

# Coláiste Nano Nagle Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

As we are about to celebrate Christmas let us reflect on what it should mean to us.

It is a time when families get together, some family members have to travel a distance to get home. Taking time off to come together to catch up, enjoy each other's company and exchange gifts. In the words of Sir Walter Scott "Heap on the wood the wind is chill, but let it whistle as it will, Well keep our Christmas merry and still."

However the true meaning of Christmas is about a family, Mary and Joseph who were on a journey they had no place to stay and Mary was in labour and they could not find any accommodation for the night ahead. The only form of refuge was a stable in Bethlehem. Jesus was born in very basic, simple conditions. Today they would have been classified as homeless. The birth of Jesus gives hope to us all.

Christmas is not the same for everyone. Think of others in our country this Christmas who are without a home, living in food poverty. Let's be thankful for everything that we have. Make Christmas a happy time for those around you by being cheerful and helpful and grateful.

Simple acts of kindness have a profound effect on those who give and receive them.

Peace and Joy at Christmas to all our Student, Ancillary Staff, Teaching Staff and our Parents/ Guardians.

Sixth Years and Third Years take a short break at Christmas but do not lose sight that the break is a time for revision for your Pre Examinations starting on the 5th of February 2018.

*kindest Regards Mrs Mary Ryan.*



## MARION CUMMINS RETIRES AFTER 11 YEARS AS PRINCIPAL

Marion joined the staff in the mid-eighties. I was delighted to have another P.E. teacher in the department. It was the time in Ireland when the population rose dramatically, the prefab era. We had very good indoor facilities but not outdoors. Marion and I complemented one another. Marion was very interested in all the games, in fact she was so keen to have hockey on the syllabus that she asked Catholic Institute to allow our pupils to play games and practice on their pitches. We had the famous bus at the time and Marion took a bus load of pupils twice a week in her own time to Institute. Marion was very competitive which was great when playing against other schools – it gave the pupils a great lift and they all enjoyed it.

When we got the bus we decided to go swimming to Roxboro and Bawnmore pools. All the pupils had six weeks swimming every year which was very unusual for second level pupils at the time. Our aim was that no pupil would leave the school a non-swimmer. Marion also taught Geography during these years.

The pupils had a very good P.E. programme during their years in Nano Nagle – Dancing, Gymnastics, Athletics, Basketball, Badminton, Volleyball, Soccer and even Rugby. Fitness was taught throughout all the above activities.

Marion and I were asked to do a course in SPHE and Relationships. It was a year long course and as usual Pres was one of the first schools in Ireland to take part. The pupils gained a lot from the course and Marion always listened to their problems and enjoyed their company.

The next chapter in our relationship was when I was on the Board of Management and Marion started her 11 years as Principal. We now had the whole school to manage - the pupils, teachers and parents and we were now part of CEIST. Marion had to change the responsibility of all the above which needed extraordinary management skills and she rose to the calling. She always wanted the best for the school. She had tough decisions to make, they were always fair. She spoke so highly of her teachers at the Board meetings and at the annual conferences for Management she always spoke up when she disagreed with some of the ideas the Department of Education and Skills thought were essential but not for DEIS schools. I wish her health and happiness in her next chapter of her life.

*Lelia Fitzgerald.*



# 2nd Year & Senior Debating



*Second years, O' Malley, McCourt and O' Brien, taking part in their Junior Cert Action Project for CSPE. Students really enjoyed the day and learned a lot about the Irish prison and judicial system. Thanks to Ms. Sheehan, Ms. Begley and Mr. Ryan for organising the event.*

*Organised visit for our 2nd Year CSPE project in the school.*

*A Limerick Prison Warden came to visit us and talk to us about his job and crime in Ireland nowadays.*

