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DATES TO REMEMBER

October

- Thursday, 18th** Internet Safety Workshops for First & Second Year Students in The Aras.
- Saturday, 20th** Students and Teachers depart on Spanish Exchange Programme.
- Monday, 22nd** School Closed for J.C.T. Training.
- Wednesday, 24th** CAT Testing for all First Year Students.
- Friday, 26th** School closes at 3.20. for Mid Term Break.

School Draw

All School Draw Forms should be returned by Friday, 20th October.

SALE of Uniforms Jackets, Blazers and Jerseys

SALE for one week only! From 23rd to 26th October.

Jackets reduced to €20.

Blazers reduced to €30.

Jerseys reduced to €15

Jersey sizes 44 & 46 reduced to €10.

LCA News

A big welcome back to 6H who are returning for a busy school year. They have a variety of key assignments, tasks and interviews to complete which are all part of their final Leaving Cert grade. The boys are currently on a two-week work experience which includes welding, engineering, mechanics, retail, farming and fishing placements. 6H are undertaking a Food & Nutrition module each Friday for 12 weeks where they will receive a QQI L3 certificate and will compete in a Master Chef final judged by local celebrity chefs! The boys are continuing on from the partnership started last year in Barrack Hill Community Garden every Tuesday whereby they work closely with the team on a variety of projects. Thanks to Mr Michael Doherty for his leadership on this initiative.

We also welcome the pupils of 5H to the LCA programme. A team bonding trip has taken place in September which proved very successful and was a lot of fun. 5H, accompanied by Ms Jennifer McLaughlin, attended the Road Safety event in Letterkenny and found it a hard hitting but worthy day out. We wish 5H the best of luck in their first work experience which takes place November 12th - 23rd.

LCA Coffee Morning & Information Session for 5H Parents/Guardians - Friday 26th October 11am in the Parents Room (405 Unit 4). Parents/Guardians of pupils in 5H are invited to CCS to hear about the calendar of events that the pupils will be involved in and to have the opportunity to discuss any questions they may have. The kettle will be on and you are all welcome.

Junior Certificate School Programme (JCSP)

This is a national programme funded by the Department of Education and Skills and the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment. The main focus of the JCSP is the student. It concentrates on the students' strengths and needs. In doing so it promotes a more positive attitude towards schoolwork, homework and exams. There are currently 25 pupils involved in the Programme and over the school year will take part in a variety of initiatives including Maths for Fun, Science for Life, Reading for Leisure and numerous field trips.

Lunchtime Futsal Leagues

Our lunchtime leagues have ended after some thrilling games.

Quarter finals:

1B vs 1C

1A vs 1D

1E vs 1F

1G vs 1H

Results:

Result: 1B 2-1 1C

The 'Crua's' were in flying form as 1B won the opening game of the Lunchtime Leagues. Under the watchful eye of Liam Doherty Crua and Damien Duffy, 1B raced into an early lead. Owen Doherty Crua (younger brother of manager Liam) scored the 2 goals that put 1B in control. 1C managers Ben Curley and Coran Donaghey rang the changes and Ellie Long pulled a goal back but

it was too little too late for 1C. 1B progressed to the semi-finals where they played 1A.

Result: 1A 2-2 1D

1A won 3-2 after sudden death penalties

Our 2nd quarter final in the Lunchtime Leagues was an unforgettable one. Transition year students Brian Houghton and Shay McLaughlin (Jimmy Mickey) took charge of 1D and were bullish about their chances of going all the way.

1A under the tutelage of Athena McLaughlin and Laura Doherty had less to say and were letting their players do the talking on the pitch. This was an enthralling end to end game with chances galore at both ends. The game was finely balanced at 1-1 with 5 minutes left when Aoife McCarron of 1A dispossessed a defender and rifled a shot into the top corner. It looked like 1A would hold out but some inspired substitutions by Gaffer Houghton led to 1D taking over. With 10 seconds left and 1D laying siege to 1A's goal, a deflected shot deceived Danny Diver in the 1A goal and the scores were level at 2-2. The game went to a penalty shootout and after some inspired saves, the shootout went to sudden death. All the pressure was on Manus Doherty, who tucked away an excellent penalty to scenes of delight in the crowd.

