

Agreed Matters for Reporting to Parents/Guardians

Principals Report:

Promotion and public relations

- Acting Deputy Principal – Sarah McCabe appointed.
- A number of permanent and acting API and APis have been filled within the school.

Anti-bullying

- 22 cases reported in anti-bullying audit
- All of these above cases have been/are being investigated and are being dealt with in accordance with the schools anti bullying procedures.

Curriculum Provision

- Shortages remain in areas of AEN, Irish, Maths, Engineering and PE
- Additional after school Irish classes have been offered to 6th Years

School Improvement Plan

- Staff were surveyed on areas that need to be improved in school.
- 6 areas identified.
- Results were discussed at staff meeting.
- Staff voted on top priority from list of 6.
- Positive Behaviour/Code of Behaviour was identified as area to focus on for this academic year.

Other

- **Pitch:** Ongoing work with LMETB CE Martin O'Brien on pitch development
- **Entrance gate:** DP M McCabe took some TY students on a walk around with Sharon Tolan and Mick Finnegan (Roads Safety Officer, Meath County Council). Outlined all concerns regarding safety at pedestrian gate/entrance gate with hope to improve crossing point. Discussed possibility of an additional pedestrian entrance at the An Cuan corner to shorten the distance for students walking from Bettystown direction on new road.

Student Council Report

The first official meeting of Coláiste na hInse's student council for the year 2023-24, took place during lunchtime on Wednesday, the 22nd of November. Twenty-four students were

in attendance at the meeting, representing rang groups from first to sixth year. The first order of business was to elect the new executive committee for the academic year. There was great interest from students to be involved in the executive, and therefore, a competitive race for positions resulted. Nine students put themselves forward for the roles of President/Vice-President; five students offered to be the Junior Representative; two students stood to be the Senior Representative; and finally, one student ran unopposed for the position of Secretary. Students who wished to be considered for roles in the executive came to the top of the classroom, introduced themselves, and stated their case as to why they would be the right candidate for the position. Students voted in a secret ballot for each post, and the result of these elections are as follows:

- Student Council President – Zuri Elouise Decina.
- Student Council Vice-President – Savanah McLysaght.
- Student Council Senior Representative – Tinotenda Mutsago.
- Student Council Junior Representative – Lucas Hadebe.
- Student Council Secretary – Justin He.

Although the executive did not get long to consult with one another, there were two areas in particular, where there was instant collective agreement about big project ideas that the student council could focus on this year:

- Inclusivity/diversity within CNI.
- How students get to and from school.

The new student council President is determined that under her leadership the student council will be a force that looks to maintain and build upon CNI's strong reputation for being an inclusive learning environment for all students. Ideas and planning about how to strengthen our tolerance and openness to diversity within the Coláiste will be further discussed at the next executive meeting however, initial thoughts appear to surround the concept of a diversity week which will be organised and ran by members of the student council. The second issue that got a brief mention was the idea of encouraging students within the Coláiste to be more green when it comes to selecting their mode of transport for coming to and from school. Members of the executive noted the increase in the amount of cars in the carpark both before and after school as concerning, and therefore, there is desire to encourage more students to walk, cycle or carpool to and from school each day. The correct manner about how to broach the subject with students in CNI has not yet been determined however, carrying out a school-wide survey to further understand the problem has been seen as the most appropriate next step and also, scheduling a meeting with the Green Schools committee to discuss collectively tackling the issue has been decided.

Further updates will be provided following the executive meeting of the student council on Wednesday, the 29th of November.

