



Coláiste Eoin 2017 NEWSLETTER



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Dear parents, guardians and students,

Well we reach the end of another hectic academic year and where has the year gone? We have very anxious students preparing for their Junior and Leaving Cert examinations and we wish them every success in their exams and their future careers. They have worked hard with their teachers and now they face the tough challenge of the exam. Well done to all our parents for supporting them through this journey, it's tough and it wouldn't happen without you. Stick with them over the next few weeks they will need you even more now to encourage and support them .

The year brought many highlights not least the return of the Young Americans, the arrival of The Rising Tide project of which we became the pilot school. The return of The Battle of the bands and birth of our TY Business Bootcamp. We excelled again with our 2017 RAP and won the National media award, a fantastic win for the school and the students. All extracurricular activities that opened up the minds of the students in Coláiste Eoin offering new opportunities and introducing possible career paths for students. We also opened the first CoderDojo in Finglas in Coláiste Eoin thanks to the support of a past pupil John Purdy who is championing CoderDojo. This is an incredible opportunity for the school and gives your children the opportunity to explore the digital world in a way we could only dream of before. We opened The eBay funded Study Hub and our Scholarship Programme was finally launched this year with the support of The Rising Tide. We are so proud of the 38 scholarship students who have taken up the scholarship challenge. The scholarship we believe will support students as they prepare for the world of work. We are on our way to becoming a Mindful school with mindfulness being introduced into

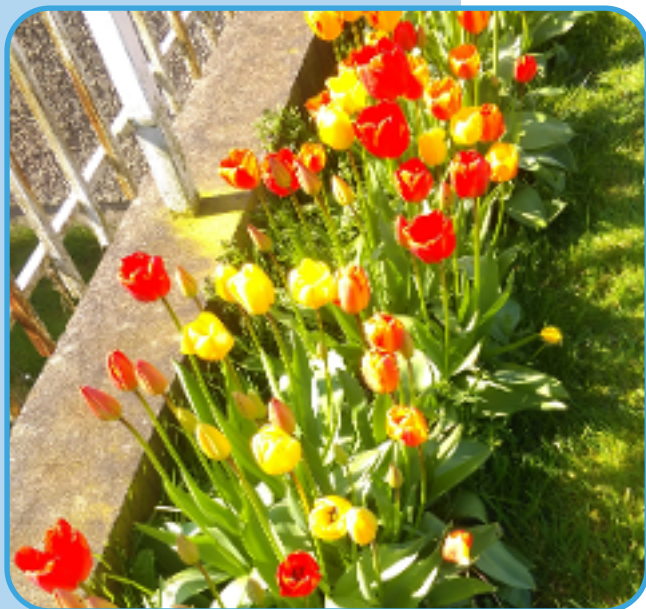
the school. The Coláiste Eoin parents group continues to grow from strength to strength and we want more and more parents to become active members of the Coláiste Eoin Community. We need your support and your involvement with the school to help to make Coláiste Eoin the best school in Finglas.

Have a safe and a happy summer holiday, mind yourself and your families and we look forward to welcoming you back again to Coláiste Eoin in August. Remember we are in school over the summer holidays so feel free to call in anytime if you want to discuss anything. Follow us on Facebook and keep abreast of all that is happening. Happy Holidays...

Warmest regards

Paula O' Brien

Principal



Library News

There have been so many activities organised by our hardworking JCSP Librarian, Teresa, that we couldn't fit them all into the newsletter! Among some of the events were: Chess Tournaments, Engineers' Week, Dice Tournament, Make a Book Project, Theatre Trips, visits from Storyteller - Niall de Burca, Caife Ghaeilge, ECO-Unesco Workshop, Writer in Residence - Kevin McDermott, to name but a few! Teresa has worked tirelessly to provide a fantastic space for the school and many thanks to her from everyone for her great dedication to ensuring our JCSP library is one of the best!