In the other games, 1G had a comfortable 5-3 win against 1H with Shay Fallon and Ross Farren in flying form and 1F had a comfortable win over 1E; 4-2 the final score.

In the semi-finals, 1A played 1B and 1G played 1F.

1A vs 1B: Result 1-1, 1A win on sudden death penalties.

This was a rip-roaring occasion with a massive crowd up to watch. Liam Crua was bullish about his team's chances. After dominating possession and having the majority of chances, you could see why. Against the run of play, Aoife McCarron dispossessed a defender and placed an unstoppable left foot strike into the roof of the net. 1B really upped the ante and with 5 minutes left got an equaliser. 1A hung on for dear life in the final minutes with Danny Diver in inspired form as goalkeeper. The game went to penalties, 1A's 2nd penalty shootout of the tournament. The tie was level after five penalties each, yet Danny Diver was the hero again as 1A prevailed in sudden death.

In the other semi, 1G put in a very composed performance against 1F. They dominated possession and took their chances well with Courtney Gallagher and Seaneen Crumlish standing out.

Final:

1A vs 1G - Final Score 1-1. 1G win on sudden death penalties.

1G entered this game as favourites having won both their quarter final and semi-final quite comfortably, whilst 1A had come through both games on penalties. 1A dismissed these pre-match expectations and tore into 1G from the start. Alex McColgan led by example in midfield and set up a raft of chances. Aoife McCarron tucked away a deserved opener with her left foot to put them one goal up. Half time came at the right time for 1G and they came out like a new team in the 2nd half, dominating possession. They finally got the equaliser they deserved after a fine right footed finish by Ross Farren. The

game went to penalties again and now 1A were the fancied team having come through two previous penalty shootouts. Aidan Robertson turned out to be the hero for 1G with some fine saves in the shootout and there was an eruption of noise when 1G slotted home their winning penalty.

Captain Ross Farren was presented with the cup by his Year Head, Mr Havlin. Mr Conor Doherty thanked all the TY's who had given up their lunchtimes to coach the teams, the players who had participated every week in such good spirits, and finally a big thank you was given to 5th year student Christopher McDaid who gave up his lunchtimes to come up and referee the matches - the hardest job of all. The league was a great success, enjoyed by all. Massive congratulations to 1G and their class teacher Mrs McCole. Commiserations to 1A and their class teacher Mrs Breda Doherty.

Girls Soccer

Carndonagh CS 5-0 St Columba's U15 girls 08-10-18

Carndonagh CS u15 girls got their season off to a great start with a 5-0 win over St. Columba's Stranorlar. The first goal wasn't long coming as Emma Devlin, with a great through ball, found 1st year Ellie Long, who calmly slotted it past the keeper for what we hope is her first of many Carndonagh CS goals. The next goal came from Sophie Murphy, who got the ball at the halfway line and drove straight to goal to make it 2-0. Captain Chaylee Greene secured another for CCS when she got on the end of a loose ball in the box. St. Columba's battled hard but couldn't stop the Carndonagh side who moved the ball well to find Emma Devlin who was composed in front of goal to get her name on the scoresheet. Centre backs Kate McCallion and

Roseanna McConnalogue held it tight to ensure a clean sheet for Carndonagh. Katherine Doherty also got a goal for her side after a great game on the right wing. The game was well secured when Alaina Keogh scored the final goal for the winning side. She received the ball in the box and buried it to leave the final score 5-0.

Goalscorers: Ellie Long, Sophie Murphy, Emma Devlin, Chaylee Greene, Alaina Keogh

Carndonagh CS 13-1 Royal and Prior, Raphoe 11-10-18

The Carndonagh girls set out on Thursday for their second game of the week against Raphoe side Royal and Prior. It didn't take the home side very long to get scoring as Sophie Murphy made it 1-0 after 5 minutes of play. Emma Devlin also got a goal soon after. Good determination from the Carndonagh CS midfield saw Katherine Doherty play a perfectly timed ball to Sophie Murphy who calmly made it 3-0. Carndonagh CS continued to dominate with two more goals from Ellie Long and Alaina Keogh to leave it 5-0 at half time. Substitute Lorraine Greene started the second half with a burst of energy and found herself with a hat trick after only 20 minutes. Sophie Murphy also secured her hat trick for the day. Despite the score, Royal and Prior didn't give up and got a goal as reward for their perseverance halfway through the second half. Emma Devlin was the third Carndonagh player to get a hat trick for herself with another goal put past the oppositions keeper. Carndonagh made it a scoreline of 10-1 when Chaylee Greene slotted home from just inside the box. Alaina Keogh played a great game on the left hand side for CCS and got another goal. The game finished on a scoreline of 13-1 to Carndonagh CS. The team now leave themselves in a good

position facing local rivals Scoil Mhuire, Buncrana after mid-term break.

