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# Coláiste Nano Nagle Newsletter



## **Principals Welcome**

Starting off in this new school year I would like to wish all students every success in the year ahead. A special welcome to welcome our new first year students who have settled in well now into life in secondary school. I am delighted to see so many involved in extra curricular activities and I look forward to seeing how these progress.

We welcome new staff members Niall Loftus, Sarah Nestor, Dara Reynolds and Ciara O'Connor to our school. We also welcome all the new students who have joined us throughout different year groups the school who have joined us from other schools.

I advise all students to involve yourselves fully in school life and participate in the many extra and co-curricular activities offered in the school. In particular I would like to congratulate all of you who represent the school in the many competitions and programmes which the school is involved in.

I would like to wish all exam classes the very best for the year ahead. Staying on task and putting in the hours of study will pay off in the end. There is life after Leaving Cert!

I would like to draw your attention to our new website at [www.colastenanonagle.ie](http://www.colastenanonagle.ie) and in particular to the regular Tweets and updates on school life. My thanks to Ceire O'Reilly for helping to revamp our website and I hope you all enjoy the new look. My thanks also to other staff members who regularly update our website with school news.

I hope all students and staff have a great year and I am looking forward to working with all of you throughout.

**Kind regards Marion Cummins**



## **CAREERS FAIR**



# Comhghairdeas (Congratulations)

## 575 points Leaving Cert 2015

### Anna Kern scaled new heights in Education at Coláiste Nano Nagle

Anna, a quiet, softly spoken Ukarian student secured 575 points in her Leaving Certificate 2015. She got A2 grades in honours Maths, German, Music, LCVP with A2 in Biology and Russian and a C2 in Honours English. **This outstanding result has secured a place for Anna in Physiotherapy in Royal College of Surgeons (RCSI) in Dublin.**

Anna choose Coláiste Nano Nagle when she came to Limerick because it offered German on the curriculum. She wishes to thank all her teachers who helped her so much and were inspirational in her achieving these grades.

Lyudmyla her mum who is studying Nursing at Central College Limerick (CCL) spoke of how difficult it was coming to Ireland with 3 small children in 2012. She spent some time in Dublin before coming to settle at Knockalisheen, Meelick, Co. Clare. Lyudmyla said "We are so thankful to the Irish Nation for Everything"

Anna Kern from NE Ukraine, normal childhood in a small town similar to Limerick with mum Lyudmyla, brother Andriy (14) and sister Olga (10). Anna kind, patient, caring, intelligent and hard working with family fled from War in 2013, arrived in Dublin to claim asylum. There a direct provisions centre organised their affairs and from there they moved to Limerick.

Anna inherited he intelligence from her mother and father along with a hard work ethic. She has a life long interest in music. She plays piano, saxophone and clarinet.

Anna is currently staying in Blackrock, Dublin with a host family and is very excited about her studies.

Anna wishes to thank Mrs Marion Cummins for her extraordinary kindness in recent months, for her advice and mentoring and for listening to her. We wish Anna the very best in her studies. We at Coláiste Nano Nagle are very proud of her.



*Mrs. Marion Cummins with Anna Kern from Ukraine*

***Congratulations to all Junior and Leaving Certificate students 2015 who done so well in their exams, we wish you all the very best in the future.***

***Morning Prayer  
Lights up our days and makes us  
humble in our blessings  
Thank you Ms. O'Brien & Sr. Colette.***



***We acknowledge the great work of Ms. C. O'Reilly, Mrs. C. Murphy & Mr. C. O'Sullivan & Mr. J. Daly as they devote time and energy to extra-curricular activities.***

