Parent News

Newsletter of Coolmine Community School Parents' Association **June 2022**

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Life Cycles

I am writing this article during the week of the 6th Year Graduation. This week, looking at our 6th years, I am reminded again, that each student is growing and maturing at their own pace. Often as adults busy about the day-to-day work, we do not see what is happening until we have time to stop and observe. The joy in observing our 6th years this week served as a reminder that it is truly a privilege to be a part of their education. It is an exciting time for our 6th years – a time full of possibilities, as yet, unexplored. It is also a scary time, the uncertainty of what lies ahead casting its own shadow. The Board of Management and staff wish all our graduates success in the Leaving Certificate Examinations and long fruitful lives ahead.

The cycle that is coming to an end for our 6th years is just starting for our incoming 1st years. They have completed their entrance tests, are facing saying goodbye to Primary school and the prospect of joining Coolmine, their new school, in August. They too, feel the mixture of excitement and fear for this new beginning for them, not unlike our 6th years.

Our third years too face new beginnings – the Junior Certificate Exam will mark the end of their first half of Secondary Education. Some students will continue to 5th year and others will proceed to Transition Year. At the time of writing, we are looking forward to the 3rd Year Breakfast. We wish all our 3rd Years every success in the Junior Certificate Examinations.

It has been a delight to meet parents, guardians and family members in person at our annual end of year events including Merit Awards, TY Graduation and of course our 6th Year Graduation. The atmosphere of mutual support and joy we experienced at these events was a good reminder that we work best when we can be together. I think we have missed these events from our school calendar and realise anew how they enhance the educational experience for all of us.

This *Parent News* is a celebration of education inside and outside the classroom and beyond. We know that education will take a different form over the summer as our students use their free time wisely to grow and mature without the school timetable. I would like to thank our Parents' Association and all the contributors to *Parents News* for making this edition possible.

Finally, I would like to wish all our families a safe and enjoyable summer and to thank you for your support and co-operation most particularly during the challenges of the last academic year.

Patricia Mc Phillips

Wishing you all the Best for the Summer

With exam season in full flow, the Parents' Association wishes our Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate students all the very best in their exams. We hope you achieve your ambitions and succeed in whatever path you may follow. Please spare a thought for your parents, who only want the best for you! As parents, we share the stresses and anxieties of exam time. We wish we could alleviate this stress. Please bear in mind that your health and happiness are the most important things and you just need to try your best to succeed in life. As parents, every milestone you reach is a success and you will never disappoint us. As you go forward in life, your "Coolmine family" will be very proud to have you as a past pupil.

As a Parents' Association, we are actively looking for a new Chairperson and a new Treasurer. These are critical posts that we need to fill in order to continue to support the school as we have over the years. If any parents have experience in these areas and want to develop their skills further, please reach out to us. You may very well have other skills that you could share with us. We would love to have you on board and you would be making a massive contribution to the school. We always need new members. Our AGM will be in OCTOBER (date tbc), please attend the AGM and consider joining us.

The Parents' Association works closely with the school throughout the year. We meet monthly during the academic year on the 1st or 2nd Monday of the month at 7.30pm. Members can attend in person and remotely, via Zoom.

Special thanks to the Newsletter team for producing this edition. Thanks again to all the Staff for their support throughout the year. Wishing everyone a safe and sunny Summer!

Kind Regards,

Janet Mitten Chairperson 2020 – 2022

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Under 17's Girls GAA

The Girls Gaelic football team was managed by Mr. Kennedy and Miss Doddy. The team participated in challenge games throughout the school year including games against Tyrrelstown school, Le Cheile and Beaumont. It was wonderful to get the team up and running again after COVID-19. Next year, we hope to enter the team into the School's GAA competition. Well done to all of the girls for their efforts throughout the year.