Goalscorers: Sophie Murphy x3, Emma Devlin x3, Lorraine Green x3, Alaina Keogh x2, Ellie Long and Chaylee Greene.

Match Reports written by: Katelyn McDaid TYB and Erin McLaughlin (Fildara) TYE

Transition Year News

AIB Build a Bank competition

The AIB Build a Bank competition has kicked off. Congratulations to all the students who went to the interviews. AIB was very impressed with the high standard. A special congratulations to the 2018/19 Team: Elle Ward, Molly McGonigle, Rhianna Gallagher, Keelan Doherty, Caoimhe Murray and Aisling Doherty.

Busy Bees

It was a very *buzzy* September (ugh, sorry!!) for the TYs regarding the *bee-keeping project* in the school. In early September, TYA and TYD were shown how to extract and harvest honey from the beehives in the school. A special word of thanks to John Joe Mc Laughlin and Kate O' Callaghan, (both are members of the Inishowen bee-keepers association) who gave a fantastic practical demonstration of the entire harvesting process. A few days later, Elaine, Ellie, Ella and Lauren (all from TYD) helped to package and prepare the honey for sale. Elaine weighed the honey and estimated that we had harvested approx. 6.5kg of honey for our first year. However, I was talking to Elaine's maths teacher later that day and she said

that it was probably closer to 10Kg. Elaine was never good at addition! (Only joking Elaine!). Thanks girls for all your help.

On Thursday 20th September, all the TY classes attended a talk given by Mr. Seamus Meade. Seamus travelled all the way from Tipperary to give a talk on biodiversity in relation to bees and discussed different aspects of bees and bee-keeping.

Congratulations to all the TY's on their excellent behaviour during the presentation. We then visited the beehives in the school so that all the TY's could see the hives and the bees. A certain teacher (who shall remain nameless!) got stung on the nose (ouch!) during our visit. Happily, the bee has recovered!

Mr. Kieran Flood (Irish Wildlife Trust) visited the school on the 27th September to give a talk (to TYD) on native bees, pollinator plants, biodiversity and "bee hotels". He had visited the school in May of last year and the Sept. visit was a "follow up" visit. In May, he conducted a quick survey of the "wild bee" population around the school. Kieran and the TYD class then sowed wildflower seeds. When the seeds germinate and grow into plants, we hope to plant the wildflowers around the school grounds later on. These flowers will act as pollinator plants for the bees next year.

Some of the TY classes are now making "bee hotels" and flower boxes from recycled wood. Mr. Finbarr Gallagher and Mr. James Doherty are heading up this enterprise. A big thank you to the teachers and the TYs involved in this project! We will use the flower boxes to plant Spring flowering bulbs for the bees. We hope that the flower boxes will enhance the appearance of the school, and that the flowering bulbs will increase the wild bee population in the vicinity.

The *bee-keeping project* is one "strand" of the *Sustainable Food Production Project* that we are running in the school. There will be more news about this project through-out the year.

1200 Cups a Week

TY students Ciara, Mia, Will & Tiernan are encouraging staff and students alike to stop using single-use tea/coffee cups. Over 1200 cups are used by our school community each week! Please support this initiative.

TY Annual Craft Fayre

The TYs are once again busy preparing for their annual Craft Fayre which will take place on Friday 7th December. It promises to be a bustling hive of activity offering authentic baking alongside a mix of hand-crafted goods and products. If it's just enjoying a mug of hot chocolate or soaking up the Christmas atmosphere - make sure to come along on Friday 7th December.

