



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I'm delighted to introduce the final Newsletter for this academic year. We have had an action packed year with so many students involved in school activities, sports and extra-curricular activities, various competitions and trips. I want to thank all the teaching staff, SNA's, administrative and maintenance staff and all our support services for making the past year such a successful one.

We had a wonderful awards ceremony on 26th May where we recognised the students' academic and extra-curricular achievements. Congratulations to all the award winners. This was followed by the Leaving Certificate graduation and we wish all the students in Cusack and Hogan classes every success in their exams and future careers.

The events of the last week of term were very emotional for me as I will be retiring in August. I have enjoyed a long career in Coláiste Eoin and feel privileged to have met and worked with outstanding students, parents and colleagues during my time here. I want to thank all the students, parents and staff for the phenomenal tributes and presentations I received. I am overwhelmed by all the kind words and gestures. Coláiste Eoin has a special place in my heart and I am very sad to be leaving but I have an abundance of memories and mementoes which I will always treasure.

Ms B Hand, Principal

GOODBYE MS. HAND

To Our Principal Ms Bernadette Hand.

We hope you are truly proud of all that you have contributed to all your students over the last 38 years. You have made a positive difference to the quality of student life and the success of multiple generations of students at Coláiste Eoin.

We can think of no other person who has touched more lives in ways that have impacted their futures than you. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your leadership, support and mentoring over your time here.

You have served and helped so many achieve so much, for this we thank you. We wish you every happiness on your well earned retirement. From the students of Coláiste Eoin past and present.

Goodbye Ms. Hand

PERPETUAL TROPHY

As senior cycle student of the year 2014, Jade Lynch presented Ms Hand with the Bernie Hand perpetual trophy which will be awarded

to the senior cycle student of the year from 2015. This trophy is in recognition for Ms Hand's dedication and service to the many students she has taught in Coláiste Eoin over her time here.



6TH YEAR GRADUATION CLASS OF 2014



PARENTS' COUNCIL

At the awards ceremony a special presentation was made to two parents, Joan Smart and Joan Lyons, who have been involved in the Parents Council for several years.

The school thanked them for their ongoing support during their children's time in school.



Enrolling now for September 2014

LIBRARY NEWS

What a year we have had in Coláiste Eoin's JCSP library! It all started again in August with the return of our students from their summer break, along with the arrival of our new first years Cairde. The year began with the students diving back into library life by taking part in the Accelerated Reader programme which runs all year long. Nearly 6 million words were read this year in the library by the students. The exact total is 5,804,109. The class that read the most however were 2 Kells with a score of 2,887,703 words. Well done Kells, you have done us proud!

Other initiatives that took place were Readalong initiatives, Drop Everything and Read, debating and Word of the Week to name a few. We have had chess club, homework club, girls club, morning club and even a staff book-club all happening in the library.

We have had familiar faces back again to entertain and educate us. Caolan McBride amazed us all in September with his numeracy based magic show. Niall de Burca, the world famous storyteller, visited us in December and all the students were enthralled with his tales of skulls, graveyards and Tír na nÓg. Who knows what he'll have in store for us next year guys!

Our poet in residence Colm Keegan visited us many times throughout the year to work with the students on creative writing and thinking outside the box. In October we had six of these budding poets performing in the National Library at the Wrapparound Wrap. This will be a yearly event for our students, and a great excuse to keep writing.

In February we had well known Dublin artist Donal Casey working in the library on the Make a Book project with our 2nd years. The class wrote an amazing short story, and Donal helped them to illustrate it with artwork of their own. This book was then exhibited at the JCSP Make a Book event in Dublin Civic Offices on Wood Quay in March. This is another great success for Coláiste Eoin. Next year we plan to work further on this writing project so keep a look out for our title "The 16 Steps".

We have celebrated reading and creativity all year long, we have had many parties but also worked very hard. The students have achieved so much this year in their library work, and next year we will push on and achieve even more.



COME BAKE WITH US TAKE 2

Due to the success of the first Come Bake With Us, students and parents enthusiastically took part in a second Come Bake With Us. Again the kitchen was filled with the delicious aromas of cooking and baking. Students prepared a delicious lunch for their parents and teachers.



2 KELLS GEOGRAPHY TRIP

It was an 8 am start from the school when the Kells Geography class headed off to the Arigna mines in County Roscommon. On arrival they looked around the exhibition centre, observed the different types of tools and equipment used while working in the mine and watched a short DVD showing original mining footage.

They then had the tour of the mine. Their tour guide, Seamus, who had worked in the mine, which made for a very interesting tour. He spoke all about his life working there, answering questions and telling us tales from his mining days. The dark, wet and cramped conditions the miners worked in everyday is hard to imagine. Both students and teachers really enjoyed the tour.

After a lovely lunch in the Arigna café, they headed to Lough Key Forest Park for some fun, zip lining. They had so much fun; from climbing poles

and walls, swinging into cargo nets, balancing on a rope bridge and hurtling down a zipwire. It was amazing, our hearts were in our mouths. It was an exhausting but fantastic day, some students even said it was the best day of their lives.



CEVA - BUSINESS IN THE COMMUNITY

Coláiste Eoin has recently been partnered with CEVA Logistics through the programme, "Business in the Community". 5 O'Connell are the first students from the school to visit the company and we hope that the link we have formed will last many years.

CEVA specialises in the transportation of goods, globally. Pennys are one of their main customers. They are also responsible for the safe transportation and delivery of vital medical supplies and specialised medical equipment which help save Irish lives on a daily basis.

The General Manager and the Human Resource Manager were there to show the students around the facility. The photos show our students in the huge warehouse and offices of CEVA.



FIRST YEAR BLESSINGTON TRIP

A great day was had by all the first years out on the picturesque Blessington Lakes in Co. Wicklow. They had the opportunity to learn new skills and have a go at canoeing and kayaking. Thankfully the weather held up and those that got wet did so by their own misfortune as opposed to the usual Irish downpours!!

The class displayed excellent team spirit and a number of our students should go very far in the area of water sports. We all arrived home safe, sound, happy and thoroughly exhausted!



COLÁISTE EOIN SPORTS CORNER

Well done to all the students who competed and represented the school so well this year at the annual CDETb athletics day in Santry Stadium. Congratulations to all the medal winners.

Harry Pike: Gold - Long Jump

Ryan Collins: Silver - Shot Putt

Kieran Collins: Bronze - 1500m

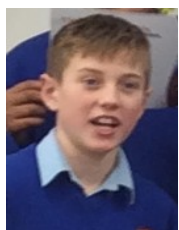
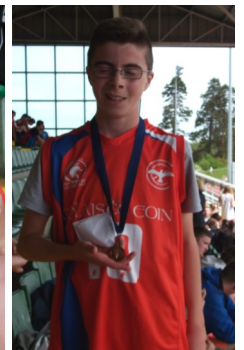
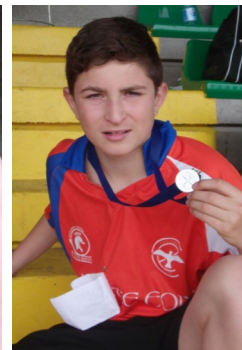
Special credit goes to those who narrowly missed out, placing 4th:

1st Year boys - Minor Relay

Nathan Kiernan - CBT

Josh Byrne - 400m

Stuart Martin - Javelin



Congratulations to the winners of the Sports Stars of the Year: Junior winners Anita McArdle and Kieran Collins.

Senior winners Megan Kavanagh and Jordan Lyons.



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