

# ZODIAC

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## **EDITORIAL**

Welcome back to everybody, especially all our new teachers and students. Best wishes to all those who have left us.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **October**

**Monday, 12<sup>th</sup>**

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**Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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**Mental Health Awareness Week.**

**Arrival of Students on French Exchange Programme.**

**Coffee Morning for Parents / Guardians of First Year students.**

**Meeting of Central Parents Committee in the school.**

**Board of Management Meeting.**

**School closes at 12.30pm for Mid Term Break.**

**Annual Prizegiving at 2.00pm in the Aras.**

### **November**

**Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**School re-opens.**

# A Night at the Movies

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Rehearsals are well underway for this year's spectacular show... 'A Night at the Movies.' With over 200 students involved from 1st to 5th year, it promises to be a show not to be missed. Featuring songs and dances from all eras, with accompaniment from a fantastic live band and Ms Ruth Mc Ginley on piano, this show is guaranteed to appeal to all ages, young and old. Any students who would like to be involved in the opening and closing choir numbers are welcome to attend rehearsals in Rm 406 every Tuesday lunchtime.

The show will take place on Thursday and Friday the 26th and 27th November and tickets will be on sale after Halloween.

## TY News

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As part of the North West Carnival Initiative, four TY students enjoyed an Inflatable Costume Masterclass on Monday 5th October. This Masterclass was facilitated by Piet Koenekoop and Bettina Eichblatt of Oakleaf Creativity. Both facilitators are from Germany and travel all over Europe hosting these Masterclasses. Throughout the day the students got the opportunity to create their own mini inflatables. They also picked up some valuable skills and hopefully they will be able to apply these to future projects.

### JCSP 2015-2016

There are 53 students currently taking part in the JCSP. This is a National programme sponsored by the Department of

Education and Skills and the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment. Through the various initiatives and resources the JCSP attempts to help young people experience success in school. This year Ms. Farren will apply for six initiatives, plus the Christmas Celebration. If successful the students will have a busy year ahead.

## Outdoor Pursuits Initiative

This initiative is to encourage students to take part in Adventure Activities and to complete statement 8 in Physical Education. On Thursday 1st October a group of 2nd years enjoyed the scenic surroundings of Moville. Blue skies, fresh air, calm waters - perfect weather conditions for kayaking. The early morning mist gradually lifted to reveal some wonderful views from the water. Despite many of the boys claiming to be "good drivers" a few found it quite difficult to go in a straight line and one student (no names mentioned) even mounted his kayak on a rock. A few others found the water more appealing than the kayak. Maria got home dry, so all went well!

A group of 1st years are kayaking on Tuesday 6th of October so we will see how their "driving" compares to the 2nd years.

## CCS Reading Recommendations

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Fed up of being told that you should read more? Are you sick of teachers harping on about reading widely? Well, fret no more. A school Pinterest page has been created to give you some overdue reading inspiration! Check out the CCS homepage and you will find the link to CCS Reading on Pinterest. Here, you can have a nosey through the numerous reading suggestions, read a blurb, follow a link to further reviews and even 'pin' a book suggestion

to your own virtual pin board. Don't forget to 'follow' CCS Reading so you can stay up-to-date with new book suggestions and if you would like to recommend a book, just let Ms. McLaughlin know. Oh, and once you have done all of the above - drop everything and read...

## Drama Club

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On a typical day in CCS we all try and avoid as much "drama" as we can, but not on a Monday. Every Monday in CCS it's all about "DRAMA" and by drama we mean stage drama. Drama club has started up again during lunchtime on a Monday and lots of fun is to be had in the Aras. With many of its former members back in action and some new faces on board, Ms McLaughlin and Ms Crawford are very excited for what this year will bring to drama club. We are currently preparing our entry for The Drama Festival in the Balor Theatre in November. The excitement is already building up. Watch this space.

## HSCL News

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My name is Mary Lafferty and my role is to support the parents/guardians of our students. Please feel free to phone or text me (086 822 2169) if you have any issue you want to discuss. I am also available for visits in the school or in your home, if that suits better. I wish to welcome all the students, especially first years, and also welcome their families into the school community.

## Coffee Morning

On Tuesday, 13th October, I will be holding a coffee morning for parents, in particular parents of first years. Please call to the school library between 11.30-12.30 for a cuppa and a chat!