TY Yoga

My name is Katelyn McDaid and I am part of TYB. TYs have just completed their first round of modules and it was a success. In my first module, we studied Wellbeing in our Social Studies class. This consisted of looking into the importance of our mental health and how it affects our daily life. To round off this Wellbeing module, our class completed an hour of yoga. It was a huge success and everyone really enjoyed it. It gave us an opportunity to relax and reflect on the importance of looking after our minds and our bodies. We completed various skills and moves. It gave us a great understanding of what yoga is all about and how important it is to take time daily to just think.

TY Team Bonding Day

The Brief: We are going on a mud run. Enough said. But some people still arrived in the white runners and best sports gear. Perhaps they thought they were going on a Spa Day. However, on arrival at our destination the organisers quickly passed the wellies and old clothes. And they were off!!!! The students were divided into teams and put through their paces on various obstacle courses. Competition was rife between Mr. Devlin and Mr. Mc Kenna. The mud run itself proved to be a rather sticky affair with some students losing the odd shoe. Overall a thoroughly enjoyable team bonding day.

Literacy Programme

TYA have just completed a 5-week literacy programme with the 5th class students from the Carn Girls Primary School. Both the TYs and the 5th class students enjoyed the experience and every pair worked well together. TYB will continue the Literacy Programme with the Boys Primary School.

TYF Tourism Trip

By Kayleen, Eimear and Ronan TYF

We went on our tourism trip on Thursday, 4th of October; we left the school at 11:20 and headed to the Famine Village.

The Famine Village

We arrived at the Famine Village where we met our tour guide and the owner Pat Doherty. He explained to us how dependent his business and Inishowen businesses in general are on cross border tourists. He explained the effects that Brexit will have on his business and other Irish businesses. He also talked about how all his income is mostly made from coach groups and tours. He then took us on a guided tour of the attractions including his

own thatch cottage that he grew up in, a brewery where he showed us how poitin used to be made. (All was going well until Ms McGoldrick informed Mr Doherty that we were not 18!!...So no shots of poitin for us). We then went to the haunted house and escape house. After this we got back on the bus and made our way to the Glen House.

The Glen House and Clonmany Waterfall

We went into the Glen House where the owner Sonya had made us tea and sandwiches and a selection of very tasty treats. It was the nicest afternoon tea we ever had. After we ate we walked/ran!! up to see the waterfall. Overall the trip was very informative. We learned a lot about the importance of tourism to these local businesses.

Community Work

As part of the Preparation for Work Module TYA visited Clonmany Day Care Centre. They were given the opportunity to socialise with the residents of the centre and display their musical talents. Conor Diver played the guitar and his backing singers sang a few tunes (some better than others!)

The students quickly developed a great rapport with the residents and emphasised the importance and value of community work.

Annual Sleep In

Can you imagine how you could end up homeless; the course your life might take to find yourself without a roof over your head? But what if you lost your wife, your husband, your child? What if your business had to close down or you lost your job? What if your rent supplement was cut and you couldn't stay in your

home? What if you suffered from a mental illness or an addiction?

At Simon, these are the stories we hear every day. Homelessness is not as far away as people may think, especially in these tough and uncertain times. It really can happen to anyone. It is never a choice.

To help raise awareness of the North West Simon Community 84 TYs gathered together in the Aras on Friday night. Bringing only their sleeping bags proved a little overwhelming at the start, but I think it was the constant chatting, giggling and no sleep that the teachers found overwhelming in the end. The night passed very quickly and despite a few grumpy heads in the morning it was once again a worthwhile project. Well Done everyone.

Ger Comedy Show

A large group of TYs headed to the Ger Carey Comedy Show in Ballybofey.

What's the best wrong answer ever given by a student?

Why do teenage goths exist?

In class, why is a pigeon on the windowsill so fascinating?

Why do lads have to get to the back of the bus?

What's it like to be in a double class with a teacher who wears tweed?

These and many more questions were answered by Ger Carey as he used his comedy to explore the weird and wonderful life of a teenager.

So many laughs from start to finish. Completely on cue to the teenage mind.

"Choices4U"

IDP hosted a Training and Education event in the Inishowen gateway. As part of the Educational and training aspect the TY/LCA students were given the opportunity to listen to motivational guest speakers, including Jason Black (who only recently returned from his epic climb of K2), and local girl Grainne Gallanagh who was recently crowned as Ms Universe Ireland. There were a host of local and national training course providers, apprenticeship services, colleges and universities in attendance on the day to help you explore your next step.

