



Principal's Message



During this season of giving, let us take time to slow down and enjoy the simple things. We have all been so busy in school these past few weeks but at last we can enjoy that well deserved rest. A break from clocks, bells and rising on dark early mornings for school.

May this wonderful time of the year touch your heart in a very special way. Wishing all students' staff and your families' warm greetings this Christmas and a joyful New Year.

Kind regards,
Marion Cummins, Principal.



Noreen McManus Scholarship Fund

On Friday 11th December Mrs. Noreen McManus and her daughter Sue Ann visited our school. They had a meeting with Mrs. Marion Cummins during which they announced that they were happy to set up a new scholarship fund of €20,000 each year for the next five years for the educational benefit of our students.

Mrs. Marion Cummins was overwhelmed by this generous scholarship scheme for Coláiste Nano Nagle. She and the management of our school are very grateful to Ms. Noreen and Sue Ann McManus for their very extra-ordinary generosity.

Ms. Noreen McManus is a past pupil of our school.



Students who will be MEPs for a Day in Strasbourg in 2016

EUROSCOLA 2016

Euroscola is a unique event for schools to learn about European integration by experiencing it first hand. Students from the 28 EU Member States are selected to become a Member of the European Parliament for one day at the Parliament's premises in Strasbourg. They take the floor in plenary and committee sessions to debate and vote on resolutions on current affairs, all the while practising their language skills and making friends with fellow students from across Europe. Teachers also have the opportunity to meet their colleagues and exchange feedback about their own classroom practices & experiences. To win this amazing prize schools were asked to organise their own competition to choose 24 students. The competition had to have a European theme.

We decided to ask our students to write a Limerick with a European twist. The entries were excellent and we eventually chose our 24. These Limericks are now on display in the entrance hall of our School. We then submitted our competition details to the European offices in Dublin and low and behold we WON !! This now means that we will travel to Strasbourg and attend the Parliament on Friday 11th March. We will be awarded a subsidy of 320 Euro per person. One of our students will have to introduce our school to the full Parliament in either French or German. Each of the girls will receive a Certificate of attendance. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students and to say that we are all delighted is an understatement.

Mary Kavanagh & Deirdre Hammill

Development Education

Intercultural day 2015!

October 23, 2015 saw Colaiste Nano Nagle's fourth Intercultural Day. Over 25 countries were represented, from Poland to the Philippines and everywhere in between! We truly have a multicultural school. Thanks to a second year of funding from WorldWide Global Schools, we were again able to host a two-part programme. In the morning an array of stands showed off the colours, tastes and traditions of a rainbow of nations, origins of a big proportion of our students here at Colaiste Nano Nagle.

In the afternoon, we were treated to music, song and dance from across the globe. A particular highlight was the dance-drama performed by a guest performer, trained in Indian Classical Dance. This certainly delighted our three visiting Indian teachers, Devjani from Kolkata, and Rinku and Subarna from Panighatta. These teachers all teach at Indian Loreto Schools, founded by Mary Ward, a far-seeing woman who, like our own Nano Nagle, believed in the potential for empowerment through the education of all girls. These three teachers were here as part of our Development Education two-year project, again funded by WorldWide Global Schools: 'Girl Power across the Globe'. They brought over a range of projects from their students in India.

Our Intercultural Day once more throws a spotlight on the Nano Nagle way in education: the power of education to transform the life of every girl, no matter their background or place of origin: GIRL POWER ACROSS THE GLOBE!



1. *A rainbow of nations! Mr. Carmody with Indian guests and our own international students!*
2. *Intercultural day Fashion Show!*
3. *Sumaiya (3rd Year) welcomes, in Bengali, Devjani, Rinku and Subarna to our Intercultural performances*
4. *Classical Indian Dancer Saranya Jothikumar from India performing on our Intercultural Day*

Girl Power Across the Globe

Ireland-India schools Partnership!

Our school was delighted and proud to welcome three very special guests from 16 to 24 October. Devjani from a Loreto School in Kolkata, and Subarna and Rinku from Loreto in Panighatta came to us all the way from India as part of our Development Education project: **Empowerment Through Education** or, more simply, **Girl Power across the Globe**, supported by WorldWide Global Schools. WorldWide have provided almost €10,000 to our school over two years for this project! After three of our teachers (Mr Carmody, Ms Michelle Ryan, Ms Gaughan) had shared experiences with these teachers in India in June, it was time for us to return the favour.

