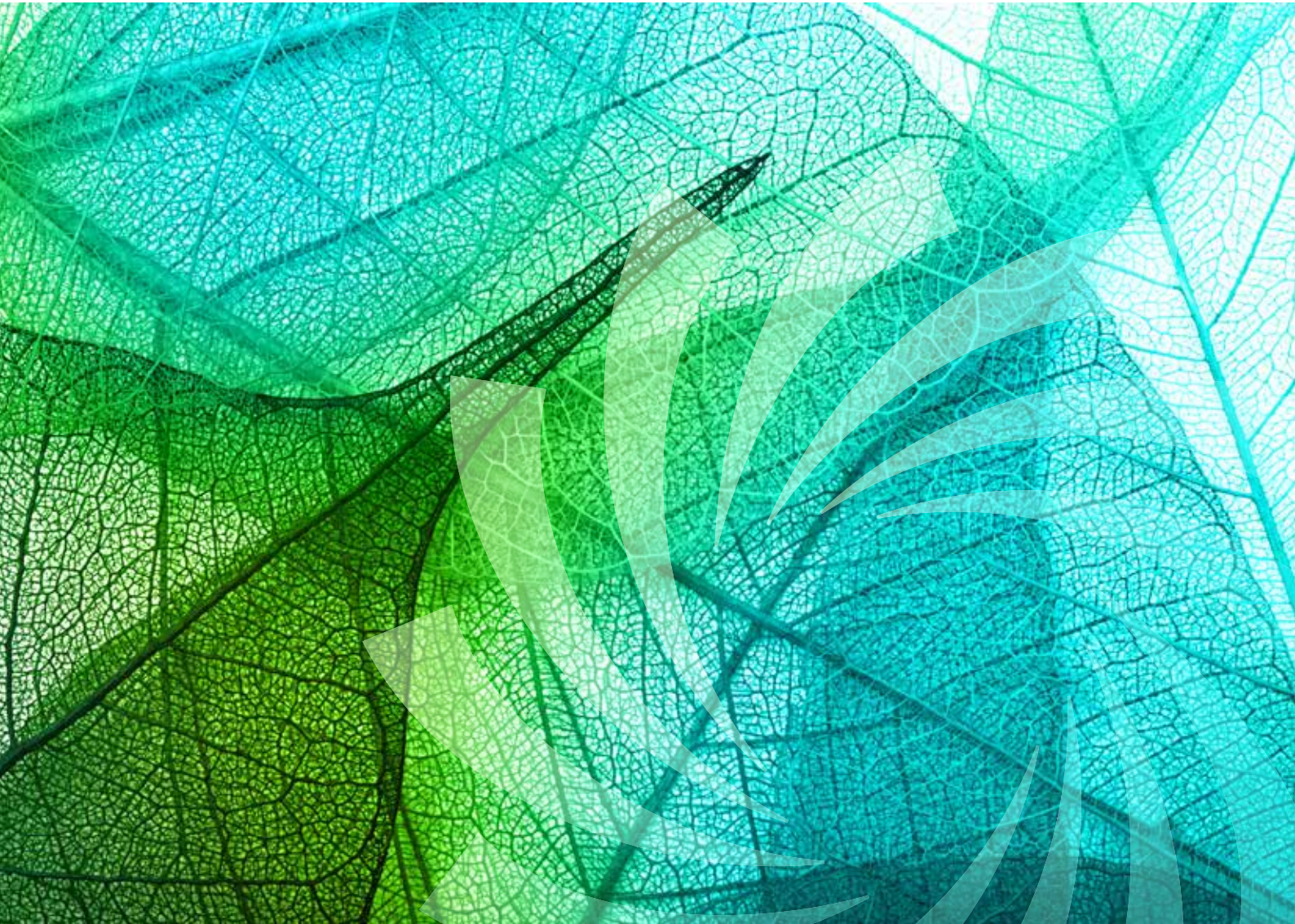


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Cahir's Young Social Innovators Baking it Better

This programme aims to foster personal commitment to making a difference in social issues and pursuing a more equal, fair and inclusive society. It brings about an insight and involvement in local and national community issues and challenges. Fostering positive relationships with young people and the community.

This year five Transition Year students took on the issue of health and well-being. They identified their specific social issue as obesity and in particular the issue around the over consumption of refined sugars. To tackle this problem they undertook a number of activities. They decided to work with the local day care centre. The aim of this was to try and build rapport with the elderly in the centre and to gain a sense of what foods meant the most to them. After a series of conversations, they decided that everyone enjoys treats or desserts regardless

of age or gender. The students then developed and wrote the recipe book 'Baking it Better'. Included in this book are all the favourite traditional recipes from the residence of the day care centre. Along with a healthier version of the same dessert that the students developed. The book then became a traditional, modern and educational book of recipes.

The students went on to represent Coláiste Dún Iascaigh in the Lime Tree Theatre, Limerick. They were asked to show case their project in two minutes on stage. The students had a great reaction to their performance and now they eagerly await the results of their efforts



CARRICK TY STUDENTS SELECTED FOR THE FINAL OF THE BT YOUNG SCIENTIST AND TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION 2015

TY Students Selected for the Final of the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition 2015

Ethan Devereau, Molly Coady and Kyah O'Toole, TY students, have qualified from over 2000 projects for the finals of the BT Young Scientist competition to be held in the RDS in January 2016. The team have developed a survey on attitudes to the current refugee crisis and are targeting different age groups to examine whether these attitudes vary depending on age. They are competing in the Social and Behavioural Sciences category this year and selected this topic having been influenced by the current Refugee Crisis and media responses to it.

The students have reviewed surveys recently done that have focused on changing attitudes to the current refugee crisis. They will be targeting 5th and 6th class students in primary school, TY and 5th years in post-primary school and their parents and surveying them. They will also follow up this research with smaller focus groups to examine other factors that may influence people's attitudes. With the events that have unfolded around the Mediterranean and in Syria, our students feel that the outcome of this research is vital for our government and figures in Europe who have influence on planning and policy. The more respondents who partake, the clearer the picture will be for how all citizens feel in terms of Ireland's future involvement in the crisis.



NEWPORT COLLEGE ENTERPRISE WINNERS



Well done to our 2nd year students who were Intermediate Craft winners in the Tipperary Enterprise awards, held in LIT, Thurles.

ADULT LEARNERS CELEBRATION A HUGE SUCCESS



Tipperary Education & Training Board celebration of Learning in conjunction with AONTAS Adult Learner Festival took place on Tuesday 22nd February in Clonmel Army Barracks (TETB). MC for the event was Eileen Condon, Education Officer who guided the event smoothly along. Michael Dalton Adult Learner started off by giving the history of Clonmel and Barracks. The Irish United National Veteran Association stood to attention while Ex. Sgt Major Cosgrove read the Proclamation. Giving us local insights and a snapshot of what was happening in the Clonmel area around 1916 was Marie Boland from Tipperary Libraries. We were fortunate to have the backing of Benny O Connell, Con Hogan and Tony O Dwyer to play tunes such as Slievenamon, and The Foggy Dew, followed by poetry recitals and personal reflections from Mary Fitzpatrick, Liam Cleere, Pat Hoban and Karl McHugh.

Melissa Corish, Youthreach Cappawhite tutor and Claudia Hayes student gave a brief account of "STAMPS" exhibition which was on display for the event. This display was completed in Youthreach Cappawhite and certainly added colour to the event. We were then introduced to Mamie Koyate from New Guinea who gave an exhibition of Shanos Dance on a wooden platform brought in especially for this occasion. It finished off with the sweet voices and singing of our National Anthem by Adult learning students and tutors led by Mary Roche Cleary. We thank Eileen Condon, Education Officer, Mary Roche Cleary, Adult Literacy Organiser, Kaye Mullaney, BTEI Coordinator, Ciaran Kennedy, Youthreach Coordinator, Deborah Ryan CEF and Adult Education staff, tutors, caterers and caretakers for all their help, but most of all you the learners .



Microsoft OneNote in Adult Basic Education

**Mary Roche Cleary,
Adult Literacy Organiser**



As part of the plan to introduce portable IT devices and OneNote for teaching and learning across the adult literacy service, we spent a Saturday morning in April, training to use OneNote.

Our long-term vision is that Students and Tutors will share with ease, their digital notebooks and collaborate on work in all formats (text, audio and video).