TY Blog

It is important that all TYs keep up to date with the TY blog. Important information, news, events, etc. are posted on a regular basis.

Road Safety Talk

The Annual Road Safety Talk in Letterkenny took place on Tuesday 9th October. It was hosted by Donegal County Council in association with the Donegal Road Safety Working Group (DRSWG). This hard-hitting show offers our young people the opportunity to learn about the consequences of poor driving behaviour on our roads. Our hope is that this show will have a positive influence on them and help to keep them safe on our roads in the future. Feedback from the TY students confirms that it is talk that all students should attend at some stage.

Work Experience

During Term One, TY students are required to undertake five days' work experience as part of their programme. This will take place Monday 19th November-23rd November. During this time, it is hoped that the students will put their course theory into practice in an actual workplace, gaining knowledge of the daily

routine of a place of employment. Students complete a detailed diary of activities and tasks undertaken during placement. They must also evaluate their own performance in the workplace.

Erin for Ireland!

Training in Dublin has paid off for Erin McLaughlin TYE who is off to Serbia tomorrow as part of the Irish U17 soccer team. She is the only girl from Ulster on the team. She will be playing Albania (22nd Oct), Wales (25th Oct) and Serbia (28th Oct) with the hope of qualifying for the Euros. The matches will be streamed live on Youtube. A great achievement for Erin and we're all proud of her at CCS.

Senior Soccer - CCS v Scoil Mhuire - Mooney's View!

On a wet and wild Thursday afternoon in Carndonagh, CCS made light work of Scoil Mhuire in this entertaining game. The boys from CCS started brightly in their Yellow tops and nearly all Blue shorts (O'Donnell refuses to change from his lucky Liverpool shorts that he has had since 6th class!) Scoil Mhuire could be forgiven for thinking they were playing against the mighty Newcastle United as the CCS boys got ripped into them. There will no doubt be tougher days ahead for the reigning All Ireland Champions but it was a great start to the campaign.

The game itself was all but over at half time with CCS finding the net on 5 occasions. Two from Kieron Farren, a deflection from Mikey and one apiece for Rudden and Wee Corey. The CCS boys took the foot off the pedal in the second half but still managed to add 3 more goals. This time it was Rudden again, an Alex McFadden thunderbolt and a deflection that O'Donnell is claiming. The bench of CCS could well prove to be all-important

this year if the boys are to mount another challenge to get a few days off school! Training is on Friday after school. All players to let Kieron Farren know if they cannot attend training.

Player Ratings (Player ratings have been based on performances against Sea Rovers this year...)

Daniel Mc Callion (7) : decent start from a man who has big gloves...

Lee Mc Laughlin (8) : solid performance from the Harps man

Jake Harkin (7) : apart from one poor tackle, he had a very good game. Even ventured into the middle of the park.

Kieron Farren (8) : scored 2 goals, lead from the back. Gave away a needless penalty at the end.

Jack Fildara (7) : complained that the pitch is too narrow. Kept passing ball out to running track in first half.

Nathan Logue (7) : had a decent first half. It must have been the haircut!

Conor O Donnell (8) : Scored a last minute winner for Carn at the weekend. Continued this form with another goal today.

Jack Doherty (9) : had a hand in setting up a number of goals. Probably should have scored a few himself.

Corey Mc Bride (8) : brilliant performance from last year's star man. Again should probably have scored another couple of goals. Gave the ball away a few times in first half.

Mikey Friel (9) : had a great game when he moved into midfield, covered every blade of grass. Denied a certain penalty in second half.

Luke Rudden (9) : after a slow start and a small tantrum, he showed his undoubted class with a couple of lovely finishes.

Pearse Mc Carron (6) : should have scored but didn't.

Eoin Mc Laughlin (7) : looked lively when he came on.

Alex Mc Fadden (7) : made a few tackles and scored a good goal.

Gavin Mc Daid (6) : had a decent game at the back when he came on.

Donal Doherty (6) : worked hard when he came on.

Damien Duffy (6) : some neat touches with 1 over-hit cross.