Our three guests visited many of our classes, interacted with students, staff and teachers, were special guests at our Intercultural Day and left behind a range of projects (from computer-based to poster displays) completed by their own Indian students. They even found a bit of time to see and appreciate some of Ireland's beauty!

Now it's time to keep this Ireland-India Schools-Partnership alive and active across the range of subjects well into 2016. Mr. O' Sullivan and Ms. Reynolds are looking at having a private Youtube Channel to share our activities between Ireland and India. Already the Indian students have reached out to try and share projects with us in Maths and Music; our own debaters will enlist their Indian counterparts' help in our upcoming debates in 2016. Starting this December and continuing in 2016 we will run here at Colaiste Nano Nagle a series of 'Fairtrade Fridays'. This is a concept that is particularly relevant to parts of India where getting a fair wage in the tea estates and workplaces of West Bengal, India is of vital importance to the parents of our partner-students in the Loreto School.



Our Indian guests are presented with an 'Indian' cake especially designed by Ms Madigan of our Science Department

Dauntless Debaters!

After a very successful 2014-15 season of debating (only one loss all year), Team Colaiste Nano Nagle proved themselves to have real staying power with, so far, a 100% success rate in the 2015-16 league-phase of the Concern Worldwide National Debating Competition.

In November, our girls successfully convinced the Adjudicators that 16 year-olds should be trusted to have the vote, in the process defeating St. Caimin's Community School, Shannon. Next, our debaters travelled across the County Border, to St Flannan's College, Ennis. This time the girls had to try to persuade the Adjudicators that the Climate Change Conference in Paris would not succeed where previous Conferences had failed. We were delighted to defeat St Flannan's, in the word of the Chief Adjudicator, "convincingly", no mean feat when one considers that St Flannan's have been National Finalists in this competition for the past two years.



Chloe Daly, Fanie, Shannon Nixon, Agnes Phiri, Rachel Constable, Alannah O'Neill (Captain); not in picture: Danielle Jackson, Nikola Kusiak.

Our accomplished Captain, Alannah O'Neill (Fifth Year), leads a team of first-time debaters this new school year – so the girls' achievements are all the more remarkable. For sure, they have played their part in pushing to the fore our 2014-16 Development Education theme: 'Girl Power Across the Globe'. After the right to vote and fighting climate change comes the next debating challenge: the struggle to eradicate HIV/AIDS from the world. Our next opponents are Gaelcholaiste Luimní. Roll on January!

Coláiste Nano Nagle wishes to acknowledge the outstanding work of Mr. Niall Carmody in development education in this school and in scaling new heights with our debating team.

Science and Technology



TY students engaged in two ICT in December workshops to promote the transferable skills of the future. Clare McInerney from LERO in the University of Limerick taught coding to students through starwars, minecraft and frozen coding games. The students also engaged in another workshop which looked at careers in ICT, webdesign and 3d effects with PJ and Gary from whizz kids. *Well done girls.*



TY students of the month for September and October, Megan O'Regan and Hayleigh Kiely with their year head Mary Kavanagh.



Ms O'Reilly celebrating her birthday and Ms Hamill and Ms Kavanagh celebrating winning a trip abroad with the transition year students. Well done to Ms Kavanagh and Ms Hammill who, along with 24 TY & 5th yr students, won the @ euroscola @EPIreland_Edu <https://t.co/EdftTSq2l>

BIN IT ROADSHOW

In November, the Bin It Roadshow arrived to our school and put on a wonderful, entertaining and educational show highlighting the problem of littering and in particular, gum.



The show was for first and second years.
 "It was funny and I enjoyed the show. I learned that you shouldn't drop stuff on the floor but pick it up."
 Jessie Reeves



WOW' DAY - WALK ON WEDNESDAY

Was held on 16/12/15, to highlight the start of our work for the Travel Flag. The students and teachers enjoyed dressing up in their festive jumpers to make this a memorable and enjoyable day.

Transition Year



TY students visited Mary Immaculate College for college awareness week where they attended a psychology and childcare lecture as well as getting a tour of the college.



