



Principal's Address

A chairde go léir, tá súil agam go bhfuil sibh go léir ag éirí go maith agus sibh ag dul chuig deireadh na scoil bliana arís. Tá sé deacair a chreidiúint go bhfuilimid tá éis an pointe seo a shrioheadh arís ach táimid anseo.

I hope you are all well. It is so hard to believe that we have reached this point in the year already but here we are. The school year has flown by. It has been another extremely busy school year in our first full year in our new fantastic building.

I remarked at our recent awards ceremony that this time of year is a time for reflection. A time to reflect and look back on the year we have all had together in CCC. Reflect on the highs, the lows, the wins and the losses, the many new things we have learned, the friends we have made, the places we have visited and the people we have met.

It is very Important to celebrate the good moments and wins you have had throughout the year. We are always quick to focus on negative things and events but don't spend too long thinking about these. Learn from these moments, learn from your mistakes, remember these moments are not permanent, move on and come back stronger. It is very important that we focus on and celebrate our positive moments. You have all had so many of your own individual successes in school this year both inside and outside of the classroom.

It is impossible to capture everything that has taken place in CCC this year such was the amount of activity and events that students were involved in. Mentioned below is just a snapshot of CCC

Student Achievements & Extra Curricular Activities

I would like to thank and congratulate all students who represented CCC in any way this past year. It gives us all great pride to see our students represent the college and to make new friendships along the way. It is impossible to list all the wonderful sports and activities that students partake and achieve in so I would like to say a huge well done to all of you. I would like to particularly thank our 6th Year students for their contribution and achievements for the school over the past six years. I know that you will continue to excel wherever you move on to.

We are also extremely lucky to have so many students who have represented and achieved with their clubs, divisions, regions, county, province and country. You are all outstanding ambassadors for you school and families and a huge well done to you all.



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A huge thank you also needs to go to our teachers and staff members who give some much of their own time to ensure that our students have the opportunity to represent CCC. This work is the lifeblood of a school and is extremely appreciated by all.

As mentioned already we have too many achievements to list but I would like to mention two notable achievements this year.

Firstly, congratulations to our U14 Hurlers who recently won the County, defeating St. Brogan's in a high quality final.

Finally, a huge congratulations again to Margo Zaslavska who represented the school with such distinction by winning First Place in the Social & Behavioural Sciences category at the BT Young Scientist Exhibition in January of this year. This is a first win for CCC in this prestigious competition and one that made the whole school community extremely proud. Margo needs to be commended for the time and effort that she put into her project and for the inspiration she has shown to so many of her fellow students in CCC. A huge thank you also needs to go to Ms. Kelleher for all the work she did with Margo and the support she offered her.

.Community Support

At the heart of the community in Carrigtwohill CCC is extremely proud of its links with the community and of the education we offer to all in the community. We are extremely thankful of the support that we receive from the community. To our Parents Association, thank you. Again, this year you have been a fantastic support to us all in CCC. You have raised money for the college, helped at our many events and provided excellent help and advice when called upon to do so.

With extra-curricular activities playing such a big role in the lives of our students the support of our local clubs and facilities is vital. A huge thank you to Carrigtwohill GAA, the Community Astro Turf and Carrigtwohill United A.F.C. for their help, support and the use of their facilities throughout the year.

I would like to thank Garda Lorraine Mannix for her many helpful visits to the school and her supportive nature shown towards the staff and students of the school. I would like to thank the Family Resource Centre also for their help and support of our school community. Finally, I would like to thank all primary schools, and their Principals and staff, in the surrounding areas and in particular our three local primary schools, Carrigtwohill Community NS, Scoil Mhuire Naofa NS and Scoil Chlochair Mhuire NS for their support of CCC.

Student and Staff Highlights

There have been many highlights for staff and students since the beginning of the year it would be impossible to mention them all. It is impossible to pick from the many highlights but hopefully the following will give you a flavour of some of the wonderful goings on in the college during the year.

TY Musical – School of Rock

A real highlight of the year was the TY Musical, School of Rock. All that attended the two nights in March will agree that this was an excellent production that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The level of performance was testament to the amount of time and practice that was put in by the student and teachers. The School of Rock really did showcase all that is good about CCC. Again thank you to the teachers involved for the time and effort they put in to ensure that the students had the best possible experience.





Enterprise Awards

It is great to see that the entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well in CCC. This was very evident when our students picked up some awards at the Student Enterprise Regional Finals in MTU. A huge well done to “Boredom Bursters” who won the Sales & Marketing Award and to “Bottle Buddies & Growth Goals” who won Best Pitch on the day. A huge thank you also to Ms. Whelton and Ms. Kearney for the time and effort they put in with the students.

Gaelbhratach

Bhí lá mór againn le deanaí. Fuaireamar ár gcéad Ghaelbhratach de bharr obair atá curtha isteach ag na daltaí agus múinteoirí chun ár dteanga féin a chur chun cinn timpeall na scoile. Comhghairdeas do gach éinne atá bainteach le seo.

Fundraiser for Autism Assistance Dogs Ireland

The 31st January was a fantastic afternoon in CCC. This was an afternoon when the whole school community came together to support a fundraiser for Autism Assistance Dogs Ireland. Ellie, our own wonderful assistance dog, must take some of the credit for the inspiration for this event but a massive thank you needs to go to our SNA's Margaret and Michelle along with GAA Future Leader Staff and Students for organising a fundraising walk for the entire school community. There was a fantastic atmosphere on campus that day which was topped off when Margaret and Michelle completed the last leg of their 80km in January in front of the whole school community. Well done to all and thank you for a great afternoon.

Congratulations to all out students and staff on all their fantastic achievements in 2024/2025.

The Class of 2025

On Thursday last we bid farewell to the 6th Year Class of 2025. It was a lovely evening for student, families and staff to reflect on the student six years in school. Thank you to the Parents Association for serving refreshments. Thank you also to Ms. Daly and Ms. Creedon and the students for the wonderful music and to Ms. O'Brien for a lovely service and celebration. A huge thank you to the Graduation Committee, both students and staff, for putting the whole night together. As was said by many on the night this may be the end of one chapter and the beginning of another but you will always be part of CCC and are welcome back any time.

Thank You Brendan

At our recent awards ceremony Brendan, our caretaker, announced that this was his last academic year with us in CCC as he will retire at the end of the summer. Brendan has been such a huge part of the college since its inception and its clear to see what he means to the staff and students of CCC. Never was with more evident than at our awards ceremony when Brendan got a standing ovation from the entire school community. Brendan will be a huge

loss to the college and we wish him a well-earned and very happy retirement. Go raibh míle Brendan.

Exams

The best of luck to our 1st, 2nd and 5th Year students sitting their summer exams. A special mention for our Junior Cycle and Leaving Cert students beginning their exams on 4th June. Go n-éirí libh go léir. Remember the work is done, there is support all around you from your friends, family and school staff so all that is left to do is – your best.





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Finally, I would like to thank all who have supported CCC throughout this year and previously. To our Board of Management who play a vital role in the governance of the school, thank you. Thank you to our patrons Cork ETB and the Diocese of Cloyne, and particularly our Parish Priest Fr. Winkle, for their support. Thank you again to the Parents Association. Thank you to the parents and guardians of our students for trusting us with your child's care and education and for your help and support to deliver that education.

Go raibh míle míle maith agaibh go léir to all our wonderful dedicated staff for your kindness, respectful nature, support, enthusiasm, energy, collaboration, professionalism, effort, warmth, compassion and passion to help deliver the very best educational experience for our brilliant students. To our students. As I mentioned to our 6th Years at their recent graduation, respect, effort and kindness are three very important words to all in CCC. You embody these every day and make CCC the fantastic school it is. Míle buíochas gach éinne.

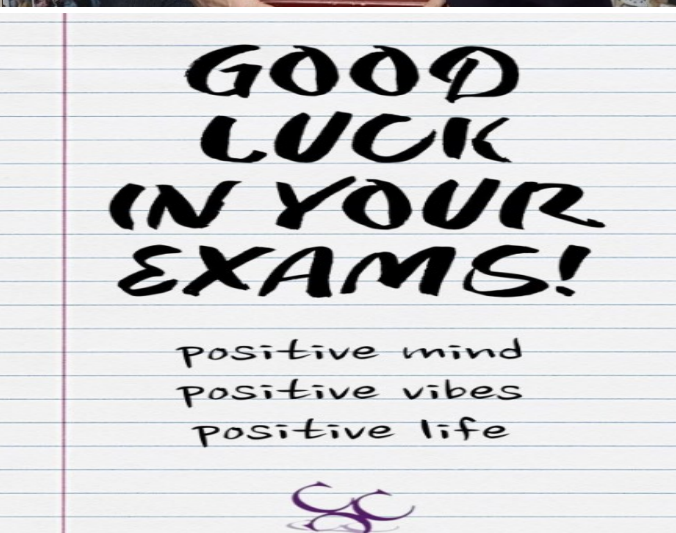
Finally a chairde, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy summer. I hope you get some time to rest, recharge and enjoy some quality time with friends and family. I am looking forward to picking up our educational journey again at the end of the summer.

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Is mise le meas,

Martin Coleman
Acting Principal







Student Council

A Chairde,

As the year draws to a close The Student Council would like to reflect on the actions taken on behalf of The Student Body. Since Christmas we have met with Primary Schools Student Councils and given them a tour of the school.

The Class Captains have secured a positive points award for first years and a survey and subsequent letter to management was sent regarding the current bathroom situation. We have also engaged in a Lámh Sign awareness campaign and conducted a survey on effective teaching and learning for students.

At the core of what we do is The Student Body so please feel free to contact us at ctwstudentcouncil@corketb.ie with any questions, queries or concerns.

We hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you again next year!

- Your Student Council





Chairperson: Eliana Moroney

Vice Chairperson: Sarah Williams

Secretary: Niall Óg McCarthy & Sofia Walsh

PR: Patrick Chacko

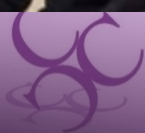
Class Captains: Lee Foster, Sarika Doblisch- Spangler & Emily Bernard

Gaeilge Officer: Dearbhail Deane

ISSU Officer: Margo Zaslavska



Our graduating class back in first year



6 years in Carrigtwohill Community College



As our final year at CCC comes to an end, it's the perfect time to recall all of the incredible memories that we have created as students in CCC. From the beginning of our journey in First Year to our final moments together as a whole year group, we have had a very enjoyable 6 years packed with unforgettable moments, laughter, learning and a healthy dose of competition.

When we first stepped foot into what seemed like a daunting maze of a building in first year, though it's nothing compared to the building we are in now, we couldn't have imagined the journey ahead of us. From our first school trip to Cuskinny, where we bonded over drumming workshops and the memorable hairnets to Rang Caoimhe, Clar and Cathal battling it out in a dance battle to the unforgettable water cycle song, where Rang Cathal deservedly came out on top :)

Second year brought the infamous mask breaks which may or may not have been taken advantage of... Third year brought our first state exams where we had more fun than we should have had during our "study breaks".

Some of our main highlights from Transition Year include our TY production of "Groovy Nights" (Grease) which was an unforgettable experience that brought our year closer together, our Greenway cycle which for some of us ended in an overnight stay in a hostel for our Gaisce trip, where we spent our evening enjoying a sea swim, playing Tip the Can and finishing off the night with an episode of "Love Island". We capped this trip off with a sunrise walk in the morning. We can't forget our school tour to Barcelona where we made countless memories together, shouting across to each other's balconies, exploring the city and the memorable karaoke sessions on our buses.