## **Debating Success**

Our senior debating team is currently taking part in the Concern Debates competition and has already experienced success. The girls are doing great in their first ever Concern competition by winning their first debate against **Colaiste Muire, Ennis**. The team is made up of the following students; Sophie Boyce (TY), Catriona O' Halloran (TY), Emma Kelly (5th Year), Shannon Hickey (5th Year) and Frances Oranu (5th Year). We also have students researching the interesting motions put forward by Concern; Aicha Oyesola (6th Year) Magdalena Walusiak (6th Year) and Huda Mursal (6th Year). The junior debating team will start their debating journey in the New Year; the girls will be mentored by the talented senior team. The junior debating team will engage in friendly debates against local schools in the New Year. The commitment shown by members has been outstanding. We would encourage all students who may be interested in debating to attend debating practice at lunch time in the library. A huge thanks to all of the teachers involved, especially Mr. Carmody, Ms. Galligan and Ms. A. Murphy.



***Scoil Muire, Ennis with Colaiste Nano Nagle Debating Team***



***The debating team with their coaches Mr. Carmody, Ms. Galligan and Ms. A. Murphy***



***Laurel Hill Coláiste, FCJ and Coláiste Nano Nagle Debate Teams***

# 6LCA's



6LCA's presenting a cheque to Milford hospice for €370, raised by staff and students



6LCA with Garda O'Neill from Roxboro.



6LCA's with Salma, who took them on an ethnic culinary tour in Limerick

# 5th Years and 1st Years



## *The Student Life Summit at The University of Limerick*

On Friday, November 17th, all 5th Years attended The Student Life Summit at The University of Limerick. The event gave our students the opportunity to explore a host of career choices and engage with a wide number of career sectors including Banking, Aviation, Medicine, Construction, Tourism & Hospitality, Entertainment Technology and The Arts among others. In attendance on the day were a number of Ireland's leading employers, business leaders and innovators who encouraged students to explore their career options to reach their fullest potential. The event was one of the biggest career gatherings ever held in the Mid-West. Students had the opportunity to listen to a wide range of speakers, the highlight being; **Trish Long, a Limerick native who spoke of her early days growing up in St. Mary's Park to her current position as vice-president of Disney Ireland. The message from all speakers was unanimous, work hard, be ambitious for yourself and believe in your own ability. We couldn't agree more!**



*1st year students completed a 'look to the future' project in conjunction with University of Limerick.*



# Judi Curtin visits Coláiste Nano Nagle



## *Judi Curtin with her Bord Gais writer of the Year Award 2017*

Group photo of 1st and 2nd year JCSP students with their new book called 'Stand by Me'.

### *Junior Cert Schools*

#### *Programme news (JCSP):*

On the 11th December, 2017 the Awarding winning author, Judi Curtin came to our school to speak to our 1st and 2nd year JCSP students. This was part of a reading programme initiative and we were provided with €450 by the JCSP section of the Department of Education. The students over the past number of weeks have been reading a novel by Judi called, 'Time after Time'. We were delighted to have Judi come to our school where the students found out how she gets her ideas and comes up with characters for her books. Judi's award winning book, 'Stand by Me', was given as a gift to each student and was signed by Judi herself.

It was a great event with both students and their parents in attendance and we were delighted that the event went so well.

**Further JCSP news:** This year our school was awarded €3,050 towards initiatives for JCSP activities such as a dance lessons, samba drums, a Seanchai for Seachtain Na Gaeilge week, a three day film making course and a celebrity chef in the Kitchen. JCSP students, I hope you will enjoy all these initiatives in the next term!

**Ms. Ahern JCSP Co-ordinator**

Well done Ms. Ahern.



Annalise Dundon presenting Judi Curtin with flowers as a big thank you for coming to our school.



Rebecca Deedigan (Judi's biggest fan) getting her book signed.



# Sport



***Best of luck to the Senior and Cadet Basketball teams and their coach Ms. Begley this season.***

The students train hard every Wednesday in the gym and their hard work and dedication is paying off. The Senior team are one game away from making the finals in the University of Limerick and the Cadet team have not lost a match yet.



***Congratulations to Mr. Philips and Ms. Quantrell on the success of Badminton club. Badminton club is on every Tuesday in the gym.***



## ***Chess Club***

The addition of chess club this year has proven to be very popular with the students. Chess club is on every Monday at lunch time in room 5 with Ms. Begley, Ms O'Reilly and Mr. Philips.