A lot of pre-planning took place in advance of the training and a significant financial investment made in providing the infrastructure i.e. multimedia projectors, 12 Microsoft Surface Tablets for Tutors and screen beam adaptors for the training rooms - to connect the MS devices wirelessly to the projectors. All of this was done through collaborating with Gerry Flynn, our IT Administrator who also organised the Microsoft Trainer Brendan Cawley. Brendan is Head Teacher of 240 1st year students in a DDLETB secondary school that just last year went completely digital with their 1st Years.



Scan the QR code using your mobile phone to find out more and access the OneNote for Teachers information videos.

Briona Nic Dhiarmada captivates Leaving Cert Students in Borrisokane Community College with 1916 talk.



Borrisokane Teachers & Students with Film Producer of 1916, The Rebellion- Briona Nic Dhiarmada

Briona Nic Dhiarmada captivated a small group of Leaving Certificate history students and staff with a talk she presented in Borrisokane Community College on March 11th. She wrote and produced 'Ros na Run' a well-known series on TG4 for 4 years. Currently she is the Professor of Irish Studies and Film production in the University of Notre Dame. She has spent the last five years working on a three part series on the Easter 1916 rebellion in preparation for the centenary celebrations this year. It was recently aired on RTE and received unexpectedly extremely high ratings. She first began working for RTE in film production.

A short trailer of the series was played and eagerly watched by the audience. The superb production, impressive cinematography and flawless narration by the famous and respected actor, Liam Neeson was evident.

Briona is a gifted educationalist with a humbling genuine interest and love for Irish history. For those who have not yet watched the series they await with eager anticipation for their turn to borrow and watch the DVD generously donated by Briona. She also left the school library with a personally signed copy of her book, "1916 The Rebellion" compiled from many of the archived materials and personal stories from 1916 that inspired the documentary. Míle Buíochas a Briona.

Suzanne McMahon (Deputy Principal).



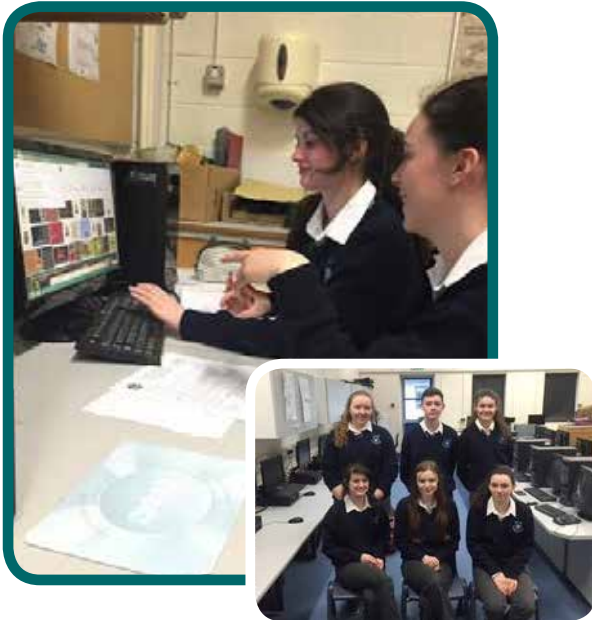
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE IN TEMPLEMORE

Congratulations to all involved in the production and participation of our College float for the local St. Patrick's Day Parade in Templemore. A great day was had by all and the float won a prize! This is the first time in the history of the PLC College to enter a float in the parade.

The theme was 'Suffragettes' - the empowerment and liberation of women over 100 years ago and the importance of education as a weapon for change...



The Big Bank Theory Coláiste Dún Iascaigh



On the second of March six students travelled to Cork for the Build A Bank regionals. The students who travelled to Cork were Ciaran Power, Samantha Lyons, Elaine Whelan, Caoimhe Quinn, Helena Walsh, Emma Quirke and their mascot Jerome (the skeleton). The bank name was “The Big Bank Theory” and their slogan was “The Science of Saving”. They had done a lot of work in preparation for the competition and were excited to be a part of it. When they reached the Clayton hotel where the competition was being held the first thing they did was get into their costumes (they were dressed like characters from the Big Bang Theory TV show) and then they proceeded to walk around and size up their competition and discovered many amusing pun names and students dressed as lobsters or wizards. The judges came around and asked questions about the bank. After that there was lunch (which left a weird taste in your mouth) then the results but first we had a rave. Yes. A rave. They had music blaring and lights flashing and they ordered us to dance a dance that they had taught us. There was prizes for the best dancers one of which went to a lobster the other to Thor. In total five teams got through to the nationals. Even though the Coláiste was not included, the bank members intend to continue to provide the service to the students. They had a great time at the competition and would recommend that next year’s TY’s take part.

By Samantha Lambert

VTOS

VTOS CLONMEL EVENT TO MARK PROCLAMATION DAY

VTOS learners organised an event at the CTI Senior College, Clonmel to mark Proclamation Day on the 9th March 2016.

A series of posters were displayed focussing on extracting key words and phrases for the Proclamation intended to demonstrate the complexity and forward thinking nature of what is considered to be Ireland’s most important document. The event commenced with an introduction by Fran Taylor followed by extracts from two of WB Yeats’ best known poems, ‘September 1914’ and ‘Easter 1916’ read by Keith O’Leary. This was followed by Rebecca McGrath, who read the Proclamation.

Jane Kennedy (VTOS teacher) then played the guitar to accompany the group while they sang our National Anthem.

The event concluded with a short speech by Fran Taylor, who is due to sit history as a subject in the 2016 Leaving Certificate. Fran spoke about Dublin in the early part of the twentieth century and focussed on the poverty, tenement living and the lives of the ordinary people of Dublin. He acknowledged the suffering including the innocent lives lost during Easter week and the contribution of women to the events. As well as mentioning the considerable sacrifice of the Rising planners and signatories of the Proclamation. He explained that although the Rising did not have popular support, it did lead to major change and eventually to independence.

Fran said: “It is apt that the nation will pause and read and contemplate the words so carefully put together by the authors of the country’s founding document – a blueprint for the social, moral and political values of our Republic”.

This enjoyable and successful event was attended by Fionuala McGeever, Chief Executive (ETB), Charlie McGeever, Principal (CTI), Michael Corbett (VTOS Co-ordinator), VTOS learners and staff members.



From L to R - Fionula McGeever CE, ETB, Keith O Leary, VTOS, Rebecca McGrath, VTOS, Fran Taylor, VTOS, Charlie McGeever, Principal, CTI



VTOS Clonmel Group Photo

Cappa in Kerry

The students in Youthreach Cappawhite succeeded in completing a 30km hike around the Kerry National Park in one go as part of an activity that must be completed under the Bronze Presidents Gaisce Award. Gaisce is a direct challenge from the President of Ireland to young people aged 15-25 to dream big and realise their potential. Over the past few weeks our participants have been preparing for this challenge by walking the Red Hill adjacent to Cappawhite. Well done to all who participated.



Inaugural Youthreach Connect Conference

The inaugural Youthreach Connect Conference for County Tipperary took place in the Horse and Jockey on the 2nd and 3rd of December. The theme of the conference was to bring together all the service providers that work with and support Youthreach in County Tipperary. We were delighted to have members of the ETB and Fr. Peter McVerry to open the conference. He gave an account of some of the realities faced by many Irish people today as homelessness is at its peak in Ireland today. The two day conference included many speakers and dealt with issues such as Self-Care, Encouragement, Mindfulness, Managing Challenging Behaviour and the finale was a play performed in the Source Theatre in Thurles by Ballyfermot Youthreach.

BORRISOKANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TAKE TO THE AIRWAVES ON TIPP FM



Deputy Principal, Suzanne McMahon along with a group of Borrisokane Community College students took to the airwaves on Friday 12th February on Tipp FM where they were guests on the Fran Curry morning show. Suzanne spoke initially about the Heritage project she is leading at present in the school. The school received an NAPD, creative engagement grant of €2,000 this year. The committee have decided to signpost all buildings of historic significance including the three workhouses, one of which houses the school another the sports complex and a third being restored starting this summer. Dara Darcy a 5th year student then spoke about her art piece which had made it through to the 'Doodle for Google' finals. Two 5th year students, Cian Darcy and Leontien Friel, spoke about the Health promoting school's committee and events that were to take place later in the school.