Teacher's report

- Open Night 2023 took place on October 5th.
- Student Council elections took place last week.
- All students were brought to the beach in Bettystown for the Fun Run in aid of Jigsaw Drogheda. Thank you to M. Finnegan and the P.E team for organising.
- Tickets for Parents Association raffle on sale at Lón in the Colaiste in aid of the T.Y Musical (Main prize PS5)
- Work has commenced on the library and ensuring the space is being used for its intended purpose.
- Permission slips have been received back from Parents / Guardians of 5th Year students for Italy Trip later in the year. Inion Walsh has confirmed 94 students have expressed an interest in going on the trip.
- Our recent JCT day to be held on Monday Nov.13th was cancelled as a result of storm Debbie.
- This month, students from Coláiste na hInse got to take part in the new *Check the Register* initiative which was organised and hosted by Meath County Council. This pilot scheme seeks to make young people more politically aware; stresses the importance of using their democratic vote; and facilitates pre-registration of those currently aged 16 & 17. As a result of our participation, over 100 students from TY Politics; Leaving Cert PolSoc; and LCA are now pre-registered to vote and upon turning 18 will automatically appear on the electoral register. It is hoped if the scheme proves successful that it can be further rolled out to include more students within the CNI community.
- Rang Mulligan are currently working with the "Age Friendly Meath" group as part of a Log On, Learn initiative. The dátaí are teaching our visitors all things IT, from how to use Whatsapp, to sending emails and making video calls. The classes are running in Coláiste na hInse from 9.10am until 10am every Friday until Christmas.
- Stand Up Awareness Week took place from November 6-10, 2023. To show their support, the CNI daltaí donned the colours of the rainbow and filled An Grainán to capacity. The students of An Cuan also played their part and created a welcoming rainbow at the entrance of the unit
- CAO Information Night was held on Thursday 16th Nov. for 6ú Daltaí and Parents/Guardians. Thank you to the careers and guidance team for organising.
- To date 6ú & 3ú Parent / Teacher meetings have taken place with upcoming 2ú PT meeting due on Thursday Dec.7th.
- Christmas exams for Daltai commence Thurs Dec.14th finishing Dec.22th.
- As part of the SciFest (Spring 2024), the Colaiste would love some parent involvement. The Fair needs a lot of judges to judge the student's work on the morning of the 8th of March. We would be looking for parents with a science

background who would be willing to give up their morning to help judge the 2nd and IB projects.

Extra Curriculars

- Thank you to Iníon Courtney who continues to look after Extra Curricular for the time being.
- Girls Basketball - U16 & U19 reached NE Regional league semifinal. Our U19's topped their pool with some super wins, while our U16's came second in their division. Both teams reached the Semi-Final stages but unfortunately fell short to secure their places in the Final and All-Ireland Playoffs with U16's losing out to St. Olivers, Drogheda and U19's to Larcy College, Monaghan.
In School Cup news, this is the first year the girl's have been entered into this competition. Both teams have had fantastic wins so far and are now into the Semi-Final in each division. We would like to wish both the U16 & U19 girls the very best of luck in these matches which take place on Friday 8th December in the National Basketball Arena. The U19's will play Mercy College, Sligo while the U16's will play Ardee, CC.
- 1st year girls are attending a tag rugby blitz on Wednesday Dec 6th
- Our Senior Volleyball Boys team has had a fantastic start to the year, with two huge wins against Synge CBS and St Pats CGS. These victories ensure that they will be competing in the Senior C All Ireland Semi Finals in a few weeks' time!
- Huge congratulations to the CNI members of the St. Colmcilles u-15 team that won the Division 1 Meath Championship at the start of the month. They beat Navan O'Mahony's by 1-13 to 1-3 in the final in Navan.
- LGFA is up and running in the school, the Junior and Senior girls having had their first games. There has been a great turnout in numbers attending training after school on Fridays.
- Congrats to the Senior Boys Gaelic team who have qualified for the North Leinster Q.F against Colaiste De Lacey Ashbourne on Wed 29th Nov.
- U15 Boys Soccer Team were playing today, and had a good win against St. Mary's, Drogheda
- Couch 2 5k is back up and running and continues to be a great success.
- Christmas at the Colaiste will go ahead on Wednesday Dec. 6th

Proposed:

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Seconded:

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