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# Coláiste Nano Nagle Newsletter



## *Principal's Message*

The end of another busy school year has arrived again so quickly it seems. So much has happened throughout the school year and I would like to thank students and staff for all they have contributed to this year. I would also like to thank parents for their support throughout the year and also members of the Board of Management who give freely of their time to the school. We had many significant occasions in school throughout the year and many of these will be documented in the pages that follow this message. We say farewell to our sixth year students and wish them every happiness and fulfilment in their lives ahead. New journeys and new experiences with so much to look forward to. I wish you well and hope that life will be good to you and that the road ahead brings all you deserve. I would also wish you every success in your exams ahead and remember- there is still valuable time ahead to be prepared. I would also like to wish our Junior Cert students the very best of success in their exams also.

Ms. Marie Hayes is retiring this June she was a very fine teacher of honours French and Maths and in the past decade headed up a very successful Early Childhood Education Course at Level 5 and Level 6 she will be sadly missed by all staff and students.

Hopefully we will all enjoy some sunshine during the summer holidays which are fastly approaching .

**Marion Cummins.**



## The Learning School Project

Coláiste Nano Nagle are delighted to have been part of The Learning School Project this year. The aim of the project was to promote collaborative based classroom learning in our school. Research has shown that collaborative based learning is very beneficial in developing the important skills that students need to succeed not only in the classroom but in life after school. A number of strategies were used with first year students in our school. Speed dating proved to be a great success! A huge thanks all the teachers and students involved. Sincere thanks to Ms. Sinead Moloney in planning for her vision.



## Bringing LCVP to Life

It has been a very interesting and productive year for fifth year LCVP students who have been busy organising a range of visits in and out from organisations including The Urban Co-Op, Limerick Marine Search and Rescue, The Local Enterprise Office, Limerick Animal Welfare, Southill Youth Centre, The Hunt Museum, Novas Initiative and a visit from a University of Limerick Psychology lecturer. Well done to all our students for organising the visits and a huge thanks to all the speakers.



# Euro scola & Debating



On the 10th of March 2017 the TY class went to Dublin with two teachers, Mrs. Kavanagh and Ms. Galligan. We took part in a European Parliament Model Council Debate. 28 different schools from all over Ireland participated; each one represented one of the 28 EU member states. Our school represented Ireland. The aim of this debate was to experience a day in the life of one of our MEP's and how they debate and discuss issues on the behalf of Irish citizens. This was overall a great day and we learned loads about the European Union. We would like to thank Mrs. Kavanagh for introducing this project to us and Ms. Galligan for helping us with our debating skills.

The senior debating team have had a successful year partaking in the Concern Debates Competition. They debated on issues such as world hunger, climate change, the banning of religious symbols in public institutions in France and how Europe is failing Africa. During the League Phase, Coláiste Nano Nagle won by unanimous decision, beating Presentation Listowel, Glenstal Abbey and Castletroy College.

Coláiste Nano Nagle successfully attained ten out of twelve possible points in the League Phase and this fantastic result placed us within the top 20 schools across Ireland. Unfortunately, we were narrowly beaten by Mercy Mounthawk in the Playoff Rounds, where both sides debated the motion 'Fidel Castro's legacy should be celebrated.'

Huge congratulations to all of the speakers and researchers who were part of the senior team this year- Alannah O'Neill, Nikola Kusiak, Chloe Daly, Fanie Hranda Yaya, Anthoniet Ohanya, Agnes Phiri, Shannon Nixon and Elysha Arnold.

We cannot forget about the wonderful first and second year students who have joined the junior debating team. The team recently visited Ardscoil Mhuire for an afternoon of friendly debates. The issues which they debated on included, animal testing, beauty contests and free university education. Ardscoil Mhuire were very impressed with the standard of all of the speakers.

Big congratulations to all of the junior debaters- Megan McNamara, Isabel Dillion, Erica O'Donoghue, Lucia Babs, Pouline Mokharava, Hiba Thabir, Emma Wallace, Jasmine Dillon, Megan O'Mara and Hayleigh Molloy.