Mr. Moloney, Ms. A.Murphy and Mr. Mc Inerney have lunch time club every Tuesday and Thursday in the parents room for 1st year students where the students play lots of fun games and make new friends in the school. Well done to all involved.



***Coláiste Nano Nagle's Athletics team coached by Mr. Ryan every Thursday after school. Well done girls.***

# Kindness Committee and Kindness Ambassadors



This year in our school Ms. Ellen Madigan has set up a **Kindness Committee** in the hope to gain a kindness flag for our school. On the committee we have Ms O'Reilly, Ms Begley and ten students who will be our kindness ambassadors.

On December 5th 2017 Michael and Mary from Pay it Forward Limerick paid a visit to our school to see first hand the work that we have all done.

Every year in our school Ms Madigan has a fundraiser for the neonatal unit. This year Ms Begley and the 3rd year CSPE students wanted to help. The students raised over €600 for the neonatal unit in Limerick as part of their action project with the help from 'Lights for Limerick'.

Ms Madigan, Ms Nestor and Ms Donohoe made little baby grows for the babies in the neonatal unit. Ms Murray and the parents committee also made Christmas knitwear for the babies.

Thanks so much to Margo for taking the time out to come to our school and talk to the students.

Thanks to Ms Cornelia O'Brien who displayed the random acts of kindness that have taken place in our school to date. Amazing work! A massive thank you to Ms Nestor in the art department who has helped so much with the decorations and our kindness tree. We couldn't do it without you Ms Nestor, thank you.



## Kindness Week:

As part of kindness week 2017 the Kindness Ambassadors, the school mascot and the school choir sang for the Rehabcare group who are our neighbours on Parnell street. The group had their annual Christmas party and the school choir surprised them with Christmas Carols. Everyone involved had an amazing time and we were honoured to be part of such a special event. Thanks to Ms Gaughan who led the choir and our kindness committee Ms Madigan, Ms O'Reilly and Ms Begley for organising the event.

# Maths Week and Gaisce Awards



Maths week 2017 was very successful this year with students engaging in a range of activities from guessing the weight of a pumpkin to creating their own Maths games. Well done to all the students who participated in Maths weeks and thanks to all the teachers involved.



## *Gaisce Awards*

This year 27 TY and 5th year students are taking part in the Gaisce Award. Students are aiming for the Bronze or Silver Award. The term “gaisce” is from the Irish language and can be translated as “achievement”. There are four challenges that participants must complete in order to get their award: personal development, community involvement, physical activity and the adventure journey. Each of these challenges must be done for at least one hour for 13 weeks (26 weeks for Silver). There will be a three day overnight trip in April which Ms O’ Reilly and Ms Begley are super excited about. Well done to the girls, we are so proud of your progress to date.



# Green Schools Initiative and BT Young Scientists Competition



## **Green Schools News:**

We have now started work towards our fifth green flag in the area of biodiversity. Biodiversity means the variety of living things in a given place—whether a small stream, an extensive desert, all the forests in the world, the oceans, or the entire planet.

In order to learn more about this topic, we are running the LEAF project in our school. The LEAF project aims to teach young people more about trees and forest life. This LEAF Project is run and funded by An Taisce, an environmental agency.

On Thursday, 30th November 2017, our green schools students travelled to the Curragh Chase forest to learn more about forests, forest animals and plant life. This was an excellent day and two experienced guides, Ray and Niamh from An Taisce, gave the Green schools students an understanding of biodiversity and an increased awareness of nature. They learned for example, how to work out the ages of trees and how to identify different leaves. They completed a mindfulness workshop and they walked the grounds of the Curragh Chase gaining an appreciation of nature and its importance also. We would like to thank Ms. Galligan for coming along with us on this day.

*From the Green Schools Committee*



## **BT YOUNG SCIENTIST AND TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION**

Congratulations to our transition year students who have been selected by the judges of BTYSE to compete in the finals of BT young scientist and technology exhibition in the RDS Dublin. Their project “The Science of FOMO” (fear of missing out) was one of the 550 projects shortlisted from the 2,033 that entered the exhibition.

