

Nuachtlitir Choláiste De Lacy

Easter 2016



Dear Parents,

Just a short note to say a huge thank you to everyone for a fantastic term. The students have been amazing, as always, and they have truly shone in all of our school activities and events this term. From Seachtain na Gaeilge to sport events and the Proclamation Ceremony which commemorated events of 1916 and imagined the Ireland of future generations, students have yet again impressed us.

The support and generosity of parents knows no bounds and is very much appreciated. The staff have worked so hard in establishing our school and caring for our students. I would like to wish you and your families a wonderful and Happy Easter break.

Le gach dea-mhéin,
Maistir McCormack



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Seachtain na Gaeilge

Tháinig daltaí ó Gaelscoil na Mí ar chuart go dtí Coláiste De Lacy chun glacadh páirte sa féile Gaelach. Bhí na daltaí ag caint, ag canadh agus and baint spraoi as an nGaeilge le haghaidh Seachtain na Gaeilge.



Bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge ar siúl ón 9ú lá go dtí an 16ú lá de Mhárta. I rith na seachtaine seo thárla a lán gníomhaíochtaí éagsúla. Ghlac na daltaí páirt i gcomórtas labhartha don seachtain go léir. Comhghairdeas do na buaiteoirí; Conor Early, Seán Watson, Sarah Andrews, Aoibhin Rainsford - cainteoirí is fear.

Chomh maith le sin ar an Aoine bhí Tráth na gCeist idir na clainne agus bhuaigh Clann Ó Hógáin le scór den scoth. Ar an Luain thug na daltaí ó Ghaelscoil na Mí cuairt ar na daltaí sa chéad bhliain, bhuaíl ár ndaltaí leis na páistí óga. Bhí siad ag caint, ag canadh agus ag damhsa le chéile. Sa tráthnóna thárla Céilí mór sa halla, bhain na daltaí agus na múinteoirí araon taitneamh as an gCéilí agus fuair Libby agus Alex O'Reilly an gradam don phéire is fearr, maith sibh. Mar chomórtas scoile uile ghlac na daltaí páirt i gcomórtas físeáin agus drámaíochta. Bhí an-chraic agus an-spraoi ag gach duine. Táimid fíorbhródúil as ár ndaltaí agus n-iarrachtaí i rith na seachtaine seo. Bhain siad úsáid as Ghaeilge go mórálach agus go muiníneach. Iníon Ní Bhairéid agus Máistir Ó Hógáin.



Seachtain na Gaeilge



Sports Updates

Athletics Cross Country:

Our Athletics team proved very successful this term, competing in both the DCU Invitational Cross Country and the North Leinster Schools Cross Country races held in ASLAA. It was our first time competing in DCU and the Coláiste de Lacy School team were highly commended and received trophies for taking part on the day.

A special mention must go to Mozeedat Badru (1st Year) who came in 10th in the Minor Girls Race in ASLAA, and qualified for the Leinster Schools Cross Country Regional Finals. All students who participated showed excellent commitment and determination which will stand to them with the upcoming Track & Field competitions after Easter.



Boys Basketball

Our second year boys team qualified for the North Leinster semi-final against Clones. The team played a strong game and the Coláiste are very proud of their achievement. Our first years missed out by a narrow defeat to Lusk in their opening game. Well done to all.



Girls Basketball

Both 1st & 2nd Year girls' basketball teams competed in the North East Leinster League this term. Coláiste De lacy was placed in a challenging group, however the girls rose to the task and participated to the best of their ability. The 1st Years got off to a flying start winning 2 out of 3 games played, beating Coláiste na Mí & Ratoath College along the way. The 2nd Year team represented the school with pride and came away with a well-earned victory against Coláiste na Mí to finish off the season. Well done

Rugby

This term students completed five weeks of rugby training coached by Scott Broughton from Ashbourne Rugby Club and Leinster coaching. Students thoroughly enjoyed this experience.

Students being trained by members of Ashbourne Rugby Clubs on their new 4G pitch. Students will play their first ever rugby match after mid-term.