In fifth year we enjoyed the freedom of being in our own prefabs which didn't last long as we moved to our brand new building. Although we miss the memories held in those prefabs we were happy for new memories to be made here. Of course, not every great memory was made outside of the classroom. Random Kahoot quizzes often turned our classes into laughter-filled competitions.

Sixth year marked our final year in CCC. As we got serious with our studies we made sure we didn't let the year go to waste. We had our final school trip to Ballyhass lakes where students and teachers alike had the time of their lives causing chaos (Mr Burke). This trip seemed like a full circle moment from our first year trip to Cuskinny except this time the bonds were stronger. Our last sports day was the epitome of competition where, in our personal unbiased opinions, the Goal Diggers were robbed of a trophy. The final saw Wilton Mo Salah and CRG battle for bragging rights. Wilton Mo Salah were victorious and we've yet to hear the end of it. During the last week of school we held an "Anything But A Bag Day" where the halls of CCC were blessed with a wheely bin, a toy car and a trolley. We look back now appreciating all of the extra classes our teachers had for us even more as we say our final goodbyes to CCC.

Although our six years have come to an end, we have many memories to show for it. Our time at CCC will not be forgotten.

By Sara Barry and Roisin Crotty (6th year)





Graduating Class of 2025



We're so proud of our class of 2025! Best wishes for a bright and promising future.



Class 6A





Class 6B



Class 6C





Bi Cineálta

Be Kind – Our Bi Cineáltas Journey Begins at CCC

This year, CCC has launched an exciting new whole-school initiative called Bi Cineáltas, which means “Be Kind”. A new directive from the Department of education for all schools. The focus is simple but powerful: kindness, respect, and effort in everything we do.

The idea for this came from our (SSE) school surveys, where students, parents and staff all said that respect should be a key focus. In response, we’ve created a new Bi Cineáltas policy, which will guide how we promote kindness and deal with bullying across the school.

To kick it all off, we held Anti-Bullying Week from 9th–13th December. Every class took part in three workshops full of activities, discussions and poster-making (well done to our students for their amazing designs!). It was a fantastic way to get everyone thinking about what kindness looks like in our daily lives.

Staff also took part in a half-day training session, where we looked at how we can support a culture of kindness and respect at every level in CCC. The Bi Cineáltas initiative will be ongoing, as part of our Wellbeing and Ethos programme. We are focusing now on what respect looks like in every part of school life – from classrooms to corridors, so watch this space.

We’re also encouraging a strong “Telling Culture” – where students feel safe to speak up and stand up for one another. We want to grow a school full of upstanders, not bystanders.

To remind us of our values, everyone received a wristband with the words: Respect (Meas), Kindness (Cineáltas), Effort (Iarracht) – three values we’ll carry with us throughout the year.

You’ll also find our new Respect Poem proudly displayed in every classroom. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Bi Cineáltas initiative so far. With your help, we’re building a school culture where kindness leads the way – every day.

By Ms. C Roche

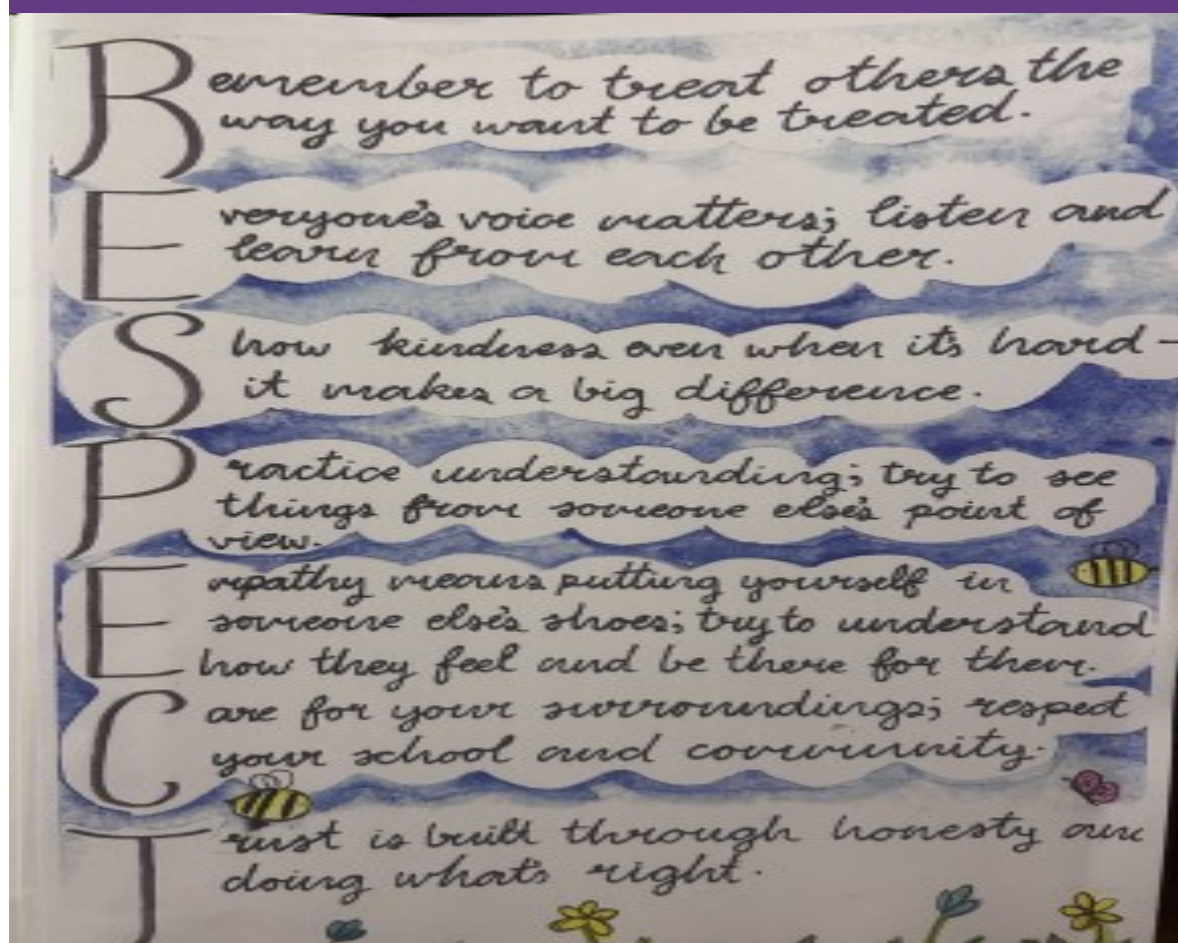


RESPECT



Coláiste Pobail Charraig Thuathail
CARRIGTWOHILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Wellbeing Committee





Amber Flag Committee

Amber Flag Committee Shines Bright at CCC!

4th Year Students Leading the Way in Mental Health Awareness

The Amber Flag is an initiative run by Pieta House, recognising schools that actively work to support the wellbeing of students and staff. Thanks to the hard work and commitment of our amazing committee, CCC has proudly earned another Amber Flag in recognition for all the work. Our team includes Ruby, Kate L, Amelia, Ava, Emily, Kate G, Clodagh O H, Evan O K, Ollie, Charlie, Chloe, Maya F supported by Ms. Smyth and Ms. Roche. Together, they've created a space where mental health is prioritised, spoken about openly, and supported through real action.

Some of this year's key highlights include:

A new Wellbeing Noticeboard in the 1st Year social area, sharing positive messages and mental health resources.

A fantastic Wellness Week in October (7th–11th), where students engaged with daily wellbeing indicators.

Student and teacher yoga classes.

Meditation and mindfulness activities introduced into classrooms, helping students slow down and breathe during busy days.

Mental health matters.
Let's continue to spread kindness, respect, and awareness—and keep CCC a caring, supportive space



CCC Walks for a Pawsitive Cause



Carrigtwohill Community College recently came together for a very special cause – supporting Autism Assistance Dogs Ireland (AADI) through the 80km in January Challenge. Two of our incredible SNAs, Margaret Dean and Michelle Garcia-Caro, led the way by taking on the challenge to raise funds for this life-changing organisation.

On Friday, January 31st, the whole school community dressed in red to show their support and took part in a Whole School Walk around the school grounds. At the same time, Margaret and Michelle completed a 5km run as part of their personal challenge. The event created a fantastic sense of community, with plenty of smiles, encouragement, and shared purpose.

A highlight of the day—and of our school community—is Ellie, our AADI autism assistance dog. Ellie has become an essential part of life at CCC, providing comfort, connection, and support to many of our students and staff. Her presence truly reflects the incredible work that Autism Assistance Dogs Ireland does.

A huge thank you to Margaret, Michelle, our GAA Future Leaders, staff organisers, and everyone who donated or participated in this inspiring event. Your generosity and spirit made a real difference.

Thank you for making a difference!





1st year trip to Ballyhass Lakes Coachford



2nd year trip to Ballyhass Lakes Coachford



4th year trip to Barcelona/Salou





5th year trip to West Cork Secret Activity Centre



6th years embarked on their final school tour in CCC to Ballyhass Lakes Mallow



The awards ceremony for the LGBTQ+ Quality took place on the 14th of March, 2025, and it was probably one of the best times of my life. We started the day at 7:30am, meeting at the Carrigtwohill train station and beginning our drive to Dublin in Mrs Howards car. When we got there, we set up our poster (with all of our bród teams handprints on it) at our designated poster board. We got a few photos with our new banner, and then I had a walk around to meet some of the other schools. Everyone was so nice and chilled out! Then, we all filled into the main hall where we had some people sing and read poems before the panel went up (spoilers, I was on the panel!)

Now, when James called up the panelist's I had started to get nervous. He asked two of the people their questions and it was finally my turn. He started by asking the basic questions like "how are you?" and "are you enjoying your time?" then he asked the question that I was here for: "what does your LGBTQ+ club mean to you?". My answer was: "honestly, my LGBTQ+ club means a lot to me. I've been there since day one, and I feel I have put a lot of work into our stand up awareness weeks. I feel like everyone is so nice and chill. We meet every week on alternating days and we meet in Mrs Howard's room. I honestly feel so safe in her room, even for English class". After I said that I looked over at Mrs Howard and thought she was crying!

After the panel, we were all just relaxing and I got so many people's phone numbers, still in contact with all of them!, and just had the time of my life. All too soon, it was time to leave. If I got to do it all again, I would do it a million times over.





Bród Club: A Year of Celebration!

The Bród Club has had a busy and exciting year, filled with achievements, recognition, and community spirit! We are proud to share some highlights with our school community as we wrap up another successful year together.

One of our biggest milestones was taking part in the Belong To LGBTQ+ Quality Mark Programme, a national initiative recognising schools that actively support inclusion and equality. We had our Quality Mark Accreditation Visit in November and we're thrilled to announce that it went fantastically well! Stephen Cassidy from Belong To was incredibly impressed by the commitment, energy, and positivity of our club and the whole school community.

Following this, our school was featured in a newspaper article in the Cork Independent, showcasing our journey through the Quality Mark programme. It was a proud moment to see our hard work and dedication celebrated in the wider community. We were honoured to attend the official Quality Mark Award Ceremony in Dublin in March where we joined other schools from across the country to receive our recognition in person — a truly inspiring day for all involved.

The club continues to meet every week at lunchtime in Room R112, providing a safe, supportive, and fun space for students of all identities, as well as allies who want to stand up for inclusion and equality. We're already looking forward to expanding our club next year, with new ideas, events, and even more opportunities for students to get involved.

As we head into summer, we want to wish everyone a Happy Pride Month this June! Pride is a time to celebrate diversity, love, and acceptance — values we strive to uphold all year round.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Bród Club this year. Here's to an even brighter and prouder future ahead!

