choir and orchestra got a standing ovation. The head girl congratulated the awardees on behalf of the students and the deputy head girl presented Noreen McManus with a gift. The Principal of Coláiste Nano Nagle Ms. Moloney congratulated the recipients: Claire Mullaney, Hayleigh Kiely and Amanda Dawson. She wished them the best of luck in their future careers. Emma O'Reilly was the recipient of this year's Leaving Certificate Applied scholarship.



Pictured from left: Noreen McManus, Claire Mullaney, Amanda Dawson, Hayleigh Kiely & Sinead Moloney.