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"Ar Scáth A Chéile A Mhairimid"

Súil Siar 2012-2013

"Destiny is not a matter of chance; it is a matter of choice. It is not a thing to be waited for; it is a thing to be achieved." *William Jennings Bryan*

... a quotation sent from one of our retired staff members to the class of 2013 on Graduation evening this year. As a college we strive daily that each child in our care achieves their own personal destiny. Looking back on 2012-2013 there have been many achievements at personal, college and national levels of which we are very proud. Sincere appreciation to each and every staff member, parent and pupil for enabling and empowering the pupils in our care to reach their destiny. We celebrate pupil achievement with you as parents and



wish our exam years every success. We look forward to seeing you all in 2013-2014.

Le dea-ghuí,
Anne Dunne & Denis O'Riordan

Top Junior Cert Students 2012



Cathal O'Donovan.



Liam Hayes.



Pfizer Chemistry Quiz

A team of Leaving Cert students - Sam Kingston, Ger Sexton, David Ryan and Daniel Nyhan - honoured Clonakilty Community College by winning the Pfizer Chemistry Quiz. Hilary Lynch (Teacher) Declan Kennedy (UCC) and Dermot Kelly (Pfizer) are also included in the picture.

College Leaving Cert Roll of Honour 2012



Bryan Finn of Lislevane, Bandon achieved 605 points in Leaving Certificate 2012. In 2010 Bryan achieved joint Best Junior Certificate result in the school. In addition to being a gentle, caring and diligent student, greatly respected by his fellow-students, Bryan has been awarded several school awards over the years and is a highly-accomplished pianist. He is studying Medicine in UCC.

Eadan Fahey of Lackanalooha, Clonakilty achieved 585 points in Leaving Cert 2012. A quiet, unassuming and focused student, he has always loved Mathematics and Science especially Physics and Chemistry. A self-taught computer programmer, Eadan created his own science web-page which is used by students in the school. Eadan is studying Mathematical Sciences in UCC.



Matthew Sexton of Lislevane, Bandon achieved 585 points in Leaving Certificate 2012. In 2010 Matthew achieved joint Best Junior Certificate result in the school. A very enthusiastic, outgoing student with a keen and enquiring mind, Matthew enjoyed scientific activities best in school. Football, hurling, coastal rowing, amateur drama and juggling are his hobbies. He begins Veterinary Medicine(UCD) in 2013.

Evelyn McSweeney of Shannonvale, Clonakilty achieved 580 points in Leaving Certificate 2012. A kind, caring, enthusiastic student with a "big heart", Evelyn received school awards every year in the school. A multi-talented, enterprising student, Evelyn distinguished herself in everything from debating to school shows and science quizzes. Evelyn is studying Primary Teaching and Psychology in Mary Immaculate College, Limerick.



Thank you to the above pupils and to the class of 2012 - both Leaving and Junior certificate. You have brought great honour to our college and we wish you every future success.

Young Scientists of the future!



Ciaran Crowley, Darragh O'Donovan and Fergus Jayes at the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition. Their project 'An Improved Solar Fridge' won the Science for Development Award which includes a trip to Africa.

Concern Debating Team 2012-2013



From left to right: Marcus Bateson (captain), Henry Jennings, Paul Harte and Conor Ryan, all 5th year students.

National Volunteerism Award for Clonakilty Community College student

Pramerica Systems Ireland Ltd. honoured Louise O'Donnell, a sixth-year student at Clonakilty Community College, for her outstanding volunteer work during the seventh annual

and an engraved silver medallion. Eighteen-year-old Louise helped raise more than €252,000 for 50 life-saving operations at Chernobyl Children International and for critical



Louise O'Donnell, a sixth-year student at Clonakilty Community College, was honoured with a silver medallion at the 7th Annual Pramerica Spirit of Community Awards by media personality David Coleman and Pramerica Systems Ireland Ltd vice-president Andrea McBride. (Picture: Dylan Vaughan)

Pramerica Spirit of Community Awards gala in Kilkenny earlier this year. Louise and 19 other Pramerica Spirit of Community finalists throughout Ireland received €500

technology at Crulim Children's Hospital. She helped raise the funds by climbing Mount Kilimanjaro with 116 other students, the largest group ever to achieve this feat.

Ciao ... School Tour to Italy



Second Year students pictured on a recent school tour to Venice and the Lake Garda region of Italy.

Gaisce Award student presentation

Four Clonakilty Community College students were recently honoured with The President's Award. This is a national challenge award

for young people and the boys obtained the silver medal. No doubt they will look to secure gold in the future.