Ms Howard





World Autism Awareness day

CCC Celebrates World Autism Awareness Day – Wednesday, 2nd April

On Wednesday, 2nd April, CCC marked World Autism Awareness Day with a series of meaningful activities aimed at promoting awareness, inclusion, and support for the autism community.

Students and staff took part in a Wear Blue for Autism non-uniform day, raising funds through €2 donations collected during Period 1. All proceeds went to support the Saturday Club, a local organisation providing services for young people with autism.

The ASD Wall of Fame, displayed in An Croí, highlighted well-known individuals across various fields who have an autism diagnosis, celebrating their achievements and helping to challenge stereotypes.

During assembly, students viewed a powerful video by Dean-Frank O'Brien, who shared his personal experience of living with autism. His honest and thoughtful message offered valuable insight and advice on how to better understand and support students with ASD.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated and contributed. It was a proud and inspiring day for our school community.





World Down syndrome day

On Friday, 21st March, our school proudly took part in the Rock Your Funky Socks fundraiser in support of the Down Syndrome Centre Cork, marking World Down Syndrome Day in style. Students and staff lit up the school with their brightest, boldest, and funkiest socks – from mismatched patterns to neon tights, everyone joined in the colourful celebration.

The goal was to raise awareness and vital funds for the DSCC, with donations made online using QR codes displayed on posters around the school. There were spot prizes for students and a special prize for the most spirited staff member. Gary Cremin was busy snapping photos and handing out some well-earned chocolate treats to participants.

Tutors got involved by photographing their classes' creative socks, helping to highlight the school's support without the need for faces on camera – a great way to keep everyone included.

Thank you to all the staff and students who took part, donated, and made the day such a fun and meaningful success!





Turas Gaeltachta

Trí Lá lán le Spraoi, Cairdeas agus Gaeilge : Daltaí ó CCC ag baint taitneamh as an nGaeilge in Gaeltacht Chorca Dhuibhne.

Daingean Uí Chúis, Co. Chiarraí — D'fhill daltaí na hidirbhliana agus na Cúigiú Bliana le déanaí ó thuras trí lá i nGaeltacht Chorca Dhuibhne, Dháingean Uí Chúis. Chaith siad am ag tumadh isteach i gcultúr na hÉireann, ag neartú a gcuid scileanna Gaeilge labhartha, agus ag cruthú cairdeas buan.

Thosaigh an turas ar an Máirt 25ú Márta nuair a shroich na daltaí an baile gleoite i nDaingean Uí Chúis. Chaith siad an tráthnóna ag siúl timpeall na sráideanna bríomhara, ag caint le muintir na háite agus ag baint úsáid as an gcúpla focal i suíomhanna nádúrtha.

Ina dhiaidh sin, thug siad cuairt ar Uisceadán Dhaingean Uí Chúis, áit ina raibh turas teoraithe as Gaeilge acu. Bhain na daltaí an-taitneamh as a bheith ag foghlaim faoi na hainmhithe agus éisc mhara — ó na piongain go dtí na siorcanna. Spreagadh iad ceisteanna a chur as Gaeilge, rud a chabhraigh lena bhfoclóir agus a gcumas cumarsáide.

Tráthnóna Dé Máirt, ghlac siad páirt i ranganna céilí — céilí lán le spraoi, ceol traidisiúnta agus gluaiseachtaí bríomhara a thug na daltaí le chéile ar bhealach spráíúil agus taitneamhach.

Ar maidin Dé Céadaoin, díriodh ar na scileanna teanga le ranganna Gaeilge. Bhí cluichí, obair ghrúpa agus comhrá lárnach i ngach aon rang, taithí chun a gcuid muiníne sa teanga labhartha a spreagadh.

I ndiaidh an lóin, chuaigh na daltaí ar thuras bus teoraithe timpeall Slí Cheann Sléibhe, ceann de na bealaí cósta is áille in Éirinn. Bhí radharcanna iontacha ann ar na Blascaodaí agus ar an Aigéan Atlantach, agus chuir an treoraí an scéal áitiúil in iúl go suimiúil as Gaeilge. Lean an lá le cuairt ar Ionad an Bhlascaoid, áit ina bhfoghlaím siad faoi shaol, teanga agus stair na n-oileánach.

Tráthnóna Dé Céadaoin, ghlac siad páirt i rang Zumba — as Gaeilge freisin! Bhí fuinneamh, gáire agus gluaiseacht ann, rud a chruthaigh atmaisféar dearfach agus cabhraigh sé leis an bhfoghlaím agus chun an Ghaeilge a shealbhú gan dabht.

Ar an Déardaoin, thug siad cuairt ar an trá áitiúil, Ceann Trá, áit a raibh am acu a scíth a ligean agus a bheith ag caint agus ag comhrá nó a bheith ag snámh d'éinne a bhí cróga. Bhí an Séipéilín Ghallaraí mar cheann scríbe deireanach, áit stairiúil ina bhfoghlaím siad faoi Luath-Chríostaíocht in Éirinn agus faoi ailtireacht na linne sin.

“Bhí sé ar cheann de na turais ab fhearr a bhí agam riamh,” a dúirt dalta amháin. “Bhí mé neirbhíseach ag labhairt Gaeilge ar dtús, ach faoi dheireadh, bhí sé nádúrtha go leor. Rinneamar cairde nua agus bhaineamar an-taitneamh as.”

Dúirt na múinteoirí chomh maith gur fhás muinín na ndaltaí agus iad ag baint úsáid as an nGaeilge i dtimpeallacht nádúrtha. “Rinne an meascán d’imeachtaí cultúrtha, spraoi, agus foghlaim trí thumoideachas difríocht ollmhór. Tháinig forbairt iontach ar a gcumas labhartha.”

Bhí an turas trí lá go Gaeltacht Chorca Dhuibhne, i nDaingean Uí Chúis thar cionn. Turas teanga, cairdis agus cuimhní deasa a mhairfidh go deo. activities.

By Mr. C Ryan





4th year and 5th year Gaeilge students pictured in Dingle with teachers Mr. C Ryan and Ms. C Kavanagh





CCC awarded the Gaelbhratach! □

We are thrilled to announce that CCC has been awarded the Gaelbhratach, a prestigious flag presented to schools that show exceptional commitment to promoting the Irish language. This year our Coiste Gaelbhratach attended the awards ceremony in Mary Immaculate College in Limerick. This flag celebrates the hard work and dedication of our students, staff, and wider school community in fostering a love for Irish and integrating it into everyday school life.

Throughout the past school year, we've placed a strong focus on creating meaningful and enjoyable opportunities for students to engage with Irish. A key part of this effort was the introduction of monthly Irish language events, which encouraged both fluent speakers and learners to use Irish in a fun, relaxed environment. These events quickly became a favourite feature of school life, bringing the language to life beyond the classroom.

Among the highlights of our year was a memorable school trip to the Gaeltacht, where students had the chance to immerse themselves fully in the language and culture. From conversations with native speakers to traditional games, music, and local activities, the trip offered a truly enriching experience that deepened students' connection to the language in a real-world setting.

We also had the honour of welcoming a special visitor from Conradh na Gaeilge Seo Bóthair, who spoke passionately about the importance of the Irish language and its role in our identity. Their visit inspired students and staff alike, reminding us of the power of community in keeping Irish alive and relevant for future generations.

Our monthly events included Tráth na gCeist, ciorcail chomhrá, themed treasure hunts, and interactive games – all through Irish. These activities made the language accessible and enjoyable for everyone, regardless of their level of fluency.

Leading the way in all these efforts was our incredible Coiste Gaeilge, a student-teacher committee that brought energy, creativity, and leadership to the forefront of our Irish language programme. From organising events to creating engaging Irish-language displays around the school, their enthusiasm was infectious and inspiring.

Comhghairdeas ó chroí daoibh go léir! Mar a deirtear Beatha teanga í a labhairt.

By Mr. C Ryan







History Department

It's hard to believe that another exciting year in the History department is coming to an end but what a year it has been!

First years tackled the Renaissance and the Reformation, exploring changes in art, science and religion that would have far-reaching consequences for Europe and the wider world. Second years looked at the origins and influence of the Gaelic Athletic Association. They also had a chance to explore their own interests and family histories through completing their Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs). Some of our Senior Cycle students had the opportunity to collaborate with the History and Politics Department to visit Dáil Éireann to see the inner workings of our government and witness politics and history in action. History students in third and sixth years have once again had a busy term of revision, finishing topics such as the Troubles in Northern Ireland and decolonisation in Asia.

February was LGBTQ+ History Month and students looked at the influence of figures from the LGBTQ+ community throughout their subjects as well as discussing the legacy of the Stonewall Riots and the importance of considering historical context when discussing figures from the past such as Dr. James Barry.

Students across the school celebrated Women's History Month in March, researching inspiring figures from Women's History and sharing their learning by creating posters that were displayed around the school. History Club also took the opportunity to look at topics such as the changing roles of women in the twentieth century and the achievements and historical significance of women such as Mary Robinson and Mary Wollstonecraft.

Also in March, our History Club were invited to participate in an inter-school Junior Cycle History Quiz at Coláiste Éamann Rís. This was an amazing opportunity for students to show off their historical knowledge and have a lot of fun! Our teams did a fantastic job representing CCC and had a wonderful day meeting students from across Cork. Huge thanks to the teachers involved in organising, we can't wait to face you again next year!

History Week took the school by storm at the beginning of April as each year group of the school researched the cultural, social and historical significance of various decades of the twentieth century. History classes, as well as our visiting French exchange students, took part in a history themed scavenger hunt across the school, collecting clues and answering questions in the fastest times. Students also answered daily quiz questions with some lucky historians winning certificates and prizes for their hard work. Well done to everyone who took part.





In May, students from 5th year were invited to visit our neighbours at Midleton College to attend a talk raising awareness about gender apartheid in countries such as Afghanistan and Iran. This allowed students the opportunity to listen to first-hand accounts and reflect on global socio-political issues and the wider historical context around them. Huge thanks to the speakers and the organisers for including our students.

If you are interested in getting involved with history, History Club takes place weekly in R247 and will be taking place again next year. Keep an eye on your emails in September for more information. We welcome everyone from our school community to join us for lively debate and discussions on all things historical.

By Ms. R Browne

History Club celebrates LGBTQ+ History Month



Third Years exploring the 1960s as a decade of change





Home Economics Department

What a fun and busy year it's been for Home Ec at CCC!

We ran two cookery clubs this year – one at Christmas and one at Easter – giving students who don't do Home Ec a chance to show off their skills in the kitchen. At Christmas, we made Chocolate Biscuit Cake Christmas puddings, and for Easter, we whipped up some delicious Mini Egg Caramel Cupcakes.

Throughout the year, we did lot's of seasonal baking such as Valentine's cookies in February and more Mini Egg cupcakes in April.

Of course, it's also been a busy time for our 3rd-year students, who have been working hard to prepare for their cookery exams. In the run-up to the Easter holidays, they were busy planning, cooking, and presenting a fantastic range of dishes to their examiner.

Well done to all our talented young chefs!

Ms. C Ahearne



Science department update

The Science Department has had another fantastic year here at Carrigtwohill Community College, full of innovation, exploration, and hands-on learning. Our students and staff have remained as active and enthusiastic as ever, both in and out of the classroom.

Our Science Club continued to thrive, giving students the chance to explore new topics and conduct exciting experiments beyond the curriculum. We proudly took part in SciFest and the BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition, where our students displayed incredible creativity, research skills, and teamwork.

