

Class Prefects 11/12

1E Luke McCloskey
1N Aaron Leavy
1S James Egan
1W Karl Coogan

2E Daire Foley
2N David Buckley
2S Ronan Bell
2W P.J. Daly

3E Conor McCann
3N Gerard Condrón
3S Ryan Cleary
3W Brian Crombie

TY1 Patrick Walsh
TY2 Adam Mangan
TY3 Conor Kinahan

5E Mark Casey
5N Nathan Dunne
5S David Doyle
5W David Brophy

6E Cathal Daly
6N Peter Dunne
6W Conor Kilmartin

Congratulations. We wish the Prefects well in their work throughout the year.



Student Council Update

1. We had a very successful jersey day on Friday 7th October, to raise funds for Goal.
2. We will report to the Principal and Board of Management with our views/suggestions on the new building.
3. After Mid-Term we will be busy organising the "Old Folks Party".
4. We will also run a competition for "Autism Ireland" to collect old mobile phones. The student who brings in the most phones will win 6 months membership in the Tullamore Court Hotel and Leisure Centre.

Our First Basketball Home Game With a win over Gortnor Abbey



School Calendar 2011/2012

Parent Teacher Meetings:

Leaving Certs: Thurs 10th Nov.
Junior Certs: Tues 22nd Nov.
Fifth Years: Mon 05th Dec.
Second Yrs: Tues 17th Jan 2012.
First Years: Wed. 01st Feb.
TY's: Thurs 09th Feb.

*Parent Teacher Meetings will take place from
4.00— 6.30 pm*

Holidays

Midterm: 31st Oct—04th Nov.
Christmas: 23rd Dec – 06th Jan
(Close at 1.00 pm)
Midterm: 13th Feb – 17th Feb
St. Patricks: 19th March
Easter: 02nd – 13th April
Bank Holiday: 07th May.
Close: 31st May

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New School Update

We are beginning to get settled into our new school and getting a feel for the rhythm of the school day. There is still a lot of activity around the school with landscaping taking place and the final finish to the new front gate and access area.

We still only have pedestrian access. There was an element of nostalgia when we saw the old building being demolished to make way for the carpark, basketball courts and tennis courts. Much of the material in the old building was recycled and the cladding has already been used on another building.

We are retaining a part of the old Bantile building which is being refurbished and will be self contained. It will have one large room and two ordinary classrooms. Thus retaining a link with the past.

All new buildings funded by the state are given funding for a piece of artwork under the Per Cent for Art Scheme.

Following submissions from over 40 artists from home and abroad we selected and commissioned James Hayes, based in Wicklow, to develop his proposal entitled "Mengers Pyramid". It is based on a mathematical formula. This has now been installed and has attracted a lot of interest from the lads and visitors. We had hoped that it would engage the students and it certainly has so far.



New Deputy Principal

We offer a hearty welcome to Mr. Gearóid O' Regan who was appointed as our new Deputy Principal following the retirement of Mr. McManamly earlier this Summer. Mr. O' Regan, originally from Kerry is joining us from Banagher College. Mr. O' Regan took up his position during the Summer. He brings his experience of the new School Build in Banagher and life during the first year in a new school. We wish him well and every success.

Design For the Future

We are one of two schools in Ireland who have been selected to participate in a prestigious research project involving designers and educators from The University of Cambridge, UK.

The project is aimed at DCG in TY. Students will be taught creative problem solving skills.

Mr. Molloy will be coordinating the programme with a team coming over from Cambridge.

First Year News

My Tour to Birr

I woke up at 6.00 pm full of excitement for my first school tour in Coláiste Choilm. It was a beautiful sunny day. When I reached school I saw my friends and we waited for the bus and all of us were thrilled. It was a forty minute drive. When we reached the park the staff explained the activities. Orienteering was the first activity we did. Maps were distributed showing the layout of the forest. There were fifteen questions snuck on different trees and my team was able to answer most of them. We had our lunch at the beautiful lakeside. Eight of us went canoeing together. We splashed water on our friends in other boats, and we got stuck in the weeds. We then went to the pier where we were pushing each other and jumping into the water and I ended up falling into the water a few times. Even though I was dead tired, it was the best experience of my life.

I am sure we achieved our aim, that was to familiarise ourselves with our classmates, cairde and teachers.

Amal George 1E

English Poetry Competition Winning Entry

Students were invited to write a poem about starting school at Coláiste Choilm and their experience of the new facilities so far. The winner received a book voucher for Midland Books.

'A New Beginning'

When I first walked into the new school, My first thought was "Wow! This is cool!" Where's the graffiti? Where's the mud? Where's the stain of some poor first year's blood?

The teachers seemed strangely nice, No need to hide like field mice, I thought they'd do more giving out, Than bringing us out and about. I liked the wealth of facilities, A gym, multi-media room and laboratories, Fine food in our new canteen, A new uniform, crisp and pristine.

I'm proud to be in first year, In Coláiste Choilm, with a new veneer, The spirit of the school inside new walls, A new beginning, a fresh start for all!

by Ben Cumming, 1N

TY Trip to Killary

On Monday the 19th of September, 52 TY's from Coláiste Choilm set out for Killary Adventure Centre, situated deep in the heart of Conemara. We left from Tullamore Rugby Club at 9 o' clock on the three and a half hour journey. We stopped off in Galway City on the way up for lunch and arrived in Killary at about one o' clock. We then changed quickly before taking part in our first activities, which included Laser Combat Games, The Killary Challenge and Gorge Walking. The activities were extremely enjoyable, but also tiring and the dinner we were given at the Base was very welcome indeed. This was then followed by evening games, testing strength, flexibility and brain power, which were very fun, although challenging too, and we then had disco with the girls from Tipperary, who were also staying in Killary. We all had a great laugh, and after a tiring but brilliant day we went to bed.

We woke early on Tuesday morning and went down for more activities after our breakfast. Our activities that morning included Kayaking, Climbing Tower and a High Ropes Course. It was very exciting and it seemed in no time at all we were making our way back for lunch. Then it was straight back for more activities until evening when we went back up to Base for our final night. We played a game called The Cookie Challenge, involving trying to eat a cookie which was balanced on your forehead, without using your hands. It was very funny and afterwards we retired to our beds.

We rose on Wednesday morning, our final day, and had our breakfast, before making our way down to Killary Tower for the final time and taking part in our last activities, which were a Low Ropes Course and Pier Jumping. When we were finished we went up to the Base for lunch, where a prize was given out for the cleanest room, after a competition we had the previous night. Then it was back onto the bus to go back to Tullamore, stopping in Galway again on the way. We were home for around half three after an amazing three days. Killary was a fantastic trip which was immensely enjoyed by all the TY's, and we would like to thank Mr. Moylan and Mr. Fallon who accompanied us on the trip and Mr. Cassidy, our TY Co-Ordinator.



ANNUAL SPORTS

DRAW

Congratulations to **Columba** and **Colm McDermott** who won the Draw and also to **Shane Dolan** who sold the winning ticket. They travelled to the Manchester United vs Manchester City derby match on Sunday 24th in Old Trafford and couldn't have picked a more historic occasion with City taking the honours in such devastating fashion.



Retirements

We say farewell to Mary Glennon and Noel McManamy who announced their retirements during the Summer. We thank them both for their long and committed service to Coláiste Choilm an offer them both every best wish in what ever they plan to do with all their spare time.