Dogs Trust visit from Linda Martin

On Friday, 10th March 2017, Linda Martin visited Coláiste Eoin with her three beautiful rescue dogs, Ambrose, Trigger and Rambo.

She spoke passionately to a group of attentive 2nd year students who are undertaking a project entitled Care of the Animal as part of their Junior Certificate Examination.

From the moment of her arrival, the excitement and engagement from staff, students and dogs was palpable. She avidly spoke about her work for Dogs Aid and highlighted the importance of animal welfare.

Ms. Martin has very kindly offered to visit Coláiste Eoin again. To show our appreciation, students and staff shall partake in a day of fundraising in the near future with all proceeds going to Dogs Aid.



CE Parents' Group - Get Involved!

Our parents' group is very active and activities are held on a regular basis, organised by our brilliant Home School Community Liaison Teacher (HSCL), Aileen. This year's activities culminated in a day out in Dublin - starting off with the Viking Splash Tour and ending up in the Shelbourne Hotel for afternoon tea.

Other events throughout the year have included tours and pamper mornings in the school.

To get involved, please contact the school - all the contacts are at the back of the newsletter.



MUSIC MATTERS



Battle of the Bands

The Battle of the Bands started in 2016 as a response to the great success the school had with

Coláiste Eoin Rappers making several appearances on RTE music Shows, and being shortlisted for Song for Ireland to commemorate the 1916 Rising. The school was shortlisted from 200 schools that entered the competition, and indicated a wealth of talent for the stage among Coláiste Eoin students.

This year's competition saw Spin 103 FM at Coláiste Eoin for the afternoon, interviewing the acts, giving away €100 worth of cinema tickets to the best supporters on the night.



A new addition to the judging panel this year was Liam O'Maonlaí of HotHouse Flowers fame. From over 22 schools who applied to take part, Coláiste Dhulaigh, Coolock, St Michael's Holy Faith Finglas, St Mary's Cabra, St Aidan's Glasnevin, Manor House Raheny, Coláiste Eoin Finglas, St Mary's Holy Faith Glasnevin were shortlisted to appear on the



night. Every genre of musics, from Rock to Rap competed for the prestigious first place.

This competition, in its second year, is already attracting entries from across the city for next years event and will require elimination heats to filter out the best acts to take part. X Factor anyone ?



CE Rappers

We competed against 700 entries in the Drugs.ie Awards and **WE WON!** We received two awards in the Clocktower Centre in the Department of Education. The categories ranged from 12-14 years up to 20-25 year olds and today we won both major awards. The first win was for AUDIO 12-14 year category. For this we received a mini iPad. We were also awarded the overall National Prize for 2017. The overall winning prize was €2000 and a crystal trophy.

We wrote and recorded *Take off your Mask* and sent a loud and clear message out to young people everywhere to avoid drugs. Our rapper friend Garry McCarthy (@GMCBeats) spent a day over the midterm with the Coláiste Eoin rappers to help plan and record the anti-drugs rap. We are so incredibly proud of all the performers and the writers. Hard work really does pay off! Thanks to Helena and the School Completion Team for their support and commitment. Thanks to Richie from the Finglas Cabra Drugs Squad for encouraging us.



THE RISING TIDE

The Rising Tide team was delighted to be welcomed into Coláiste Eoin by staff and students this year! We are overwhelmed by the talent and determination of the students that we have had the pleasure to work with. This year we have run several programmes which have been really successful.



One of our main aims this year was to establish The Rising Tide Scholarship. All students who applied had to attend an interview with Mr Deery, Ms Uzell and some of the Rising Tide team. We are delighted to have 28 fantastic scholarship students this year and hope to have some new faces from first year applying for next year.

As part of the scholarship the students have special access to the Study Hub. They have also taken part in life coaching sessions and trips. There is a lot planned for our scholarship students for next year so watch this space!

Thank you to all the staff and students who have helped make our first year such a success.