Dangers of Vaping Awareness Campaign

On Thursday, 5 May 2022, Coolmine Community School launched a competition for 2nd years to highlight the dangers of vaping for young people and teens. The aim of the competition was to allow for a student led approach of educating others on this growing issue for young people. Students were asked to design a PowerPoint focusing on the dangers of vaping for young people and the winning PowerPoint would then be shown to all second years with the aim of educating them on the real dangers of vaping, particularly on the heart, lungs and the young developing brain. All of the entries were very impressive, and it was difficult to choose a winner. The following students produced the top three PowerPoints;

1st place: Emilija Latvyte
Runner up 1: Emilija Rimkute
Runner up 2: Aleksandra Grigorjan.



L-R: Aleksandra Grigorjan, Emilija Latvyte, Emilija Rimkute

Art History Studies

Ms. Moloney's Leaving Certificate art class recently took a trip to town to visit the National Gallery of Ireland and The National Museum of Archaeology as part of their art history studies.

In the National Gallery students saw a range of paintings and sculpture by Irish and international artists from the Middle Ages to modern art. Including Caravaggio, Rembrandt, Picasso, Yeats and Monet. Student's attention was drawn to how the artwork was displayed, information about the art works and accessibility to the public throughout both the old and new extension to the gallery.

In the National Museum of Archaeology students looked at Irish art metal and stonework produced from the Bronze age to the Early Christian period. This included the Ardagh chalice, the Tara brooch and the Faddan More Psalter.

All these and more museums and galleries are free and well worth a visit.



TY Glendalough Trip

Our Transition Year students recently had great day out in the beautiful surrounds of Glendalough.



Not Quite the Italian Slopes

The 2nd and 3rd year group who were planning to go on the ski trip to Italy in February 2022 were bitterly disappointed when it was cancelled due to the pandemic. However, Mr. Kennedy organised a trip to Dublin Zoo so that the group would have a chance to bond and leave the stress of summer and state exams behind for a couple of hours.



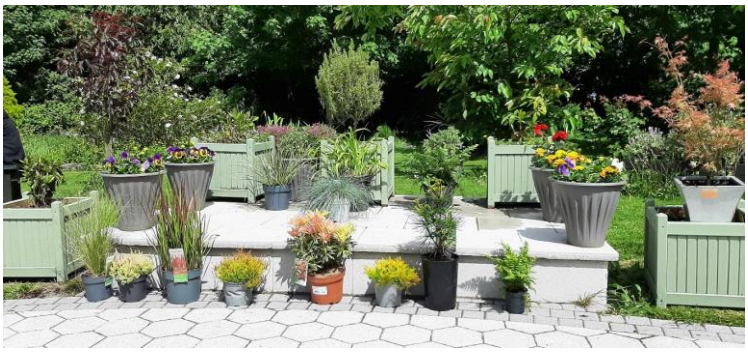
6th Year Basketball

Our 6th year basketball players got to celebrate the end of their time playing for Coolmine with our annual lunch. The school is very grateful for their commitment and dedication to their teams over the years. They were always great ambassadors for Coolmine. Their coaches are very proud of their conduct on and off the court and appreciate the effort they put into fighting for every point, during every quarter, of every game. We wish them the very best in their future!



Bloom

Coolmine Community School in conjunction with former LCA student Thomas Byrne have entered the Bloom Garden show in the Phoenix Park from Thursday, 2 June to Monday, 6 June. The Coolmine Zen Garden will be on show in the postcard garden section. A group of Transition year students will be assisting with the setup of the garden. Many thanks to those who have kindly contributed to the garden and to the numerous students who have helped in its preparation.





UCD Classics

The 5th year classical studies class took a trip to the Classical Studies Museum in UCD with Ms. Tully and Mr. Greene. This is the only museum in Ireland dedicated to artefacts from the classical period of Greece, Rome, and Egypt. Our 5th years had a look around UCD and examined the artefacts of the Museum. One of our students was provided with the amazing opportunity to lie down in a real sarcophagus from Ancient Rome. Students also had the opportunity to become archaeologists and investigate real artefacts from the past.