A special thanks to all of the teachers involved, Ms Galligan, Ms Shee, Mr McGrath and Ms Shanahan.



*Senior debating team*

*Back row, L to R- Fanie Hranda Yaya, Nikola Kusiak, Chloe Daly, Anthoniet Ohanya  
Front row L to R- Alannah O'Niell, Agnes Phiri*

## *Morning Prayer*

*Thanks to Ms. C. O'Brien and Sr. Colette who inspire our days and enrich our lives with Morning Prayer.*



# Gaisce

This year 20 TY and fifth year students took part in the Gaisce Award. All students were aiming for the Bronze award, apart from Lauren Doyle who is currently working her way towards the Silver award. The term “gaisce” is from the Irish language and can be translated as “achievement” and it has most definitely been an achievement for the girls. There are four challenges that participants must complete in order to get their award: personal development, community involvement, physical activity and the adventure journey. Each of these challenges must be done for at least one hour for 13 weeks (26 for Silver) The highlight of the year for all involved was the adventure journey to Killarney National Park. This was a three day trip away, with a 30km hike around the park and Torc Waterfall. The girls also had to cook for themselves and their teachers and no one got sick!! To say Ms O’ Reilly and Ms Begley are proud of the girls is an understatement, they are blown away by their dedication and determination. What a fantastic trip and a wonderful year. See you all next year for your Silver award (Gold for Lauren!). Ms O’ Reilly and Ms Begley.



# Healthy Eating

We here in Coláiste Nano Nagle belong to our lady of Lourdes Local Education Committee. Each year the committee launches an educational project within the wider social community. This year our theme was healthy eating. The Home School Liaison Coordinator, Ms Antoinette O' Donovan, invited all of our students to enter a cookery competition. Students were encouraged to cook healthy meals at home with their families and then submit their recipes and photos online. Lots of lip smacking entries were received, many accompanied by lovely stories surrounding the history of the recipes.

The winners of the competition were announced at the awards day ceremony on May 17th. The overall winner of the Competition was Sofia Hanzena in second year, winning a €75 voucher for the Crescent Shipping Centre. Sofia's entries included delicious delights such as soya yogurt cake, egg free and dairy free cupcakes, kess and mushroom and carrot salad. Sofia was helped in the venture by her Mam Diaga, a wonderful cook and a member of our parents cookery class. The winning recipes will be published in a cookery book.

The healthy eating project also facilitated a table quiz in which our first year O'Malley Class participated. Pupils from our lady of Lourdes Primary School and Crescent College also took part. A big congratulations to Zara Pickford who was a member of the winning team. Some further congratulations to Jodie Nielan and Norina Marufkhel who won third prize.

*From the 15th to the 19th of May our school took part in healthy eating week. This consisted of banning fizzy drinks from school grounds and promoting healthy food, our vending machines were shut down so we couldn't get any junk food in school. Our school canteen sold fruit pots this week. From 1st to 6th years we all participated in different school activities during the week such as basketball, walks, doge-ball and soccer. It was a fun and healthy week in our school and the school body really enjoyed it.*

We would like to thank all the staff and students for their donations towards the Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage fund, with a special thanks to the S.R.C for all their hard work. We will be leaving for Lourdes the on 21st of June and we will keep you all updated through the school's twitter page.

Also a big Thank you to Ms Cummins for supporting all the fundraising.

Caithlín and Nicole



First Prize



Third Prize



Photo is 6lcas, after a tour at Bank of Ireland, Roxboro

# Healthy Eating

A massive well done to Mr O' Sullivan and Mr Larkin for organizing a wonderful week of events for health and fitness week, topped off by a fantastic sports day in UL on Friday the 19th May. Sports day events included the long jump, the sac race, the three legged race, relays, 100 meters, the wrecking ball and the obstacle course. A great day was had by all. Well done to all involved.