## Courses

In conjunction with HSCL in the BNS and GNS schools in Carndonagh, we are planning to run a course for parents who speak English as a second language. Please get in touch if you want to improve your English language skills. Also, watch out for information evenings on ADHD and Young Person Mental Health, which will take place during this school year. Please feel free to let me know if there is any area/course/skill you are interested in, and I will try to organise something (subject to demand). Finally, doing well in school depends greatly on your child being in school all day, every day! During the school year we will be running attendance initiatives, so keep an eye out for texts and articles on the school webpage.

It is hoped to run a parenting course, 'Parenting Plus' in the Inishowen area in the near future. This course will assist parents in working with their teenagers. Also, a 'Parenting when Separated' course will also run if there is sufficient demand. Please contact me if you are interest in either.

## U17 Boys Soccer

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### Carndonagh CS 2 - 4 Scoil Mhuire

CCS started the better and pinned Scoil Mhuire back in their own half. CCS took the lead after 10 minutes when Blaise Diver received a pass into the right corner; his first time cross was

met by the head of Darragh Deery, who finished into the top corner. CCS had another couple of chances from corners but were unable to make them count. From a CCS corner, Scoil Mhuire broke quickly and scored an equaliser. Two minutes later they took the lead when CCS failed to defend a corner, leaving a Buncrana man with a free header.

A quick break again in the second half led to another Scoil Mhuire goal, followed 15 minutes later by their fourth goal. CCS got one back when Kieran Farren scored from a thirty five yard free kick. While the result wasn't the one the squad had hoped for, there were plenty of positives for the squad as a whole. Squad: Pauric O'Donnell, Joseph Doherty (Mark Doherty), Conor O'Donnell, Tiernan Devine (Joshua Postrero), Conor McGeoghegan, Evan Tweed, Kieran Farren, Blaise Diver (Thomas Ramsey), Cade Cooke (Fionn McClure), Dayton Cooke (Jake Harkin), Darragh Deery

## Leaving Cert Applied

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This year we welcome seventeen students into the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme. Along with the core subjects, our 4th year LCA students are also taking modules in:

- Construction
- Science
- Catering
- Hair and Beauty
- Craft
- Spanish

The dates for work experience are as follows:

## Year 1

- Oct 5th to 16th
- Feb 29th to March 11th

## Year 2

- November 9th to 20th
- April 11th to 22nd

The LCA teaching team would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our students who sat the Leaving Certificate in 2015. The results were excellent. Well done to all.

## LCVP

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Congratulations to last year's LCVP students on their exam success. Tuesday, 18th December has been set as the school's final date for submission of portfolio. So Fifth Years...no pressure! The recorded interviews are scheduled to take place in early February.

There are currently six classes of LCVP; three in 4th year, and three in 5th year. Every year, some of our students use their LCVP points for CAO. Given that the LCVP exam is held in May, and that the portfolio work is carried out in school, the programme offers a unique opportunity to increase points outside the June exams.

It is hoped that some local entrepreneurs will be invited into the school after Christmas, so any willing volunteers can contact me, Mary Lafferty, at the school.

## Dyslexia Awareness Day

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Today, October 8th is Dyslexia Awareness Day. Dyslexia is a specific learning difficulty which affects the acquisition of fluent reading and spelling skills. Dyslexic difficulties occur on a spectrum from mild to severe. There are different strands of dyslexia and it does not affect all people in the same way. Approximately 10% of the population is affected. This means that one in ten students may be dyslexic.

CCS is striving to be a dyslexia friendly school where all people with dyslexia are enabled to fulfil their potential, where every student with dyslexia has access to appropriate identification and support to achieve their full potential in education. There are many ways in which a mainstream teacher can support a student with dyslexia in their subject: providing typed notes, encouraging colour coding of timetables, using audiobooks, mind maps, charts/diagrams, differentiated work/homework, changing fonts to comic sans, using blue markers on whiteboards, and many more.

The Dyslexia Association of Ireland has one theme for Dyslexia Awareness Week: "Small Change - Big Impact" as small changes in practice and policy can have a big impact on improving the lives of people with dyslexia. CCS is encouraging staff to make one small change to support our students with dyslexia.



For more information see [www.dyslexia.ie](http://www.dyslexia.ie) for useful tips for parents and teachers.

## Girls GAA

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Training for all girls in the U16 GAA squad has been going well every Thursday from 3.30pm-4.30pm. All girls aged 14, 15 or 16 are welcome. The first match will be during the week 16th-23rd October, away to Holy Cross, Strabane. They will then have home matches against Scoil Mhuire and Thornhill. Best of luck to all the girls involved.

The U14 girls will begin training after Christmas. Their first matches will not be until February. They are away to Dean Maguire and home to Merville. Any girls aged 12-13 are welcome. ALL girls must return permission slips to Maria McLaughlin or Denise McCarron as soon as possible.