# Comhghairdeas

## Help your Teenager Work it Out

Focus on helping parents deal with Mental Health



**Parents' Room**  
**CBS Secondary School**  
**Tuesdays**  
**Starts 29<sup>th</sup> September**  
**10.30am**

Contact Orla Finucane 087 6682151  
 Or Triona Murray 085 1573302



## Parents Classes Sexton St Schools

Day & Time	Class	Starting	Venue
Tuesday (10.30 - 12.30)	<b>Help Your Teenager Work it Out</b> Focus on helping parents deal with Teenage Mental Health	29 <sup>th</sup> September	CBS Secondary (HSCL Room)
Tuesday (9.30 - 11.30)	<b>Time For Me</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> October	Coláiste Nano Nagle (Parents Room)
Wednesday (7.00 - 9.00pm)	<b>Fly-Tying</b> Fishing related class	4 <sup>th</sup> November	CBS Secondary (HSCL Room)
Wednesday (11.30am - 1.00pm)	<b>Gaeilge</b> Conversational Irish	23 <sup>rd</sup> September	CBS Primary (Edmund Rice Room)
Wednesday (10.00 - 11.30)	<b>Computers</b> (FETAC Level 2)	30 <sup>th</sup> September	CBS Primary (Computer Room)
Thursday (9.00 - 11.00am)	<b>Cookery</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> October	Coláiste Nano Nagle (Cookery Room)
Friday (10.00 - 11.30)	<b>Sewing and Crafts</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> September	Coláiste Nano Nagle (Parents Room)
Friday (10.00 - 11.15)	<b>Pilates</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> September	CBS Primary (Edmund Rice Room)
Friday (9.00am - 11.00am)	<b>Story Sacks</b> A fun class for parents to make a sack that contains a storybook & activities so you can enjoy reading with your child	9 <sup>th</sup> October	Presentation Primary (Parents Room)

Contact the HSCL Co-ordinators for more information:  
 Triona Murray 087 157 3302



**Sixth year Ag science students harvesting their first potato crop**



## Forensic Show



# Trip to Lahinch



*TY students prior to their 'egg mission impossible' which they completed with Ms Madigan in Science in Action. The students had to come up with creative ways to ensure their eggs didn't break after dropping them from a height in their teams.*

# Visit to Thomond Park



# Trip to India + Basketball



Mr Neil Carmody, Ms Michelle Ryan and Ms Therese Gaughan spent a number of weeks in West Bengal in India in the Summer. They travelled there to continue our school's partnership with two Loreto schools, one in Kolkata, the other in Panighatta ( northern tea plantation district). We saw during our visit how the Indian students are busily preparing Development Education projects to send back to us. Three of their Indian teachers will arrive here in late October, just in time for Intercultural Day! We eagerly await their arrival; meantime we too are busy on our "Girl Power Across the Globe Projects"!



## **BASKETBALL**

Basketball has resumed this year once again, under the tuition of Ms. Murphy, Ms. Begley and Mr. O'Sullivan, after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are hoping for another successful year and that all girls really enjoy the year ahead.

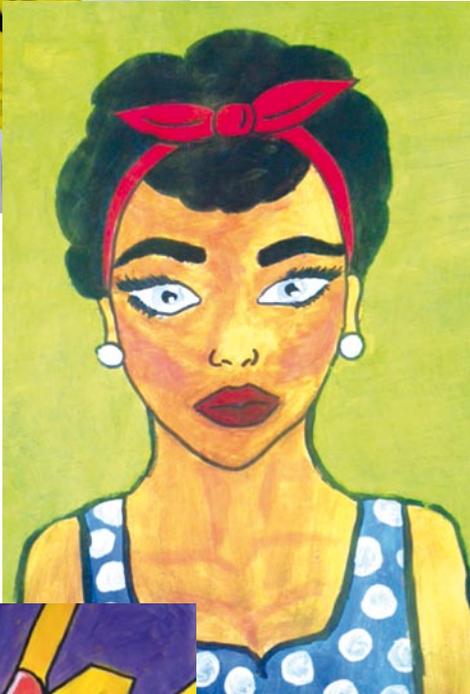
Soccer has reemerged in Coláiste Nano Nagle this year under the guidance of Mr. Loftus. Both Mr. Loftus and girls will no doubt have a fun filled and successful year.