The aim of this project is to investigate the perception and impact of social media on its users. The project has been entered in the social and behavioural studies category. We wish Ms. Walsh, Amy O’Halloran, Caitriona O’Halloran and Kerri Cleary the best of luck.

# Parent's Corner



## Parents Classes Sexton St Schools



Day & Time	Class	Starting	Venue
Monday (9.30 - 11.30am)	Upstyling	January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Presentation Primary
Monday (11.00 - 1.00pm)	An Introduction to Barbering	To Be Confirmed	CBS Secondary (Parents' Room)
Monday & Wednesday (9.10 - 12.30pm)	English Language through Drama	January 15 <sup>th</sup>	CBS Primary (Homework Room)
Tuesday (9.30 - 11.30)	Photography	To Be Confirmed	CBS Primary (Edmund Rice Room)
Tuesday (9.30 - 11.30am)	Beauty and Skin Care	January 16 <sup>th</sup>	Coláiste Nano Nagle (Parents Room)
Wednesday (10.00 - 12.00pm)	Cookery	January 24 <sup>th</sup>	Coláiste Nano Nagle (Cookery Room)
Wednesday & Friday (9.00 - 12.00pm)	ESOL	January 10 <sup>th</sup>	CBS Secondary (Parents' Room)
Thursday 9.30 - 11.30	Mosaics (Craft Class)	January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Coláiste Nano Nagle (Parents Room)
Friday (9.30 - 11.30)	Crochet and Knitting	January 19 <sup>th</sup>	Coláiste Nano Nagle (Parents Room)
Friday (9.30 - 11.30)	Art Attack! (Art Class)	To Be Confirmed	CBS Primary (Edmund Rice Room)
To be confirmed	Walking Club	Late January or Early February	CBS Secondary (Parents' Room)

Contact the HSCL Co-ordinators for more information:  
 Doireann Garrard 087 929 9782 Máire O'Sullivan 087 210 1903  
 Sinead O'Flynn 087 6682151 Triona Murray 085 1573302

## Parents' Irish Classes

Congratulations to our parents who completed our beginners Irish course with Mr. Ryan. The parents' loved it so much they want to come back after Christmas for more. Thank you to Mr. Ryan for taking the time to do this. Please note in the photo is a painting kindly donated by parent Kavya Sudha which she made in the parents' art class this year.

*Naisimma Dahil, Mr. Shane Ryan, Helen McInerney, Kavya Sudha. Absent from the photo was Ann Marie Kavanagh*



## ARABIC CLASSES

A big thank you to our parent Naisimma Dahil who has spent the past month teaching teachers, parents and HSCLs in Limerick basic Arabic words and the alphabet. It has been a very interesting experience.

## Visiting Nano Nagle Place

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October parents and students took a bus trip to visit Nano Nagle Place, Douglas St., Cork with Sr. Colette and Ms. Murray. We followed the story of Cork in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century and we were all really inspired by the story of Nano Nagle.

This woman in defiance of the penal laws set up 7 schools in Cork city, brought the Ursuline sisters to Cork and founded the Presentation sisters who with lay colleagues continue her educational work today all over the world.

We received a warm welcome and finished our tour at Nano's grave where we experienced the living history of our past. It was a beautiful day of integration of parents and students. We can sum up the day by experiencing the power of one woman and what she achieved in her lifetime for education which was the greatest need of that time.



**HSCL Sexton Street Schools**  
 For parent updates on classes, courses and events

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# Parents Corner's, Music News and Youth Pilgrimage



## ***Crochet and Knitting Class***

Our parent, Stephanie White, offered in September to volunteer and teach parents how to crochet and knit. She set up a class on Friday's in the parents' room where she has wowed us with her skills. She has led the parents in making Christmas outfits for the babies in the neonatal ward in Limerick's maternity hospital. After Christmas she hopes to bring the parents to the hospital to teach expecting mothers who are bed bound how to crochet. Knitting and Crochet classes will continue with Stephanie after Christmas on Fridays from 9.30am to 11.30am.

