



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



I'm delighted to introduce the first newsletter for this academic year, my first year as Principal of Coláiste Eoin. This year started really well for me with the welcoming of our fantastic first year class. A wonderful group of

first year students who have settled really well, they are all actively involved in school life at this point.

This was quickly followed by the very successful Junior Certificate results achieved by all our students. We celebrated this on the day with their parents and guardians and it was wonderful to see them all so happy with their results.

Congratulations to all and well done to

the teachers who work so hard to support and prepare students.

Another exciting success for Coláiste Eoin is the direct link with Coláiste IDE. This link means that all our students successfully entered College this year. This is a fantastic link for our school and one that only Coláiste Eoin can offer. This means all our students will be in position to go to college.

Our plans for the year are to bring as many new learning opportunities to your children that will include a fantastic show where the Young Americans will perform with our students in February. This will be a very special event and. I hope that you will all keep the 5th February free for the big night. I look forward to meeting you all over the next few weeks.

*Paula O'Brien*

### WELCOME TO NEW 1ST YEARS



At the beginning of this new school year we welcomed our new first years, 1 Dúilis. They are well settled in now and are getting involved in all aspects of school life.

### HOMEWORK CLUB

The afterschool homework club is on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 3.45 to 5.45. The students do one hour of homework or extra work in the library, they then have a short break during which food is provided.

After their break they can take part in various activities including baking club, computer coding club, basketball training, fly fishing lessons and a film club.



## STUDENT'S CHARMED BY DAVE'S JUNGLE



We had Dave's Jungle back for the day on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> September. As usual it was a huge hit with students and staff alike. Each class group got a session with Dave, they got to interact with the reptiles and arachnids and got to hold snakes, lizards, spiders, scorpions and even a crocodile.

The students learned about the habitats of these creatures, and how they hunt and reproduce.

They got an insightful look into how the world may appear to them, how their senses differ from ours and how their body's work. Students were able to observe demonstrations of animals being fed, the extending fangs of a tarantula, a scorpion glowing under UV light and much more. Many students also got the opportunity to overcome irrational fears they may have as they got to touch and hold the animals. St Kevin's primary school was invited to this event and had their own session with Dave and the animals. A group of twenty-two 4<sup>th</sup> class students were catered for by the library with this initiative.



## TRANSITION YEAR CARLINGFORD TRIP

The TY class, 4 Realtí, went on an overnight trip to Carlingford Adventure Centre in County Louth. The students took part in a variety of adventure sports and team building exercises. Over the course of the two day trip the students got the chance to have a go at raft building, pier jumping, kayaking, laser tag, a blind fold night walk and rope climbing. All the students had a great time which was helped by the good weather.



### 3 KELLS VISIT THE LOCAL GARDA STATION

A recent open day event was held in Finglas Garda Station. Class 3 Kells were given a guided tour on the day and had the chance to see all around the station. They saw inside a holding cell and got to see and try out riot gear. Luckily at the end of the tour all the students and teachers were free to leave and return to school!



### EXAM RESULTS

Congratulations and well done to all our 2014 Leaving and Junior Certificate exam students. Pictured are some of the students who received their junior Cert results in September and are now in Transition Year.



### DCC COMMUNITY SPORTS DAY



1 Dílis took part in a local community sports day run by Dublin City Council. It took place in Tolka Valley Park. Most first year class from schools in the area took part. The students from Coláiste Eoin looked fantastic in the school tracksuit. We had a great day and discovered many of our new first year students have great sporting potential and we look forward to see them taking part in our many school teams.

### UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS

Two days of orienteering, remember how well we did last year? We were the best! 1st year boys soccer, boldering, cross country and badminton. Check out the sports calendar with dates of upcoming events on the notice board to sign up.