In the first picture the TYs are presenting Margo from the maternity hospital, with Christmas decorations for all the babies in the neonatal unit. The girls raised the funds from their mini company of organic lip balms "Leanbh Loinnir" meaning, baby gloss, production of which can be seen in the second picture. This was a team effort combining enterprise and cosmetic science from the business and science faculties with Ms Hammill and Ms Madigan assisted by Ms Leahy and Ms Fogarty. We would like to thank everyone who supported this worthy cause.



Parents' Corner



Let's Learn about Drugs and Alcohol Together

Congratulations to all second year students with their parents and grandparents who participated in the Let's Learn about Drugs and Alcohol Together with Sancha Power from the HSE. The programme was made up of two workshops that are developed for pupils and parents of 2nd year only. They are interactive in design and engage the parent and pupils in a shared learning environment. The topics covered included: Substance Information; Age-related development; Parental Influence; Prevention Messages; How to talk in the home and the National and Local Services. This year we teamed up with the second year students in CBS.



Parent Support Programme

Congratulations to Helen McInerney, one of many parents, who completed the parent support programme that runs on Tuesdays at 10.30am in the Parent's Room in CBS. Helen really enjoyed the course and would encourage any parent to complete it. The programme will start again on Tuesdays after Christmas. All parents welcome. Contact Triona Murray, HSCL, for more details. Pictured in the photo with Helen is Triona Murray, HSCL, and Enda Keogh, Parent Support Worker.



Mr. Niall Loftus and a group of past pupils with Mary McSweeney in LIT at the LCBEI talk recently



LCBEI talk in Nagle room given by Mr. Pat O'Connor

Maths Challenge



Maths Week 2015

The following are photos attached from the very interactive and busy Maths Week this year. We had a Maths Trail created by our TY class for First Years students. This was a very enjoyable event ran both inside and outside of the school on our school campus. We also had a Table Quiz which was held for our TY and 5th year groups. The winners of our Table Quiz were: Jessica Neilan, Anthoniet O'Hanya, Allanah O'Neil and Louise Madden. Well done girls! It was an enjoyable week for all involved, with several other events taking place both in and outside of the Maths classroom. Special thanks to all involved.

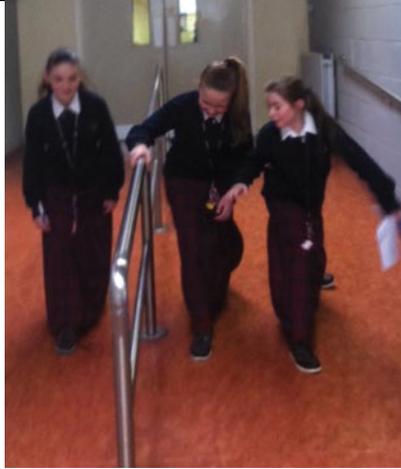


Table Quiz

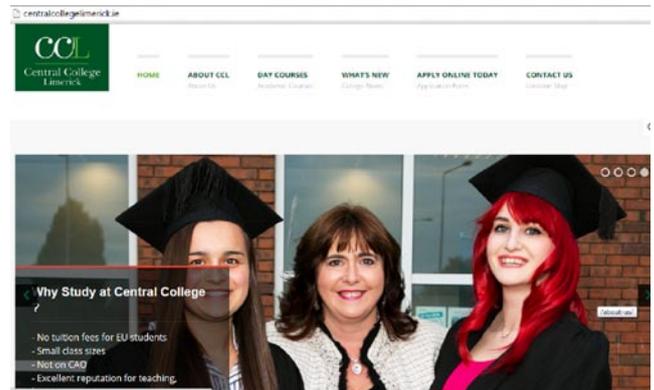


Advances in Post Leaving Certificate Education

CENTRAL COLLEGE LIMERICK LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

Our partner in education, Central College Limerick, the largest provider of Post-Leaving Certificate (PLC) programmes in the Irish Voluntary Sector, has launched its fully-featured website centralcollegelimerick.ie. The new site has extensive content including details of the courses offered; Childcare, Nursing, Healthcare, Sports and Leisure and Business, plus helpful links for students on unlocking the potential of graduates, templates for preparing CVs.

"Our new website focuses on programmes of study which are of the highest quality and are relevant to the ever changing workplace. Our graduates, of all ages, abilities and nationalities, have progressed to degree programmes in higher education institutions including universities, institutes of technology and private third level colleges. Learning is for everyone" explained. Marion Cummins, Principal Central College Limerick



"We believe that this new site will allow potential students to have a very informative experience as we continue to grow and respond to employment market needs." Ms Cummins continued.