Presenting the Gaisce awards was Mr. John C. Twomey, Irish Paralympic sailor. Included from left to right: Patrick Kelly, Con Hurley (teacher), Gerard Sexton, Darragh Keane and Seán O'Leary.

Live Music Society entertains students

The Live Music Society had seven acts in its recent "Battle of the Bands". The aim of each act is to compose and play their own music. It was a swansong for many great musicians who are doing their Leaving Cert this year.

Chris Hayes, freshly back from competing in the X- Factor second round in London, 'retained' the title. Paul O'Driscoll, only in first year, took 2nd place. David Ryan, with a beautiful piece on the piano took 3rd. Thanks to all the musicians and judges who were involved on the day.

Many of our musicians, from first to sixth year, were involved in playing for President Michael D Higgins in Clonakilty when he visited the town on May 5th.

SVP Christmas Collection

Once again, the pupils of Clonakilty Community College showed a great spirit of sharing in the annual 'Saint Vincent de Paul Food Appeal'.

Over thirty boxes of food were handed over to Richard Jennings, President of SVP, to be distributed amongst the needy communities in and around Clonakilty over Christmas.

Not only was it of practical help, but also an important lesson for young people to share and care for their fellow citizens in their communities. A big thanks to all the parents who encouraged their children to participate and the biggest thanks goes to 2.2 CSPE class for organising this year's event!

Adult Education

Adult education classes have finished for the summer after another successful year. Details of new classes will be on website in early September.

Chemistry is alive and well in Clonakilty ...

Students and teachers of Clonakilty Community College and Gaelscoil Chloch na gCoillte gather to accept a cheque from the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) to be used in the promotion of the teaching of Chemistry.



Included in the photograph are students Daniel Nyhan and David Ryan 6th Year; Ultan Casey 5th Year; Brandon Creagh, Robert Howick and Ashling O'Sullivan 4th Year; Andrew Ó Muirthearlaigh 3rd Year; Ruairí McCann, Kathy Uí Conchubbhar agus Helena Ní Dhaibhís 2nd Year, and Oscar Dighton and Alexander Ó Brennán 6th Class. Also included are teachers Iníon Elaine Ní Longaigh, an tUasal Con Ó Mhuirthile agus Bean Hilary Uí Loinsigh.

LCA 2013

This has been another busy year for our 13 students in LCA 1 and 8 students in LCA 2. In January all students had their noses to the grindstone preparing for this year's interviews and Task Reports. Interviews were held in February in the following areas:

- Contemporary Issues
- Practical Achievement
- General Education
- Graphics and Construction

Visiting examiners were very impressed with the high standards of our students' work. Each Friday students participated in Work Experience and this proved to be invaluable. As a result, several students have procured part-time employment in the local area. Guest speakers this term included Ms. Kay O'Sullivan who spoke about her experiences in establishing and running her own equestrian business. The Junior Liaison Officer, Liam Ryan, spoke to the students during Social Education Class. Talks were very informative and the students were attentive and participated fully.



Since Easter, the final interviews of the year were held for LCA2 while LCA 1 had a very enjoyable trip to Oileán Chléire. Sunshine and blue skies greeted students as they disembarked from the ferry on May 14th. A tour of the island, visit to the Goat Farm (including a sampling of homemade ice-cream), a guided tour of the lonad, followed by Kayaking, made this a trip to remember for all those involved. Islanders remarked on our students' exemplary behaviour throughout the trip. They were great ambassadors for our school and we



LCA ready to row ...

are very proud of them. And so to the summer, we hope all our students have a safe and enjoyable break. Ádh-Mór to our LCA 2s in their Leaving Certificate exam and our LCA 1s in their Irish exam. We look forward to seeing them in September.

Engineering Week



Sean Beechinor, William Tyner and Duncan Lehane on a recent trip to MSD Pharmaceutical company in Brinny as part of Engineering Week.

West Cork Youth Mental Health

In November 2012 West Cork Mental Health and HSE held youth dialogues in Bantry. Dialogues are open discussions around issues affecting mental health. The day reinforced positive mental health. A creative competition was launched that day to reflect positive mental health. Students were invited to submit a piece of art, a photograph or a poem.



Creative Competition winners, from left to right, Noel Murphy (5th year), Hayley Draper (6th year), Kellie Murphy (3rd year) and Julian Jansson (6th year).