Science Week was another major highlight, packed with experiments, quizzes, and workshops. A special thank you to AbbVie, who delivered an inspiring STEM careers talk that gave students a valuable glimpse into opportunities in the pharmaceutical and biotechnological industries.

This year's field trips brought learning to life, with visits to Fota Wildlife Park and Moorepark Research Centre, where students explored biodiversity, ecology, and agricultural science in real-world settings.

Back in the classroom, the pace didn't slow down—our labs were full of activity with students engaging in a wide range of fun, challenging, and educational experiments throughout the year.

We're so proud of our students' enthusiasm, curiosity, and commitment. The future looks bright, and the Science Department is excited to continue nurturing the next generation of thinkers, problem-solvers, and innovators!

Ms. A Ring





Senior Cycle Agricultural Science Field Trip

Some of our Senior Cycle Agricultural Science students travelled to Moorepark for the Agri Aware Farm Walk and Talk event, where they took part in hands-on learning experiences and explored topics such as farm safety, nutrition, sustainability on farms, and dairy and pig production. The students really enjoyed their day and gained valuable insights into modern agricultural practices.

Ms. E Casey



SciFest Success at CCC

On Friday, April 5th, second-year STEAM students at Carrigtwohill Community College showcased their innovation and creativity at the SciFest@School competition. After eight weeks of dedicated research and project development, students proudly presented their work to a panel of judges made up of SciFest representatives and volunteers from AbbVie.

The projects covered a wide range of scientific themes and demonstrated strong problem-solving, communication, and design skills. From sustainable solutions to inventive prototypes, each entry reflected the students' hard work and passion for STEM.

Several outstanding projects received awards on the day:

- ★ Best Project Award: Ryan Matthews & Jack Buckley
- ★ Runner-Up Best Project: Emilia Linehan & Lucy Nolan
- ★ EirGrid Cleaner Climate Award: Olivia Szolc & Ava Golden
- ★ Mallinckrodt STEM Excellence Award: Rokas Dedela & Jamie O'Shea
- ★ Best Display, Communication & Innovation Award: Ethan Sanchu, Martha Chea, Divine Orimolusi, Liliana Mankowska & Aoife Kidney

A huge thank you to the SciFest team and the AbbVie judges for their support—and a special thank you to all the STEAM teachers involved for their hard work and dedication in guiding and supporting the students throughout the process. Congratulations to all on a fantastic event!





Art Department—Ms. L Hayes and Ms. C Roche

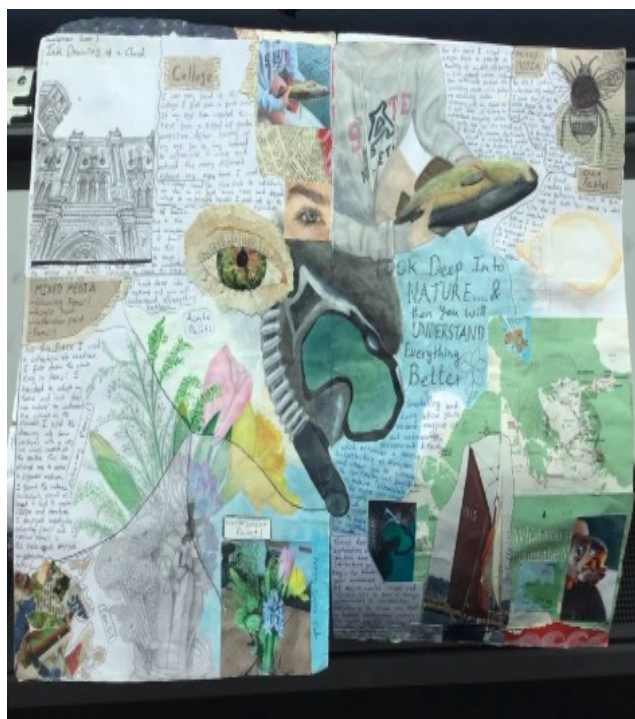
5th year art 2024/2025

This year 5th year students undertook the challenge of doing a mini version of the Leaving Certificate practical project. This consisted of 6 pages of an A3 workbook and a final piece inspired by one of three themes; Shelf Life

Portraits and Personality

“Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.” – Albert Einstein

These are the same themes that were given to students sitting the Leaving Certificate this year, so it was good practice to prepare for the workload we are taking on next year, as the 6th years had to do double the work we did. As a part of the exploration of our themes we got to explore new mediums and materials that we did or did not like again giving us a better footing going forward to the Leaving Cert. While we enjoyed honing our skills and developing new ones, we all quickly realised that the deadline for the practical exam is extremely tight, and we all struggled to finish even half of what is expected next year. With this insight we are all working on our time management so we can all finish on time next year.



Overall, the project was an enjoyable experience, and we all gained invaluable insights of what to prepare for next year.



Creative Sparks Flying in the Visual Art Department at CCC!

It's been a busy and exciting term in the Visual Art Department at CCC, with students across all year groups showing off their talent, imagination, and hard work.

Our amazing 3rd Year students have just completed their Junior Certificate Art, Craft and Design projects. These projects reflect months of planning, creativity and dedication, and we're incredibly proud of the final results. The standard of work has been outstanding – well done to all!

2nd Years have also reached a major milestone by finishing their first Classroom-Based Assessment (CBA) for the new Junior Cycle Visual Art course. This is the first of two CBAs they will complete, with the second one happening next year. These two creative projects will form the basis for their final grade in the State Examinations – a big step in their artistic journey!

Meanwhile, our 1st Year artists have just wrapped up their acrylic portrait paintings on canvas, each one inspired by a famous artist of their choice. From Van Gogh to Frida Kahlo, their work shows how students are learning to express themselves while developing real technical skills. These vibrant, colourful portraits will soon be on display in the school corridors as part of our annual First Year Art Exhibition – a much-loved CCC tradition.

It's been wonderful to see the creativity flowing in every classroom. A huge well done to all our young artists and a big thank you to the Visual Art teachers for their constant support and guidance.

Keep an eye out for our upcoming exhibitions and more beautiful student work brightening the halls of CCC!





CSPE Department

As part of their studies exploring threats to human dignity, First Year CSPE students created poems to highlight some of the issues faced by people experiencing homelessness to help raise awareness and encourage more empathy in our society.

She is homeless By Kevin O'Sullivan (Rang Iseult)

She is homeless

She thinks about how she got here

She hears the crowd go by

She wants a place to keep her warm

She is homeless

She wonders if anyone notices

She pretends she's just walking by

She sees the people laugh

She worries "will I ever do that?"

She is homeless

She understands the pain and struggles

She says just one more night

She dreams she soon have a home

She tries to make a difference but...

She is homeless





She is Homeless by Kellie Graham (Rang Iona)

She thinks about her future.

She hears the children laughing.

She wants a child of her own

but she is homeless.

She wonders when it will end.

She pretends it's not real.

She sees a lot of happy families.

She worries her wishes won't be sealed.

She is homeless.

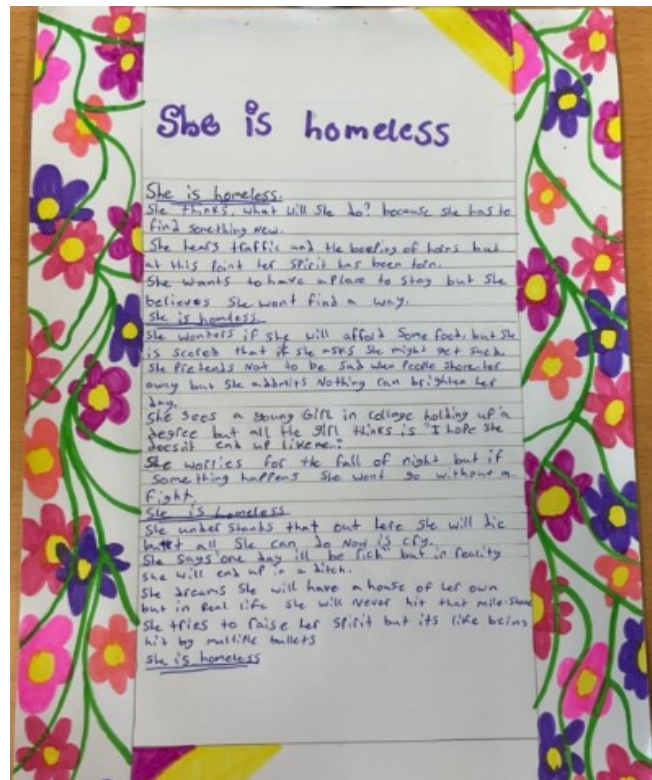
She understands its not her fault.

She says a few little prayers.

She dreams her hopes and wishes come true.

She tries to hold back her tears.

She is homeless.



By Kaelyn O'Sullivan (Rang Ivan)





TY 2024/2025 Recap

Reflection on Transition Year - Kyle Kidney

Summary of Personal Development

I believe that throughout the year I have had immense personal development, I say this as firstly I have taken up a lot of new hobbies such as first aid practice with the Red Cross and cooking as I developed my culinary skills even more due to TY. I also believe I have developed a lot as a person, I think this year has matured me a bit as sometimes I find myself making mature decisions that maybe I wouldn't have made last year. Throughout the year, I think I have had emotional intelligence and additionally I find myself being more empathetic than before. I believe that the Tony O'Reilly gambling talk and the Conor Harris drug addiction awareness talk opened my eyes to the unfortunate circumstances others have to overcome, just because they were born into a less fortunate position. Additionally, it has become quite evident to me that TY has likely given me more confidence in myself, for example, I took part in the TY play, 'The School of Rock', where I played a character called Stanley and had a few lines. I would never have considered doing this a few years ago, however because of this confidence boost I was able to get over the nervous feelings and perform up on stage to hundreds of people who came to watch our show.

Achievement of Goals

At the beginning of the year I set three goals for Transition Year – to become more assured and confident about myself as a person; to come to see that challenges are opportunities for growth and to adapt better to groups and social environments. Firstly, I strongly believe that I achieved the goal of becoming more assured and confident as a person in TY as I believe my confidence has grown due to activities like the school show, where I had to act and speak in front of the hundreds of people who came to watch. Additionally, I presented a project on a trip to Apple in front of multiple schools and Apple workers, which allowed me to be more confident and so this is why I definitely believe I achieved this goal. For the goal of coming to see that challenges are opportunities for growth, I also believe that I achieved this goal. Very recently, we went on a 23km cycle on the greenway and honestly I didn't want to go, however the feeling I got after finishing was so rewarding and I feel that this experience matured me. Lastly, I once again think that I achieved my goal of adapting better to groups and social environments as for example during the school tour to Barcelona, I feel as though I bonded with a lot of new people and made new friends.

Future Plans

I would say that transition year has definitely altered my plans for my future. At the beginning of TY, I had no idea what I wanted to do after school, however after a bunch of careers classes and a careers meeting, I have my eyes set on studying medicine in the future. To make this future a reality, I picked appropriate subjects for my Leaving Cert. and I plan to really study hard as soon as I go into 5th year to allow me to get ahead in school. Additionally, to be able to study medicine you must score well in an aptitude test called the HPAT and so in my future, I will also have to study for that alongside the Leaving Cert. Academics aside, I also do 4 sports; hurling, Gaelic football, soccer, and taekwon-do and I plan on continuing to do them in the future and compete at a high level in all four of them. In the future, I also plan on getting a part time job for experience and savings to maybe buy a car as I would like to start driving by next year. Recently I passed my driver theory test with 40/40 and so in the very near future, I will apply for my drivers learners permit and start learning how to drive on the road before getting actual lessons when I am 17.