Central College Limerick's new website will be updated on a regular basis with news of courses and training, activities, college milestones, events, and student information. Visitors are encouraged to explore the website and apply online at <http://www.centralcollegelimerick.ie> and follow us on twitter @CCLAdultEd.



I will be facilitating 'Aware' workshops during January, for senior cycle students. The workshops are under the theme of '**Beat the Blues**', and aim to generate positive mental health within senior cycle students.

Niall Loftus



Guitar Club which is run every Friday by Niall Loftus



Head and deputy girls Rachael Constable and Benie Mombwana on their appointment as head and deputy being congratulated by principal Ms. M. Cummins

Dear Students and Teacher,

Our names are Benie and Rachael and we are this year's head girl & deputy head girl. We would like to take this moment to say thank you to those who voted for us to lead the student body this year. We hope to make big changes in this school with the help of all of you. We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

What are we reading?

From billionaires, to art teachers, sports teachers and the principal books are read and enjoyed.

Questions & Answers

Ms. Nestor

Q. What is your favourite book?

A. Title: "Dublin"
Author: Edward Rutherford

Q. Why?

A. The story is historical, factual and kept me turning the pages.

Q. How important is reading to you?

A. Most important.

Ms. Murphy

Q. What is your favourite book?

A. Title: Pride and Prejudice
Author: Jane Austen

Q. Why?

A. I like the characters and the love story of Elizabeth and Mr Darcy. I enjoy books sent in this era.

Q. How important is reading to you?

A. Reading is very important to me. A book is always better than the movies. You can lose yourself in the story. I find reading very relaxing. I read a variety of books from sports books to detective novels and historical novels. I am reading 'Lustrum' at the moment. This is a novel set in Roman times about Cicero, a Roman Senator.

Ms. Cummins

Q. What is your favourite book?

A. Title: "Wedlock"
Author: Wendy Moore
Set in 18th century Britain, a story of reckless marriage, tragedy & recovery.

Q. How often do you read?

A. I read the Irish Times every day and on holidays I enjoy lots of reading.

Q. How important is reading to you?

A. Reading papers keeps me up to date on national and international news. Reading can help you switch off observe yourself and enjoy a different world.



St Vincent De Paul Christmas Jumper Day organised by Mr. O'Sullivan. The two third year students are Caitlin Mc Carthy and Rebecca Blake with teacher Neil Carmody.



First year Class Rossa baking & decorating melted snowmen



5Ica getting ready for Christmas



TY's busy creating outfits for "junk kouture"



German Poster Competition



6th group meet Santa

Our Spiritual Life together

Our Spiritual Life together at Coláiste Nano Nagle since September 2016

Miss O'Brien and Sr. Colette

Faith, is a beautiful thing that little word with a special ring. Yes our opening Liturgy in Coláiste Nano Nagle on Thursday 17th of September gave a lively start to the year. The theme was Building Our Community through Co-operation, Communication and Sharing. Each class presented a brick as a symbol of our working together for the coming year. The parable of the Talents was read and Fr. Chris asked us to get to know our individual talents and use them to work together in harmony for the year ahead.

September 30th. Students were welcomed to our College with a special blessing for each course developed at Central College this year.

Monday October 5th. Our T.Y. students set out at 7.00a.m. for their special reflection day, to the birthplace of Nano Nagle at Ballygriffin, Co. Cork. The girls were ready for all climates and what a variety of colourful Wellingtons brightened our day. Our first stop was for the full Irish Breakfast at Corbett Court where Miss O'Brien joined us and had everything ready for the group on arrival. Then to Ballygriffin and a brief tour of Nano's House and beautiful countryside. We admired the Nagle Mountains and watched the river Blackwater where Nano grew up and played as a child. A little prayer and reflection and then our T.Y. girls really got involved in organic farming and potato gathering as that was the harvest of the day. Now it was lunch time and all relaxed, chatted and enjoyed lunch. After lunch we did the Cosmic Walk, a pilgrimage through time along the Blackwater River. This was a very special prayerful time for all. We prayed in silence at the wonder of our Universe. Finally we spent time in the Icon Chapel where we experienced Nano's life and work. Our craft was a decorated Candle and a prayer of light to end our day.