Mairead Kelly from the HSE presented the school with a Health promoting school's flag later that day. Borrisokane Community College are the first school in the county to be given this award. Cian Darcy spoke about the SOAR workshop which took place earlier in the year. He spoke positively of the experience and how students now felt comfortable enough to talk openly about any issues. Suzanne explained how the school has integrated health education across the curriculum. She spoke about the friendship café which opened earlier this year to provide a warm space for students during break times and the Check & Connect programme supporting students through emotional challenges. Huge recognition was given to Ms Dunne for the HPS committee which she has led since 2013. Keelan Mc Grath played a reel on the Button accordion which had the locals outside dancing on the streets and Jamie Lee Forde, a 6th year gave an emotive and brilliant live vocal performance of , 'All I want' a recent Kodaline hit.





BORRISOKANE STUDENT DARA DARCY DOODLES HER WAY 4 GOOGLE INTO THE FINALS.

The creative mind of Senior Art student Dara Darcy secured her place in the 2016 'Doodle 4 Google' finals in their headquarters on 7th March. The 5th yr. student re-invented the google logo based on this year's theme "Ireland is....." She designed her logo on the recent Equality referendum. Out of hundreds of entries she was one of the 15 finalists in her group. Despite not winning a great day was had by Dara and Art teacher Ms. Eileen Forde and she was delighted to receive a framed copy of her doodle, a personalised T-shirt and a google goody bag.



Art teacher, Ms Eileen Forde and Padraig Harrington at the recent 'Doodle 4 Google' finals.



Dara Darcy receiving her framed copy of her Doodle from Ronan Harris (Head of Google Ireland) at the 'Doodle 4 Google' finals at their headquarters in Dublin.

NENAGH COLLEGE DARKNESS INTO LIGHT 5K WALK 2016



Nenagh was added to Cashel, Carrick-On-Suir, Roscrea, Killaloe and Ballina as a host town in Tipperary for the Darkness into Light 5K walk 2016. The walk took place on Saturday at 4.15 a.m from Nenagh College.

CEO of Pieta House, Ms. Joan Freeman had officially launched the 2016 walk in Nenagh College on Thursday 21st April. She had congratulated all in the school community on the organisation of the event and was overwhelmed by the welcome she had received from the staff and students. She outlined the wonderful work that is being done by Pieta House, an organisation that she founded following a personal tragedy a number of years ago.



Nenagh College would like to thank all the organisers and participants of the Darkness into Light 5K, it proved to be a fantastic experience for everyone involved. All proceeds were in aid of Pieta House.



Newport College 'Make a Book'

Congratulations to Michaela Middleton, who was a winner at the National Make a Book exhibition in Cork. Well done to all our 2nd years who participated in this competition.



FERRYHOUSE



ST JOSEPHS ACCEPT IRISH FLAG AHEAD OF PROCLAMATION CELEBRATIONS

Students of St Josephs accepting their Irish flag and Proclamation from members of the Irish Defence Forces

COLÁISTE MUIRE CO - ED

Merck Sharpe and Dohme pay a visit to Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed Thurles

5th year and TY students enjoyed a visit last week from Mark Ivors, a Senior Process Safety Engineer with Merck, Sharpe and Dohme for Engineers Week. Mark delivered a most informative and educational talk on his career with MSD and what the work of an engineer entails. He also enlightened our students on the variety of engineering careers available to 3rd level graduates.



Coláiste Dún Iascaigh Junior Boy's make history as they reach All-Ireland Final



On Wednesday the 3rd of February, the junior boys' basketball team played against St. Gerald's Castlebar in the All-Ireland Semi Finals, in Tallaght. The boys had adrenaline flowing through their blood as they entered the NBA hall, and they were determined to win. They were going to give it their all and have no regrets. This is exactly what they did. Dragosh Marginean, Lukas Kairys, Patryk Kowaleski, Mohamed Ismail and Jack Conway started off in the first Quarter and played with ferocity. At the end of the 1st quarter we were winning 8-6 points. During the second quarter the scores came closer and closer together. At the end of the second quarter the scores were tied 18-18 points. Castlebar were gritty and came back at the Coláiste. In the third quarter we were determined to create a gap between the scores. The final score at the end of the second quarter, 28-20 points to us.

The final quarter was a gripping one. Everyone was on the edge of their seats. After losing Jack to five fouls, Dragosh came back on resuming his position.



Our opponents crept up behind us and with 1:30 minutes left the scores were 32-30 points to us. That minute and a half is one the junior boys' basketball team will never forget. The Coláiste Dún Iascaigh supporters were on their feet roaring, chanting, hitting their bodhráns, hearts racing. Lukas,

Dragosh, Dominik, Mohamed and Patryk defended their basket knowing that if the other team scored, it could be the end for them. The most nerve wrecking part of the last minute were the free throws our opponents got. Our supporters made as much noise as they could; our players held their breaths and luckily they missed both free throws. Now two seconds remained left in the game. The buzzer went off and we leapt to our feet, roaring and cheering. The players on the court hugged and cheered in disbelief that they had won. Super coach, Damien Byrne was ecstatic. And so after three years of trying Coláiste Dún Iascaigh junior boys' basketball team did not only make it to Tallaght; they've made it to the All-Ireland Finals.

Team members: Dominic Mlynczak, Adrian Bernacki, Lukas Kairys, Patryk Goluszka, Ciarán Power, Dragosh Marginean, Patryk Kowaleski, Daniel Moga, Jack Conway, Ian Halpin, Dawid Merta, Mohammed Ismail.



European Work Placements for Students and Professional Development for Staff at Templemore College of Further Education



Erasmus+ is an EU funded programme, managed by Léargas, which provides financial support and resources for students and staff to enhance both professional and personal competencies.

Work Placement for Students

In March 2016 thirty-five students from Templemore College of Further Education completed work experience placements in Spain, France and Germany. Fifteen students from our Tourism, European Studies, IT, Security Studies, Complementary Therapies, Childcare, and Creative Media Departments spent three weeks in Seville, Spain. Whilst five students spent three weeks in Niort, France from Horticulture, and Sports and Recreation, and a further fifteen students from Hairdressing, Beauty, and Makeup Artistry Departments spent three weeks in Leipzig, Germany.



Professional Development for Staff

One of the key objectives of Erasmus+ staff development is to increase and share knowledge of teaching methodologies among European counterparts. Nine members of staff at the College attended professional development events in Europe over the past year. These included week-long programmes on 'Work Shadowing', 'Information Technology in the Classroom' and 'Making our School more International'. Staff travelled to Spain, Germany, Finland and Austria, and, much like the experiences of our students, staff reported on developing new understandings and competencies that will change the way they approach their teaching. In this instance, the benefits for this element of our European project are down to the commitment and work of Kathleen Grimes and Siobhán Keating.

GAELOLÁISTE CHEITÍN STUDENT ENTERPRISE AWARDS 2016

Gaelcholáiste Cheitinn students have worked extremely hard over the last few months and were entered for the Student Enterprise Awards.

The student enterprise awards competition was held on Friday 4th of March in LIT Thurles.

Unfortunately we hadn't winners but the students put in a great effort and created some fantastic ideas. It also gave us insight into the types of projects that were successful. The students enjoyed the day and it gave them an appreciation for the hard work and commitment needed to succeed as an entrepreneur.



CTI Graduate

Pictured are Post Leaving Certificate students from Central Technical Institute, Clonmel who were presented with certificates at the Annual Ceremony on Friday, 16th October, 2015 in The Mall, Clonmel.



Fantastic Four bring All Ireland glory to Coláiste Phobal RosCré

The 9th of March brought an early start for players and supporters of the Coláiste U19 boy's badminton team. The two hour bus journey to Gormanston, Co. Meath didn't enthuse but the prospect of playing in an All-Ireland and possibly even winning made it a short trip.

There were representatives from all provinces except Connacht, the Ulster team were RBAI from Belfast with Johnstown in Kilkenny flying the flag for Leinster and the latter would be our first opponents. Johnstown were a very athletic side and had a never say die attitude, all of the four singles matches were tight with three of them going the way of Roscrea. Andrew Cullen and William Cummins showed patience and experience in waiting for the right opportunities in their games to come out on top. Evan Hassett in the third game was unlucky to lose narrowly but this would serve as a source of determination for the rest of the day and in fourth and last, singles Jack Finnegan saw off the Johnstown number four having to come from behind to take victory giving a great boost of confidence to him and his team. The Coláiste were 3-1 up going into the doubles, first up, were Andrew Cullen and Jack Finnegan who made no mistake seeing off the Johnstown pairing in a convincing victory. In the second doubles William Cummins and Evan Hassett played an intelligent game to also win in a commanding manner to win the match 5-1. This left the Coláiste in a good position with RBAI and Johnstown to play each other next.