Bidding a Fond Farewell to the Class of '22

The Leaving Certificate class of 2022 graduated from Coolmine last Wednesday evening in a beautiful ceremony in Westmanstown. Unfortunately their year head Mr. O Reilly could not be present but thanked the graduates for the commitment they had shown to education, and their spirit of cooperation and good humour throughout their time in Coolmine. He advised the graduates "to do and be the best in everything that you do each day – sport, hobbies, college, relationships, chilling out, work or whatever. At night, look back over the day and be thankful for all you've experienced and the gifts given to you. If someone has hurt you, forgive and let go. If you have hurt someone, make amends and let go. If you have not done your best in some area, commit to do better tomorrow".

We wish the graduates of 2022 love, happiness, joy and peace in their future endeavours.







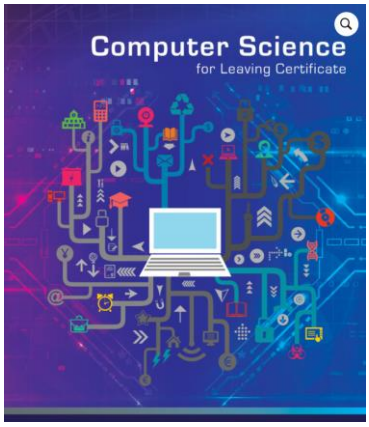

Enterprise Week



Coolmine's Enterprise Week kicked off with a TY trip to the docklands and IFSC to investigate the multinational companies located here in the city. We also had a visit from past pupil and RTE's Eoin McGee who gave an insightful talk to our senior Business students on all things finance! Our junior students put forth some creative and innovative business ideas. Watch this space!



Leaving Cert Computer Science



On Wednesday, 25 May, thirty-nine sixth year students sat our first ever Leaving Certificate Computer Science exam. The exam consisted of a written section and then a practical coding section in the computer room. The students had also completed a project designing and coding an embedded system for smart homes earlier in the year.

Over the two years, the students studied a range of topics such as Computational Thinking, Software Development, Computers and Society, Algorithms, Computer Systems, Web design and Python coding.

Career Guidance

It was a busy term for the Guidance Department, we had a variety of visitors from third level institutes. Students enjoyed presentations from Maynooth University, Technical University Dublin (TUD) and UCD focusing on areas such as Humanities, Science and Business.

Parents were invited to a presentation called 'The cost of college' which focused on college fees, grants, scholarships, and student finance. Dr John McGinnity from Maynooth University had some great advice to impart to parents about the value of third level education and the transition from second to third level. The Credit Union had great information about the yearly costs of college and finance options available.

There was a great attendance on the night and it will definitely be on the calendar for next year.



Transition Year Work Experience Think-in

Ms MacDarby and Ms Maher hosted a workshop for the incoming TY students about how to find meaningful work placements for next year. Students are well prepared to start the search. A comprehensive pack was given to each student to read with their parents and get them started on their journey. With so many exciting options for TY students we are looking forward to hearing about their plans in September.



Transition Year Graduation



Parents, students and teachers gathered to celebrate the Transition Year graduation. The TY students treated the audience to an energetic and lively performance of songs and dance as well as watching some of the highlights of their year. From their drama film to horticulture to Know Your Dublin trips, there was no end to the student's talent.

The celebration was a showcase of the talent, creativity and excellence among these young people. We would like to pay tribute to the TY class of 2022, who have shown themselves to be caring, inclusive and a positive influence on each other. Best of luck in 5th year!



Anyone for Table Tennis?

Table tennis started in C Mall in late March with Ms Nateel and Ms. Markem. There is a small, but regular group now playing every Tuesday and Thursday. More players are always welcome.



Global Citizenship



Our Composters

These students designed and built our compost bin. The composters were helped in this project by Mr Kinlon. They organised a timetable with the Canteen staff and collected their waste at the end of lunch every day.