In the art category Noel Murphy (5th year) came 1st; Hayley Draper (6th year) came 2nd and Julian Jansson (Leaving Cert Applied) came 3rd. In the poetry section Kelly Murphy (3rd year) came 1st. Well Done to all from Clonakilty Community College!

Rang Phádraig take Dublin by storm!

Students from Rang Phádraig enjoying a recent visit to Dublin. The trip included a visit to the Wax Museum, Trinity College and the Zoo.



THE GREAT OUTDOORS: Yvonne Crowley, Kevin O'Dwyer, Jack Barry, Eoin O'Brien, Ida Crowley, Aoife Sullivan, and Eoin O'Sullivan on the nature trail at Dublin Zoo.



Eoin O'Brien, Jack Barry, Eoin O'Sullivan, Yvonne Crowley, Aoife Sullivan and Kevin O'Dwyer at the Wax Museum.

Parents' Association

Clonakilty Community College has a very active parents' association with the group meeting every six weeks. The aim of the group is to help the school with some fundraising events and in recent years we have helped to purchase the book wrapping machine for the books in the rental scheme.

The annual general meeting of the association is held in October each year. Some people think coming to the AGM is all about getting a job however this is not always the case. We welcome any new ideas and suggestions in order to keep the organisation active and vibrant.

Some of the things the group organised this year were bag packing and a church gate collection. They also put on a table quiz which turned out to be a great night out. In the last two years we have made ourselves available to meet people at the parent teacher meetings if anyone has questions they want to ask. So please come along to our next AGM on October 2nd 2013 and have your say. We especially invite parents of incoming first years to get involved.



Kevin O'Dwyer



Eoin O'Sullivan

Rang Phádraig Graduates

Kevin O'Dwyer is from Railway View, Courtmacsherry, Bandon and is the first pupil to graduate from our Special Class - Rang Phádraig. Kevin, a keen sailing enthusiast successfully completed his Leaving Certificate Applied in 2012 getting a Merit result. Kevin is currently studying for a FETAC qualification, well done Kevin.

Eoin O'Sullivan is from Gurrane, Ballineen. They say that you can't have one without the other and this is certainly true in Eoin and Kevin's case. Eoin also graduated from our special Class - Rang Phádraig. Eoin successfully completed a Leaving Certificate Applied exam in 2012 attaining a Pass result. Eoin a lover of vintage cars, is also currently studying for a FETAC qualification, good man Eoin!



Daffodil Day Success!!

Students from Rang Phádraig and LCA1 presenting Liz O'Regan and Therese White with €1085.59 which was raised in the school for Daffodil Day. Míle buíochas extended to all who supported the activities on the day.

Costal Education Day



The Transition Year class who took part in a Coastal Education Day at Inchydoney.

TRANSITION YEAR ACTIVITIES

Young Social Innovators



One of our Fourth year YSI groups, which undertook a project on Mental Health Issues in teenagers, were successful in being chosen to present their project to the Dragons' Den panel in the finals in Cork City on of April 24th.

The group which had worked all year on developing their awareness campaign and trialogues (a mentoring system) to help young people share their problems and anxieties, were chosen by the YSI panel because of their practical and committed idea.

The group had only ten minutes to present to a panel of experts and take questions, similar to the format of the TV show, "Dragons' Den." They were successful in convincing the panel about their plan to conduct trialogues in the local youth café and want to launch a major awareness campaign about the signs of psychological ill-health and where to get support. They were awarded €250 towards their scheme by the Dragons. The group involved from fourth year is Ciara, Xenia, Jackie, Rowan, Finbarr, Mark, Darragh and Aisling.

Drama

Transition Year students presented a fantastic production this year under the guidance of Nora Scannell. The play, 'No field for old Men'



(a title created by the TY marketing company) is a comic amalgamation of 'The Field' and 'The Playboy of the Western World.' Throw in a hen scene, gossiping hairdressers and an intense poker game and you have a crazy mix of fun and drama. The TYs presented the production in the morning for the national school children and the second years of our school. The evening performance was a full production where there was a great interaction with the audience. The production involved all the TY students in either marketing, set design or drama. It had a range of themes; love, betrayal, land and hunger with all conflicts resolved in a spirit of fun and celebration.

School Bank

Smiinky Bank - €30,066 in lodgements - Highest in Ireland!



The AIB Build a Bank Challenge sees a team of six students selected after rigorous interview. They manage a bank in their school, getting involved in everything from sourcing new customers and opening AIB accounts to encouraging regular savings and exploring new ways to bank, such as AIB Phone & Internet Banking.