Padraig O Donnell (8) : saved a penalty, looked composed with ball at his feet.

Adam Mc Laughlin (6) : tried hard as usual.

Fionn Mc Clure : out injured.

Match Report by Liam Mooney

CCS Student Council and Donegal Youth Council

Student council elections will take place shortly.

Representatives for each year group will be elected from the list of class representatives submitted. In addition, an election for the school's representative on Donegal Youth Council will take place in CCS on 25th October. Don't miss the opportunity to have your voice heard!

Team Hope Shoebox Appeal

Class 3G are inviting all students, teachers and the school community to do the shoebox appeal. Let's give joy this Christmas to those less fortunate than ourselves...



To fill a box there are five simple steps to follow:

Grab a Shoebox, or a plastic container. Wrap the box and lid separately with Christmas paper. **If you do not have a box, just bag it and we will box it for you!**

Print a label or get one from 3G - Room 211 - Mrs. N. Kelly (or use boy/girl sticker from leaflet) and choose who (and what age) you want to give your Christmas Shoebox to.

Fill the box - get as creative as you like and have some fun with this! You can use our four W's as a rough guide. **Something to wash with, write with, wear, and something to wow!!**
Example, cuddly toy.

Close the boxes - include €4 in your leaflet envelope, either on top of the gifts or taped to the inside of the lid.

Secure with an elastic band - please don't seal with tape as contents need to be checked (to comply with regulations).

Drop the shoebox off to room 211 (Mrs. N. Kelly) on or before the 5th of November 2018.

CCS Welcomes Marc Hornos

This year we have only one student from Spain studying with us. His name is Marc Hornos and he is in TYA. We hope he thoroughly enjoys the year here and when he leaves, he will be speaking with a Donegal accent!!

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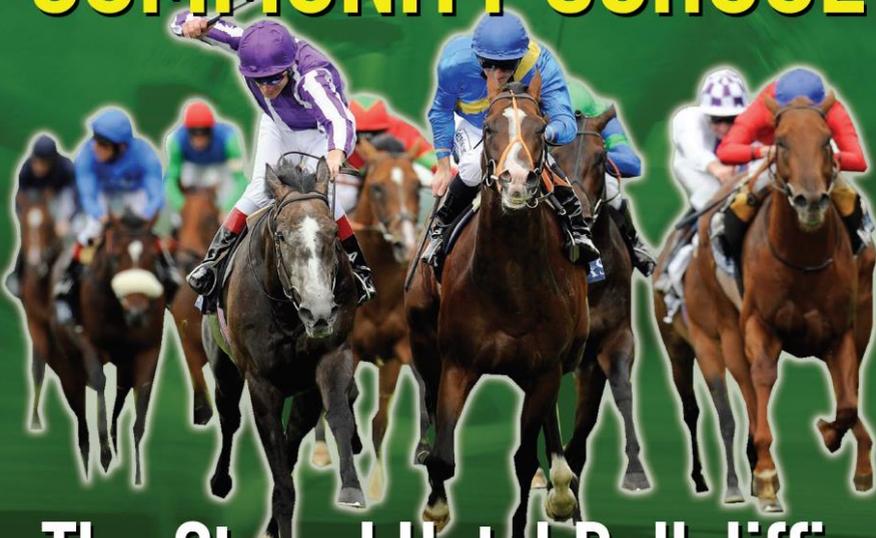
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SEN Department News

The SEN Department would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the retirement of our former coordinator, Mrs Catherine Monagle. Mrs M, as she is affectionately called, worked hard for 12 years to ensure the needs of all students in her care were supported, so they could access an education that allowed them to reach their potential. Her shoes are hard to fill and, perhaps in recognition of the huge role she played, the SEN Department now have two SEN coordinators, Ms. Lorna Simkins, who will look after 1st, 2nd and 3rd years, and Mrs. Marie McLaughlin who will take care of TY, LCA, 5th and 6th years.