## Senior Soccer

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The senior soccer season got off to a good start with a resounding victory by 6 goals to nil against Scoil Mhuire in Buncrana. A good team performance, led by the excellent Evan Tweed in the middle of the pitch allowed CCS to take control of the game from the start. Goals from Keelan Doherty, Cathal Farren, Darragh Folan and Fionn Mc Clure ensured that the first league points came back to Carndonagh. CCS now play Merville in the second league game on Thursday, October 8th. Training for the panel takes place each Friday after school.

The members of the senior soccer panel are grateful to our past pupils, Shane and Kevin Doherty from Centra, Muff for sponsoring a new set of jerseys.

## Spanish Exchange Programme

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As part of the Spanish Exchange Programme, 20 students from Jaén, in the South of Spain, arrived in Carndonagh on September 5th. The students shadowed their Irish counterparts in class during the day and participated in various workshops too. Trips to Derry, The Titanic Museum in Belfast and the Famine Village were also included in the itinerary. Certificates were presented to all students during the farewell party at CCS and the group departed from CCS amidst scenes of great emotion on Saturday 12th September. Check out the school website for photos of the Farewell Party.

A number of students from CCS are in Jaen this week to complete the second phase of the Exchange Programme. These students are Joseph Millar TYD, Oisin Bowyer TYC, Luke Mullins TYD, Darragh Mc Williams TYB, Kim Mc Closkey TYA, Sarah Monagle TYA, Kate Gallagher TYA, Megan McCreanor TYC, Gemma Mc Cormick TYB, Tara Kelly TYD, Orla Murray TYC, Karolina Biskup 4A, Gabrielle Postrero 4C. These students will shadow their Spanish counterparts in class every day and participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities. Trips to nearby Cordoba and Granada are also included in the itinerary.

The students are accompanied on the trip by Mr. Brendan Boyle and Ms. Maura Kennedy.

# Ski Trip 2016

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High up in the Scottish Mountains will be the setting for this year's ski trip. 86 students, supervised by 13 staff, will embark upon a once-in-a-lifetime adventure to the most remote area of the Highlands on 13th February. Here, decked out in the finest tartan that Scotland has to offer, the students will experience the bitter chill and the scenic views of the rugged landscape. Armed only with their two-man tents, the students will fend for themselves in the Scottish wilderness. With only primitive tools, they will have to track wild deer, cook and survive wolf attacks on their own. The staff will monitor the students' progress from the comfort of their warm hotel rooms. This is not a holiday for the faint hearted; students will have to learn to ski quickly in order to outrun the locals, who enjoy the craic from the tourists!

ONLY JOKING!!!!!!!!!!!! Villach, Austria is the destination for this year's ski trip! The holiday has been booked for 99 people. This is the biggest group ever to leave Carndonagh to go skiing! The second instalments have been collected with the next due by the 13th November.

Please ensure that your passport is in date for February. Mr Havlin will be collecting these in November. Also, each student needs to order a free European health insurance card - EHIC (formerly E1 11)

[http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/1/schemes/EHIC/EHIC\\_Application\\_Form.pdf](http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/1/schemes/EHIC/EHIC_Application_Form.pdf)

# Art Department News

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Well done to 'Sheer Glass' and 'Smoke and Mirrors' who recently took part in a fashion show for the Donegal Hospice in the City Hotel. Good luck to team 'Sheer Glass' who will be showcasing their creation on the red carpet at the James Bond premiere in London.

Congratulations to all of last year's Junior Cert Art students who had pieces selected for the Súile na nÓg Exhibition. The opening night for students will take place on October 8th at 7pm. The exhibition is open to the public until 24th October.

## **Carndonagh student's dress chosen to be exhibited at national show**

A dress made by Caoilinn Diver, Transition Year, was selected to be exhibited at the Wedding Journal Show in Belfast last weekend. The dress called 'Plastic Fantastic' was originally made by Caoilinn for the national competition Junk Kouture. While researching unusual dresses to exhibit at the Ireland's Wedding Journal show, the team came across Caoilinn's creation. The dress was one of only three dresses selected nationwide to be displayed at the show.

Caoilinn's dress is made from white and yellow plastic bin bags which she crocheted together. The bodice is made from soft drink and beer cans, delicately cut into small fish scale pieces, and then painted with left over car paint and hand stitched together. She completed her dress with hand crocheted flowers along with old recycled beads.

