

COLÁISTE NA MÍ NEWSLETTER



Welcome to our first edition of volume 2 of the Coláiste na Mí's Newsletter for the academic year 2022-23. We hope you enjoy the several stories from term 1 which shines a light on a significant milestone as the school is now open for the tenth year, a decade of CNM. Keep up to date with events on the school's social media pages, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube & TikTok.

As the doors reopened for the new academic year ahead, staff and students noticed expectation boards installed around the whole school, featured right.

The first year taster program took place with all students now having chosen their optional subjects. Extra-Curricular Activities was renewed for the year ahead, providing all students the opportunity to get involved and develop skills. New clubs and societies are now on offer such as the first ever equestrian club, comic book club, film club and Maths club. TY students adventured to Lillyput Adventure Center, for a day trip filled with bog jumping, wall climb, paddle boarding for a bonding trip. TY Enterprise students were delighted to be invited to St. Patrick's Classical School to help launch the national enterprise competition, above, with Damien English and Iníon Corcoran. Student Leadership elections took place and positions filled by students who demonstrated areas of excellence in student voice. Cinnirí Sinsir 2022-23 members are actively contributing really well around school.



A new House Band, featured below, was set up and guided by Iníon Clarke with members ranging in musical talents. They aim to perform on occasions and events throughout the calendar year.



Evening Study commenced on 19th of September with Máistir Lanigan, while a very successful Opening Evening was held as September concluded. For World Teachers' Day the 5th October, staff rooms were filled with delicious sweet treats from Meath TUI as a token of appreciation to our teachers. Following the success of last year, 3rd years were treated to another Movie Night to celebrate all their efforts shown in CBAs, practical projects and exams. Arts Week showcased creative activities in Music, Photography, Drama and Art. Creative written work by TY students flooded in to Iníon Brady for the development of the interesting pages in this years Yearbook. Excellent effort and amazing artworks submitted into the Halloween Art Competition by a range of talented young artists across all year groups.



The 6th September was a special day for us with the official sod turning of Phase Two for the development of the new school building. In other areas of projects and progress, congratulations Rang Dowling on receiving their year 1 LCA results. In celebration style, Coláiste na Mí extends a well done to the class of 2022 who also received results in the Leaving Certificate. Congratulations all.



As it was Máistir Carr's last ever Halloween fancy dress in Coláiste na Mí, staff made it one to remember as they joined forces in dressing up with a famous iconic Carr costume that gave students a great giggle. Students were not to be outdone and really got creative and inventive with their dress up ideas, some even made their own props with Iníon McDonogh in the Junior Art Club.



Well done to our U16 ladies Gaelic team, featured here below, who after a regroup and reflect huddle came back to have a great win in very windy conditions against Coláiste na hInse. The girls have worked tirelessly and were absolutely delighted to get their very first win in a Coláiste na Mí jersey. Second year boys GAA football team, below right, coached by Máistir Halpin with the great assistance of both TY students Sean O'C and Conor E, claimed victory over Gormanstown College with final score 8-22 to 0-1, on the 18th of October in Walterstown GFC. Encouraging and motivating pre game pep talks from their biggest fan, Máistir Carr, can often be heard around the corridors of campus as the last bag is loaded on to the bus.



A final farewell to principal Máistir Carr from the whole student body and staff on his retirement. The day started off with a final address to students in a Junior and Senior assembly followed by the echoing of applause during the wonderful guard of honour as he walked through the campus into a filled tionól where colleagues of past and present, alongside some of his supportive family and fabulous friends awaited his arrival. Iníon O'Hart opened the ceremony with



beautiful words while Máistir McCarthy delivered a heart-warming speech. There was no dry eye in the room on this monumental occasion. Máistir Carr truly received a great send off with all students doing themselves proud. We wish him the very best of luck and shall always cheer him on just like he did for all of us, as he is appointed Manager of the Donegal Senior Gaelic Team. A warm Coláiste na Mí welcome to our new principal Iníon Kearns, right, who greeted students and staff back to school after the October mid term break. The whole school community look forward to working with her over the years ahead and wish her every success in this role.



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A historic day for Coláiste na Mí in the field of sports was achieved as 3 teams set out and arrived home with 3 wins. Congratulations to our U17 boys soccer team, below left, on their 3-2 win. Goals from Conor H & Carlos V put us to the fore before the home side equalised with 15 mins to go. A late goal from Carlos secured the win and passage through to the Quarter-Final stage. Our U15 boys soccer team, below center, were victorious in their 4-3 game showcasing what was described as a fantastic team performance, with Isaac I kicking his 2nd hattrick in as many games & Matthew B scoring a brilliant solo goal. Good luck to this team as they advance to the North East quarter finals. Máistir Murtagh stood a proud teacher and coach as his fantastic First Year Boys soccer team, below right, had an outstanding win and made it two wins from two in a 3-0 win. Goals scored by Leon B x2 & Shaheen M. Well done on this remarkable, amazing achievement.



During **Stand Up Awareness Week 2022**, Iníon O'Brien organised activities for students and staff to stand together to support the theme. Everyone is welcome, accepted, celebrated, encouraged, respected and loved here in our school. Artworks created by Iníon Brady's students are displayed in the corridors as inspiration and reminders to be kind, allowing everyone to be the best version they can be.

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There was great excitement as envelopes opened on **Junior Cycle results** day. Well done all. For the month of November a remembrance tree stood in our tionól, everyone was invited to place a leaf on the tree in memory of someone who has passed away.

Congratulations all in **student of the month awards**. A range of photos can be viewed on the school website of students with their certs. **Junior Choir** continues to sound super

The much anticipated **Science week** delivered lunchtime demonstrations by Iníon Richardson and helpful TY students, featured here, excited about experimenting with electricity using the van de graaff generator.



In other successes outside of the classroom, there was heat brewing from 3rd year student Lara's dancing shoes as she was crowned 3rd in the U15's Dublin Regional Championships of **Irish Dancing**. Well done Lara. **Congratulations** to Máistir Horan who ran the Dublin City Marathon. Meanwhile, Iníon Brady won bronze at the Dressage Ireland National Championships 2022. Amazing achievements happening by both our staff and students.



Iníon Clinton organised another fantastic and informative day during **college awareness week** for our senior cycle students. A trip to Maynooth provided 5th and 6th year students the opportunity to gather an insight into the courses available. There was also a variety of workshops on around school. Keeping on the topic of life after school, former student Joey O'Sullivan released his debut single 'Sunshine'. Joey was the overall winner of **CNM's Got Talent 2019- 20**. The song is written and performed by the young musician which can be heard on Spotify.



Well done to **Rang Gillic** on their very successful bake sale which each student prepared a batch of cookies for sale that sold out in seconds. Staying with sweet treats, a congratulations to all that entered "**The Great CNM Bake Off**". A tasty array made for a tough judging competition by Iníon Buchanan. Well done to all staff and students who took part in the **Team Hope Shoebox** appeal, a truly wonderful cause. The boxes will make some children very happy on Christmas morning.



As **Christmas Jumper Day** concludes the term, Coláiste na Mí would like to take this opportunity to wish all our staff, students and their families a safe, healthy and restful Christmas holiday. We look forward to seeing you back in the classroom and making more memories in the New Year. *Nóiláig sionna ailiantáin*