Six students were selected from the interview process and were assigned the following positions: Cathal O'Donovan (Bank Manager), Seán O'Neill (Assistant Manager), Ciarán Crowley (Auditor), Aaron Hayes (Sales & Marketing Executive), Seán O'Sullivan and Cathal Nyhan (Tellers).

The team decided on the Smiinky Bank as their brand with Tommy the Turtle being 'Shtone Mad for Saving' as their slogan. Smiinky also stood for the backwards acronym of You Know Now Intelligent Investing Makes Sense. This proved to be a huge success with customers and was the starting point on the road to the highest lodgements processed by any school bank this year.

As part of the Business Plan developed by the students, they devised a set of strategic and tactical goals which prioritised the

importance of saving and educating others about banking. In order to achieve this, they gave a lesson to 6th class students in Scoil na mBuachaillí as well as a class on Phone and Internet Banking to 4th year students. They also held an assembly for all TY students and invited local Entrepreneur of the Year, Colette Twomey, to give a talk on business. Competitions and promotions were a regular occurrence for Smiinky Bank customers with a variety of prizes such as an iPod Shuffle on offer. Customer loyalty was also rewarded with vouchers for local shops. This was achieved with the help of sponsorship from fourteen local businesses. The hard work and dedication of the Smiinky Bank team is clearly evident in their tremendous achievements. The team showcased their bank in the Regional Finals in Cork where they were selected among the top 24 banks to compete in the National Finals in Dublin. The Smiinky Bank did our school proud as they processed lodgements of over €30,066 in a seven month period; the highest attained by any Build A Bank team in Ireland this year surpassing all other competitors.

Milk It Awards

The "Milk It Awards" is an advertising competition run by the National Dairy Council where students are challenged to promote the importance of dairy among their peers through an advertising agency in the school. Twelve transition year students participated in the competition in the form of two campaign teams, "The Calcium Cravers" and "The Dairy Delights." Both teams devised unique and creative campaigns where they recorded a video pitch and outlined how they would activate their campaigns. "The Dairy Delights" were extremely successful in their endeavour and were selected among the top 100 teams in Ireland to activate their campaign. For the students, this involved creating and recording TV and radio ads as well as hosting a Dairy Day for their class. Congratulations and well done to all.



Pictured back row, l-r: Aaron Hayes, Darragh O'Mahony and Duncan Lehane; front row, l-r: Daniel Lane, Barry Downey and Brian Lombard.

GAA Coaching

The Foundation Award is the Introductory Award for coaches in Gaelic Games. The Course is aimed at beginner coaches and will enable participants to assist a coach in the organisation of activities to develop hurling and football skills. Each TY student completes the course in 10 hours over a term under 4 Key Modules: Introduction to Games, Skill Development, Movement Skills and Coaching Children, Youths and Adults. The students found the course very interesting and rewarding and of course are encouraged to advance to the next level.

BT Young Scientists

This year was another very successful year for the TY Young Scientists. Having captured the Irish Aid Award two years ago, the trophy is now back in the College for the second time. Darragh O'Driscoll, Ciaran Crowley

and Fergus Jayes were the recipients on this occasion. The students also got to spend another week in Dublin as a prize.

Student Enterprise

This year the TY students again took part in the Student Enterprise competition



where they worked in groups making a host of interesting artefacts. One company, 'Corruguide' consisting of Jason McCarthy, Stephen O'Brien and Robert Kingston won the overall Best Innovation Award for their product. The product was designed to help builders and farmers install corrugated iron sheets in a fast and safe manner.

Star Sailing Kenmare

One of the highlights of the Transition Year Programme is a trip to Kerry for Outdoor Pursuits. The Students travelled to Kenmare again this year where they enjoyed Canoeing, Kayaking, mountain biking, paintballing, night time orienteering, football and other activities. The Gaisce trip was also incorporated into this and those students also completed a 20k hike through some very tough terrain. Well done on a great achievement.

SciFest Science Fair



Killian Lawton, Jack Cahalane and Sean Holland at SciFest Science Fair held in CIT.



Cathal O Donovan, Sean O Sullivan and Liam Hayes at SciFest Science Fair held in CIT.

Student Council News

Elections were held in September 2012.