## Career Guidance News

### “Earn while you learn”

Students unsure of their next step after leaving cert, should consider the benefits of completing an apprenticeship. The government are stressing the need for more apprentices, with significant skill shortages in certain industry areas; namely engineering, finance, electrical, motor and construction. Some of the benefits of completing an apprenticeship include earning a wage while studying, achieving a recognised qualification and completing 50% of all training “on the job”. If interested, go to [www.apprenticeship.ie](http://www.apprenticeship.ie) or call into the guidance office. Well done to Mr. Loftus thank you for your time.

### 5th year student Hayleigh Kiely

describes to us her recent achievements in kickboxing. Hayleigh trains and fights out of the learning hub kickboxing club and enjoys every minute of it. She received her black belt at the age of thirteen and is now a junior instructor within the club. Her dedication and hard work is known by many and she has earned many rewards for this.

In October 2016 Hayleigh received gold at the Irish Kickboxing Federation Junior Championships which were held in Limerick. She here became the under eighteen, -65kg champion of Ireland.

In February of this year 2017 Hayleigh got an amazing opportunity to go represent Ireland in a big kickboxing show in England. She fought for an international title belt in Walsall football stadium against a very good English fighter Anna Parker at -61kg. After working very hard in each of the 4 rounds she was very happy with her performance but unfortunately came out on the wrong side of a split decision on the judges scorecards. This was Hayleigh's best performance to date and was delighted to represent her country at such a big event.

Hayleigh has big plans for September 2017 as she is scheduled to fight for the Senior -60kg K1 Kickboxing rules All Ireland Title belt against an also experienced, older opponent. This will one not to be missed and she plans on taking the belt home to Limerick. All support will be greatly appreciated towards the Coláiste Nano Nagle Student.



# Green Schools News

In Coláiste Nano Nagle we are delighted to announce that we have received our fourth Green Flag for Travel. Our school Deputy Principal, Mrs. Mary Ryan and members of the Green schools committee travelled to Cork on the 12th May to receive our fourth Green Flag. We have increased the numbers of students who walk to our schools from 54% to just over 80%. This is fantastic not only for the environment but also for the students themselves.

## Travel Awards 2017

In February last, we took part in the two week 'Travel Awards Challenge'. It challenged us to think of creative ways to improve the numbers of those who walked to school. Green Schools students recorded each morning those who walked to school and what class they belonged to every day.



**Class McCourt  
(1st Years)  
won the Homework  
pass for walking to  
school!  
They look pretty  
pleased!**



The class that walked the most by Friday, were to be given a homework pass. The younger years became extremely competitive. A first-year group were delighted to win and they received homework cards which allowed them a weekend homework free for their efforts. On week two, our Principal sponsored a voucher for the value of €30 for a local sports store. We challenged both teachers and students to walk as much as they could in one day. We showed students how to download pedometers apps for their phones. We asked them to photo their efforts. In the picture attached, Nikoletta, a student in second year, walked in one day, over 25,000 steps. Nikoletta Kozma also won Green Schools Student of the Year 2017. Well Done Nikoletta.

1800 primary and post-primary schools were invited to enter the Travel Awards and we are pleased to announce that we were chosen as one of ten category winners. We were voted the best 'Walking School of the Year 2017'. We have a fabulous time at the awards in the Hilton, Dublin and we received a trophy and €500.

Young Environmental Awards: On 23rd May, 2017 we will represent our school in the Young Environmental Awards in the Mansion House in Dublin for our 10,000 steps challenge project that we ran this year. Thanks to Mr. Larkin for coaching the soccer challenge as part of this project after school. The girls secured their place at these awards after a Dragons Den style pitch in March 2017, in University College Cork. 130 schools entered and we are delighted to be in the final 80.



# Our School Community

## Parents Cookery Class

To celebrate the end of this years Cookery Course for Parents, tutor Ms. Maeve Cosgrove decided to hold an in class cookery competition. Delicious delights were whipped up in an atmosphere of relaxed, humorous competitiveness.