Wedding Journal magazine editor Tara Craig said: "The Wedding Journal show is known for showcasing well-known fashion designers' dresses and we wanted to provide a platform for students to showcase their designs also. After researching unusual wedding dresses to display at the Wedding Journal Show we chose only three dresses; one of which was Caolinn's. Plastic Fantastic is a real showstopper and we loved the fact it was made entirely from recycled material, so it's environmental friendly also."

The dress was worn by professional models at the show press launch and took pride of place at the Wedding Journal Show entrance for the course of the show, from Friday 18th to Sunday 21st September.

## North Inishowen School Completion Programme

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### Attendance

Attendance initiatives are ongoing and every student benefits from these. The aim is to raise awareness of the importance of good attendance and punctuality among students and parents, and to emphasise the link between attendance and academic performance.

### Summer Programmes

A variety of programmes took place over the summer with 50 children taking part. Thirty-two children took part in the cooking camp in Carndonagh Community School in July, from senior infants to 1st-4th year students. Parents were invited in on the last day as part of the Transfer Programme to sample

some culinary delights. All the children enjoyed the summer programmes and there was very positive feedback from parents.

### **Numeracy Classes**

After school Numeracy Classes for identified 5th year students have been taking place on Monday evenings during September and October. These classes focus on exam preparation and motivation. Eighteen students are currently taking part in the programme.

### **Breakfast Club**

The Breakfast Club run by Mr. Dessie Doherty is ongoing and is a great success. There are over 100 students availing of the service in the Coffee Dock every morning, and feedback from the students continues to be very positive.

### **North Inishowen Family Support Worker**

The Family Support Worker, Helen McFarland, is currently working with families in the NISCP area. The families involved greatly benefit from this service.

## **Harsh Opening for Senior Boys GAA**

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The senior Gaelic football team were subject to a 6-point loss against PCC Falcarragh on Tuesday 29th September. CCS were drawn against the same group of players who won an Ulster U16 title two years ago. To keep the game tight and competitive for as long as they did is a credit to the organisation and belief of Mr O'Donnell and Mr McKenna's team.

The first few minutes of the first half set the tone for the rest of the game. PCC held possession and probed the CCS defence, which held out, aiming to get scores on the break. At half time CCS were slightly fortunate to be level at 4 points apiece, thanks to Daniel McCallion's point-blank saves. A mention also goes to Diarmuid Moyne and Joe Doherty PM for clinical kicking in the first half.

The 2nd half saw a more open game and both teams found scoring chances easier to come by. The class of county forwards Jason McGee and Michael Langan proved a deciding factor as they kicked points with ease and contributed to their side's goal. CCS never gave up and Cathal Doherty's goal almost sparked a comeback. However hopes were soon dashed when PCC hit the net at the other end within seconds. It was a spirited display and points from Joshua Lafferty, Danny McCarron and Eoghan Kelly were well taken. In the end, PCC were too strong around the middle and ran out eventual winners by 6 points.

CCS TEAM; Daniel McCallion, Martin Fiorentini (Cormaic Cullinan), Aiden Bambrick (Andrew Mullin), Nathan McLarkey (Dermot Doherty), Eoghan Kelly (0-1), Connor McColgan (Ciaran Doherty), James Monagle, Cathal Doherty (1-0), Tiernan Devine, Danny McCarron (0-1), Conor McGeoghan (Conor Browne), Conor O'Donnell (0-1), Diarmuid Moyne (0-4), Joshua Lafferty (0-1), Joe Doherty (0-1) (Nathan Harkin)

# Chaplaincy

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Prayer for the beginning of the school year:

Dear Lord,

We ask that you would bless

All the students in our school

With Your infinite and loving mercy,

Granting them the strength to learn, concentrate,

And act in love towards their teachers and fellow students.

We also ask that You would watch over them, at home and at  
school

And give them proper direction so that they may learn of Your  
wonderful virtues.

We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## John Paul II Award

The John Paul II Award was launched this year by Naoimh Moore from the Diocesan Office. This initiative allows students to achieve an award for voluntary work carried out in their local parishes and communities. It is open to all students over 16 years old and anyone wishing to register should call to see Mrs. Serena Doherty, school Chaplain before the end of the week.

## Bereavement Mass

The annual Bereavement Mass will take place in the school this year on Thursday, November 5th at 7.30pm. All are welcome to join with us in prayer as we remember our loved ones who have died. May they rest in peace.



# Irish Club Cainteach

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The Irish Club Cainteach is on every Thursday from 12.50pm in Room 110. Come along and practice your oral Irish with students from all year groups. You can bring your lunch; tea / biscuits are provided. All welcome!