## *Music News*



The school string orchestra has been going from strength to strength this year. The girls, along with their teachers, gave an excellent performance of the famous 'Canon in D' on Presentation Day, which enthralled everyone at the liturgy. The girls are currently preparing for the Christmas carol service and we are looking forward to hearing them on the day. The orchestra has also been invited to take part in a special concert in UL on Tuesday 19th December. Our orchestra will join with other school orchestras from around Limerick on the day. Congratulations girls, and best of luck!

Our choir has had a busy first term, having already performed for Open Night, Presentation Day and the Mass for the beginning of the academic year. The Christmas season is shaping up to be just as busy, with the choir singing carols for the Limerick Resource Centre Christmas party, hosted by Rehab. The girls had a great time and it was amazing to see the joy that their visit brought to those at the party, who were more than happy to join in the impromptu dance session with the school mascot! The choir are preparing for a visit to a nursing home as part of Kindness Week, as well as the Christmas carol service, where they will be performing a jazz arrangement of a Christmas spiritual, along with more familiar carols.

Members of the guitar club performed at the school mass and the girls have learned lots of new chords and techniques and several new songs this term. The girls have also been working on a top-secret song to perform with the choir in the new year. New members are always welcome at guitar club, which takes place at lunchtime on Fridays. Many thanks to Mr. Loftus for his great work with the girls.

## ***Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2017***

Caithlin Stewart and Nicole Kelly travelled to Lourdes France as pilgrims in the youth pilgrimage with the limerick diocese. We were selected for this trip by interview. The pilgrimage lasted for 6 days where we helped the elderly go to mass go the baths visit the grotto and brought them in procession .

We enjoyed the experience as it was not only a pilgrimage it was a chance for us to interact with other youth in limerick. We hope that Emma Kelly and robin carey enjoy their experience as it is a once in a life time opportunity. We thank everyone who helped us to fundraise the money in school



# The Amber Flag and Friar's Gate Theatre Club

## *The Amber Flag*

The **Amber Flag** Initiative is a programme that was set up by Suicide Aware to encourage schools to promote positive mental health among their staff and students. It is also about awareness of the many issues that people face today and how to deal with these issues.

Here at Coláiste Nano Nagle we want to create a positive atmosphere and promote positive mental health in our school. Throughout the year we will run events and promote positive mental health around the school.

### **The Committee**

The Amber Flag Committee is run by the ten students in the JRC and TRC student council.

### **Goals**

As part of the Amber Flag Initiative the team had to make an audit of the supports already available in the school. After analysing the results, and seeing where there were gaps, they are now in the process of developing three goals, namely:

- A Mental Health Day
- Go Gadget Free Day
- Design a page for the School Journal informing students on where to get help within the school.



## *Friar's Gate Theatre Club*

Students from the Friars Gate Theatre club performing in UL on Friday 1st December. They performed a short play on the Irish Famine. Girls from non-EU countries have been invited to join this group after school each Wednesday. We hope that more students join after Christmas.



# 5LCA's Scare Factory & Cinema Visit

## Scare Factory and cinema trip- 5LCAs.

The 'Scare Factory' was the first event of the year for the 5LCAs. The girls, along with the support of their teachers, put in a huge amount of work to make the event a success. The 'Scare Factory' included a variety of Halloween themed stands including face painting, sweets and cupcakes. The students decorated the classroom to make it unrecognisable!! There was a complementary scary photo booth for all the visitors. The 5LCA class used the money raised to go on a cinema trip. This was another fun day out which was also academically beneficial as it doubled up to be their film review assignment. Keep up the good work girls! A big thanks to all the teachers for their support and cooperation especially, Ms. A. Murphy, Ms. Donohue, Ms. Nestor, Ms. Begley, and Ms. C. Murphy.



Some of the 5LCA students with their teacher Ms. A. Murphy.



A happy customer from the event!



Look at all those cupcakes!!