Overall Learning and Growth

Throughout TY, I have done immense learning about myself and life and I personally believe that I have grown massively as a person. This year has allowed me to learn about things I never thought I would. Guest speakers such as Tony O'Reilly on gambling awareness and Conor Harris on drug addiction awareness allowed me to learn how one wrong or stupid decision can impact you for the rest of your life. In addition to these workshops such as the Bernard Casey drama workshop and the drumming workshop gave me insightful knowledge on topics I would have never bothered going near before.

Drama and drumming would never have entered my mind as a possible interest of mine but after these lifechanging workshops, I now find these areas quite fascinating.

In terms of growth, I think that Transition Year has both matured me and made me a much more confident person. I think activities like the school show and being trusted more and more by my teachers allowed me to come out of myself and be confident, which I never expected a few years ago starting secondary school.



Summary of Personal Development

In Transition Year, I experienced a lot of personal growth. This year allowed me to increase my confidence through participating group activities, stepping out of my comfort zone and work experience. I have become more social and made new friends. I have developed my ability to work with others during group projects, trips and workshops. I found that I also learned to manage my time better with getting work done on time.

Achievement of Goals

I have definitely achieved many of my goals. I am more assured and confident about myself as a person. I stepped out of my comfort zone, for example, by auditioning for the play. I improved presentation skills by completing projects in class. I learned to work co-operatively with others and got more involved with cultural activities by helping organise Think Languages. I have developed research and reflection skills in relation to career pathways in my career guidance classes.

Future Plans

In the future, I would like to go to college to study psychology. Then I would like to complete a doctorate in order to become psychologist. I have wanted to be one for a very long time as I want to help people. I also want to travel and see as much of the world as possible. I love exploring new places and cultures and I would make some great memories. I think I will move to a different country when I'm older. I'm not sure where exactly, but I don't see myself staying in Ireland my whole life. I'd live someplace nice with my husband and kids.

Overall Learning and Growth

I have learnt a lot of new skills in TY, for example, I learned basic First Aid, self defence, some Chinese and car maintenance. Different workshops and life skills have helped me learn new things and develop skills that I already had such as cooking and typing. I grew a lot as a person I think and have matured a lot over the year. I tried things I never thought I would and talked to new people. I also figured out what subjects I want to do for the Leaving Cert. in TY. Overall, this year has been a great opportunity for me to deepen my sense of identity and develop as a person. I am honestly sad that the year is over so fast because I really enjoyed it.





TY 2024/2025 Recap

The TY Musical - Kieran Hayes

One TY experience that I thoroughly enjoyed was the TY musical. There is a plethora of reasons why, but I think the main one, is that the play brought an elevated level of camaraderie to our year, making us a much tighter knit group than we had been before. The acting and singing elements were also enjoyable and in the case of the singing, quite new to me, as I had done acting before in primary school. However, I believe the commitment and teamwork we needed for the play was truly what made it a more unique experience, that was very refreshing and exciting. The thrill of being about to perform, the relief of it being over, and the nostalgia I felt when watching it in the cinema, made the musical a spectacular event in my life.



Filmmaking Workshop - Hania Hanley

At the end of December, me and thirteen other students took part in the film making workshop, run by Cork Young Film makers. We learned about lighting, how cameras work, and to direct a scene. We decided on a plot and made a short film. In March, we went to Youghal Cinema to see a viewing of our film, and films made by other school that took part in the workshop. I had a great time watching it and an even better time filming it.

Trip to Barcelona - Caoimhe Stenhouse

On the 4th of May we flew out of Cork Airport at 8am, and we arrived in Barcelona at 11am. When we arrived in Barcelona we headed straight to the gothic quarter for a guided tour. We saw many ancient buildings and got to see the Sagrada Familia. On day 2, we cycled from Salou to Tarragona and spent the rest of the day by the pool. Day 3 was a trip to the theme park, Port Aventura - it was the best day. That night we went to the House of Illusions, and I thought all the acts were great. On the last day we went to see roman ruins in Tarragona and went to see the RCD Espanyol. Afterwards, we headed to the airport, where we were homeward bound. The trip to Barcelona was my favourite part of a wonderful Transition Year.



Think Languages Event - Sean Kenneally

In the morning, TY students gathered in An Croí at 8.30am. Everyone sat down on the benches as the organisers of the event, six students of the think languages committee, explained what we would be doing for the day. We were split into groups and assigned an activity. There was orienteering, quizzes, dances and well known Chinese songs.

For orienteering, there were many pictures of famous monuments hung up around the school with a letter on it and a riddle hinting to where the next picture was. There was a general knowledge quiz that was incredibly competitive and very immersive. Chinese was also very fun as we sang along to a traditional Chinese children's poem.

But the highlight of the day was big break when they ordered a huge amount of Chinese food and everybody got to take some, a bit like a buffet. It was very filling, and we were able to go up for more servings. It was definitely the best part of the day.



Driver Education Course – Aimee O'Connor and Amber O'Neill

TY students took part in the drivers education course they learned how to change a tyre in case off any emergency. They also learned what it felt like to drive while being under the influence of alcohol. Students were given goggles that make you dizzy to show you how dangerous it is to drink and drive. A very important life lesson. Students got to see what it's like to drive around the school property (no cars were harmed in this process!) TY students finally engaged in a talk about driving and the rules of the road. A very important life skill!

Ice skating - Lisa Aruebose

In the month of December TY students took part in ice skating in the Marina Market in Cork. Teachers and students showed their talents on the ice with Ms. Ring displaying particularly impressive skills. However, one of our own, Liliana, strongly contested for star skater. There was plenty of trips and falls but gladly no broken bones to be reported! A fantastic day was had by all students and teachers alike





TY 2024/2025 Recap

Ballyhass Trip – Jake Newman

The Ballyhass trip was a prominent and great start to Transition Year, a terrific trip to open the year with. The TY students left early in the morning with a momentous day ahead of them to show the simplicity of how easy it is to acquire good values that you learn in TY in a lovely trip like this. As they only got back to school and still early on in the year, the weather was truly kind as the sky was blue and the suncream had to be broken out. They arrived and was introduced to the crew at the camp that paired the students into groups and then did a rotation of activities, that included an obstacle course, axe throwing, archery and of course the main attraction that was advertised, the aqua float. Overall, the TY students had a blast having a very enjoyable time. In archery, some hit a few bullseyes. In axe throwing, it was a daring challenge. And on the aqua float, a few were pushed off!



Work Experience - Charlie O'Brien

During Transition-year students were tasked to go on three one-week work placements spread throughout the year. They went to various places such as schools, charity shops and local businesses. Throughout these placements students learned important life lessons and skills such as time-management, following given tasks independently, professionalism communication and customer service. The Transition years learned a lot from these experiences and have matured over the year which resulted in some Transition-years even gaining part time jobs from these placements as during these placements as they were hardworking, showed initiative and other important skills.

Leahy's Open Farm – Zuzanna Giec

Back in October 2024 all TY student went to Leahy's Open Farm to attend the chocolate factory and get a tour of the farm. It was a great and very enjoyable experience for the TY's. They toured the farm, meeting all the friendly animals and then made chocolate in the factory. A competition between the TYs had them decorating their chocolate and making it as best they could. Along with being a very fun event for the TYs, they learned the processes required to make chocolate and how it goes from sour beans to a delicious treat loved by all.





Overall Experience of TY – Martyna Giec

I have to say that doing TY was the best decision of my life. TY has been a life changing experience full of adventures and challenges. We have had many trips throughout the year such as Ballyhass which was one of the most memorable trips, as it was our first trip. We all enjoyed the driver's education, but I have to say I'm surprised the car is still standing. Leahy's open farm was amazing, especially all the chocolate we made and ate. The school of rock show was definitely a memory that won't ever leave us. All the TYs really got to know each other and we all became a close community, both the students and the teachers. I enjoyed coming in outside of school to practise for the play with my friends. The night of the show was definitely the best. We all partied before and after, had a lot of encouraging speeches made by some of the students and had a great time performing on stage.

The work experiences were definitely my favourite. We all got a taste of what the future is like, and how the real world works. We went to the cinema a few times during the year and had a lot of talks from people about their lives and experiences. The one that really stuck with me was the drug addiction talk. Ice skating was a blast! Everyone enjoyed skating around the rink with their friends, we all took goofy photos and had a great time, we tripped and fell and laughed it off. I loved the comedy show by Ger Carey. It was so funny our faces hurt after all that laughter we shared. I know the TY ball wasn't part of the curriculum but it was a night I'll never forget. Most TYs had the time of their lives dancing til their feet hurt and I'm not kidding when I say my voice was gone for the whole next day.

TY wasn't only about the activities we had but also about the development aspect. We all grew closer to ourselves and discovered things about us we never knew. New and stronger friendships were created both with students and teachers. This year was fantastic and I recommend everyone to do it!

Guest Speakers – Kyle Kidney

Our Transition year students attended a guest speech by Tony O' Reilly a gambling awareness presenter, he opened up their eyes to the troubles associated with gambling and how it could be avoided/prevented, Tony shared his personal experience with gambling and how it "ruined his life" and made him "lose everything", Tony conveyed how gambling combined with his addictive personal caused him to steal 1.75 million from his workplace (An post), lie to his wife about his gambling addiction on their wedding day and end up in a corrective facility for his gambling problem which took years of his life to fix. After Tony stated that he spent roughly 10 million euros on gambling it was evident that the Transition year students would remember this story forever and in addition to this it undoubtedly changed their outlook on gambling.

Tony O'Reilly shared a very personal anecdote about how he lost his mother while having to deal with his gambling problem and how it was one of his biggest regrets in life, I personally believe this in-depth experience may have deterred the TY students from ever gambling. This inconsolable incident which Tony had to deal with was depressing and could bring a tear to the eye. I'm certain that I can say with full confidence that Tony O'Reilly's powerful presentation will stick with the TYs as long as they live and have permanently changed our TYs thoughts surrounding gambling.





Video Games Club by Ms. C Daly

Our wonderful Video Games Club takes place every Monday after school. Students from all year groups come together to play multiplayer video games, such as Mario Kart and Duck Game. The sound of laughter, chat and excitement around the room makes it such a special place to be. We cannot wait to continue these fierce battles next academic year and welcome new members!

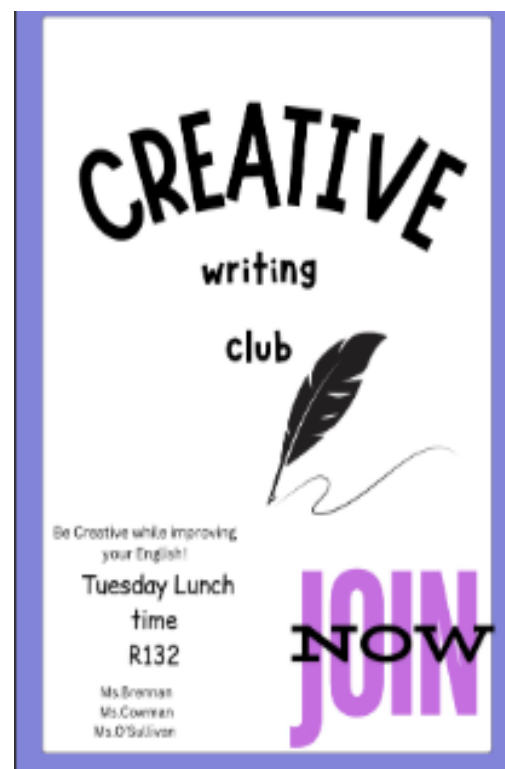
Ms. C Daly



Creative writing club

Creative Writing Club took place every Tuesday in R132 at big break. Students had the opportunity to express themselves creatively by writing Acrostic Poems based on the seasons, funny Limerick's, and short stories questioning what they would do if they woke up and didn't recognise the person in the mirror. Students also had the opportunity to work on their own creative writing pieces during the club and got to meet up with like minded individuals!