Tá an club cainteach Gaeilge ar siúl gach Déardaoin óna 12.50pm i seomra 110. Bíonn deis ag daltaí ó gach bliain caint agus comhra le chéile agus a lón a ithe. Bíonn tae agus brioscaí ar fáil. Buail isteach!

## SEN Department

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Welcome back to all students! Parents should know who their child's Resource teacher is by now. If you do not know then please contact Mrs. Monagle. During this year the students will be working on targets that they have agreed with their teacher. In an effort to be more inclusive, the students are not removed from the classroom, but have their work differentiated for them. We look forward to seeing them blossom!

### **Reasonable Accommodations in Certificate Examinations**

Candidates with permanent or long-term conditions, including visual and hearing difficulties, or specific learning difficulties, which they believe will significantly impair their performance in the examinations may apply to the State Examinations Commission (through the school) for a reasonable

accommodation(s) to be made to facilitate them taking the examinations. The reasonable accommodations are intended to: remove, as far as possible, the impact of the difficulty on the candidate's performance and thus enable the candidate to demonstrate his or her level of attainment and ensure that, whilst giving candidates every opportunity to demonstrate their level of attainment, the special arrangements will not give the candidate an unfair advantage over the other candidates in the same examination.

## **NOTICE**

*Applies to 3rd Year, Junior Certificate students.*

The closing date for applications for June 2016 Junior Cert. applications is 23rd October, 2015.

Parents and teachers of students who wish to apply for RACE must give their names to their resource teacher or to Mrs. Monagle immediately.

The closing date for 4th Years (Leaving Cert 2017) who wish to apply for RACE in June 2017 is April 2016.

For more information: [www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie) Circular S40/94, S11/00, S70/00 and S24/12

## **Drop Everything and Read - Every Friday at 3:10pm**

The school is participating in this program to help literacy. The idea is that, at a set time every week, everyone stops what he or she is doing and reads for ten or fifteen minutes. It is a shared experience and gets people talking about books and reading while conveying a strong message that the school believes in reading. We invite parents and the whole school community to

join in by taking 10-15 minutes to read for relaxation at this time. This is very good for your health!

## WORD OF THE WEEK

Remember to try and use the word of the week as much as possible, at home as well as at school.

## Exemption from Study of Irish

Every student is expected to study Irish in secondary school. There is a range of levels within the subject to cater for a wide diversity of ability. It is possible that some students may not be able to grasp the basics of Irish due to having a learning difficulty. In this instance, it is possible that the student may qualify for an exemption from the study of Irish. There are criteria that must be met in order to qualify for Learning Support in place of Irish. If you want to read more about this please go to [www.education.ie/circularM10/94](http://www.education.ie/circularM10/94).

## Using Study time productively and improve learning

Students often ask for advice and ideas on how to study more productively...Some may find this method useful:

### The SQ3RM Technique

#### Remembering What You Read

- **Survey** the chapter you are going to read. Read the summary and the section headings.
- When you know what the chapter is about, write a list of the main **questions** that you would want to be able to answer if you had read the chapter.
- **Read** the chapter with the questions in mind. Take brief notes that will allow you to formulate answers to these questions. It is often a good idea to read with a

highlighter in hand so you can highlight key words and phrases.

- **Recite** the questions and your answers to them when you have finished reading the chapter.
- **Review** the chapter by skimming through it and checking that your answers to the questions were correct.
- Structure the questions and the answers to them into a **map**. Put your map on the wall for a week. Look at it. Read it aloud. Trace it with your finger.

## Transition Year News

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The TY class of 2015-2016 comprises 91 pupils who will hopefully have one of the best years of their lives and certainly one to remember! Welcome to our Spanish amigos, Elena, Maria, Teresa and blessed among women, Angel, all of whom will be with us until Christmas.

On Monday 14th Sept all TYs attended a thought provoking presentation by the father of the late Donal Walsh in the Áras. So inspired were the pupils of TYA that, with the support of their Soc. Ed. Teacher, Mr O'Donnell, they are currently creating a Donal Walsh Foundation mural in the Coffee Dock. They have also obtained permission to organise an in-house Mental Health Week (Mon 12th - Fri 16th October) with lots of activities for all.

On 15th Sept Mr Patsy Toland (Self-Help Africa) came to the school to address the TYs about the possibility of taking part in the B.T. Young Scientists Competition. Although the pupils were

very enthusiastic, no entries were submitted owing to time constraints. Maybe next year!