Dance club under the stewardship of dance supremos Ms. Murphy and Ms O'Reilly takes place during lunch times on Wednesday. We have no doubt budding dancers will learn lots of interesting dance routines from our excellent dance teachers.

Horse riding with Mr. Daly takes place after school on Mondays at Clonshire Equestrian Centre, Adare.

***All extra curricular activities are open to all girls and new comers are very welcome.***

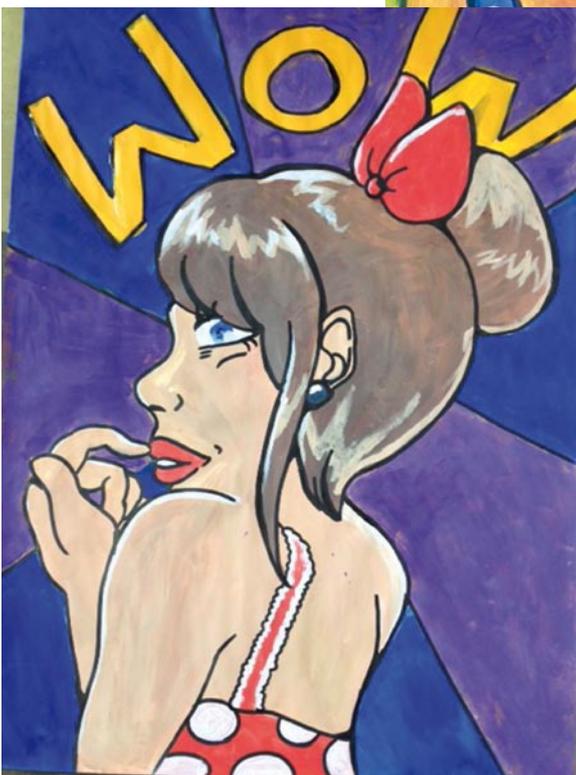
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## ART DEPARTMENT

The art department is busy creating designs for the annual doodle4google competition. This years theme is 'Ireland is.....'. Students are redesigning the Google logo with imagery which depicts 'patriotism' and a 'national identity'. The main prize is a €5000 scholarship. The senior art students are currently working on pop art self portraits.

Our Thanks to Sarah Nestor Art Teacher for her guidance and inspiration.





## School Mass 17ú Meán Fomhar, 2015

Theme - Bricks - each brick represents each class.

**Fr. Chris O'Donnell's Gospel message was on Hidden Talents**

- **Brick of Co-operation** - How one can be happy if other are sad, be people who care, who co-operate.
- **Brick of Communications** - Our words can hurt or heal, whatever you are going through talk about it. The best thing we should do is listen. One is borrowing on their strength.
- **Brick of Sharing** - One does not have to be rich, give love, give life, give joy, give a hand. Love is one thing we cannot give enough of or get enough of.

*"If you want to go far - go together*

*The happiest people are those who give more"*

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| 1. Ms. C O'Brien and Fr. Chris O'Donnell  | 3. Fr. Chris O'Donnell                      | 7. Bricks - representing the classes |
| 2. Therese Gaughan, Music Teacher who conducted the Choir and is such an inspiration musically. | 4. Mr. Neil Loftus, Career Guidance Teacher | 8. Sophie Griffin & Alannah O'Neill  |
|   | 5. Laura Moloney & Amy Ryan Quinlivan       | 9. Mrs. Marion Cummins, Principal    |
|   | 6. Sr. Colette Hourigan, School Chaplin     |                                      |

## Mrs. Marion Cummins - Spoke with the following points

- Welcome to the students and new staff.
- Listen to your teachers, they will guide you.
- I hope you are critical thinkers.
- I hope you solve problems.
- I hope you are inquisitive learners.
- Find out for yourself.
- I hope your standards of writing are the highest they can be.
- Be careful what you post on Social Media.
- Get Involved in activities after school.
- I hope you have a happy and productive year ahead.