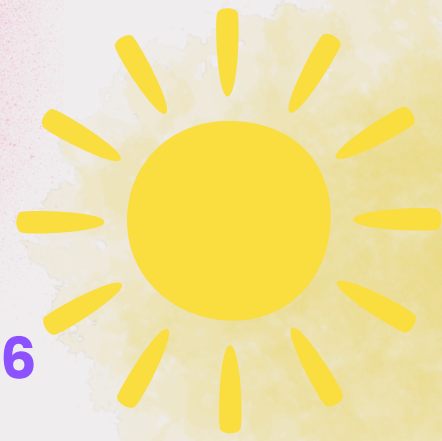


# 3rd Year Newsletter



May 2026

Dear Parents & Guardians,

This newsletter will provide important updates and information for 3<sup>rd</sup> year students. Thank you in advance for taking the time to carefully read it as we reach the end of our final term for this academic year.

As we come to the end of another busy and memorable school year, we would like to congratulate all our 3rd Year students on completing their Junior Cycle journey. Over the past three years, this year group has experienced many milestones together, from the excitement and uncertainty of starting secondary school to growing into mature, resilient, and confident young adults preparing for Senior Cycle.

Throughout their time in our school community, students have shown tremendous determination, kindness, friendship, and perseverance, and they should be very proud of all they have achieved both inside and outside the classroom.

## Whole School Awards

Our annual school awards ceremony took place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May. For all award winners please see the Yearbook 2026. A truly remarkable publication that makes a great keepsake for all the family.

## Culture Fair Day 2026

Well done and thank you to everyone who contributed to Culture Fair Day. It was a fantastic celebration of the diversity in Coláiste na Mí.



This year, in particular, has been an extremely demanding and important one for students, and they deserve enormous credit for the way they approached each challenge along the way.

Over recent months, students successfully completed their Classroom-Based Assessments (CBAs), project work, practical assessments, oral examinations, and mock examinations, all while continuing to balance their regular schoolwork, extracurricular commitments, and personal responsibilities. The maturity, resilience, and work ethic shown throughout these assessments has been commendable and reflects the progress students have made during their Junior Cycle years.

The past three years have been particularly eventful and enjoyable for students, with excellent participation in a variety of foreign and domestic trips, workshops, guest speaker presentations, wellbeing activities, sporting events, and subject-related experiences. These opportunities have added greatly to school life and have allowed students to build confidence, develop new skills, and create lasting memories with their peers. We would like to sincerely thank all staff members, coaches, organisers, and guest speakers who contributed their time and energy to making these experiences possible.

## Sports Day

The annual Sports Day took place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May with a great fun filled day of activities ranging from high jump, tug o'war, inflatables, ice cream trunk, sprints, and the traditional egg and spoon races. The sun was out adding to a great atmosphere in the school.

## Astro Pitch

The much anticipated new Astro Pitch was officially opened on 29<sup>th</sup> April by the honour of our special guest, Roberto "Pico" Lopes, Captain of Shamrock Rovers F.C. . A historic day for the school community with brilliant memories for students and staff.



As mentioned above, we were also delighted to celebrate the success and achievements of many students at the School Awards ceremony. These awards recognised excellence in areas such as academic achievement, leadership, attendance, sport, contribution to school life, and the positive example students set for others each day.



Congratulations to all award recipients and to every student who represented the school throughout the year in extracurricular activities, competitions, performances, and sporting events. Your commitment and willingness to get involved has made a valuable contribution to our school community.



Special recognition must also go to those students who consistently demonstrated kindness, respect, resilience, and positivity throughout the year, often without seeking recognition or praise.

As students now prepare to move into Senior Cycle, the focus moving forward will be on continuing to develop independence, responsibility, positive study habits, and personal confidence. Senior Cycle will bring exciting new opportunities and challenges, and we encourage all students to approach this next chapter with ambition, enthusiasm, and belief in their own abilities.

## Upcoming Events

We encourage all third year students to remain focused on the important weeks ahead with upcoming Junior Cycle State Examinations. We encourage everyone to prepare well, look after their wellbeing, and support one another during this busy period. Wishing all students the best of luck in every examination.

Finally, we would like to sincerely thank the 3rd Year students, Teachers, Parents and Guardians for the positive contribution they have made to school life over the past three years. It has been a privilege to watch this group grow and develop throughout their Junior Cycle experience. We wish all students and their families the very best of luck for the Junior Cycle examinations and a safe and enjoyable summer break thereafter.

Máistir Reilly,

3rd Year Year Head

Happy Summer Holidays