Our composters are

John Benedict

Jie (Jay) Lin

Halle Sumeras

Sorina Costis

Audrey Pahati

Our 'Food Milers'

Sahana Subramanian and Sorina Costis designed our 'Our Eat in Season' chart which tells us the foods we grow in Ireland and when they are in season. Some of our food has travelled thousands of miles to reach us. This travel produces a lot of Carbon Dioxide which is causing Climate Change.



Advice from our 'Food Milers' is



Global Citizenship

Our debating Team debated the motion 'Climate Strikes are a waste of time'. The debate was held in Blakestown Community School on Friday, 20 May. Our debaters argued that Climate Strikes are not a waste of time.



Our Debaters in Action
'Climate Strikes are a waste of time.' Coolmine opposed the motion



Our debating team

Grace Atkinson
Tosin Adekunle
Sahana Subramanian
Sorina Costis

Our researchers

- Isobel Spain
- Molly Scattergood
- Livija Bernataviciute



Our Global Citizens are supported by WorldWise Global Schools.

Global Citizenship

Eat in Season!

FRUITS												
Apple	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May				Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Bramley apple	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Blackberry												
Blackcurrent						Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep			
Blueberry							Jul	Aug	Sep			
Loganberries							Jul					
Raspberry						Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	
Strawberry					May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	
Gooseberries						Jun	Jul	Aug				

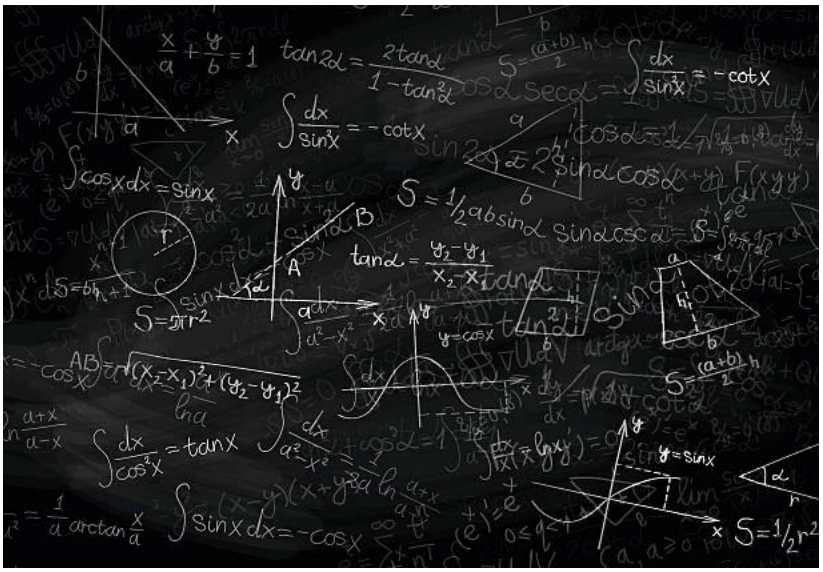
SALADS												
Celery						Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Courgette						Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct		
Cucumbers				Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct		
Lettuce	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Lettuce (Iceburg)					May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct		
Lettuce(Lollo Rosso)					May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct		
Red Oak Lettuce					May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct		
Peppers				Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct		
Radish				Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	
Scallions				Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	
Tomato				Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	

In season | coming in or out of season | From storage

VEGETABLE												
Asparagus				Apr	May	Jun	Jul					
Aubergine				Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep			
Basil												
Beetroot	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Broad Beans					May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep			
Broccoli					May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Brussels Sprouts	Jan	Feb	Mar					Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Cabbage	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Carrot	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr		Jun		Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Cauliflower	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Celeriac	Jan	Feb	Mar						Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Chives					May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	
French Beans					May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct		
Kale	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr				Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Leeks	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr				Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Marrow							Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct		
Mushrooms	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
New Potatoes												
Onion	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May		Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Pak Choi	Jan			Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Parsley	Jan			Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Parsnip	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr			Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Peas						Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct		
Potatoes												
Pumpkins												
Radish				Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	
Rhubarb			Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct		
Rooster Potatoes	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Runner Beans						Jun				Oct		
Shallots					May				Sep			
Spinach				Apr							Nov	
Swede												
Thyme	Jan			Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Sweetcorn												