The following students were elected:

Darragh O'Donovan, Jack Kingston (1st Year)

Paul O'Donoghue, Cathy O'Connor (2nd Year)

Liam O'Broin, Faye Langley (3rd Year)

Daniel O'Donovan, Cathal O'Donovan

(Transition Year)

Niall McCarthy, Rúnaí; Jack Butler, Cisteóir

(5th Year)

Daniel Nyhan, Uachtarán; Barry Holland,

Leas-Uachtarán (6th Year)

Liz Hurley (LCA)

Aoife Sullivan (Rang Phádraig)

Meetings were held fortnightly throughout the school year, to discuss matters which arose from the students. We made initial contact with the ISSU (Irish Second-Level

Students Union) with regard to becoming members of the union.

Through the union, we organised for the availability of student cards to all students. Many students took advantage of this opportunity, enabling them to access discounts and special offers in transport, food and shopping.

Four representatives of the student council attended Comhairle na nÓg in the Clarion Hotel, Cork on 25th October 2012.

This is a forum for children and young people to discuss local and national issues of relevance to them.

Student Council members also provided invaluable service throughout the year assisting at parent teacher meetings.

Overall, the student council had a very successful and productive year and we hope to recommence in the new school term.

First Year School Trip

What a way to end the year! A selection from the first year group (pictured below) taking a well deserved break on their walking trip around the Seven Heads Bay.



Salter's Festival of Chemistry

Pictured above, Thomas Palmer, Sean Crowley, Rory Holland and Michael Murphy who were the team that represented Clonakilty Community College in the Salter's Festival of Chemistry in UCC on May 8th.

Orienteering News

A most successful year



A selection of the First Year orienteering group.

The college's orienteering team has enjoyed its most successful year to date. While the second and fourth year teams won national titles this academic year, it is the college's first years that have really grabbed the limelight.

Between the months of March and April the first year team took national titles at both the All-Ireland Schools C'ships and the Irish Schools C'ships. This is the first time that any college has achieved such a double. The presence of the likes of Maurice Shanley, Moss Downey, David Cronin, Cormac Coleman, Paul O'Driscoll, Liam White and Clement Cunningham has really added to the strength of the college team.

TY student Duncan Lehane also deserves special mention. In both schools championships Duncan took first place in the Post Junior Cert boys class. It is the first time that any individual has achieved such a distinction.



Niall McCarthy to compete in Junior World Orienteering Championships.

Whether in primary school or here at the college, Fifth Year student Niall McCarthy has always featured among the medals in the sport. Only in the last few days he has been told that he is to be part of the 6 man strong squad that will represent Ireland at the Junior World Orienteering Championships to be held this July in the Czech Republic. This is a huge honour for Niall, his family and the College and we wish him the very best.

Medal presentations at the college



Thomas Clancy, past pupil and County senior footballer, presenting **Sean White** with his medals.



Thomas Clancy, past pupil and County senior footballer, presenting **Jack O'Mahony** with his medals.



Thomas Clancy, past pupil and County senior footballer, presenting **David Lowney** with his medals.



Thomas Clancy, past pupil and County senior footballer, acknowledging retired teacher **Val Lynch's** contribution to sport.

Sports Round-up

Football

Clonakilty Community College completed 5-in-a-row at Senior A Vocational Schools Level. An excellent victory over Coachford in the Munster Final was followed by a heart-breaking 1 point defeat to eventual All-Ireland Champions Cnoc Mhuire from Longford. The school will compete at Coan Uí Mhuiri Colleges A Level in 2013/2014.

Roadbowling

Steven O'Shea, Darren Santry and Eoin Healy put in a brilliant team performance at Shannonvale and won the Schools Junior Roadbowling Competition.

Rowing

Andrew Flynn, Alan Creedon, Gerard Sexton and Niall Sheppard won the Inaugural Ring Rowing Club Schools Indoor Rowing team competition, over 2000m.

Basketball

The U16A Basketball team continue their winning streak with recent wins against Castletownbere, Skibbereen and Macroom. They also beat Fermoy recently on a scoreline of 28-16, to finish runners-up in the South West Cork basketball championship.

Girls Basketball News

The girls in the school have been very successful in their basketball league this year. In the Basketball Ireland league, having won five matches, our under 16s made it as far as the quarter-finals but were defeated by Charleville.

The VEC league started in January and for the first time in an A league, our Under 16 team won their semi-final against Macroom but were unfortunately defeated by Kanturk in the final.

As for our Under 14 team they are equally successful and are up against Milstreet in their B final in mid May. We wish them the best of luck.



Under 16 VEC League runners-up - back row: Caroline McCarthy, Gillian O'Crowley, Blaithín Ni Dhonnobháin and Niamh Lavagna; front row: Cathy O'Connor, Moriah Tyner and Helena Davis.