By Ms. D O' Sullivan



TY Musical – Shannon Williams & Alex O'Halloran

This year the TY musical show was School of Rock, which is a Broadway musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber. It is based on the 2003 movie starring Jack Black. This musical follows Dewey Finn (played by Jerry O' Sullivan), who impersonates his best friend, Ned (played by Noah Eddins), to be a substitute teacher. In doing this he forms a band with his students, such as Zach (Liam O' Connell), Katie (Michelle Qian), Lawrence (Jack Kelly), Freddy (Sofia Mazzotta), Tomika (Emma O' Connor) and Summer (Mia Finn), to compete in the Battle of the Bands. We had many long weeks of practice and at the end it really paid off with how successful both shows were. Shannon Williams: For practice this year, it started out slow. We would spend Wednesday afternoons practicing songs and dances, and an hour Thursdays singing during aesthetics class. However, it started getting more intense. We started practicing for full school days and even over weekends! It was worth all the work however. I was Mrs. Sheinkopf for this years musical. Originally, I was part of the ensemble for the students, however, my friend Emma raised the question of who would play Tomika, and Emma got that role, so I was promoted to a teacher! I was so excited when I found out, however it was quite late in the year that I found out so I had to be quick with learning my lines. The teachers only really had one dance, and I wasn't apart of it but I was in many scenes throughout the play so that makes up for it. The night of the show was kind of stressful, but once we got into it I thoroughly enjoyed the show nights. After night two, after the bows and Mr Coleman's speech, we went backstage and I started bawling. Overall for the whole show, I would do it all over again and I will be next year as I will be joining our Musical Theatre Club! My favourite song from this musical would be either 'You're In The Band', because of the energy or 'Where Did The Rock Go?', because of how Sofia sang the song, and it honestly sounds better than the original. My favourite dance would be the You're In The Band dance because it's so catchy! I can't wait to join the club next year, and I wish all of next years TYs good luck in their TY show!

Alex O' Halloran: Even though I was only in the ensemble, practice was really fun! Learning the dances and practicing was tiring, but worth it and fun at the same time. I personally was already a fan of musical theatre, so seeing almost the whole year being involved in a musical was really cool. Doing the first matinee show was very stressful because the audience was.. dead to say the least, however the shows we did in the evening were much more energetic and entertaining, and both audiences were amazing. All the songs are really catchy! My personal favourite was "Where Did the Rock Go?" because it's sonically different from the others and both the Broadway and our version, sung by Sofia Walsh, are amazing. My favourite dance is "Time to Play" because the dance is very energetic as is the song itself. I too will be joining Musical Theatre Club because of how much I enjoy being in musicals, and I wish the TYs of 2025/26 good luck in their musical!





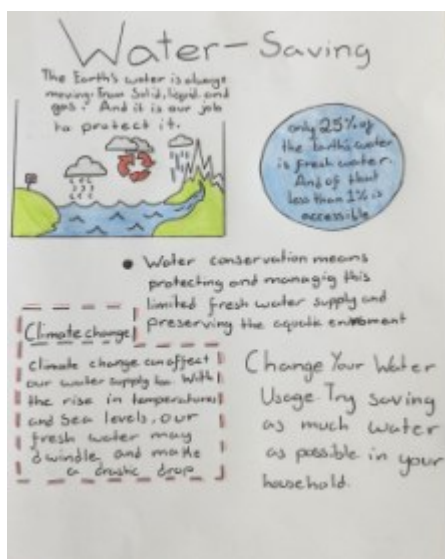
Green Schools 2025

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It's been a successful two months since the CCC Green Schools Committee was re-established in March 2025. Our committee is made up of students from every year and we meet every second Friday. This year we began working on getting our Water Flag for the school. To do this we had to conduct a whole-school survey in order to complete an environmental review. We set up an Instagram page, a noticeboard and designed our logo. We have organised a presentation on "Water" to be given to several CSPE classes by their teachers. We have and continue to establish contacts with the management of the school, Tidy Towns, Carrigtwohill Council and Uisce Éireann.

Going forward in the next academic year we plan to host a fundraising event, "Walk for Water" to raise funds and awareness for charity. We plan to get involved with the Tidy Towns clean up, including cleaning the lake and we hope to work in the community garden. By the end of the academic year we aim to receive our Water Flag.

Ms. G. O' Leary



Sun, Sport and Smiles: Sports Day 2025 at CCC

Carrigtwohill Community College enjoyed an action-packed Sports Day on Friday, May 9th, with glorious sunshine setting the perfect scene for a memorable day of fun, competition, and school spirit.

Students from all year groups, along with staff, got stuck in across a full programme of activities. From traditional favourites like dodgeball, sack races, tug of war, and wheelbarrow races, to skill-based challenges including hang tough, wall sits, crossbar challenge, frisbee ultimate, and even cornhole, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Creative touches like skittles soccer, plank challenges, and 3-legged races added to the buzz, while American football, tag rugby, and volleyball kept the energy high on both the junior and senior pitches.

A particular highlight was the ever-popular staff vs. student soccer matches, where competition was fierce and the sidelines full of laughter. Students went all out with custom jerseys—and some of the team managers even showed up in full suits, adding to the fun and flair of the day.

Congratulations go to Ms Kelly, who defended her title as fastest female staff member, and to Mr O'Dwyer, who sprinted his way to become the fastest male staff member. And of course, everyone enjoyed a well-earned ice cream break in the sunshine.

A huge thank you to our GAA Future Leaders and the PE Department for their outstanding organisation and effort. Thanks to their planning and teamwork, Sports Day 2024 was a huge success and a brilliant way to bring our school community together.

Well done to all!





Chess Club

The chess club runs every Monday and Thursday at 12:50-13:20 in R106 and is led by Ms Kardkovasc. The club welcomes students from all year groups and knowledge/ability in chess, from complete beginners to advanced players. During the club, students usually play rapid games and chat with their friends. Additionally, club members take part in different tournaments and in-school competitions in which they play individually or as part of the school team. This year we have taken part in the following:

- Blarney Cork Chess Congress – on 4th October a team of six CCC students played in the team section of the largest chess tournament in Cork. Out of 18 teams, CCC finished in 5th place.
- East Cork Post Primary Individual Competition – on 12th November CCC students competed in an individual tournament with Middleton CBS. Mattie Hoft won the trophy for 1st -2nd Year, and Millie Chen won for 3rd -4th Year.
- Cork County Post-Primary Individual Chess Competition – the winners of the East Cork Competition and two other CCC students with an outstanding result advanced onto the next level of the tournament which took place in Wilton on 18th December.
- Chess Competition in David College Mallow – a team of CCC students competed in the tournament on 10th April, earning a 6th place out of 19 schools. Millie Chen also came 3rd overall in the individual section of the tournament.
- In-school Chess Competition – on 9th May, as an addition to Sports Day, CCC hosted an individual rapid competition with Middleton College. A CCC student Margo Zaslavska came first in the competition. The chess club will restart in September and hopes to see new members. So, bring a friend and let's play some chess!

By Margo Zaslavska.



The Science Club takes place every Tuesday at 13:00-13:20 in R146. Each week, the club is led by one of our passionate science teachers – Ms Ring, Ms Casey, Ms Lordan, and Ms Cotter. Over the year we have conducted many short experiments across different scientific fields, such as the electrolysis experiment, a microscope investigation, and even extracting DNA from strawberries! Everyone is welcome to join the club, as well as suggest experiments to carry out during its running. We are looking forward to seeing new members when the club restarts in September!

By Margo Zaslavska



We are incredibly fortunate to have Margo as a key member of the Science Club. She consistently shows great initiative, working hard every week to develop new experiments and help recruit new members. Margo was awarded first place in the Social and Behavioural Sciences category at the BT Young Scientist Exhibition. This year, she generously shared her insights and experiences with fellow club members, helping to inspire more entries for next year's competition. Congratulations once again, Margo – all the staff and students are so proud of you!

Ms. Ring



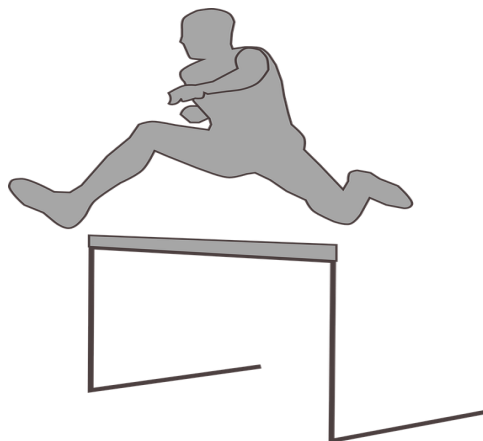


Athletics Club

Our athletics club had a brilliant day at the recent track event at MTU. It was great to meet students from other schools, try out a professional track, and enjoy a fun active day with everyone. There was a real sense of team spirit throughout. Everyone gave it their all and cheered each other on, whether running or supporting from the sidelines.

Taking part reminded us how important fitness is, not just for our bodies but for feeling good too. A bit of fresh air, movement, and teamwork really goes a long way.

By Juliet Holm (2nd year)



Dungeons & Dragons Club

When my friend William initially suggested starting a D&D Club in our school, I must admit, I was a little on the fence about it. I wasn't sure if anyone would be willing to join our club, but I was happily proven wrong.

We're a small club, only about ten or so people in the club, with maybe six attending our sessions on a good day, but it's still a lot of fun. We're lucky enough to have at least a couple of people who know how D&D work, so we can actually play the game instead of stumbling through blindly, although it's always chaotic. On our very first session, we somehow managed to get the tavern we started off in burned to the ground, and we all made a pact to get rid of the guy who burnt it down in the first place! We ended up majorly deviating from our Dungeon Master's original script, but we had so much fun, it didn't really matter. That's the main goal of our club, I'd say: to have fun.

The D&D Club is open to anyone willing to play, with a bright imagination and a passion for storytelling. We are currently trying to facilitate after-school D&D, so that we may have longer sessions, but until then, we will most likely continue meeting in Ms. Dolan's room R170 at 12.50 Friday lunch time.

Some quotes and opinions from our members:

"D&D Club is a great place to connect with people through a game even if we wouldn't be friends otherwise."

"It's great craic, even for people who know absolutely nothing about D&D, like me." – Alex

"It was fun while it lasted." – William

"The days where we did D&D club were among the best days of my life, second only to any future days where I'm still in D&D Club." – Sam

"D&D Club this year was a wonderful experience! It was really fun to see all the great characters and unexpected twists. This is something I really looked forward to on Fridays!" – David

By Hanna Dabrowska (3rd year)





Coding Club

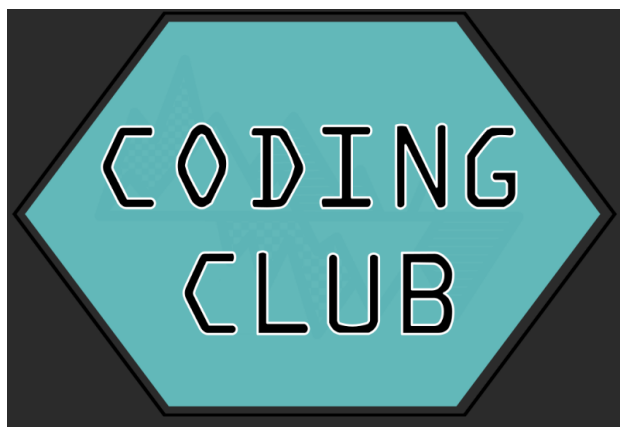
Throughout the year, students at Carrigtwohill Community College had the opportunity to explore the world of coding during lunchtime sessions run by Ms. Hayes, Ms. Dolan, and Mr. Cremin.