Maths Support

Coolmine were delighted to introduce a lunch time Maths Support Centre facilitated by Ms. Doddy and Mr. Lalor. It was open to all junior students to get help with any homework, class work or revision they were uncertain about. We are looking forward to the expansion of the initiative next year after a great pilot year!



Empathy, Kindness & Connection

The Narrative 4 Empathy School Award recognises post primary schools that foster an environment of empathy, lead with kindness, and cultivate connection and understanding in their students and staff. Narrative 4 is an empathy education programme that started in high schools in the U.S. and now runs in over five countries.

Narrative 4 was established to address isolation in young people by creating a space for them to connect and share their own stories and experiences with each other. This helps them to see the world from another's perspective so that they can understand themselves and other people better.

Storytelling is a powerful tool that allows us to see the commonality of human experience. Narrative 4 trains teachers in an evidence-based teaching method that fosters connection, empathy and encourages positive relationships in the classroom. In 2016, the programme was developed under the guidelines for the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) Junior Cycle Wellbeing Unit and was implemented with first year students this year.



A glorious day for our Empathy Walk with first years around Millennium Park in Blanchardstown recently





Swimming Gala



Merit Awards 2022



This year saw the return of one of Coolmine Community School's most exciting events, The Merit Awards at Westmanstown on Thursday, 12 May 2022. It was an opportunity to come together as a school community and celebrate those students that embody the Coolmine Spirit. Students from across the year groups were recognised for their dedication to extra-curricular activities, voluntarily giving their time to help with school activities and contributing positively to everyday school life. We were also privileged to enjoy fabulous musical performances from some of our school's most talented performers and it was great to watch them shine. Congratulations to all the award recipients on the night! The Conor O'Keefe Memorial Prize was awarded to Vincel Caliguia who has displayed an incredible aptitude for art. Ana Maria Popescu received the Anne White Prize awarded to senior students who have made significant improvement in English during their time in Coolmine.





The Impact of School Closures on Student Learning

As the year progressed there was a growing awareness among teachers that the impact of two lockdowns on student learning was significant. Leaving Certificate students were surveyed and one of the findings that emerged was that the students needed guidance to improve study skills in preparation for the state examinations. Many of the current cohort of Leaving Certificate students have not had an opportunity to sit a state exam and were naturally apprehensive. Who better than former member of staff Ms. Ellen O'Rourke to address this? She facilitated workshops with all senior students focussing on wellbeing, motivation, resilience, creating effective study plans and identifying study techniques tailored to individual learning styles.

Analysis of the CAT 4 results in third year revealed that for some students, lockdowns had a negative impact on student literacy. To address this deficit, after school classes were arranged for the students particularly impacted. There was also a group of students identified for whom school closures had a negative impact on their motivation. Ms. Walsh met with this group of students on a weekly basis to re-establish routines and give them an opportunity to speak about the challenges that they faced during lockdown.



Heather Nolan Memorial Day



The Heather Nolan Memorial Day took place on Friday, 6 May 2022. As a school community we came together to remember, celebrate, and grieve the loss of our dear friend and colleague Ms Nolan.

The day took the form of a fun day, with activities ranging from basketball, rounders and dodgeball to Zumba, board games and singing. It was a day for staff and students to come together and remember the life and spirit of Ms Nolan and to recognise her contribution to school life.

The whole school went for a walk in Millennium Park in the morning, this provided an opportunity for students to connect with each other as a class group and with their teachers. The afternoon consisted of a range of activities that students could choose from.