On Monday 21st September, the TY students attended a presentation on the John Paul II Award organised by Mrs Serena Doherty. Participation in the JP II always looks good on a C.V.

The Crows on the Wire Workshop (Verbal Arts Centre) was held in the Áras on Friday 25th Sept. This very interesting and enjoyable workshop deals with issues which arose at the time of the transition from the RUC to the PSNI.

The annual TY v Staff Gaelic match in aid of much needed school funds was held on Friday 2nd Oct. Thanks to all the teachers, (especially those who came out of retirement!) SNAs and pupils for taking part! Rumour has it that the Staff won but that's just a rumour. The TYAs would like to take this opportunity to thank all the class teachers, LCVP, RE, SPHE etc teachers for selling the tickets. We couldn't have done it without you!

On Mon 5th Oct Kerry Doherty TYB, Holly Moore TYD, Paula McElhinney TYD and Aishling McKinney TYD were selected based on their sewing skills to take part in an Inflatable Costume Masterclass in Derry with Ms Elaine Farren. The facilitators are apparently world famous but then maybe that's all hot air!! Ms Farren is currently taking names of parties interested in the Carndonagh Carnival Group Paddy's Day Parade.

We are SO envious of the 11 TYs who are in sunny Spain this week on the CCS Spanish Exchange with Ms. Kennedy! Hope

they're having fun! TYA Kim Mc Closkey & Sarah Monagle ; TYB Gemma Mc Cormick, Megan McCreanor, Darragh Mc Williams & Orla Murray ; TYC Oisín Bowyer & Kate Gallagher ; TYD Tara Kelly, Joseph Millar & Luke Mullins.

On Wed 14th October TY students will be attending the Road Safe Road Show in the Aura Leisure Centre in Letterkenny. This very sobering but lifesaving initiative by Donegal County Council has already had a positive effect on young drivers in the county.

The date for the first TY Work Experience is Mon 7th Dec - Fri 11th Dec 2015 (Subject to change). I would urge parents/guardians to maximize this opportunity to explore genuine career interests of the pupil. That may mean asking a relative/friend in Galway to provide them with accommodation for five nights. By all means stay local, but if the best place is some distance away, please help make it a reality! If the employer can only take the pupil at another time, that is not a problem. Let me know, and the pupil will be marked present in school during that week. Organize work experience well in advance of the dates. The documentation will issue to you in advance. N.B. Only employers with Public Liability Insurance should be considered. Remember that all documentation must be back with your Enterprise teachers by Monday 23rd November.

Deaglan Farren TYB and Luke Mullins TYD have been nominated to go forward for the TCD TY Physics Week lottery. Forty eight students are selected from schools across the country to take part in this fantastic programme which takes place in November. Fingers crossed that they will be successful in the lottery! We are also waiting to find out if we have been successful in the Royal College of Surgeons lottery for work experience.

The first SHARE residential will be from Wed 11th Nov - Fri 13th Nov 2015 (Subject to change). The TYs have been very patient! It won't be long now!!! FUN, FUN, FUN!!!!

Any students interested in applying for the DCU Online Courses for Transition Year should contact Ms. McGeehin for an application form. The courses on offer are; Writing, Cutting Edge Science, Legal Studies, Medicine and Psychology. The fee is €200 and the closing date is Friday, 20th November 2015.

The President's Award -TY pupils who successfully take on the Gaisce challenge are awarded the Bronze Award. Young people can continue in their quest for the Silver and Gold when they go to university. It is highly regarded by employers as it indicates that the person is a self-motivated individual. Mr Niall McGee is the Gaisce link person in CCS and he will oversee the applications of the pupils and advise them during the course of the year.

The Science/Woodwork modules will rotate from the start of next week. The new lists will be on the notice board. Please check the TY notice board on the mall and your email, for essay competitions and other opportunities for TY students! You have the talent...so use it!! Make the most out of TY - get involved and make this year count when it comes to your C.V! Have a great year!!!

# Guidance

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## **Presentation on Going to College for Parents/Guardians of Leaving Certificate Students**

The Guidance Department has arranged a presentation for parents / guardians all aspects of going to college. It is not aimed at students - they are getting this information already in their weekly guidance classes in school. It will be held on **Tuesday 13th October, starting at 7.30pm in the ARAS**. The evening will be split up as follows, so that parents/guardians can just attend the sessions that interest them.

## **Applying to Higher Education in Ireland (Universities and Institutes of Technology)**

Information on where the jobs will eventually be, CAO points, Access Schemes, HEAR and DARE, third level grants, etc. **7.30 - 8.30pm**

After the main presentation, there will a choice of two other talks for parents/guardians if they wish to stay on.