RBAI and Johnstown played out a 3-3 draw, which ensured a 3-3 against the school from Belfast would see Roscrea over the line. As always Andrew Cullen played first singles, this time he had tougher competition and after some long rallies and fantastic badminton was unlucky to go down by two aces to the man from Belfast. The second singles would prove a similar result as always William Cummins left it all on the court but could not get the better of the Belfast No.2. It was down to Evan Hassett and Jack Finnegan to turn things around and they did not disappoint. Evan showed great character to

bounce back from his earlier loss making no mistake winning convincingly, Jack followed suit holding his nerve to level the match up at 2-2 going into the doubles. Andrew and Jack were up first knowing one more game would make them champions but things did not go to plan, after a slow start they got in to the game but had left too big a mountain to climb and couldn't close the gap to the men from Belfast. 3-2 down at this point it would be up to Evan and William to finish the job, both felt they had a point to prove after earlier losses bringing a level of determination into their game for which Belfast had no answer. This win levelled the game 3-3 which handed Coláiste Phobal Roscré the all-Ireland title capping of a fantastic team performance that anybody would be proud of.

Team: Andrew Cullen, William Cummins, Evan Hassett, Jack Finnegan, Cian Cordial (sub)



L to R Cian Cordial, William Cummins, Andrew Cullen, Mr. O'Connor (Principal), Evan Hassett, Jack Finnegan, Mr. Hogan (Teacher and Coach).

Successful Work Seminar at Templemore College



ECR Ireland (Efficient Consumer Response) in conjunction with Youthreach (a second chance at education) and Intreo recently hosted a Pre-Employment Skills Seminar as part of 'Feeding Ireland's Future - Skills for Work Week' in Templemore College of Further Education on Friday March 4th. Topaz was the assigned company who agreed to link with this Pre-Employment Skills seminar and lended their expertise to guide both the students from Ceim Eile Youthreach aswell as PLC students at Templemore College of Further Education into suitable preparation for the world of work. The seminar was also assisted by Intreo, the Department of Social Protection's employment and income supports service. Intreo also had personnel on site on the day.

The students found it to be a very positive and worthwhile exercise in assisting many of them in their preparations for accessing the world of work and in particular the fast moving consumer goods area which employs thousands of people in this country.

Picture - Representatives from ECR & Intreo with Michael O'Doherty - Ceim Eile Co-Ordinator (centre) and students at Templemore College of Further Education.

St Josephs Ferryhouse 'Tom & Danes Kitchen' placed 2nd in National Awards for Young Entrepreneurs



Tom Williams representing St Josephs and Tipperary ETB in the offices of Grant Thornton. Tom was placed second in the national awards for young entrepreneurs which was run by the Foróige Network for teaching entrepreneurs (NFTE). The business was labelled Tom & Danes Kitchen and they produced a range of chutneys, jams, pickles and sauces.

St. Ailbes

St Ailbes has the 'A' Factor

Martina Barthova Ciaran Coffey representing St Ailbe's at the A Factor on Friday the 15th of April at the Excel theatre Tipperary Town.



NEWPORT COLLEGE

Premiership soccer trip in Newport College

Our 1st and 2nd year students were delighted to travel to Liverpool to see Everton play Arsenal over the Easter holidays. The students were delighted to be interviewed for Everton TV, and to see themselves on the big screen.





St. Ailbes AIB Build a Bank Challenge

Wednesday the 2nd of March saw the St. Ailbes School bank entry, The Mickey Mouse Bank House, set off to the Silver Springs hotel in Cork to enter the regional finals. They were up against many other schools in Munster and the competition was very tough.

Throughout the year however, the Mickey Mouse Bank House had been working hard, holding events such as stand up bingo, guess how many sweets in the jar and more fundraisers so they could stay a self-sufficient bank and keep their promise of a 10% interest rate. As part of their community outreach, they held a wheelchair basketball competition for the Irish Wheelchair Association and in doing so they created an awareness on the difficulty of everyday wheelchair users and also raised €325 for this amazing cause.

On the day of the competition, they were accompanied by Mickey Mouse who took pictures in their photo frame with the other competing banks and with the AIB student ambassador Colm Cooper. They were shortlisted as one of the 8 schools and were invited on stage to give a 2-minute speech about their bank and also answer a 30 second question posed to them by the judges. After much deliberation by the judges, the Mickey Mouse Bank House was announced as one of the five banks who would go on to the national finals in Dublin on Thursday the 21st of April 2016.

Coláiste Dún Iascaigh High School Musical A huge Success

The Coláiste Dún Iascaigh school gymnasium is used to crowds roaring on their successful basketball team but the crowds who turned up to witness the Wildcats from East High school strut their stuff were unprecedented. High School Musical played to three full houses and three standing ovations. This is a musical about a musical. High School Musical is high paced and right from the start, the cheerleaders from the Junior and Senior chorus had the crowd whipped into a frenzy. They sang and danced their hearts out all night long. This year's show from the Coláiste was riotous and packed full of energy, life and vitality, a testament to the hard work put in by so many people on stage and off. High School Musical was an enormous success.



COLÁISTE MUIRE CO - ED

1916 FLAG CEREMONY

Student Council members Bríd Gleeson, Seán Kearney and David Manning made the journey to Croke Park last week to attend The National Flag Ceremony for post-primary schools from around the country. Master of ceremonies for this auspicious event was RTÉ'S Ryan Tubridy. Uachtarán Na hÉireann Michael D. Higgins delivered a speech and representatives from every school received a National flag and copy of The Proclamation of The Irish Republic.



Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed- Quest for 2nd Green Flag

The Green schools committee of Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed Thurles are pictured in the photo after their interview with Catherine Broderick from Tipperary County Council in their quest to achieve the second green flag for energy.

They represented themselves and the school in a fantastic, positive and energetic manner. We now are in the process of submitting our application form and are very optimistic as we await the outcome. Go nírlí libh!



1916 HAIR & MAKEUP PHOTOSHOOT AT TEMPLEMORE COLLEGE OF FURTHER EDUCATION

The Makeup Artistry & Hairdressing Department recently showcased their skills by recreating the hair styles and makeup looks from the 1916 era. The photoshoot was carried out in conjunction with former student Aisling Hassett who is currently exhibiting a mixed media interpretation of the social context from 1916 in Ireland and The Great War. The Makeup Artistry and Hairdressing department were asked to take part in the Exhibition and they recreated some fantastic looks of the era. Their teacher Nicola Welford Co-Ordinated this project and worked closely with Aisling on recreating the costumes to compliment the looks. The Photoshoot was filmed by 'Irish TV' on the day and aired on the 'Tipperary Matters' show on Saturday 23rd April @ 8.30pm. If you would like to learn more about this exciting event in Templemore College you can view the show on <http://www.irishtv.ie/tipperary-matters-85>



NENAGH COLLEGE INTRODUCES L.C.A.



Students at Nenagh College were offered Leaving Cert Applied for the first time ever in September 2015. Mr. Harry Freeman, Education Consultant, helped guide the school through the process of introducing the programme with insightful and informative workshops with the staff, students and parents of prospective students. Ms. Rochelle Maharaj and Ms. Catherine O Keeffe undertook the role of LCA Coordinator in a joint capacity and lead a dynamic, committed and enthusiastic LCA team.

15 students had enrolled in the programme by the time September came, 14 students will finish year one in May 2016, an amazing retention and testimony to the success of the programme.

The students enjoy VPG, English and Communications, Mathematical Applications, ICT, Social Ed., Leisure and Recreation, Arts Education, Art & Craft, RE, Gaeilge Horticulture and Hotel, Catering and Tourism (HCT). The programme has been a resounding success and we look forward to this group of brave students who pioneered LCA in Nenagh College, graduating in 2017.