The buzz of excitement around the school was palpable. The school's trad band, Aisling, played at the front of the school and created a lovely atmosphere for the day. While the weather did not work in our favour on the day it didn't dampen the energy and enthusiasm of our students and staff.

For the final part of the day Ms Nolan's family attended a ceremony with staff which was followed by the planting of a beautiful cherry blossom tree in the school garden. The tree will be a constant reminder of Ms Nolan for years to come.





Personal Essay by Lana McKeown



I have visited many places in my life and met many people in my life. But personally I see these people and places in a completely different view from the world.

I was born with a rare genetic condition that has shaped my view on the world completely. I don't see the world how everyone else sees it. I don't see the rocks skimming the sea or the look on people faces when they erupt in a fit of laughter.

I've grown up different to my peers visibly and emotionally. I have natural fair hair and eyes that don't move at the same rhythm as my peers. As a young girl I felt excluded from society. I was never bullied or teased but I always felt different. In primary school I was always liked and never mistreated. But as I looked to my friends desks they had nothing but a simple pen and paper and as I turned to mine I saw the endless screens and enlarged sheets and the SNA sitting beside me implying that I was a naughty child.

I felt as if my disability was suppressing me from being me. I felt so tied down and put under this category as special needs that I couldn't be me and express who I am as a person. I was never able to take part in direct contact sports in school, instead I would sit and watch all my friends have fun and I simply couldn't take part just because I was disabled.

As I grew up I refused to let the stereotype disabled come between me and my personal happiness. And that is when I started secondary school. The big jump everyone talks about an experience unlike the rest, a new chapter of my life I was so eager to explore.

I went on tours of my new school to help me feel confident to navigate my way through the school. I felt the endless possibilities to be who I want to be and not be suppressed by the term special needs that was weighing me down so much.

I had a friendly SNA which at the start I was devastated to hear. I told my visiting teacher I don't want one or need one. But after a lot of persuasion I finally agreed but under a strict set of rules. She would not sit by me in class, talk to me in class and would not let it slip that she was my SNA. And she did just that, obeyed my drastic rules and never let it slip that she was here for me.

But after a while I became quite fond of this SNA. She helped me slowly but surely lower my guard down. And helped me integrate into the school community.

She taught me that the notions I was filling my head with that I needed to be like everyone else was a lie and that I didn't have to live by what is socially acceptable. She showed me the value of individuality and that I should own who I am and be proud of who I am. She was constantly pushing me towards greatness and never doubted me.

As a school I feel acceptance must be engraved in the walls because the amount of acceptance I felt just being in the school is astonishing.

I have teachers that care so deeply on a level that I have never experienced. They care so much about my well being and constantly asking what they can do to make my life easier. This level of kindness was so unexpected and unlike anything I've ever experienced in a school environment. Teachers looked at me and treated me as something I've always wanted to just be treated like a normal school student.

I had new friends that saw me for me. They didn't see me as the token disabled kid they saw me as me. They looked past the enlarged sheets and the screens sitting on my desk, they just saw me.

In my six years of education at Coolmine I have never once felt discouraged or ashamed. I honestly felt the complete opposite. I have always felt encouraged and I have learnt that by the people I surround myself with everyday to be myself, and myself is acceptable.

To conclude, school and the people in school have made me me. School has helped me let my guard down and has pushed me to be myself. I will be forever grateful for these six years. They have made me me and that has been the greatest significance in my life.

SciFest 2022

On Wednesday, 4 May 2022, one hundred and thirteen students from all 2nd year science classes exhibited 47 projects at SciFest@School in Coolmine Community School. This was the school's first SciFest@School! Thirteen scientists from Trinity College Dublin, Carlow IT, TU Dublin and SciFest were invited to judge the event. Their expertise and presence really added to the excitement and sense of occasion for the students and certainly contributed to healthy competition amongst all participants. Students demonstrated their knowledge of science, technology, engineering and maths through their creative and innovative projects. Some of the projects on display included 'Do expensive antibacterial sprays work better than cheaper ones?' and 'How does different footwear affect how fast you run on grass'.