**Applying to UK Universities - UCAS, UK Fees, etc. 8.35-9.15pm**

**Applying to Further Education in Ireland, North or South - PLC Colleges, North West Regional College, Derry, etc. 8.35-9.00pm**

## **Upcoming College Presentations for Students in the School**

**DCU** Wednesday 14th October 10.40 ARAS

**Letterkenny IT** Monday 2nd November 1.20 ARAS

**St. Angelas Sligo** Wednesday 4th November 10.40 ARAS

Write these dates and times into your journal now as reminders if interested.

## **Importance of Students Checking their Emails**

The guidance department has been using email for several years to communicate with Fifth and Sixth Years about career information,



such as closing dates, application forms, scholarships, access programmes, grants, open days and other events. However even though each student has given us an email address, we can't make them read their emails. We track which emails are opened, and **currently only 71% of students are opening and reading their emails from us.** If they are not reading these emails they may miss out on certain deadlines. We would ask you as parents / guardians to remind the students about the importance of this as we cannot be held responsible for any missed deadlines. Three emails have been sent out already, and there will be approximately one a month for the rest of the year.

### **Email List for Fifth Year and Sixth Year Parents / Guardians**

We will be delighted to send important emails to Fifth / Sixth year parents as well, so if you would like to receive them, just send an email to [l.harkin@carndonaghcs.ie](mailto:l.harkin@carndonaghcs.ie) and request to be put on the new Fifth / Sixth Year Parents Email List. **You must state you child's name in your email, as this service is for parents of final year students only.** If you are attending the presentations on 13th October, you can just leave your email address on the night. If you were on the email list last year, you need to give us your email again, as last year's email list has now been deleted.

## **Staff Teach Pupils a Lesson in Gaelic Football!**

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For the last two class periods on Friday, 2nd October, the majority of the school population surrounded the GAA pitch for the annual Staff v TY match. Two versions of the match report are currently being written. However, what's clear is that the final score was "roughly" 2-12 to 3-06 in favour of the Staff. While the final score may be subject to change, what's certain is that the Staff won...again! And that will never change...

# CCS Golf Team Leads the Field in Donegal

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It was red across the board at North West Golf Club on Monday, 21st September as the school golf team cleaned up in the Donegal Schools Golf Association Competition. Ben Collins (8) was the overall winner on the day with 39pts. The Category II winner was Stephen McGonigle (10) with 37pts and the Category III winner was Conor McColgan (15) with 39pts. Congratulations to all members of the team - Conor Quigley, Oisín McGonagle, Ben Collins, Stephen McGonigle, Scott McElhinney, DJ McGeoghegan and Conor McColgan.

# Success for Eoghan & Ella in Patrick Kavanagh Poetry Competition

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On returning to school after the summer holidays, two Fifth Year pupils were delighted to discover that Mr. Brian McLoughlin had some good news for them to kick the year off. Eoghan Kelly placed second overall in the country in the 2015 Patrick Kavanagh Poetry Competition, with Ella McDaid receiving a Highly Commended award. The pair will now head to the Kavanagh Centre on Sunday, 27th September in Inniskeen, Co. Monaghan for the Awards Ceremony. Very well done to both on their superb achievement.

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## EDITORIAL

Good Morning! The first issue of this year's Zodiac reached a new sales record - 625 copies, as compared with 200 of the first issue last year, and the entire Zodiac Staff : Editors, Reporters, Correspondents and Sales Person were thrilled with the success of their first edition. This year, we hope to extend our news coverage to include Youth Club activities which include many C.C.S. pupils. There are over 1,000 pupils in the school and our dearest wish is to sell that number of copies! Why not buy your own personal copy of Zodiac each time? You'll never regret it!!

## COMING EVENTS

- 12th Nov. : Donegal League Cross Country in Letterkenny.  
19th " : Donegal League Cross Country in Lifford.  
1st Dec. : Ceili in the Lilac Ballroom. Music by the Glenside Ceili Band.  
2nd " : Donegal Schools Cross Country Championships.  
8th " : Church Holiday (on a Friday) School Closed.  
20th " : Christmas Fast for Concern.  
RAY Day - Date to be announced.  
Ceili Dancing Classes every Friday at lunch time in Room II7.  
No Cover Charge.  
Christmas Mass in the Sports Hall - Date to be announced.  
Christmas Service in Donagh Church - " " " "

## GRAPEVINE

One of the most exciting events in the cultural life of C.C.S. occurred with the arrival of "The Rooftop Orchestra" on the roof of the main block, playing its own distinctive brand of 21st century music. There was a very appreciative audience in the classrooms below and our music correspondent commented that C.C.S. seemed to be designed for such a show as this. The sound could be described as "BOOM-BANG-A-BANG-ROCK". The signature tune which attracted much attention was "The Felt Layers March". Other popular numbers were "There's a hole in the Roof"; "This old house is gonna tumble"; "You ain't heard nothing yet" and "What a beautiful noise". We hope that this will be their last appearance!