The Rising Tide Team

CoderDojo

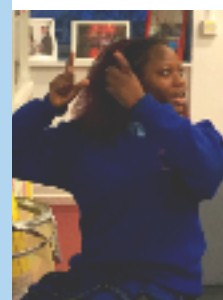
CoderDojo took place this year every Tuesday in the Study Hub after school. We were delighted to welcome Noel and other volunteers from a local IT firm, Ergo. They helped students from both Coláiste Eoin and other schools in the locality to discover how coding works to build all the websites and apps we use every day.



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This year, we learned everything from the basics of coding through Scratch, to the building blocks of websites - html, and CSS. Even developing Android apps which we were able to try out on our phones!



Business Bootcamp

Entrepreneurship is promoted and celebrated in Coláiste Eoin through the new Business Bootcamp Programme. Our Transition Years worked collaboratively with other local schools to partake in a Dragon's Den style competition. Congratulations to the final winners, A-Z Ltd. and thanks to Ms. Finn, Mr. Gaffney, and Mr. McGinn.





Chef Adrian visits Coláiste Eoin for Celebrity Chef Initiative



Chef Adrian, a young chef from Cavan, came to join us in Coláiste Eoin on the 24th of April 2017. Chef Adrian cooked with all the home economics students in 1st, 2nd and 3rd year as part of the *JCSP Celebrity Chef Initiative*. We made some healthy spice bags and a quick-and-easy pizza.



We really enjoyed the experience as we got to cook under the guidance of a qualified celebrity chef. Chef Adrian often makes appearances on the *Six O' Clock*

Show on TV3. He also has a new programme starting on RTE Player called *Adrian Eats Ireland*. Adrian is also bringing out a cookery book filled with healthy takeaway alternatives.

Adrian spoke to us about his training to become a chef telling us he began by peeling spuds at the age of

14! He worked his way up to peeling other vegetables before moving onto the other areas in the kitchen. Adrian then began training as a commis chef making

his way up to sous chef. Adrian trained with Neven Maguire for 6 years before moving onto working in Michelin star restaurant *Bon Appetit* in Malahide.



Adrian then branched out to working with RTE, TV3 and visiting schools. He now describes himself as a media chef.

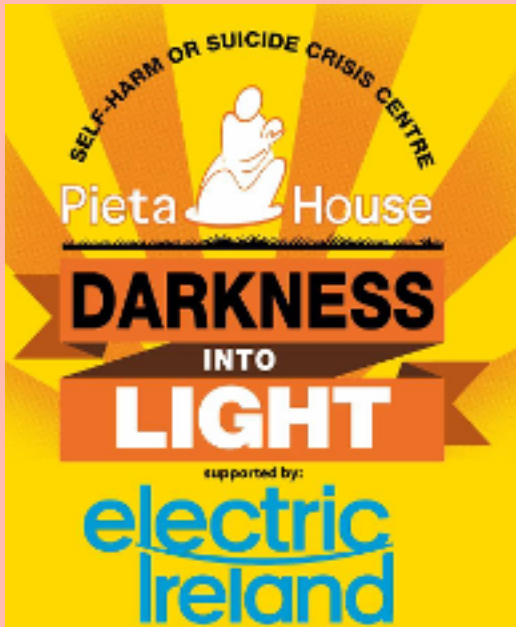
We really enjoyed his visit, getting to cook with him and listening to his cooking advice. We would love to welcome him back to Coláiste Eoin again if we get the opportunity in the future.

Lucan Baking Academy (TYs and 5th Years)

On the 16th December, TY and 5th year home economics students from

Coláiste Eoin visited the Baking Academy in Lucan. Here, qualified baker Derek, explained to us the scientific principles behind yeast bread making. Derek shared with us a brief history of his qualification and his work as a lecturer in DIT. He also shared with us his experience working as a breadmaker in Germany. Derek demonstrated for us how to make plaited yeast bread before allowing us to make our own. As the bread was baking Aoife showed us how to decorate cupcakes with buttercream icing using various piping methods. As our bread baked in the oven we got to decorate 6 of our own cupcakes whatever way we liked. Once the cupcakes were decorated the room was smelling beautifully of freshly baked bread. We left the Baking Academy very happy people with some beautifully baked plaited bread and delightfully decorated cupcakes. The bread was so nice some students are still talking about it today!!!