The willing judges found each of the individual dishes so lip smacking good that they failed to crown a winner. Crumbs were the only evidence remaining!!

Parents were encouraged to enter their dishes in the RTE Cookery Competition Taste for Success. Good luck to all entrants. Perhaps we shall see your dish on the selves on the city's supermarkets soon.



We are very proud of Mrs. A. O'Donovan who opened doors to new experiences and co-ordinated this cookery programme.



*Well done to Gemma, Caitriona, Abbie, Amy, Sophie and Rhia for taking part in the ISTA Science Quiz in LIT on the 3rd May. Great work girls and Mr. Golden*

Although the teachers put up a great fight (apart from Ms Hammill) the students were victorious. The teachers definitely need to train harder next year. Well done to the sixth year girls.



# Transition Year & Music News

## TY transition year photographic exhibition

Our Geography class started a photographic exhibition in September. We had six weeks previous to plan for our exhibition. We all chose a variety of different places and different scenes of nature that appealed to us. This project was completed with our Geography teacher Mrs. Cantillon.

This project was done under a tourism module on the following:

- The wild Atlantic way.
- North-West tourist board.
- South-West of Ireland.

We were inspired by the beautiful landscapes all over Ireland. We undertook our own photographic studies of places visited during our TY programme and places of interest to us. Our exhibition can be seen as you walk into our canteen. As a class we thought this was one of our most fun projects to complete and we'd really like to thank our geography teacher Mrs. Cantillon for introducing us to this project and for all her help throughout this year.

*Article submitted by Emma Kelly, TY.*

Transition year students recently completed a skincare, makeup and lash workshop with makeup artist & tutor, Laura Halvey. Laura did demonstrations on some of our students, gave the girls tips on products and dupes as well as how to care for their skin as teenagers. Some students brought in their own makeup, brushes etc and Laura observed them doing their own makeup, giving tips and feedback. The students really enjoyed this workshop and learnt a lot from Laura.



## Music News

**Guitar Club** - Guitar club with Mr Loftus on Fridays has been a hive of activity over the past few months, with the girls learning new chords and songs every week. One of the participants, Elizabeth Cleary, will be playing for the LC Graduation Mass. Ms Ryan also took on the guitar challenge and she is making great progress. Well done to Mr Loftus and all of the guitarists!

**New String Orchestra** - A new string orchestra has been set up in the school. It is being run by the Irish Chamber Orchestra and Sing Out With Strings. A group of first and second year students have been playing violin and cello in the orchestra. With seven weeks under their belt, the group are playing some fantastic pieces and are looking forward to build on this for next year. Watch this space!

**Music Generation** - The Transition Years finished up recently with the Music Generation team, having taken part in songwriting workshops for the year. The team visited the school earlier this month for a final performance session showcasing the many talents and variety of musical styles in the group. The TYs and Class O'Malley from first year had a great morning, with amazing sounds coming out of the library. The TYs wrote and recorded their own song as part of the songwriting workshops and everyone agreed that the workshops were one of the highlights of TY. A huge well done to the girls and thanks to the Music Generation team for a great year.

**School Choir** - On the 18<sup>th</sup> of May, the choir had a busy day recording some of their pieces and enjoying an end of year treat. The day began with a warm up and recording session in school. This was followed by a visit to St Mary's cathedral where we were welcomed by the director of music, Peter Barley. We had an informative talk on the history of the cathedral and took some time to look around. Alannah O'Neill spotted that one of the old bibles was open on Psalm 121: "I Will Lift My Eyes to the Mountains", one of our pieces for the Graduation. The choir sang and recorded Tom Kendzia's 'Pieta'. Erin Bermingham did an amazing job as soloist, as did Jessie Neilan on flute. It was amazing to experience the effect of the acoustic in a building that is over 800 years old - and one that was built for singing. Next stop was Milano's for a feast of pizza for the hungry singers. The day finished back at school with a rehearsal and some more recording. Well done to the choir girls for all of their hard work during the year. Best of luck to Danielle, Alannah, Jessie and Louise in LC who are leaving us - you have a bright future in choral singing ahead of you, girls! Thank you to T. Gaughan for your guidance and great years work.