(The attached photos are of the LCA group on completion of their task in HCT with teachers Ms. Kavanagh and Ms. Carey))



Nenagh College celebrates 80 years



On Friday 22nd April Nenagh College celebrated 80 years of service to the community

The school welcomed CE Tipperary ETB Ms. Fionuala McGeever, Chairman Tipperary ETB – Mr. John Hogan, Former CEO North Tipperary VEC – Mr. Luke Murtagh, Representatives of Nenagh College Parents Council / Student Council and Board of Management along with members of the local clergy, former staff and students and the “In Tune for Life Orchestra”. Current students, under the direction of their music teacher, Ms. Kay Tierney, provided entertainment for the gathering before the formal occasion got under way.

Principal Damien Kennedy welcomed everyone to Nenagh College to share in their celebration of the 80th anniversary of the opening of Nenagh Vocational School, now known as Nenagh College, in the school year 1935 / 36. More than eight decades of education provision ended when 33 city and county Vocational Education Committees (VECs) were consigned to history. Following the enactment of the Education and Training Boards Act 2013, 16 Education and Training Boards (ETBs) set up in their place will continue much of their work, as well as having additional responsibilities in each of their areas.



The remit of the new ETB bodies strongly mirrors the Mission Statement of their predecessors while at the same time reflecting the vastly different education landscape of modern Ireland.

When looking at the subjects offered to the first students through the doors in 1935, Domestic Economy, the forerunner of the modern day Home Economics, Metalwork and Woodwork it was noted that these subjects are now just 3 of 18 subjects enjoyed by students who joined the school 80 years later in 2015. The evolution of the ETB schools has seen it gain parity of esteem with other sectors who deliver post primary education and indeed they have become market leaders in curriculum provision throughout the introduction of the new junior cycle.

Teachers and management body in the sector have acknowledged the need to constantly keep pace with new trends in teaching and learning. The 80th anniversary comes at a time when schools are being challenged to revise the traditional notion of education to one of understanding the value of the learning experience as outlined in the 8 principles of junior.

Each of the core principles is reflected in the work of each subject department across the entire school and the current students and those in the future will be inspired by teachers who themselves are visionaries in their awareness of and engagement with this major education innovation.

“Success will go to those schools which are swift to adapt, slow to complain and open to change. The task for educators is to ensure that each school rises to this challenge”

(Andreas Schelicher – Education Policy Adviser OECD)

As educators we acknowledge that the student’s experience of school outside the classroom has an equal influence on them as those garnered within the classroom. Nenagh College has a long tradition of strong pastoral care for all in the school community. One of the things commented upon by visitors to the school is the existence of mutually respectful relationship within the school. It was one of the things which Principal Damien Kennedy first noted upon his appointment in 2014, the quality of human relationships and a respect for all – that is reflected in every aspect of school life.



Martin Power, longest surviving student says in his piece for the booklet,

“Now at the tender age of 93, I bless myself as I pass by the school because I am so thankful for the great times I had there.”

Nenagh College contd.



Rachel Shoer, Youngest Current Student

"The best thing about the school is that I have met so many new people here, there are 93 students in my year group and I have made a lot of new friends".

Nenagh College embraces the same principles today as it did 80 years ago – principles which are tried and trusted and have stood the test of time.

Often when welcoming visitors to the school it is forgotten in the acknowledgements to mention the most important people in the school – the students. Over a period of 80 years thousands of young people have enjoyed and benefitted from the broad spectrum of education experiences which Nenagh College provides. It is the students, who are at the very heart of the school and everything in the core business of teaching and learning is designed to help them to maximise your potential.

Principal Damien Kennedy told the gathering it was his duty to ensure that the landmark occasion in the life of the school was appropriately acknowledged. His main dilemma was that he had spent only two years of the eighty on the staff. He chose two people, Majella Kennedy, School Administrator and Tony Whelan, retired teacher, to lead the process in preparing for the day.

Majella and Tony, who have between them, almost 80 years of association with the school, have worked diligently in researching and preparing for the day's occasion. They have been ably assisted by Katie Heffernan, Pdraig Shanahan and Leonie Beirne. Organising the day had been a huge undertaking, thanks was extended to all involved for making the day possible.

COLÁISTE DÚN IASCAIGH STUDENTS ATTEND PRESTIGIOUS EU COUNCIL DEBATE

Three Coláiste Dún Iascaigh students took part in a model EU council debate in Dublin Castle recently. This is a very prestigious event. Each of the 28 schools in attendance had to represent an EU country. The three girls from the Coláiste represented the Republic of Cyprus.

The girls met the Cypriot ambassador who gave them little goodies bags which even had the flag of the republic of Cyprus in it and got their pictures taken before the debate began. They were then rushed into the rather daunting room where the debate would be taking place.

The first part of the debate was opening speeches in which each of the twenty eight countries outlined what it was they wanted in regards to proposal. The lovely Caitlin was in charge of this part of the debate. And it was clear that after her cheeky Greek opening and closing the girls had won the heart of the Cypriot ambassador. During the intense opening speeches Amy (the researcher) and Samantha (the second speaker) took notes furiously.

After the opening speeches came the open debate this involved each team explaining why they thought that they and their allies were right and gave them a chance to tell other countries that they were wrong. This was handled by Samantha.

Then it was lunch during which the girls made allies and agreed to support amendments put forward by Luxembourg the Netherlands and Sweden. After lunch was basically just making the proposal more flexible so it suit everyone. In the end the proposal was voted in with the girls in favour.

They had an amazing day and it was without a doubt one of their favourite moments in TY.



Comeragh College's multi million euro campus opens its doors

March 14th, 2016 was the date that had been marked on the calendar of every teacher, parent and student at Comeragh College. It finally came to pass recently and with it marked the arrival of students into the brand new campus located at Tinvane, near Carrick On Suir. The school had operated on a split campus since 1991, thus this new development was really sought after to say the least. Huge credit must go to TETB CE, Ms Fionuala McGeever for her leadership and vision in relation to this project, going back over a number of years.



This Tipperary ETB facility boasts everything possible in a 2nd level school. In fact, such is the extent of the facilities and equipment in each of the department, teachers and students alike are still discovering items of equipment of every shape and size.



In the classrooms, teachers can teach their classes using MS Surface Pro 4's, data projectors, visualizers, docking stations, etc. And all of this in their base room. Wi-Fi is available throughout the school.

Outside of the classroom, students are now making excellent use of the sporting facilities available on campus such as the external ball courts, the fitness suite and the sports hall. In addition, students can play chess on the numerous picnic tables sprinkled around the courtyard or they can just relax in the comfort of the social areas.

Another major advantage of this school is the way in which the school building will be managed. BAM FM will take care of every aspect of building maintenance, caretaking, cleaning, portage, etc. This enables the teaching staff, under the direction of Principal Mr. Kevin Langton and Deputy Ms. Kathleen O'Donovan Ryan to concentrate 100% on catering for the needs of the students in their care.

Plans are already being put in place for the school's official opening, which is scheduled to take place in late October 2016.



Emma Quirke Coláiste Dún Iascaigh Wins All Ireland Debating Final

In a packed Áras Moyola in the National university of Ireland, Galway, Ireland's best debaters came to debate the topical proposal that 'This House Regrets the Valorisation of The Easter Rising'. The All Ireland brings together the best schools' debaters in the country. All the Debaters in the final had either won or come runners up in their provincial heats. The roll call of previous winners is a highly impressive list that includes many well-known political and legal figures who have put their debating skills to impressive use and to get to the final was highly remarkable.



Emma Quirke receives her trophy from Catherine Connolly T.D along with Emily Gleeson, NUIG

As in the Munster Final, Emma Quirke was Tipperary's sole representative. Schools from Cork, Galway, Dublin and Co. Meath all had representatives. This was a very tough debate with people feeling very strongly about our own National history. There has been many highly emotional and vociferous debates about the merits and flaws of this auspicious occasion in Ireland's history. The Debate was chaired by the recently elected Catherine Connolly T.D. who also serves as Lord Mayor of Galway City. All personal feelings had to be put aside as Emma tore into the debate. Emma's two key points were that the Rising was doomed to fail because of the tactics of its leaders and that the Ireland it produced was stunted in its growth for a number of generations because of the after effects of it. Pointing to the high number of civilian and young casualties during the rising, Emma questioned how the leaders have been venerated. She also pointed to the domination of a conservative cohort after the rising and Ireland's isolation after the rising.