Students, parents teachers and SNAs arrived promptly at 3am outside the



school in freezing temperatures. Thanks to Ms Grier, Ms Murphy, Ms Shelly, Ms Finn and Mr Ryan for accompanying the students on the walk in aid of Pieta House. It was a fantastic night. We gathered and donned our t-shirts in Ringsend GAA Club and the carnival began. We're so proud of the 19 students who braved the elements and left their beds so early for such a great cause. Thanks also to the teachers and SNAs who give up their time so generously to allow our students to experience these wonderful opportunities.



SKY SPORTS LIVING FOR SPORT



On Tuesday, 2nd of May, Padraic, Aoife and Lee visited us here at

Coláiste Eoin for the induction day of the Sky Sports Living For Sport initiative with our 1st year students. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day with fantastic participation by each student who fully engaged with all activities.



Major Success at SCC Sports Day

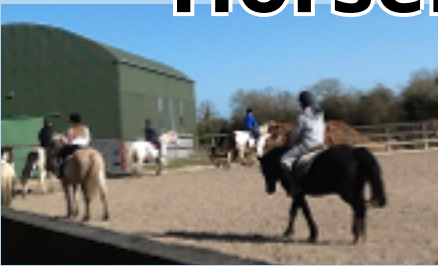


The 2016-17 end-of-year SCC sports day took place on Friday 13th May. We completed against the top athletes in the 9 CDETB schools. Students had an absolute ball. Our teachers also took part! There was unbelievable passion and great loyalty to Coláiste Eoin from everyone. The rain stayed off until the end and we had some incredible wins.



Horseriding Club

Our pony club meets every Wednesday after school. Students learn how to "jockey" horses and how to look after their animals properly. A big hay to all its members!





Bohs Match Night

22 of our students supported local team, Bohemians in Dalymount Park on a cold Friday evening on the last day of March. Everyone had a great night and even got some pictures with the team afterwards.



TY Boxing Stars

The Sporting Association runs a 12 week boxing programme for Transition year students. This year the Coláiste Eoin group was led by Oisín Fagan. Oisín worked with all the TY students for 6 weeks in Coláiste Eoin. He then selected a number of students who are interested in boxing to train in the National Stadium. This year 3 students, Jordan, Christopher and Sean trained with other TY students from schools around Dublin. They also participated in a boxing tournament at the end of their training. This programme greatly boosts the students' confidence, teaches discipline, improves fitness levels and improves both social skills and respectful interaction with their mentors and each other.



Coláiste Eoin Sports

Our students have been great ambassadors lately and represented the school with flying colours at recent tournaments and sporting events. Well done to all! Here is a selection of some of the different sports and events that our students took part in this school year.





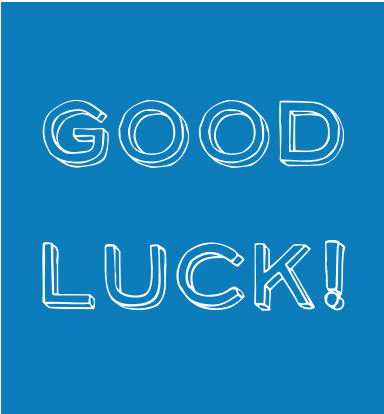
Bright Futures Ahead for the Class of 2017

Congratulations to our fantastic 6th years who graduated from Coláiste Eoin on Wednesday, 24th May, at a ceremony held at the school. We are all very proud of you and all that you are sure to achieve in the years ahead.



Silver Gaisce Medal for Gareth

Congratulations to Gareth in LCA on his fantastic achievement. Gareth received his Silver Gaisce Award at the graduation ceremony recently.



To all our wonderful students sitting their Junior Certificate, Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied exams in June. You deserve the very best and your hard work during the year will pay off.



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