Using platforms like Scratch and Astro Pi, students learned key coding fundamentals and principles in a fun, supportive environment. They developed problem-solving skills, logical thinking, and creativity as they built projects ranging from interactive games to simple programs.

The club was open to all year groups and proved to be a popular and engaging way for students to dive into computer science outside of regular class time.

A big thank you to the teachers involved for their time, dedication, and for making coding accessible and enjoyable for everyone!

Mr G Cremin





Spanish Exchange

This January, a group of 15 5th year students had the brilliant opportunity to participate in an exchange trip with students in Platero Green School, Málaga. We had the chance to fully immerse ourselves in the Spanish language and culture while staying with host families near Málaga City. The school and the Spaniards were incredibly welcoming and equally patient with our efforts to speak Spanish.

As a group, we attended classes in Platero with our host partners, where we had to adapt to lessons entirely through native Spanish, including classes such as French, science, economics and history. This perspective to a different education system was unique and a total change to our daily routine. The classes at Platero were often theory heavy, but students' end of year grades are made up by individual and group projects, including various types of research, reports and presentations. The system of continuous assessment is a huge difference to the looming Leaving Certificate the fifth year group are heading in to.

Despite the varied levels of English and Spanish, the whole group managed to create a warm and inclusive friend group, with bonds that will definitely outlast this year's exchange. We toured Frigiliana and Nerja, visited Granada city, including its incredible views from La Albaicín, and La Alhambra, a historic battlement and palace high above the city. Of course, we also spent time in Málaga city, with group activities during the day and meetups on the beach to play soccer in the evening. After seven days that flew by, we said our farewells in the Airport—where I witnessed many tears being shed!





When the end of April rolled around, and our exchange partners were due to arrive in Carrigtwohill, preparations were in full swing. We hosted a welcome breakfast with the support of the home economics department, where all hands were on deck to welcome Platero students and staff. Ms. O'Regan welcomed our visitors, before our CCC students put on a great show with live music and Irish dancing, setting a lovely atmosphere, and hit the ground running.

A big thank you to Mr McCarthy for leading a very well received hurling workshop where the Spanish students and teachers got the chance to play the game themselves! We had a tour around cork city on their first day, and visited Kinsale, Cobh and had a fantastic day out at zip-it. The Spanish students visited Blarney Castle and have surely gained the gift of the gab!

We all attended classes with our host students, including a mix of option subjects chosen by the Spanish students. The trip was rounded up with an Erasmus workshop on European identity and culture, and a few competitive rounds of padel tennis—followed by another emotional goodbye at the departures gate.

The opportunity to participate in this exchange was not only an excellent way to build skills in a different language, it was a great chance to build new friendships. Many of us are still keeping in contact with our friends on the continent, with talks of a potential Summer meet-up in place. The students involved have certainly learned and grown from the experience. I would encourage any student to take advantage of this brilliant programme. Of course, we are incredibly grateful for all the work put in by Ms. Collins and Ms. Kardkovac, and the staff in Platero Green School. A big thank you also to the staff in CCC for welcoming students into your classes and being so accommodating during their stay.

A nuestros amigos en Málaga, ¡os extrañamos, y con suerte, nos veremos pronto!

By Aisling Kelleher, 5th Year.





French Exchange

From the 6th to the 11th of April, students from École Massillon came to CCC as part of an exchange program. 19 of our 4th and 5th year students flew over in January to stay with a French family. Now, the French students stayed with the Irish families.

As they landed on Sunday afternoon, everyone immediately went their separate ways. The French students all had completely different experiences. Some went to restaurants, while others went to the match that was on.

The next morning, the Irish students brought their exchange students to school as they normally would. We began with a breakfast, and insightful talk from our principal Mr. Coleman, and finally a lovely concert. The Massillon students then got to experience 5th year classes. At 12, everyone left for UCC. Time was provided for everyone to walk around the stunning campus and to eat lunch. After, there was an informative tour which covered UCC's fascinating history. Students then enjoyed around 2 hours of free time in the city before heading back to their host families. Tuesday morning began with 2 hours of class. Then, all the French students got to take a guided tour of the Cobh Titanic experience where they learnt all about the Titanic. The students then were given plenty of time to explore the area and eat their lunch. At the end of the day, they headed back to their correspondents by train. On Wednesday, the students only had 1 class. At 9.45, both the Irish and French students left for Kinsale. Beginning with a tour and free time, everyone got to explore Charles Fort and learn the history behind it. We then took a walk to Kinsale for lunch and free time. Everyone enjoyed the stunning views, before getting the bus back to Carrigtwohill.





Thursday was our 5th day in a row of sunshine, the Massillon students were so lucky! After having their first class, Mr. McCarthy kindly led a GAA workshop that the CCC students could partake in, as well. Even the teachers enjoyed it. Leaving at 10:30, everyone went to visit the beautiful Blarney castle and gardens. We all got the chance to kiss the stone, as well as plenty of time for us to walk around and see all the animals, the caves, the flowers, and more.

Friday was unfortunately their last day. The French students had class for 2 hours, before a céilí with traditional Irish dances. Many students from various years came down to watch an Irish dancing performance, before being taught various dances such as the Dreoilín. For the farewell breakfast, CCC provided the students with the chance to try an Irish breakfast. Everyone was sad to say goodbye, but the students from École Massillon all agreed that the trip was educational but also fun.

By Ms. V
Cowman





Enterprise Club— Farmers Market



Following the success of their Christmas Market, the Enterprise Club finished the year with a vibrant Farmers Market on Monday, 19th May. The market featured a range of items, including home-grown lettuce and tomatoes nurtured by the students over recent months, along with tasty home-baked goods and products from their mini-companies.

The event offered students a valuable opportunity to apply their enterprise skills, demonstrating creativity, teamwork, and a real flair for business. They were delighted to welcome young visitors from Wendy House Montessori, who came along to explore and purchase some of the goods. CCC students also had the chance to shop during lunchtime.

Well done to all involved for their hard work and entrepreneurial spirit!



Haven Trip to Fota Island



The Haven Visits Fota Wildlife Park

On 10th April, a group of students from The Haven enjoyed a fantastic outing to Fota Wildlife Park. The visit included an engaging and informative talk from an ecologist, who shared insights about the park and its animals. Students had the chance to see a wide range of wildlife on a guided tour, which also connected nicely with topics they've been exploring in science class.





Sporting Round-Up

CCC Girl's Football:

This season of ladies Gaelic football was exciting. As soon as we began school in August, we were back in action.

Last year, winning county in the senior league, led to us getting promoted to the next division knowing it was going to be a challenge, we gave it our all. Each player gave their all and supported each other. Although we didn't make it as far as last year, we know we will be back stronger for next year.

In the Junior and Minor competition, we welcomed lots of new players from first year from a variety of clubs. To me, playing with a team from different areas and different skills contribute immensely to a successful team. People from all different clubs in cork and two county players myself, Amelia Sheehan and Meg Allen working all as one to compete together. This season was fun but we were tested as we met strong opponents. Just like playing in Tipperary, coming home with a win meant stopping in Supermacs on the way back! This led us to a Munster semi final where unfortunately didn't go our way. This will only make us stronger for next year.

We ended the year on a high note by winning the Minor County Blitz Championship.

Playing a sport is made easy with coaches that help and are supportive. Ms Brennan, Ms O'Sullivan, Ms Kavanagh, Ms Aherne, Ms Buckley and Ms Fouhy, drove us on and helped us throughout the year

I love playing and representing my school and can't wait for next season to start again!

By Amelia Sheehan

Third Year.



CCC Boys Soccer:



The first year boys soccer team had a great run out this year. We made it to the quarter final of the Munster Schoolboys Cup competition, only to be knocked out by a very strong Midleton CBS side in a local derby. The teams were very well matched, however it was the CBS' day and they managed to win out.

As well as this, we progressed to the Cork Schoolboys Cup Competition making it to a semi final versus Presentation Boys School. We made our way up to Douglas to play what turned out to be a very competitive game. Despite some strong defending and great attempts on goal we were just short of the win on this occasion.

Overall it was a very enjoyable year and wouldn't have happened without the help of our super TY coaches Lewis Kelleher, Charlie Cambridge, Osas Aghedo, Noah Nsengiyumva and Patrik Adedokun. A huge shoutout to the four lads for coming out on Monday afternoons to train us and making their way to all of the matches too! Thanks also to Ms O'Sullivan and Ms Browne for helping to make this happen!

By Ms. D O' Sullivan





Sporting Round-Up

CCC Camogie:

1st & Second Year Camogie

It has been a busy year for our first and second year camogie team.

Many of these girls wore the CCC jersey for the first time when they played in the county blitz in Mallow on the 18th of September. They were unlucky to loose out to a strong Mitchelstown team, but picked up a great win against Boherbue.

The girls travelled away to play Coláiste Fionnchua, Mitchelstown in the first round of the county competition in February. Despite tough conditions, the girls worked together and were well deserving of their 2 point win.

Next up was a home game to Coláiste an Chraoibhín, Fermoy. The team showed their strong team spirit, winning out 6-5 to 0-2, topping the group.

This set us up for a semi final against neighbours, St. Coleman's Midelton. The girls showed immense work rate, not only securing the win but also giving their best display of the year. This saw CCC progress to the semi final of this competition for the first time. Final score CCC 8-4 St. Coleman's 1-6.

All roads let to Castle Road on the 21st of May for the eagerly awaited County Final against St. Brogan's Bandon. The girls trailed by 7 points at half time and winning the game looked a tough ask, but this didn't stop the girls. The game was a draw at full time and went to extra time. It looked like CCC had done just enough to get over the line with a fantastic goal from Sarah Kelleher in the final minutes, but a Brogan's equaliser saw the game tied at the final whistle. Replay to follow!

Ms S Collins



Junior Camogie

Our junior camogie team had a short season this year after being pushed up in the grades from last . year. They were first away to Kinsale on October 8th where they put up a tough battle against a strong Kinsale side.

They togged out again on November 20th and made the trip to Charleville to play St Mary's where they also narrowly missed out.

Even though the season was short for our Junior camogie team all girls played well in both matches and showed their skills again in the senior and 1st and 2nd year teams.

Ms E Casey

Senior Camogie

Our senior team had a very busy year, despite playing up in a higher grade in both the County and Munster competitions.

In December they had landed themselves in the county final v Coláiste Fionnchua. After an incredible display of heart, skill, and determination we unfortunately lost out by 2 points in the end.

Our latest game was our Munster Final against Pres Secondary School Tralee on the 19th of May. With a very young team made up of mostly 2nd , 3rd and 4th years we fought to the very end, but unfortunately we couldn't match the physicality of the Kerry side.

This team once again did CCC so proud and we've no doubt that they'll compete for the silverware again next year



A special shout to our 6th years Kate Bogue and Cate O'Connell who represented the school so well over the last six years.

Ms C Daly



Sporting Round-Up

CCC boy's football:

It's been a tough year on the scoreboard for CCC in both Cork and Munster PPS football, but there's no shortage of heart, effort or pride in the jersey. While results didn't go our way, our players kept showing up, putting in the work and representing the school with grit and determination. Onwards and upwards! We'll be competing in a new grade in Munster PPS next year, and we look forward to the fresh challenge that brings.