The adjudication was obviously a gruelling affair for the judges. It must have been incredibly tough to separate twelve speakers of outstanding quality. The conclusion they came to favoured Emma who after over an hour of deliberation was announced as All Ireland champion debater. Emma Quirke was declared the winner to a roar of delight from her supporters and a look of shock from herself. This was a truly historic and magnificent victory. Emma was roundly congratulated by the Auditor of NUIG's Literary and Debating society Emily Gleeson, by the chairperson Catherine Connolly T. D. , by her parents and friends and by her teachers Catriona Fennessy and John McCarthy as well as by Coláiste past pupil and NUIG's own speaker of the year Dean Buckley.



Intercultural Day

Social Studies students facilitated an 'Intercultural Day' in Templemore College on Wednesday last. The students prepared an array of informative displays on Egyptian dress, culture, food and beliefs. They also cooked Egyptian cuisine for everyone to sample and enlisted the help of makeup artistry students to demonstrate Egyptian makeup. The students clearly put a lot of effort into the preparations for this interesting day. Well done to all involved!



**Tipperary ETB Schools represented
in Junk Kouture Competition.**



**COMERAGH COLLEGE
PRESENT GEOMETRIC GIRL**



**GAEL CHOLÁISTE CHEITÍNNS PRESENT
THEIR ENTRY "LUMINOSITY"**



**Borrisokane present
Serendipi-TEA!**



JUNK KOUTURE 2016 - COLÁISTE MUIRE CO-ED

Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed Thurles

Pictured in the photograph at a Coding Day for teachers exhibition recently at the Intel Ireland Campus were; Michael Carey JCT, Paul Phelan Intel, Clare Wallace Deputy Principal Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed, Miriam Bergin & Jamie Fanning staff members Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed, Padraig Kirk Director JCT, and Clare McInerney from LERO (The Irish software research centre). Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed Thurles are looking forward to being chosen as one of only 19 schools nationwide that will teach Coding in their schools from September 2016.



Jack Hickey- Young Ambassador

The Carrick on Suir Lions Club have been involved in the Young Ambassador Programme for over twenty years. The aim of this scheme is to acknowledge and encourage the voluntary work of young people in our community. This year Jack Hickey a 5th year student in Comeragh College was nominated by St Colman's Vincent De Paul conference and won both the local and Regional Finals in November and December. While Carrick Lions clubs have had many regional winners over the past years representing them at the All Ireland Finals, this is the first year that they have won the Final which was held in Dublin. Comeragh College and The Lions club are thrilled with Jack's success and congratulate him on this wonderful achievement. Following that success Jack then went on to represent his country at the Multiple District Final which was held in Birmingham, UK on 20th February. He was awarded the Shipshape Award at this competition.

This award gives Jack the opportunity to take part in a leadership programme on board a Tall Ship named the Lord Nelson for one week while sailing as a crew member around the coast of England with the Jubilee Sailing Trust. During the week, Jack will learn leadership skills while assisting other members of the crew. This is the first time a candidate from the district has been awarded the Shipshape Award. Well done to Jack!!



(Left to Right) Pat Murphy, Maria Madden, John Hickey, Jack Hickey, Angela Hickey and Stephanie Keating.

Primary School Table Quiz

Newport College Student Council hosted a 5th class primary school table quiz in December 2015. Almost 180 students from 6 primary schools experienced life at Newport in the run up to Christmas. Well done to Newport Boys National School who were winners on the day.



Katie Cooney Wins Poetry Competition

Pictured is Katie Cooney, 1st Year Comeragh College student who won the Health and Safety Authority Poetry Building Safety Competition.



COLÁISTE MUIRE CO-ED 5 A SIDE SOCCER INDOOR TOURNAMENT

Well done to team France on defeating team Portugal in our 1st year 5-a-side indoor tournament held at The Dome. Competition was intense as eight teams from 1st year took part to claim the title as champions. The final was a riveting affair with scores level approaching injury time. Seán Ryan however, ended the deadlock with a superb individual goal to win 1-0. Well done also, to organisers of this superb contest Mr. JP Butler and Mr. Colin Lynch.



PLC FUNDRAISING FOR SUICIDE AWARENESS AT COLÁISTE PHOBAL ROS CRÉ

On Wednesday, 16 March the PLC Student Council in the College organised a fundraiser for suicide awareness and held an Easter Egg Raffle and gathering in their social area prior to their Easter holidays. They also plan to run a “Jersey Day” within the next few weeks – great credit is due to the PLC class representatives for their enthusiasm and efforts. The Suicide Awareness Cycle will be coming to Roscrea over the May bank holiday weekend and will be visiting the College.

The College is currently enrolling for its PLC courses for next September. First round interviews for places in Business and Tourism, Advanced Admin with HR, Early Childhood Care and Education, Construction Technology, Social and Community Care, Healthcare and Nursing Studies will take place in late May. If interested, please contact the College at 0505 23939/ColaistePhobal@tipperaryetb.ie or apply on line through the website www.cpr.ie. Early application is advisable as there are often waiting lists for places.



NEWPORT COLLEGE HANDBALL COMPETITION

Newport College was delighted to host the Inaugural Tipperary ETB Handball tournament in February 2016. 3 schools participated and some great displays of handball were seen on the day. Congratulations to all for participating. Well done to Mr Bourke and Mr Purcell for organising this.



The PLC representatives for Coláiste Phobal Ros Cré pictured with the Principal, Michael O'Connor and the PLC Co-ordinator, Mary McGrath during their recent fundraising event for Suicide Awareness in the College.

BORRISOKANE CC ARE THE FIRST SCHOOL TO BE AWARDED THE HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOL'S FLAG IN FEBRUARY 2016.

On February 12th Ms Elaine Dunne and the Health promoting school's committee saw all their hard work since 2013 being recognised when the flag was raised by Mairead Kelly of the HSE. The flag flies proudly outside the school representing that Borrisokane Community College is a school that promotes positive health. Once the flag was raised a short ceremony took place in the Autism centre. Ms. Elaine Dunne, MC, praised all the hard work of the students and the teachers on the committee and the support of the management. She welcomed all the guests present including our CE, Ms Fionuala Mc Geever. The principal, Mr. Matthew Carr then spoke of some of the highlights of the health promoting events including their part in the 'Cycle against Suicide'. He also spoke of all the activities organised in the school to promote positive health. HIIT (High intensity Interval training) is happening twice a week since Christmas. The HPS committee are currently working towards the healthy eating award. In the canteen a daily range of healthy options are provided for the students. The menus were discussed and worked on with the Irish heart foundation.

Three students spoke of the importance of creating an awareness of mental health issues in the school encouraging students to seek help when faced with challenging emotional difficulties. Cian Darcy spoke about the great success of the SOAR workshop which took place earlier in the year. He spoke positively of the experience and how students felt comfortable to talk openly about any issues. He reflected on how important it is particularly for boys to speak out and talk more. The importance of regular exercise which he appreciates himself being a member of the Tipperary Hurling minor team.

Leontien Friel spoke about the importance of raising awareness of positive health and the importance of seeking help from the relevant people and organisations when needed. Hazel Younge a 1st year who earlier in the year created a brilliant presentation on positive mental health, spoke on how she has enjoyed being a member of the committee and organising the various events. She has learned greatly and become far more aware in her few months since starting in the school.

Pauric O' Meara who is currently competing in the 'Voice of Ireland' sang two songs. He reflected on his extremely positive experience when he was a student in the school. He encouraged students to always be true to themselves, not to succumb to peer pressure and be proud to be unique. The audience sang along with him to the Heather's hit, 'It's alright not to feel OK'. The atmosphere was extremely positive and a great day was had by all. Afterwards food and refreshments were provided and many relaxed and chatted freely celebrating a great day for the school.



HAIRDRESSING STUDENTS AT TEMPLEMORE COLLEGE IMPRESS ONCE AGAIN!

Hairdressing students from Templemore College of Further Education recently participated in the Hairdressing Schools Competition 2016 hosted in St John's College Cork.

The students took part in four different categories which included 'Up Style By Night' which was presented on a mannequin by students Christina Kennedy, Kellie Roper and Sarah Morgan. Another category submitted by the students was 'Colour and Cut' again submitted on a mannequin by students Anna O'Callaghan, Natasha Gleeson, Carrie Dunne, Sarah Ryan and Ciara Walsh. A 'Full Fashion' hair creation on a live model was designed and produced by students Meaghan O'Daly, Shannon Croke and modelled by Kirsten Farrell. The Hairdressing Department also submitted a fantastic 'Fantasy Hair Creation' on a Mannequin which was created by Sarah Morgan.