Nadima (5LCA) doing face paint on her sister Aryan (2nd year).

## Attendance

Coláiste Nano Nagle are delighted to congratulate the following students for full attendance this term. Well done and we hope to be giving these girls full attendance rewards at the end of the school year in May.

Abdullah, Hafza  
Adejomehin, Bukola  
Anyichie, Diana  
Aron, Unami Mary  
Babs, Lucia  
Browne, Kate  
Byrne, Sophie  
Ekhator, Nancy

Elgammudi, Riham  
Gogna, Kumud  
Griffin, Ally  
Hanzena, Sofija-Elfa  
Hyland, Lorna  
Kelly, Lauren  
Kerley, Leah  
Lim, Tess  
Lim, Yen Tung

Ling, Nicole  
Lucic, Iva  
Makulena, Samanta  
Marufkhel, Akhtara  
Moloney, Emma  
Morey, Nicole Lisa Marie  
Neilan, Jodie  
O'Callaghan-Fahy, Abbie  
O'Grady, Shauna

O'Shea-McNamara, Tiana  
Oyesola, Aicha  
Purcell, Leona  
Quinn-Sheehan, Kelly  
Szabla, Emilia  
Thabir, Heba  
Veneti, Irida  
Vlad, Alexandra

# 3rd Years - C.S.P.E. trip



*This visit got a mention on the Limerick Animal Welfare's Facebook page!*



*Class Rossa and Ms. A. Murphy with their visitors Bernie and Chris.*

## C.S.P.E.

Class Rossa, 3rd year, had a very exciting visit from Bernie the St. Bernard this month. Bernie was thrilled with all the Christmas treats the girls gave to him for himself and his friends to enjoy over the holidays. The girls did fantastic fundraising and presented Limerick Animal Welfare with a cheque for €225. They learnt valuable information for their Junior Certificate action project. It was a beneficial visit for all, with some students hoping to do some volunteering and work experience in the near future at the animal sanctuary.

Thank you to their teacher Ms. A. Murphy.



*TY Photographic Exhibition currently on view in the corridor outside canteen.*



*Transition Year Enterprise images taken by Rachel Dawson*



# College Awareness Week 2017



## *College Awareness Week November 20 to 24th 2017*

Central College Limerick took part in College Awareness Week for the first time and it was a great success!! We linked up with 6th Years in Colaiste Nano Nagle to give them a taster of College life. Students from CNN attended classes in Business, Nursing Studies, and Early Childhood Care and Education. The following students took part: Huda Mursal, Niamh Mc Cormack, Rayanne Moran, Aiche Oyesola, Miriam Abdiwali, Yasmin Arda, Rebecca McInerney, and Chloe McNamara.



# Transition Years - Christmas Market



## *Christmas Market*

As part of our Transition year programme, we became budding Entrepreneurs and participated in the Christmas Market which was held on Friday the 15th December.

Thanks to Mr.McInerney who organised the event.

Thanks also to Ms.Donohoe who we produced the Cake Pops with

and to Ms.Walsh who we produced the Bath Bombs with.

We really enjoyed this fantastic day and raised €330 for the NeoNatal unit.

*TY class-2017/2018*



*5th Years did an amazing job fundraising for charity during Kindness week – Hot Chocolate and sweet treats went down a storm!*



*Some of the random acts of kindness the religious department were involved in collecting food for food hampers*



# Science Department

Updates from the science department.



*First year class Taylor carrying out food tests.*



*Second years testing leaves for starch. The girls could be heard saying 'leaf' me along Ms O' Reilly.*



*Third years calculating speed*



*Science week 2017*



*Ms Walsh wowing us with her science skills*



*Science week 2017. Second and third years were treated to a science magic show.*