Geography

First year students have been busy creating Geography projects recently. Students used a variety of materials and resources to create models showing different features of Rivers and The Sea. The creativity of the students helped to create such excellent models as a waterfall made from cardboard with running water, a working depiction of The Mississippi flooding and Hurricane Katrina made out of clay and a beach scene complete with coastal defences made with tin foil and real sand. Each model was presented to the class where the students spoke in detail about the processes taking place in each of their feature models. The great dedication that was put into making these models was evident and the students should be very proud of their hard work!



National Win for Equestrian Team

We are delighted to announce that the Equestrian team of Colaiste De Lacy won the All-Ireland Inter-Schools Hunter Trials 2016 that took place on Saturday 12th of March at Lisgarvan House, Ballon County Carlow.

68 teams from across Ireland were invited to participate in the national event. The team from Colaiste De Lacy comprised of second year students Emma Bruton and Sean Watson and 1st year student Libby Duff who performed with great skill and resilience to bring the coveted title to Colaiste De Lacy.

It is quite an achievement for these students to win this competition as the school only opened in 2014 and the team were competing against older students and schools who have a long standing record in winning the competition. The school has also been approached to consider hosting the event next year and we look forward to defending our title.

The school and students would like to thank the parents involved for their time and effort. We would also like to thank Maistir Harley for his time and efforts in coaching the team to great success.



Awards Ceremony



The presentation of awards to the winners of the Colaiste De Lacy Easter Term Awards took place on Wednesday 16th March. These awards were held to celebrate those chosen as winners based on their consistent contribution to the Colaiste and emulation of Colaiste De Lacy values.

The ceremony was held to mark the end of the term and of Seachtain na Gaeilge. Presentations were also awarded to students for outstanding effort and contributions throughout Seachtain na Gaeilge which was a fun filled successful learning experience tri Gaeilge.

Speaking at the ceremony, Chairperson of the Board of Management, Cllr. Nick Killian commended the students on the projects submitted to the LMETB Young Historian Competition, their 1916 Ancestry Projects which recently featured in the Irish Independent and winning the Best Irish Poem in the LMETB 2016 Francis Ledwidge Poetry Competition.

Students also received recognition for their contribution to the 1916 Proclamation Ceremony and the design of the Colaiste De Lacy 2016 Proclamation. Presenting the prizes, the Chairperson remarked on the exceptional quality of the student competition entries and the supportive work of the teachers at Colaiste De Lacy. The Awards Ceremony concluded with the Easter Raffle sponsored by the Colaiste De Lacy Parents Association.

Coláiste De Lacy Students get ‘Lost in Music’

Our first year students have just completed their class novel ‘Wonder’ by R. J. Palacio.

Students had to create a soundtrack to explore key moments of the text which reflected or taught us something about the plot, character and theme contained within the novel. Students then had to choose four of the songs on their album and write up a detailed analysis of how each song linked in with that scene making sure to link the quotes from the book to the concept, lyrics and tone of the song. Finally students had to design and create the sleeve of the album cover and again give reasoning as to their design choice and process again linking in with key moments and quotes from the novel.

Here are some pictures of students getting underway on their task and Cathal holding his finished album soundtrack and designed cover sleeve.



Coláiste de Lacy Students Shall Go The Ball

Our second year students are currently reading Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet. Part of their project work on the play was to become costume designers and design and create a Venetian Mask to represent a character of their choice. The design of their mask had to reflect the qualities of that particular character. All students had to submit a detailed design brief with a character analysis before the mask making could begin. Students also created a soundtrack for a film production of Act 1 Scene 5- the Capulet Masquerade Ball - where Romeo and Juliet meet each other for the first time by selecting at least four songs that related to and captured the scene and the characters at this point in the play. Once masks and the soundtracks were fully completed we re-created the Capulet Masquerade Ball in the classroom and students act out the dialogue and famous quotes from the scene while Iníon Sorohan acted as D.J. playing the students soundtracks after these key moments of the play. Students did an outstanding job overall throughout both tasks which focused on some of the key skills across the new Junior Cycle and drawing heavily on our particular ‘Building Learning Power’ style of learning here in Coláiste de Lacy.