# Grandparents Day



Catholic schools week takes place every year beginning on the last Sunday in January. Each year there is a theme. The theme of 2017 is:

Learning with Pope France to Care for our Common Home.

We are now being called into action to care for our world and to care for each other. We are the stewards of creation and therefore it is our job to be aware of any issues that damage the world. The challenge for all of us is to examine our lifestyle by asking am I resolved to making the world a better place for the next generation? What kind of a world do we want to leave those who come after us, to the children who are growing up now.

Pope Francis believes that it is within our families that we learn to respect human life and the world. The family is the heart of the culture of life. In the words of our Pope:

“Our world is hurting to be loved”

As part of Catholic schools week, we invited a very special group of people, the grandparents of our first and second year students, to be our guests at a Spiritual Celebration. Our grandparents are a wonderful gift in our lives. They watch over us as we grow and are often some of our most important teachers. They teach us about our Common Home which they have been watching over and caring for long before we were there to help. They have seen many changes to our world, both good and bad. They are the wise generation from whom we have so much to learn.

Ms. Antoinette O’ Donovan, HSCL Coordinator, welcomed our guests to our beautifully decorated library on Wednesday February 1st. The date marks La Fheile Bhríde, Saint Brigid’s Feast Day, celebrating the first day of Spring. Saint Brigid is one of Ireland’s patron saints and is indeed the patron Saint of babies.



Sr Colette Hourigan, Chaplain, conducted the ceremony in which pupils were given the opportunity to thank their grandparents through prayers, gifts of daffodils, Rosary beads and personalised messages written from their hearts.

Ms. Mary Ryan, Deputy Principal, delivered a very warm and moving address to the gathering, recognising the powerful and irreplaceable input that grandparents have in the lives of our students.

Ms. Cornelia O’ Brien, R.E. teacher, and her TY students made the celebration extra special by making magnificent St. Brigid Reed Crosses to celebrate the lovely day. Grandparents were very touched by this effort. The TY students also helped serve the delicious afternoon tea.

St. Brigid watched over us all on the day and it was a magical event.

Thanks to all involved.





*Sacred space for the feast of St. Bridget for Grandparents Celebrations*



*Emma Kelly and Shannon Hickey making St. Bridget's Crosses*



*Chloe O'Grady and Courtney Kennan preparing for graduation showing*



*Selling ice-cream for our fundraising for Lourdes pilgrimage*

## **CAMOGIE AT COLAISTE NANO NAGLE**



Well done to all the girls who attended camogie training since December!  
The last training session of the year for Mr. Golden's senior camogie team.  
Thanks to Mr. S. Golden for your time and knowledge and skill

# Science

Lots going on in the science department this year.



Ag science students having a tour around Salesian Agricultural College Pallaskenry! Ms Madigan was heard talking 'udder nonsense'.



TYs, 5th Ag science and 5LCAs in Cloughjordan eco village. Great day had by all!



From "farm to fork", the TYs used the lettuce to make Caesar salad and wraps.



TYs teaching first years all about the planets and solar system. How do you organise a party in the lab? You planet of course.



TYs harvesting their potatoes, don't they have lovely 'eyes'.

*The future is safe in the hands of our science department*



Fifth year ag science farmers having their home-grown strawberries and ice cream.



Class McCourt working together to figure out inherited traits, still trying to figure out if Ms O' Reillys natural blonde is inherited or not.



Second year science students learning about microbiology. Although these girls are 'cultured' enough.

# Prize Giving 17th May 2017

A delightful afternoon where so many of our students were honoured for their participation in school life.