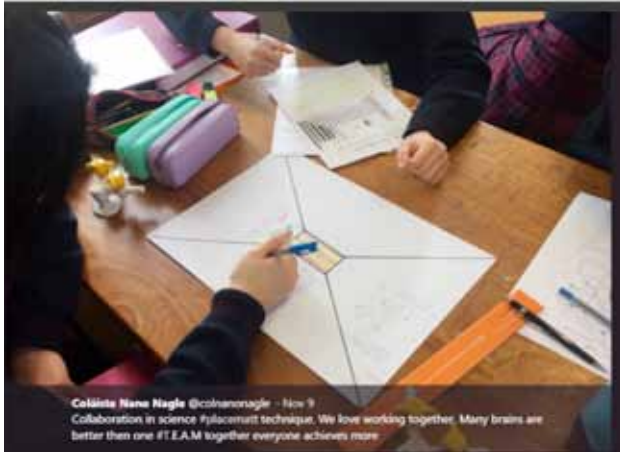


*Fifth year ag science students wearing their t-shirts from the Farmers Journal.*



*Fifth years demonstrating diffusion*

# Leading Learning & Shoe Box Appeal



## *Leading Learning at Coláiste Nano Nagle*

We are delighted, once again, to be participating in the Learning School Project (LSP) with the Limerick Education Centre. The LSP provides a valuable opportunity for a team of teachers in our school to engage in a project to enhance the teaching and learning experiences and outcomes for our students while engaging in professional collaboration with teams from a range of schools across Limerick City and County. The goal in the current school year is to roll out the in-class collaborative learning strategies, that were the focus of our last LSP, across the whole school. Here, teachers, using the strategies, will invite other teachers to be participant observers in their classrooms. The team will also be gathering valuable data from students, parents and teachers on teaching and learning in our school in line with the 'Looking at Our Schools 2016' document produced by the Department of Education and Skills. This will guide our future efforts to ensure our school is a centre of teaching and learning excellence. Thank you to Ms O'Reilly and her team for their efforts to enhance teaching and learning in our school.

*Sinéad Moloney*

## *The New Junior Cycle*



Junior Cycle reform sees the focus of the Junior Cycle curriculum shift to a more skills based curriculum with a stronger emphasis on student wellbeing. These changes are being welcomed and fully embraced in Coláiste Nano Nagle. We recently hosted a parent information evening on the New Junior Cycle which was facilitated by Ms Kiely, Ms Galligan and Ms Murray. For the first time we will be providing our students who most recently completed their Junior Certificate with their 'Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement'. This certificate is important in recognising the value of learning outside the classroom, which we have always promoted in our school, as part of our mission to provide a holistic education to our students. In the 'Other Areas of Learning' section your daughters' achievements in areas such as music, dance, sport, debating, environmental and social enterprise initiatives are shown and the skills that they have helped your girls develop highlighted. A big thanks to Ms Begley and our LCVP teachers Ms Quantrell and Mr Moloney for their work on this and indeed to all our teachers who give of their time to organise a range of activities outside of their scheduled classes. The rich extra curricular/co curricular programme is a testament to the dedication of our teachers to giving your daughters a rounded educational experience. Our first year students have a timetabled period of guidance to support their transition from primary school to secondary school. They were recently awarded with their 'Looking to the Future' Certificate from UL. A big thank you to Mr Loftus for organising this which supports the schools vision that students should always strive to be the best they can be and have a plan for their studies after school. We are excited to be launching our Mr Men Wellbeing characters, developed by Ms Madigan, in the New Year to help teach our students the key wellbeing indicators. Check out our webpage and social media sites for further updates on the New Junior Cycle.

*Sinéad Moloney*

## *5LCA helping with the collection of Christmas shoe box Huge thank you to all who donated to a very worthy cause*



# Nano Nagle Liturgy

## Nano Nagle Liturgy

The story of Nano Nagle was shared with the congregation by Shannon Hickey. We learned that education was the right of everyone and that Nano Nagle was one of the greatest Irish women. Nano Nagle has become venerable Nano Nagle which means that she is a saint.

In 2018 the Presentation family will celebrate 300 years since her death. She was a very extraordinary and unusual woman. Education was her big calling. She brought the French education model to Ireland.

Sister Colette Hourigan then gave a detailed account of how the Presentation Sisters first came to Sexton St. Limerick in 1837. The Presentation Sisters also had early Missions to Newfoundland and Australia.