Young Historian Competition



Debating

Annual LMETB Debate

A big well done to our debate team – Matthew, Onóra, Jiawen and Ose who represented Coláiste de Lacy in the second annual LMETB Debating Competition.

The competition took place in St. Oliver's Community College Drogheda and several of the LMETB schools debated on the day.

Our students participated in two live debates with tough motions such as "This House Would Pay GAA Players" and "This House Would Have A Bookless Classroom". Students only had twenty minutes to prepare their arguments with three minutes then to deliver them so this was quite a feat.

A big well done to Ose also as this was her first live competitive debate.



Proclamation Day

On Tuesday 15th March, Coláiste De Lacy held it's 2016 Proclamation Ceremony. The event was a resounding success, with students sharing presentations of their Ancestry projects which recently featured in the Irish Independent and 1916 Poems written for the LMETB Francis Ledwidge Competition and 1916 Irish Libraries Competition, one of which has received the overall best Irish Poem in this years Francis Ledwidge competition.

Students of the Colaiste held their audience with stories and photos of their ancestors direct involvement in the events of 1916 and read aloud the Coláiste De Lacy Proclamation for 2016. This proclamation was designed by the students themselves and is a combination of sub-misssions made by a large number of students. We will place this proudly in our halls and aspire to the future Ireland of our currents students dreams.

Congratulations to all the students and teachers on a wonderful commemoration of 1916 events and Proclamation which continues to re-imagine an even more successful and equal Ireland for 2116.



Flag Ceremony Croke park



Building Learning Power

On Wednesday 2nd March, all of the 2nd year students had a 3 hour session designed around revision of BLP (Building Learning Power). As part of Enrichment in 1st year, the students had learnt all about this particular style of teaching and learning; the terminology involved and how it relates to them as learners. In order to ensure all 2nd year students still fully understood the importance of all the aspects of BLP for their learning, Inion Sorohan and Inion O'Flanagan planned an activity-rich refresher course. Using all the learning muscles and habits of BLP, students carried out a number of tasks such as creating towers out of straws in order to hold an egg, planned a birthday party for a 70 year old in a wheelchair with a friend who is visually impaired while another has a food allergy and they also danced the macarena blindfolded. Each activity was specifically tailored to use particular learning habits at a time which the students easily identified. The 2nd year's really enjoyed the session while also demonstrating great knowledge and understanding of all that BLP encompasses throughout!



Coláiste de Lacy enters Prestigious '1916 Commemoration Poem for Ireland' National Competition

Wishing all the best to all of our English students who submitted poems to the 'Poem for Ireland Competition' as part of the 1916 Commemoration events.

This is a prestigious competition being ran by The Department of Education and Skills, The Public Library Service and Libraries Development, Local Government Management Agency with a fantastic overall prize of €1000 to be delivered to the winner in Dublin Castle in April. The poems had to be crafted using the topic of 'Ireland Past or Present' as their inspiration and students did a formidable job. Poems were written across many of the styles taught to students here in Coláiste de Lacy – Blank Verse, Sonnets, Acrostic, Prose Poems, Couplet Poems are just a few of the forms used.

Here are some extracts from a sample of the poems submitted in Coláiste de Lacy. As you can see the talent here is incredible:

Ten K

By Jiawen

Ten Irish soldiers stood in a row,
Roaring like a crow and as pale as snow.
Blinded by the gunshots and ashes,
Cutting their way through with violent slashes.

Drowned in sweat, mud and blood,
Starving to the point they no longer understood.
But it's too late now to turn back time,
Sounds of cannons for death it chimes.