The overall prize went to Grace Atkinson and Ciara Aylward for their excellent project "Is washing powder or washing liquid more effective at cleaning?".

Commenting on their success Ciara and Grace said: "We chose our topic because we thought it was relevant and helpful to know about since everyone has to do laundry. It was fun to put together and we enjoyed making and designing our poster. It was a really fun day, it was nice to present our experiment to the judges and to see our friends' posters. We were really surprised when we heard that we had won. We were not expecting it at all! "

The judges commented on how all our students spoke to them with confidence, enthusiasm and were very knowledgeable of their work. They too thoroughly enjoyed the experience and hope to be invited back next year! It was a very exciting, positive and uplifting day for the school where a great sense of pride was shared by all.

Who better to capture the day than our students. Below is a piece written by 3rd years, Líanna Connolly, and Aoife Goslin, who were our journalists for the day and our photographer, 5th year student Alice Annafrancesca Centore did a wonderful job of capturing the spirit of the event.



SciFest 2022

Líanna Connolly and Aoife Goslin

On 4 May 2022 Coolmine Community school hosted a SciFest for our second-year students. The projects we saw were out of this world, from lipstick smudge tests to which type of shoes affect speed. They were all amazing! We spent the entire day walking around through each project to each group asking questions about their experiments. Everyone's positive reactions towards this amazing event were so nice to see.

Whilst walking throughout the school we had a chat to the 2nd years to find out their own feelings about this experience. Over 87% of them said that they prefer SciFest to a classroom assessment as it was a good time to interact with people and get other people's opinions on their projects.

We had a lot of fun seeing the different projects and how each student and each group thought of the different ideas. From interests and hobbies to wanting to delve deeper into topics covered in class, each group seemed passionate about what they chose and confident in being able to explain their understanding of it.

Some of the things that stood out to us whilst walking around there were the number of similar projects around and when asked the students just seemed to all think that it was the most interesting, for example testing for what substances will slow the rate of age or rotting of an apple.

Projects we found the most interesting were not only for the actual experiments themselves but also for the enthusiasm from the students explaining them. We really enjoyed seeing who was most passionate about their work, it was clear from body language or the amount of effort they put into the posters and researching.

We hope to see SciFest around the school next year and we hope everyone will come back for it again. It was an amazing experience and a fantastic opportunity for all.



Santry

Congratulations to all the students who represented the school so well in Santry on Wednesday, 11 May 2022.



New Football Kits

Thank you to the Parents' Association who held a uniform sale at the end of last year. With the money raised we were able to order two new football kits for both boys and girls soccer.

The boys team looked very smart in their final in the new jerseys and won their division.

Thanks again to the Parents' Association especially Glen Phelan and Denise Mooney for all their help.



Debs 2022

After two years of no formal ball, we are delighted to remind you that our 2022 Debs Ball will go ahead this year at our new venue, Carnegie Court Hotel Swords, Co. Dublin on September 9th, 2022. Graduating students who wish to attend can purchase tickets online, in instalments of €20, or in full for €85, including 5% booking fee at debsireland.com. A code is required and this can be got from your class rep or year head, Mr O'Reilly.

The fee includes, coaches to and from the school, where you will be picked up and dropped off. Themed entrance with music and drinks on arrival, four-course meal, there are vegan & vegetarian options available, a photographer onsite, €10 fee if you want a personal photo taken.

The DJ begins after the awards ceremony, which will take them into the early hours of the morning, with fun & games, lip sync battle, karaoke, photo booth & much more.

Breakfast is served buffet style and then a coach home where they are dropped off at the school. It sounds like something not to be missed!!

Tickets are available now at Debs Ireland (click tickets & code is required.)