Monday 12th October. T.Y. students were on the road again and this time a pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo. Early start and breakfast at Supervalu in Claregalway. On arrival at Knock we visited the Basilica, spent special prayer time in the Apparition Chapel and Eucharist at 12 noon. At 2.00pm we had a very interesting tour of the Museum with special guide on the History of Knock and the story of Knock Shrine. The students were excellent and we had a wonderful day.



TY on a trip to Knock beside the Papal Cross, Knock, Co. Mayo



Presentation Day 21st November.

To celebrate Presentation Day at Coláiste Nano Nagle, Miss O'Brien had each class do a detailed study of the Icon of Nano Nagle. Our special Liturgy embellished Nano's Life from her birth to her death through the beautiful ICON created by Desmond Kyne. Have you thought of developing an Icon of your life? A challenge to all of us.



Our Third Years had their Reflection Day on **November 25th.** The theme for the day was Decisions and Choices. Marie Buckley and Sr. Ann Hurley were with us for the day. The day included prayer, meditation, discernment on how to make decisions and practical workshop on decision making. For our craft we made a decorative card on how we go about making decisions. Fr. Chris celebrated Liturgy at 3.00p.m. and our special film was "Pay it Forward".

December 3rd. Sixth years had their Reflection Day, the theme was Journey. During the day our time was spent on Our Journey of Life, Meditation, workshop on dreams and the nine personality types of the Enneagram. Our creativity with sixth year students was our own unique Christmas decoration for the tree. Chris celebrated Liturgy using "The Emmaus story" and the film "The Way" from the Santiago Pilgrimage.

A joyful Christmas Liturgy was celebrated on December 15th by Fr. Pat O'Sullivan PP, Our Lady Queen of Peace. The Theme was just one word Love and harts representing the whole school community. We had our special blessing of School Advent Wreath and Crib. Our choir entertained us with very beautiful Christmas Carols and students read the story of Christmas. Our faith indeed is a beautiful thing. Merry Christmas to all from the R.E. Department.



Head and deputy girls preparing our school for the celebration of Christmas beside the crib

Christmas Liturgy



CHRISTMAS LITURGY

1. Rachael Constable and Benie Mombwana head girls welcome Fr. Pat O'Sullivan from Our Lady Queen of Peace, Janesboro.
2. Beautiful voice of Alannah O'Neill
3. Miss T Gaughan conducts the choir
4. Readers for the Prayers of the faithful
5. Soloist Rebecca Kiely
6. Soloist Chloe Heneger sings beautifully
7. Mrs Mary Shee reads the reflection
8. Mrs M Cummins giving her talk
9. A packed hall for the Christmas Liturgy

10. Santa and our mascot 'Pressie' having a word with Mrs Mary Ryan (Deputy Principal) and Mrs Mary Shee.
11. Santa asks if the students have been good or bad?
12. Soloists at the Christmas Liturgy.

Mrs M. Cummins in her speech said she loved Christmas and that her family were not allowed to open their presents until they had visited the graves of their grandparents and she recalled her own happy childhood. She remembered those families effected by the flooding on the River Shannon this year. She spoke of the McManus family who gave us a large part of their hearts in the scholarship funds. She thanked Fr. Pat O'Sullivan, the Religion Department, Miss C. O'Brien & Sr. Collette for their enlightening theme of love and for co-ordinating the beautiful ceremony. She concluded with wishing everyone "May your Christmas sparkle with contentment and love".

Dance through the Ages



1. Even the audience got in on the act
2. Dancing teachers Miss C Murphy and Miss C O'Reilly who have been training the girls for the last 10 weeks and who coordinated the show
3. Superstar Miss Tori Styles
4. Miss Jenkins, Miss O Ryan and Mr. Monaghan - showing us their moves.
5. Miss L Healy 'dancing queen' takes to the floor
6. Tilly Curtin and Megan O'Mahoney.
7. Mr. Cathal O'Sullivan & Miss Ceire O'Reilly (Ken & Barbie)
8. Dance Group which includes Ashleigh Holmes (Class Pearse), CHloe O'Flaherty (Class Pearse), Tilly Curtin (Class Clarke), Shannon Ryan (Class Clarke), Megan O'Mahoney (Class Yeats), Christel Nunan (Class Yeats), Tara Daly (Class Yeats), Lori Johnson (TY) & Leah Culhane Class Rossa).



5lca class who were the production team for the dance show



Also a massive thank you to the Slcas who carried out a fantastic task.