Our U14s were busy throughout the year, taking part in several blitzes, building experience and team spirit. Our 5th Years and TYs also had the opportunity to compete in the Lord Mayor's Cup, giving them valuable game time and exposure at a higher level.

A massive thank you must go to Mr Carver, Mr Guiney, Mr O'Dwyer and Mr Prenderville for their dedication, time and tireless effort throughout the season. The players truly appreciate the commitment shown by the management team.





Cork Player:

A special word of congratulations to Darragh O’Sullivan (Erin’s Own), who has proudly represented Cork at U16 level this year. A dedicated, hardworking and extremely skilful player, Darragh has captained the county side on numerous occasions – a testament to his leadership and attitude both on and off the field. We wish him continued success and have no doubt we’ll be seeing plenty more of him in the red and white of Cork in the years to come.

By Ms. L O’Reilly





Sporting Round-Up



U19 Hurling

Glanmire CC v Carrigtwohill CC (Venue - Mayfield)

Carrigtwohill Community College are very proud of how the lads performed in their second year competing at U19 B level. They showed they fully belong at this grade and put in a performance to be proud of.

It was very evident from the start of this game that this was a massive step up in standard, but our lads adapted quickly, matching the opposition in nearly every department of the game. Any mistake was punished on the scoreboard by both sides. While the game didn't go according to plan against an excellent Glanmire CC side, the lads' "never say die" attitude was admirable. Throughout the field, all players gave it everything, and it certainly wasn't from a lack of effort that they didn't win this game. The match finished 3-19 (28) to 4-11 (20).

Ballinacollig CC v Carrigtwohill CC (Venue - Ballinacollig)

Everyone involved was clearly hurting after the last game, but the learnings had to be taken and put into action straight away as up next was the U19 Munster PPS Championship. This game was an away fixture against Ballinacollig. This turned out to be a fantastic game with only a puck of the ball separating the teams in the end. It would be unfair to single out any individual performances here, as all players from both teams showed off their many skills and determination in this cracking game. Another epic game — heart attack material. Final score: CCC 2-18 (24), Ballinacollig CC 2-14 (20). Hon CCC!!

Brogan's, Bandon v Carrigtwohill CC (Venue - Carrigtwohill)

Fast forwarding on, up next were St Brogan's, Bandon. This was a home fixture. Unfortunately, CCC were missing a few key players for this game. Brogan's were a quality side and proved a step too far, which exited CCC from the championship. Final score was 5-18 to 1-08. The lads were bitterly disappointed but were humble enough to accept they were beaten by the better team.

(Thanking You)

Ms. O'Reilly and Mr. McCarthy would like to take this opportunity to thank the players for their efforts and commitment, especially the current 6th years who will be leaving CCC soon. They did the school jersey proud. These players could easily have had success in the lower grade championship this year but instead showed admirable courage to test themselves in a higher grade against top-quality teams. This speaks volumes about their character and willingness to come out of their comfort zone.

As the saying goes, 'win or learn.' These defeats were painful, but the learnings from these games will be invaluable to these players. Both teachers would like to wish the current 6th years the very best of luck in their Leaving Cert exams and on the next chapters of their lives



U17 Hurling

It was to be a short season for our U17 hurlers this year. We played a very exciting warm up game in October V Coláiste an Phiarsaigh which we won narrowly. This was ideal preparation for our first round Munster game V Ballincollig Community School in November. It wasn't to be on the day for this team who were missing some key players as we went on to lose by 4-13 to 3-26 following a tremendous second half showing from our team. These players will now aim to build on this next year as they aim to fight for places in our U19 team.

U16 Hurling

Our under 16s got a Bye in the first round of this years Cork County Championship. We played a very competitive game against CBC in preparation for our quarter final opponents. We were then drawn to play St Brogan's Bandon in Bandon. This was a game which we looked comfortable in throughout but with 10 minutes to go Bandon fought back with some well taken goals against the run of play. Bandon then went on to lead in the closing minutes before Sam Dolan put the ball in the net to secure victory on a final score line of 3-13 to 5-5.

In the final, we suffered a narrow two point defeat at the hands of DLS Macroom. The game was played in Carrigaline on a beautiful morning for hurling. CCC raced into an early lead with some well taken scores in the opening minutes. However, Macroom's physicality and work rate brought them back into the game. CCC lead by the smallest of margins at the interval having weathered a DLS storm towards the end of the half.

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Sporting Round-Up

Team captain Oscar Verdonshot played a key role at centre back in a strong defensive unit that excelled throughout. Goalkeeper Jamie O Shea along with Jack Gilley, Fionn Morrissey, Josh Quill and the immense Hegarty brothers completed the outstanding back line, nullifying attack after attack. Our midfield pairing of Scott Lavin and Daragh O Sullivan fought tirelessly from start to finish.

While we lead for most of the game, a goal and three unanswered points from the Western side put them into a commanding lead with ten minutes to go. Substitutes Michael Morrison, Patrick Ahern and Matthew Cashell turned the game around with minutes to go when they linked up for an inspiring, well worked team goal. CCC then brought the game back to one point in the final stages thanks to a valiant effort against an impressive DLS defence. An important save from Jamie O Shea kept us within sight before Michael Morrison forced a point blank save from the DLS goalie. It wasn't to be on the day for our team who couldn't turn moments of dominance into scores on the board.

Mr Hogan and Mr Power are incredibly proud of this team who have shown so much improvement and dedication since the start of the year. We wish our players and their clubs (Carrigtwohill, Erin's Own, Middleton, Cobh and Lisgoold) all the best for the season ahead as the club season gets underway. We look forward to working with these players again in September as we prepare for the U17 Munster competition.

U15 Hurling

Our U15 team bowed out of the Munster Championship in the first round after a spirited performance against a powerful Patrician Academy, Mallow side, falling on a scoreline of 2-13 to 2-05.

The lads left everything on the pitch and can hold their heads high. There's plenty of heart and promise in this group, and brighter days surely lie ahead.



U14 hurling

Carrigtwohill Community College u14 hurling had a fantastic year this year capturing 2 titles, winning the county u14 C Championship and also winning the plate in the Kacper Kozlowski tournament ran by Midleton CBS. The team began training in early September and across the year took part in 11 games and over 30 training sessions. The team consisted of 28 players who all saw plenty of game time throughout the year. The team was made up of players from Carrigtwohill, Erins own, Cobh, Lisgoold, Blackrock and Midleton. In the championship CCC defeated Douglas Community College, Scoil Mhuire gan Smál Blarney, De La Salle Macroom and St Brogans Bandon in the final. The lads showed great skill and applied themselves brilliantly throughout the year. There is no doubt that they have a great future ahead. Many thanks to Mr Power, Mr Hogan and Mr O Regan that helped with this team throughout the year and also to Cork GDA Ciarán O Brien who assisted the team on many occasions.





Sporting Round-Up

Cork Players - Congrats

A special mention must go to Matthew Barrett on making the Cork Under 20 hurling panel this year. Unfortunately, Cork were beaten by Clare in the Munster semi-final. Matthew is eligible for the U20 again next year. He is a perfect example of what hard work can achieve — two years ago, he did not make the panel for the Cork Minor (U18) hurling team. Instead of feeling sorry for himself, he put his shoulder to the wheel by focusing on improving as a player. He worked on his strength and conditioning, nutrition, hydration, and multiple areas of his hurling. It was no coincidence that he went on to perform at an extremely high level with his club, dominating every player he marked. Matthew left the Cork management with no choice but to call him up into their setup.

Hopefully, this will inspire people to see what can be achieved with perseverance, a learning mindset, and 100% dedication to something you're passionate about.

Also, a big congrats to Josh Hegarty, who represented the Cork U15 hurling team this year. Josh plays with Erin's Own. He is a talented player, has the skills, and most importantly, the dedication to go on and represent Cork many more times in the future. Well done, Josh — keep doing what you're doing, as it's clearly working. All the best!

Finally, a big congratulations to Matthew Cashel, (Carrigtwohill) who has been selected for the Cork U14 development team. Matthew was our goal-scoring machine with CCC, always stepping up when it mattered most. He's a natural talent with a sharp eye for goal, and his hard work and determination have truly paid off.



U14C Cork PPS County Champions

On what was a beautiful morning for hurling, we shot into an early five-point lead through scores from Daithí Kelly, Matthew Cashell and Tom Enright. Luca O'Driscoll and Cillian O'Callaghan also worked well in CCC's half-forward line at this time. However, St Brogan's fought back well before half time, scoring 1-3 without reply.

Brogan's restarted the second half as they ended the first and raced into a six-point lead. The margin at this time would have been greater but for the great work of goalkeeper Killian O'Brien and his full-back line of Luke Barrett, Alex Kadula (captain), and Aaron Sheehan.

But with 15 minutes to go, CCC started to take charge in midfield once again through the dynamic duo of Jack Forde and Ryan Moore. Fionn Barry delivered ball after ball into our forward line, who had suddenly come to life. Matthew Cashell, leading the line at centre-forward at this stage, brought Evan Tovey into the scoring with some lovely points from play from both players.

Tom Enright, who scored 2-2 on the day, gave the Brogan's defence nightmares—none more so than in the final minutes. Cian Meaney and Fintan Curtin then created goal chances towards the end as CCC started to put daylight between the teams.

Our captain Alex Kadula lifted the cup on behalf of the team.

Well done and thank you to Mr Hogan, Mr Power and Mr O'Regan for all their hard work and dedication with this team throughout the year.

By Ms. L O'Reilly and Mr. N McCarthy





Sporting Round-Up

CCC Boy's Basketball:

Strong Season for CCC First & Second Year Boys Basketball Teams

It's been an exciting term for our First and Second Year Boys Basketball teams, who impressed with their commitment, talent, and team spirit.

The season tipped off with a big win on January 23rd, as our First Years claimed a dominant 24-point victory over Coláiste Chríost Rí. Our Second Years also competed bravely, narrowly missing out in a close contest.

On February 12th, CCC faced Coláiste Mhuire, Cobh. The First Years extended their winning streak, while the Second Years once again put in a strong effort but were narrowly defeated.

The momentum continued on February 24th, when both teams secured excellent wins over Davis College, Mallow. This set the stage for the final pool stage games on February 26th, where CCC hosted Kinsale Community School and emerged with two convincing victories—bringing the league phase to a strong close.

In the knockout stages, our First Years edged past GCC on March 10th, booking their spot in the Southern Region B Final. On March 19th, they took on Midleton CBS in Neptune Stadium in a thrilling final, narrowly losing out 28–26 in what was a fantastic performance.

Refusing to let the loss slow them down, the team bounced back with two commanding wins in the All-Ireland playoffs at CCC on April 2nd, defeating De La Salle, Waterford and Castleknock CC, Dublin to qualify for the quarter-finals.

The season concluded on April 10th in Dublin, where our boys fought valiantly in the All-Ireland quarter-final but were narrowly beaten by 8 points. Despite the result, their dedication and growth this season were remarkable and promise a bright future.

Well done to all involved on a brilliant season—your efforts and sportsmanship have made CCC proud!







Summer Poem:

Summer at CCC

The summer sun begins to shine,
As school days fade like trailing vine.
Laughter echoes through the halls,
While quiet settles over walls.

Our 6th years now have said goodbye,
With dreams and goals set soaring high.
We send them off with all our cheers,
Good luck and courage, no room for fears!

Exams ahead, a final test,
We know you'll all give it your best.
And as the summer breezes play,
We wish you joy in each new day.

At CCC, with pride so true,
We're always here, rooting for you.



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