Colour and Cut - on a mannequin: Anna O'Callaghan, Natasha Gleeson, Carrie Dunne, Sarah Ryan and Ciara Walsh.

Full Fashion - on a Live Model: Kirsten Farrell, Meaghan O'Daly and Shannon Croke.

Fantasy Hair Creation - on a Mannequin: Sarah Morgan.

A Great day was had by all and the Hairdressing Department are very proud of the work these students created. Well Done!



ST AILBES U14 REACH SEMI-FINAL FDC SOUTHEAST MUNSTER CUP

St Ailbes have had a very successful year so far on the soccer pitch. The first year team got as far as the Quarter final of the Collins Cup, lost out to a very good Killenaule side who went on to contest the final. The under 14 team are in the semi-final of the FDC Southeast Munster cup vs Clonmel Highschool on Friday. The under 19 team got as far as the quarter final of the FAIS MUNSTER John Murphy cup



The under 14 soccer team who are through to the semi-final of the FDC Southeast Munster cup

COLÁISTE MUIRE CO-ED THURLES: THE GENERATION €URO STUDENTS' AWARD

Well done to Aaron Cawley, Jennien O'Gorman, Aaron Wort and Javier Capilla, who came 2nd in Ireland in the Generation Euro Student Awards. The students, under the guidance of Ms. Molumby, were in the National Final on the 8th of April in Dublin. This competition is a prestigious competition ran by the European Central Bank and out of 278 schools in Ireland, students at Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed came second in Ireland.

For this project, students had to predict the ECB Governing Council's interest rate decision, explain their decision of the key economic indicators available, economic and monetary conditions in the euro area, and the inflation outlook. Students also had to indicate the downside risks and potential upward risks vis-à-vis the medium-term inflation outlook, and refer to non-standard monetary policy measures. They presented their project to a panel of four, including the Chief economist from the Central Bank of Ireland, Gabriel Fagan.

It was a 20 minute presentation on the student's project with 10 minutes questions and answers.

Well done from all at CMCO.

'Rath as Saothar - Success through Effort.'





BALLYPOREEN COMMUNITY GROUP ENGAGE IN MINDEFULNESS PROGRAMME

This group participated in a Mindfulness programme under the guidance of Dee Brady (tutor). Funded by Community Education.



PROJECT MATHS FOR PARENTS

“Train of Thought”

St Ailbes HSCL Officer, Maths tutor and 6 parents were invited by Fergus Doran from NALA to attend the NALA Family Learning Conference in Dublin on the 26th November 2015 which was held at the Ashling Hotel. The parents attend project maths classes held in St. Ailbes school on a weekly basis. The group had a display stand at the conference showcasing work they had done in class and they discussed their experiences with others at the conference.



COMMUNITY GARDENING AT ITS BEST.

Kilross Community getting down under with soil and planting.
Supported by Tipperary ETB Community Education.

ST AILBES WELCOME NEW RUGBY HEAD COACH - MATT BROWN

St Ailbes are delighted to welcome new Rugby head coach, Matt Brown. Matt is also the head coach for A.I.L. side, Galwegians.

St. Ailbes had a very successful outing in an 'Emerging Schools' Blitz held recently in Nenagh, winning three matches, drawing one and losing one. We look forward to entering the Munster Junior and Senior Competitions next season.

“THE FINAL BAKE OFF” CAHIR’S MEN’S SHED

The final bake off. The Cahir Men’s shed actively involved in Cooking and Tasting in November 2016 with Carmel Philips tutor. Funded by Community Education.



GAEL CHOLÁISTE CHEITINN GLENARY WATER TREATMENT PLANT TRIP

Gael Choláiste Cheitinn leaving cert chemistry students visiting the Glenary drinking water treatment plant. Robbie Corbett took the time to bring the students around the plant and explain the different processes involved in treating the water before it reaches our kitchen tap. The students were astonished at how much work had to be done before the water could be used in our homes. The trip was very informative and most enjoyable.



“ANGELS IN WELLIES” COMERAGH COLLEGE

Pictured above are Comeragh College Students who set up a flood relief team called “Angels in Wellies” after storm Frank devastated many homes and businesses in Carrick - On -Suir over the Christmas period. These compassionate, energetic teenagers left no stone unturned and helped to clean out garages, houses , toilets as well as cooking meals for those residents affected by storm Frank and also members of the hard working River Rescue Team but more importantly they lifted the spirits of all those affected by the storm. They would like to sincerely thank all the local businesses who donated in any way. Well Done to the Comeragh College. We are very proud of you and the future is safe in your hands.



Back Row (Left to Right -Ethan Devereau, Ashling Dunphy, Kerri-Anne Whelan, Jack Hickey and David O Brien.

Front Row (Left to Right-) Freddie Doyle and Ian Cleary.

PROCLAMATION DAY IN NEWPORT COLLEGE



Pictured are students from Newport College celebrating proclamation day on Tuesday, 15th March, 2016.



PYROGRAPHY AT ITS BEST



The very talented Laurence Walsh deep in concentration during a pyrography class in Clonmel. Tutor Bill Doyle and funded by Community Education.



JCSP SEANCHAOÍ INITIATIVE

The Gaeilge department invited in a seanchaoí for all junior students

as part of a JCSP initiative.

A very enjoyable day was had by all.



TALKING HEADS AT GAELCHOLÁISTE CHEITINN

Idirbhliain students at Gaelcholáiste participated in a Talking Heads Workshop where they explored themes of art and identity as part of National Mental Health and Wellbeing Week. It was a wonderful way of creating a discussion around a topic that many students find difficult. It was an exercise which enhanced student's awareness of their own identity and wellbeing.



PICTURE PAINTS A THOUSAND WORDS...

Parents of St. Peter & Pauls School Clonmel engaged in Art work guided by tutor Ms. Miriam Robinson funded by Community Education...



NEWPORT SCHOOL BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP AND TELEFLEX

Newport College is delighted to be partnered with Teleflex,

based in Annacotty in Limerick, as part of the School Business Partnership.



PUTTING THE “T” INTO ETB

The end of March, 2016 was a historic time for Tipperary Education and Training Board. The reason for this is that it was the official transfer date of the training function to our ETB. In times past, this training would have been run by FAS, which is now disbanded.

Tipperary ETB Training Services is located in its own office at Western Rd, Clonmel.

The Training Services Office can be contacted on 052-6121067

The Training Service Manager is Matthew Ryan.

The menu of training that Tipperary ETB operates is varied and summarised as follows:

Contracted Training relates to courses delivered by contracted trainers who have been awarded a tender to deliver in various locations in the county. At the moment, there are courses taking place or planned for Clonmel, Nenagh, Carrick-on-Suir, Cashel, Thurles and Tipperary Town. These courses are in the following skills: Accounting Technician, Delivery Driver, HGV Rigid, Logistics and Distribution, Hotel Front Office Skills, Contact Centre Skills, Forklift Operator, Retail Sales, Warehouse Operative, Bus-driving, and Marketing.

Community Training Centres operates full-time vocationally-focused learning programme for young early-school leaving adults. There are three CTCs now funded by Tipperary ETB and they are located in Clonmel, Thurles and Nenagh.

Specialist Training Providers are centres of training for learners with a disability. There are two specialist Training Providers in Clonmel: National Learning Network and Cluain Training.

Local Training Initiatives are 30 week courses in with a specific focus delivered in the following locations:

- COSDA Horticulture - Carrick on Suir
- Knockanrawley Resource Centre - Tipperary
- Spafield Family Resource Centre - Cashel
- Early Childhood Care & Education Level 5 - Tipperary Association for Special Needs - Cashel
- Making Connections South Tipperary - Clonmel
- Fetac Level 5 Business Administration - Cahir Development Association - Cahir
- Pathways to Employment; Tourism and Catering - Littleton

Apprenticeships are supported in Tipperary by over 200 employers assisting apprentices in the traditional trades of electrician, motor mechanic, plumbing, and carpentry, for example. There are three staff in Tipperary ETB dealing with apprenticeships.

Training staff who were formally based in Mary St. Clonmel transferred to Tipperary ETB under Expressions of Interest. In addition to these staff, Fionuala McGeever, Chief Executive, with the support of the ETB, negotiated hard with the Department of Education and SOLAS for approval for additional staff who are also based in the new Training Services Office.