Ms. Emma Kelly explained the images of the icon of Nano Nagle by Desmond Kyne

Nano's final words were 'if I can be of service in any part of the world I would kindly go myself'.

Ms. Ailish Hogan, 6th year student gave a superb performance of 'God Is' supported by the choir and Ms. Therese Gaughan.

Principal Mary Ryan then spoke about living in 2017. We experience a different situation in comparison to when Nano Nagle set up her first school. We are born into an age where we have so much.

How can you carry the light of Nano's lantern? Look around you!

3000 children are without a home, some living in temporary accommodation, some in hotels.

To our 6th years - ye have a vote, become active and make a difference, maybe write letter to a politician.

Last week I saw a report on food poverty, people in our city who cannot feed their own children. We have the Simon Community operating from the Dock Road who try to support them.

The elderly are another need in our community. Do you have any elderly living near you who are lonely? Say hello, how are you keeping? .....

There are a few examples of how we can forget about others and only think about ourselves.

Nearer to home: To those from Afghanistan with very little education and very little English - be kind to them, support them.....

I am aware of all the good work in our school linking Juniors with Seniors for example in paired reading and I praise that very much.

In summary, I can say that Nano chose spiritual wealth, thinking of others. That is what really matters.

Mrs. Mary Ryan thanked the Religion Department of Ms. C O'Brien and Sr. Colette for excellence in their work. They were hugely supported by an outstanding choir, led by Ms. Therese Gaughan, Mr. Loftus, a new team of talented musicians and exceptional soloists.

The Art Department under Ms. Sarah Nestor produced magnificent displays to support the liturgy.

Huge credit to all involved.



Beautiful images - Gems of Nano Nagle used during the ceremony



The 3rd year retreat took pics and the theme was decision making. The girls spent a fun filled day of activity prayer discussion and meditation Nancy and Nicolette displaying their dream catchers that they made



Readers from our prayer service standing beside the beautiful icon of Nano Nagle by Desmond Kyne



Gift bearers sitting in front of our sacred space which include an image of our lady, bible and a lantern all used by Nano Nagle in her life



Head girl and deputy head girl Caithlin Stewart and Amanda Dawson wishing all students and teachers happy Christmas

# European Parliament visit November 2017 and Art Appreciation



Mairead Mc Guinness (MEP and Vice President of the European Parliament) and Mrs. Mary Kavanagh who attended the recent European Parliament Schools Programme Conference in Brussels.



Sean Kelly (MEP) presenting our TY students with our European Parliament Ambassadors Plaque. Coláiste Nano Nagle is one of 40 schools nationwide participating in this project. The aim of the program is to promote awareness of Europe and European Parliamentary democracy among young people in Europe. Well done to Ms. Kavanagh and TY students.

## Art Appreciation:

### Pablo Picasso

Pablo Picasso was born in 1881 in Madrid, Spain. He grew up always wanting to be an artist. In 1900 he moved to Paris to begin his art career. While in Paris, his friend committed suicide. This began a period in Picasso's life call the 'Blue Period' where he only painted in blue to match his sombre mood. This was soon followed by the 'Red Period' where Picasso began his fascination with circus folk and only painted in red and rose colours. Pablo Picasso's most famous work is Guernica. This was painted in 1937, following the Nazi bombing of the small village of Guernica. Picasso was distraught after the bombing, and revealed the painting at the Paris World Convention, where he was commissioned by the Spanish pavilion to paint it in 1936. The piece shows mans brutality at war and the effect it has on innocent victims, like those in Guernica. The painting was done within a month of the bombing and was documented by his then mistress Daaz Moran (1936 - 1944).

I respect what Pablo Picasso accomplished in this lifetime, and how he spoke up for the people of Guernica. In 1982 Guernica was returned to the Museo Reina Sofia, Madrid, Spain once facism was released. This was instructed by the will of Pablo Picasso.

### Guernica

*Well done to Ms. Sarah Nestor who has brought art to new levels at Coláiste Nano Nagle.*