## SPECIAL MASS

Mass was celebrated in the Sports Hall on the day of the death of Pope John Paul I by Father McKenna, Father McGoldrick and Father Dolan. There was an excellent attendance of Staff and Pupils.

## ATHLETICS

DONEGAL ATHLETICS LEAGUE : Teams entered for the Dr. Furey Trophy held at Falearragh on Wednesday, 18th October were :  
Under 13 Girls 1st Team : Bernadette Lafferty, Karen Crumlish, Bridie Doherty and Helen Crossan.  
Under 15 Girls 2nd Team : Elizabeth Kearney, Sally Brennan, Mary Breslin and Sarah Breslin.  
Under 17 Girls 2nd Team : Jackie Hirrell, Johanna McLaughlin, Mary Owens and Gertrude McGroarty.  
Senior Girls 4th Team : Christine Long, Susan Gill, Teresa McDaid and Margaret Gillespie.

The Girls were the overall winners of the trophy which was last won by Carndonagh C.S. in 1974. Individual medal winners were :  
1st : Bernadette Lafferty; 4th : Karen Crumlish; 4th : Jackie Hirrell.

ATHLETICS - continued.

Boys Teams entered :

Boys Under 13 2nd Team : Eamonn Ruddy, Conal McKinney, Paul Ruddy and Brian Brennan.

Boys Under 15 4th Team : Joseph Devlin, Paul Doherty, Paul McKinney and Andrew Doherty.

Boys Under 17 4th Team : Thomas McGlinchey, John Diver, Thomas McLucas and Danny McLaughlin.

Boys Overall : Fourth Place.

DONEGAL LEAGUE, KILLYBEGS SUNDAY, 22nd OCTOBER

Boys Under 14 - 2nd team; Boys Under 16 - 3rd team;

Girls " 14 - 3rd " Girls " 16 - 2nd "

Individual Medal, 2nd was won by Joseph Devlin.

FUTURE FIXTURES

Under 13 and under 15s travel to Letterkenny on Sunday, 12th November.

" 14 " " 16s " " Lifford " " 19th "

Next meeting of schools and county championships is in Donegal Town on Saturday, 2nd December.

BOO!

To those who look in Mr. Toland's dance classes but never come in.

To pupils who never use the Library.

To pupils who take short cuts in school country races.

THUMBS UP!

To those who help to make dinner time activities a success (for those who are not yet involved you have choice of athletics, gymnastics, badminton, table-tennis, time trials etc. - editor).

ROCK OPERA

Cour music correspondent has been informed by Mrs. White that the Rock Opera "Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" will be produced early next term. The Opera is the work of Andrew Lloyd-Webber and Tim Rice who also gave us "Jesus Christ Superstar", "Tommy" and "Evita". The central figure in the show is Joseph, son of Jacob whose eleven brothers were jealous of the multicoloured coat his father gave him. They threw him in a well but had second thoughts and sold him into slavery in Egypt instead. Joseph got his own back however - He befriended Pharoah and became very powerful. Now, if you want to know how it ends - Come and see the show. The production will be staged in the Sports Hall where a special stage is to be built. Joseph will be played by Patrick Coyle. The two narrators are Kathleen Hannon and Martina McGuinness. Jacob will be played by Donnacha McCarthy. As you can see Fourth Years will be playing a major part in the show. Special attention is being paid to the dance routines.....Tell me more.....Tell me more.....

HUGHIE'S SHOW

Uisneach, the Inishowen traditional music group took part in the semi-final of Opportunity Knocks at the Country Club, Portmarnock, Dublin on Sunday, 22nd October. Although they presented an excellent act they did not get through to the final. We think they deserve congratulations for reaching the top 30 acts out of a total of 1,900 auditions from across the entire country. Who knows when opportunity will knock again? Uisneach includes Blathin Sweeney and Marie McLaughlin from fourth year, Fionnuala McLaughlin from third year and three others. They play fiddle, piano, concertina and flute and have two dancers.