LCA Student



LCA Student



Best teachers



Choir



Debating



Debuty Head Girl



Doodle 4 Google



5th Year Student



First Year Attendance



Mrs. Hayes



Raising the Green Flag



6th Year Student



SRC



Sport Stars

# RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES COLAISTE NANO NAGLE 2017

Sharing our faith story and the story of our relationships with Jesus, and with the Sacred, connects us very deeply in Colaiste Nano Nagle. The R.E. Dept has been a hive of activity this year so far. There are our morning reflections as we begin our school day, our special reflection days, Lenten Prayer services, Easter Liturgy and the grand finale with our Graduation Ceremony on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Wednesday Feb.8<sup>th</sup> Second Years celebrated with the theme "Heroes". We shared our heroes and why they are heroes and looked at our real hero "Jesus". We prayed, meditated, watched videos of special heroes and relaxed with some craft work. Our day ended with an extract from "Forest Gump" Film and a warm Liturgy from Fr. Chris with the song from **Beyoncé Knowles "I was here" where we glimpsed at the real Heroes of the world.**

Wed Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. our First Years Special Reflection Day with their theme Gifts and Talents. We tried to recall and celebrate the gifts and talents God has given to each of us. Some of our talents are very obvious, others not so easily seen. Our prayer, meditation, Video clips, sharing our talents gifts and craft work make us more aware of this wonder in each of our lives. All enjoyed the Lion King and Fr. Chris asked us to try and know our gifts, use our talents and make a difference.

T.Y. students had their Reflection Day on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and Fifth years on March 29<sup>th</sup>. The theme for both of these days was Creation and the Care of our Common Home Earth. We had two special visitors to help us on both days Sr. Teresa Devine and Sr. Betty Baker both Salesian Sisters. Both groups enjoyed The Cosmic walk, meditation and craft work. The Salesian Sisters did the Story of the Universe, Sustainable Development Goals to protect our planet and Human Rights declared by United Nations. We saw many situations on our planet that need immediate attention from amazing videos from different countries. We looked at the greatest needs at the moment and took the following three 1. End poverty, 2.end hunger and 3. Ensure quality EDUCATION for all. The theme for our prayer was creation from Genesis and the value of our precious elements of Earth, Water, Air and Fire. We are standing on Holy Ground. The days ended with meaningful Liturgies from Fr. Chris.

For the past TEN YEARS we have celebrated Grandparents Day in our School for our First and Second Year students. There is always great excitement when Grandparents visit our school. This year it was Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. and with the Life of St. Bridget and entwining that with Pope Francis "Learning to take care of our common Home" a beautiful hospitable evening was enjoyed by all. That special gentle and caring relationship between grandparents and their grandchildren spread a radiance throughout the evening.

Other special events were having our throats blessed on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> the feast of St. Blaise by Fr. Chris and the distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, and ancient custom reminding us of our mortality. Thanks also to your special participation to the Lenten prayer services in the Oratory all during Lent.

A special word of thanks to Sr. Ann Hurley and Mrs. Buckley who helped us on all our reflection days.

Our Easter Liturgy on April 5<sup>th</sup> had two parts, the Lenten Message of the death of Jesus and the Easter Message of Joy and Resurrection. During this Liturgy Fr. Chris Missioned and blessed our two students who will be representing Colaiste Nano Nagle in Lourdes this year with the Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage. We wish Nicole Kelly and Caitlin Rooney Stewart a very special time on this pilgrimage and look

forward to their sharing with us in the Autumn.

Last but not least we wish all our students doing Leaving Cert and Junior Cert the very best of luck.

**Please remember them by saying the following prayer for them. As we prepare for their exams help them to study well, help them to stay calm and not become overanxious. Let your Spirit be with them during these days guiding their studies and giving them insight Help them during the exams to remember what they have studied and to Present their answers to the best of their ability. Nano Nagle help us with our studies. We wish a very happy and blessed holiday to all our students from the R.E. Dept. See you all in the Autumn. Miss C.O'Brien and Sr. Colette never fail in our safe journey.**

Miss. O'Brien and Sr. Colette Hourigan R.E. Department.