Our Seven Men (A Sonnet)

By Onóra

Ireland's main fighters died brave in a line,
Seven in total a building a piece,
Killed with no mercy for their country's crime,
Days turn to nights as deaths slowly increase,
Three were poets including Pádraig Pearse,
From the Newland, Mainland and Ireland born,
They gave us hope and their efforts were fierce

1916

By Laura

While Europe was awash with World 1
The Easter Rising had just begun
As part of The Irish War of Independence
Irish soldiers were fighting for freedom for their descendants

An Irish Windmill in Spring

By Yanna Power

The windmill sails in the blustering
breeze
Emerging from the surrounding trees
The morning dew catches the sun-
light's rays behind the hill
It almost creates a slight haze and a bit
of a chill
Although most are still sleeping
The grass is wet weeping
Daffodils coming out to bloom



Coláiste de Lacy Strikes Gold again in the Francis Ledwidge Poetry Competition

A massive congratulations to Victoria McElearney who won overall best Irish poem in the LMETB Francis Ledwidge Poetry competition.

This is the second year of the Francis Ledwidge Poetry Award which saw participation of students from across 18 LMETB schools.

Victoria's poem, through its economical use of language, manages to get across many elements of 'Irishness' or what it means to be Irish. It conveys a sense of pride, a country rich in community, a strive to build, develop and progress as a country both in the physical sense and in our psyche yet a country who acknowledges and is deeply proud



*Chuirimid ár gceann suas
Seasamar mar aon
Le chéile ón dtús
Nil tú leat fhéin*

*Ó bhric go bric
Thógamar náisiúin Gaeilge
(gaelach)
Ó dhoras go doras
Thugamar chéad míle
fáilte*

*Ní thaispeáinimid trócaire
Táimid fíocmhar chuig ár dtír
Is é ár dteanga ár gcosaint*

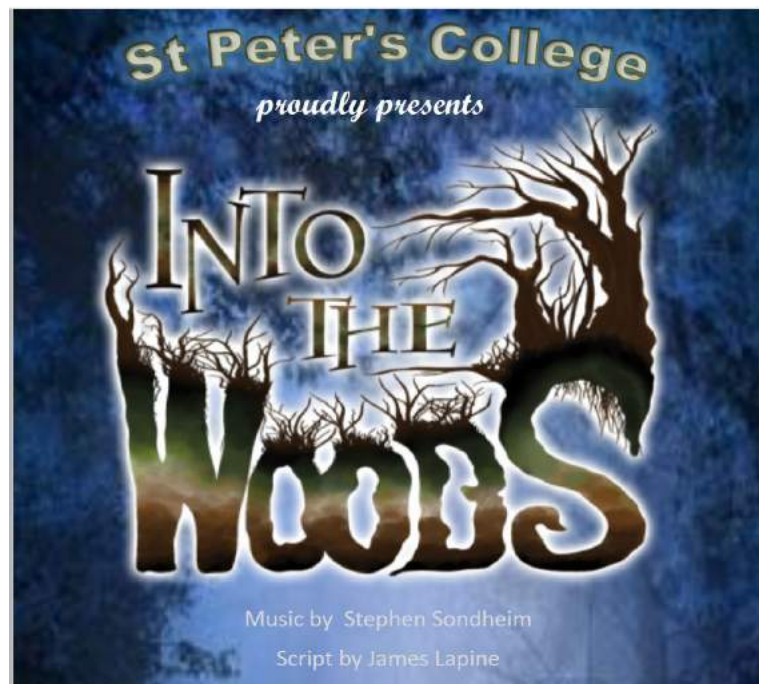
(The poem could be a symbol for our small but growing and continually progressing school of Coláiste de Lacy where the sense of community is rich and Irish language also holds a special place. Though small we also convey the efforts and achievements promoted within the poem.) This is Coláiste de Lacy's second big win in the Francis Ledwidge Poetry Awards having won the title of 'Best Overall School' in last year's competition.

Musical Trip "Into the Woods"

Teachers and students all headed to St. Peter's College, Dunboyne to attend a wonderful production of the Musical 'Into The Woods' on 10th March.

The Musical was performed and produced by Transition Year students of St. Peter's College and was an amazing way for the Colaiste to experience some of the potential rewards of engaging with and leading school based activities themselves in the future.

Thank you to all for a great show.



Go raibh míle maith agaibh!

A Massive Thank You to All Parents for your help and support this term.

Happy Easter!



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