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We welcome our new training staff and look forward to developing a quality Education and Training service to learners, employers and communities in Tipperary.

RECENT NEWS

Mary Steps down after a lifetime commitment to education

After over 40 years of service to the young people, the town and the community, Mary Finnegan-Burke retired as principal of Coláiste Dún lascaigh. Mary was joined by her family at a recent retirement event in her honour in Hotel Minella, Clonmel where many colleagues past and present paid tribute to a remarkable career. Mary Finnegan-Burke was an exceptional and truly dedicated Principal. We wish Mary a healthy, happy and fulfilled retirement and we thank her most sincerely for her forty plus year's dedication to the education in Cahir and South Tipperary.

Newport College Whole School Evaluations

A whole school evaluation – management, leadership and learning inspection took place in Newport College from April 12th – 27th. 2 inspectors visited the school over a 5 day period, meeting with Principal and Deputy Principal, the Board of Management of the school, all staff and in particular the Student Care team and Leadership team (as selected by the inspectors), and a sample cohort of our students. Questionnaires were issued to parents, students and teachers. Classroom observations of Teaching and Learning were conducted over 2 days. Feedback was given by the inspectors on Wednesday 27th April. The school welcomed and embraced the experience, and management would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all school partners for their cooperation over the last few weeks'.

PROCLAMATION DAY IN ETB SCHOOLS

Students across Tipperary gathered in their schools to commemorate the 1916 Easter Rising. A lovely video has been created on YouTube showcasing all the Tipperary ETB schools celebrating the proclamation.

TIPPERARY ETB SCHOOLS' TALENT SEARCH FINALS 2016

The Sports & Cultural Council of Tipperary Education and Training Board presented the second year of their Tipperary ETB Schools' Talent Search Finals on Thursday 28th January 2016 in Borrisokane Community College. There were twelve acts performing on the night, six acts in both the Junior and Senior categories. These finalists were selected from the semi-finals stages of the competition which saw acts from the twelve Tipperary ETB Schools compete for a place in the finals. In attendance were the Chief Executive of Tipperary ETB Ms. Fionuala McGeever, the Chairperson of Tipperary ETB Cllr. John Hogan, staff of Tipperary ETB, the performers along with their families and friends. The winners of the 2016 Tipperary ETB Schools' Talent Search Finals who were announced as follows:

Junior Category:

1st

Clara O'Brien - Coláiste Dún lascaigh, Cahir

2nd

Dennis Sheehy - Borrisokane Community College

3rd

María Hayes - Scoil Ruain, Killenaule

Senior Category

1st

Singing Group - Coláiste Dún lascaigh, Cahir

2nd

Jamie Lee Forde - Borrisokane Community College

3rd

TYSA - Scoil Ruain, Killenaule

Youthreach Cappawhite- Art Exhibition

Youthreach Cappawhite presented a wonderful art exhibition for the Tipperary Education & Training Board's celebration of the Adult Learner's Festival which was held in the Old Army Barracks in Clonmel on the 23rd February 2016. Melissa Corish, Youthreach Cappawhite tutor and Claudia Hayes student gave a brief account of "STAMPS" exhibition which was on display for the event. This display was completed in

Youthreach Cappawhite and certainly added colour to the event.

Borrisokane Community College are the first School in the County to receive Health Promoting School status

On February 12th 2016, Ms. Elaine Dunne and the Health Promoting School (HPS) committee of Borrisokane Community College in Co Tipperary saw all their hard work since 2013 being recognised when they became the first School in the County to receive Health Promoting School status. Their Health Promoting School flag was raised by Mairead Kelly of the Health Service Executive (HSE).

The flag flies proudly outside the School representing that Borrisokane Community College is a School that promotes positive health. As soon as the flag was raised, a short ceremony took place in the Autism centre at the School. Ms. Elaine Dunne, MC, praised all the hard work of the students and the teachers on the HPS committee and the support of School Management. She welcomed all the guests present including the Tipperary ETB Chief Executive, Ms. Fionuala Mc Geever.

Freedom of Information

Tipperary Education and Training Board has published its Publication Scheme, this is located under Freedom of Information on our website

Capital Project Updates

Comeragh College, Carrick-on-Suir. New school was handed over to the ETB on 14th March and classes started on 4th April. Prior to the start of classes work was completed on the ICT installation, including the new broadband connection, new Wi-Fi, Cloud based services etc. A new CCTV system was also installed and the new catering/canteen service was set-up.

Borrisokane 3-Storey Building. The contractor has been appointed and work has commenced on site. The

contractor is Pinnacle Homes Ltd from Nenagh. The project is expected to take about 12 months to complete.

St Ailbes ASD Unit. Planning permission has been granted. The tender documents are currently being prepared with a view to tendering for the contract in May 2016.

Scoil Ruain, Killenaule. Work on the preparation of the Stage 1 Design submission for the Department is ongoing. It is expected to be completed in early May.

Coláiste Mhuire, Thurles. Funding has been provided to replace the lighting throughout the school. A consultant has been appointed and the tender documents are currently being prepared. It is expected that the work will be completed over the summer.

Coláiste Phobal, Roscrea. Funding to replace the main heating boiler has been approved. Confirmation of the consultant appointment is expected shortly and works should be done over the summer.

Corporate Services

Tipperary Education and Training Board in accordance with the Education and Training Board Act 2013 hold six meetings per year. There are 21 members and a quorum of 12 is required for each meeting with an average attendance in excess of 75%.

Tipperary ETB under Section 44 of the ETB Act 2013 have established an Audit Committee and a Finance Committee. The Audit Committee has 6 members, 3 representatives of TETB and 3 externally appointed members who have been ratified by the Board. The Finance Committee has 6 members, 5 representatives of TETB and 1 external member. Both committees have held two meetings to-date with the requirement to hold 4 meetings in the year.

Tipperary ETB under Section 44 of the ETB Act 2013 have established a Youthwork Committee with of a total of 12 members each, comprising of ETB members representatives and external stakeholders representatives

who have been ratified by the Board. The Youthwork Committee inaugural meeting was held on the 21/03/16.

Interview Training

In accordance with our commitment to ensure 'Best Practice' in all our services Interview Skills Training was organised for Management and Members. TETB engaged the services of a professional consultant to deliver a seminar on the 7 April 2016 sixty people in the Horse & Jockey Hotel. The session focused on the current legislation surrounding selection procedures and interviews, the legal roles and responsibilities surrounding interview panels before, during and after an interview is conducted. Follow-up training is planned.

Risk Management

Risk Management was identified as a key component in the Code of Governance, legislative compliance is a key requirement of all ETB's. Tipperary ETB are currently in the process of developing our Risk Management Strategy and have engaged the services of Risk Managers within Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. for guidance. Our aim is to integrate the practice of managing risk into the day-to-day business activities of the ETB. A series of seminars to develop our Risk Management system and our ETB Safety Management System has commenced with Principals and Senior Managers.

A Safety Management Project Steering Group comprising of a nominee from each of the 16 ETB's was established in September 2015 with the support of all Chief Executives. Ms. Bernie Harty is the representative for TETB.

New Further Education and Training courses

Check out the new Further Education and Training courses that are now available nationwide at the following website <http://www.fetchcourses.ie>

Training Services

Training Services was established in Tipperary ETB on the 29th March with

12 staff operating from the Training Services Offices in Western Road Clonmel with responsibility for the following areas:

- Apprenticeships,
- Contracted Training,
- Community Training (which includes Community Training Centres in Nenagh, Thurles and Clonmel,
- 7 Local Training Initiatives
- 2 Specialist Training Providers
 - National Learning Network and Cluain Training -both in Clonmel

Recruitment

Approval has been granted for the recruitment of 2 Director Posts for Tipperary ETB. The posts are for Director of Schools and Director of Further Education and Training. Recruitment is via the Public Appointment Services.



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**CORPORATE SERVICES
TO EDUCATION PROVIDERS**

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CERTIFICATE (PLC)**

**YOUTH
SERVICES**

**YOUTHREACH
& YOUTHREACH
PROGRESSION**

**FURTHER EDUCATION
SUPPORT SERVICE**

**ADULT LITERACY
SERVICE**

**BACK TO EDUCATION
INITIATIVE**

**VOCATIONAL TRAINING
OPPORTUNITIES SCHEME
(VTOS)**

**COMMUNITY
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