Fr. Chris with Nicole Kelly, Caitlin Stewart, Alannah O'Neill and Jessie Neil



Easter Garden



Fr. Chris with our 2 girls going to Lourdes



Rebecca Deedigan delights the audience with her beautiful voice at the Easter liturgy



Ms. Helen Ahern & Ms. Mary Madigan Gift Bearers at the Easter Liturgy



All our participants for our Easter Liturgy with Fr. Chris Cummins

# MRS. MARIE HAYES RETIRES

## *To Teach is to Touch a Life Forever*

Wouldn't any one of us be very proud and humbled to feel that we have influenced and been responsible for the positive development of a young person into a 'thinking' mature adult? Our dear friend Marie Hayes can be absolutely certain that she is such a person.

Marie has been teaching in the 'Pres' now "Coláiste Nano Nagle since 1980. She has brought class after class of French and Maths students to Honours Leaving Certificate level with great success. She is an excellent teacher always helping her students achieve wonderful results.

More importantly though Marie has a way about her, a femininity, a gentleness, a calmness, an interest in and a love for her students and her subjects. These traits combined with excellence in teaching have earned Marie the respect and love of her students over the years. This is indeed her due. I have never heard Marie raise her voice in anger, in protest, to belittle, to condemn, either in the classroom or the staffroom. This is not to say that she is laid back or that she simply 'goes with the flow'. In her own firm way and with her simple hand gestures and calm clear voice Marie makes her point, clearly, is well understood and taken seriously.

Mrs. Hayes has worked with Junior and Senior Representative Student Councils for many years and has taught and guided generations of students in management skills, effective running of meetings, listening, debating,

public speaking, fundraising. She has presented students on National Stage more than once and has made the school very proud.

In recent years with the opening of 'Central College' Marie has 'reinvented herself'. She willingly took on the challenge of designing and running new courses especially in areas of 'Childcare' and taught herself the technology needed to successfully deliver the subjects. She has been teaching adults of many nationalities for many years now, is well liked, respected and will be sadly missed.

Marie is an unassuming discreet, gentle beautiful intelligent lady who has divided her life between her 'precious' family at home and her 'Nano Nagle' family in Sexton Street. Now that she has decided to bow out gracefully from her teaching career we wish her good health and happiness for all the years to come... and we hope there will be many more...

Thank you Marie for touching our lives.



*Mrs. Marie Hayes (retiring)  
Head of Early Childhood Education CCL  
Mrs. Marion Cummins (Principal)  
Mrs. Mary Ryan (Deputy Principal)*



As the year comes to a close we would like to thank all the teachers and staff for all their hard work this year on behalf of the students. We want to wish all the students good luck in their upcoming exams particularly the 3rd and 6th years. We hope everyone has a safe and great summer holidays.

**Alannah and Jessie**

# Ecology Field Trip



Miss E. Madigan and Miss C.O'Reilly who inspire our ladies in all areas of Science.  
We had a great day in Curraghchase on Monday 22nd May.

## ***Seachtain ná Gaeilge took place between 13th-17th March.***

First year Tráth na gCeist took place in the canteen with students testing their knowledge . A Ciorcal Caidreamh took place on Tuesday for senior students to practise the cúpla focal for their scrúdú béil.

International Day was celebrated on Wednesday embracing the many cultures in our school and showcasing them to family and friends and invited guests.

A musical recital in the leabharlann on Thursday delighted the audience Mr.Cathal McInerney, TY co-ordinator and business teacher was our special guest as he is a Senior hurler with Co. Clare.He presented awards after the recital .Coláiste Nano Nagle was honoured to have him.

Well done to all who took part and who made Seachtain Na Gaeilge a success.



# Sports Day



Congratulations to Mr. C. O'Sullivan and Mr. D. Larkin who co-ordinated a very successful Sports Day amidst sunshine and showers in UL Arena. Congrats to the 6th Year Basketball team who beat the teachers for the 2nd time in the history of our school