Information for parents and students to note:

Reasonable Accommodations in Certificate Examination RACE

The scheme of Reasonable Accommodations at the Certificate Examinations (RACE) facilitates access to the certificate examinations by candidates who would have difficulty in accessing the examination or communicating what they know to an examiner because of a physical, visual, hearing and/or learning difficulty. The scheme assists candidates who have special educational needs to demonstrate what they know and can do in certificate examinations, without compromising the integrity of the assessment. The focus of the scheme is on removing barriers to access, while retaining the need to assess the same underlying skills and competencies as are assessed for all other candidates, and to apply the same standards of achievement as apply to all other candidates. The scheme provides accommodations for students with a variety of complex special educational needs including learning difficulties as well as

permanent or temporary physical, visual, hearing, medical, sensory, emotional, behavioural or other conditions.

NOTICE

Leaving Certificate (including Leaving Certificate Applied)

Forms for reactivating accommodations that were already granted at Junior Cycle and forms for new applications will be available in September 2018. The closing date for the SEC to receive an application from the school is **26 October 2018**. The SEC will give the school their decision before the end of January 2019. The school will tell you straight away.

Junior Cycle Forms will be available in October 2018. The closing date for the SEC to receive an application from the school is **21 December 2018**. The SEC will give the school their decision before the end of March 2019. The school will tell you straight away.

Parents and teachers of students who wish to apply for RACE must give their names to their resource teacher or to Ms. Lorna Simkins for 3rd years and Ms. Marie McLaughlin 6th LCA and 6th years.

An information booklet for students is available to download from www.education.ie called 'Reasonable Accommodations at the 2019 Certificate Examinations : Guide for Students.'

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 an exemption. If you want to read more about this, please go to www.education.ie/circularM10/94

First Year Parents

What to expect if your child is receiving support in school.

There are many different ways your child with SEN is supported in school - through resource teaching, through team teaching/in-class support, or differentiation. By now you should know who the resource teacher for your child is. What will the resource teacher do? They will read all information sent into the school by the primary school which can include psychological reports and screening tests. Based on this they will compile a confidential report for your child's teachers with a list of recommendations to help your child better access the curriculum. They will liaise with your child's teachers to see where best they can help. Depending on your child's need they will implement a programme of support, this may include literacy and or numeracy programs.

Your child may also receive support within class where a second teacher or an SNA is present. The inclusion of a second adult is based on the needs of the students in the class and they could be helping your child along with others.

For further information on how schools provide support for students with SEN, see www.education.ie - in particular a quick reference guide for parents called "A New Model for Allocating Special Education Teaching Support to Mainstream Post Primary Schools."

If you have any questions in relation to the above, or any other queries, please contact Ms. Lorna Simkins for 1st 2nd or 3rd years or Mrs. Marie McLaughlin for TY, LCA, 5th or 6th years.

We look forward to working with parents, students and teachers in the coming years to ensure every child with SEN has their needs met as fully as possible.

Lorna Simkins (Junior SEN Coordinator) and Marie McLaughlin (Senior SEN Coordinator)

Dyslexia Awareness Week : Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October

Under the umbrella of the Dyslexia Initiative, the school will be presenting a dyslexia awareness talk to all students during their SPHE class. The school will also be creating an awareness of dyslexia by putting posters around the school of various famous people who have dyslexia and we have created a dyslexia awareness display which will be visible in the school Coffee Dock for the week.

Spanish Exchange Programme 2018

As part of the Spanish Exchange Programme, 26 students from Jaén in the South of Spain arrived in Carndonagh on September 29th. The students shadowed their Irish counterparts in class during the day and participated in various workshops too. Trips to the Famine Village, Derry, The Titanic Museum in Belfast and the Ulster American Folk Park were also included in the itinerary. Certificates were presented to all students during the farewell party at CCS and the group departed from CCS on Saturday 6th October. Check out the school website for photos. 23 students from CCS will travel to Jaén next week to complete the second phase of the Exchange Programme. The students are Elle Ward, Shania Mc Closkey, Gráinne Mc Laughlin, Ava Mc

Dermott, Muireann Porter, Michaela Green, Damica Donaghey, Anais Doherty, Molly Simmons, Katie Mai Mooney, Kinga Biskup, Zoe Mc Carron, Shauna Harkin, Una Satterfield, Emma Doherty, Laura Doherty, Nicola Grant, Caoimhe Murray, Gráinne O'Leary, Lia Della Friel, Sadhbh O'Neill, Courtney O'Connor and Molly Mc Gonigle.

These students will shadow their Spanish counterparts in class everyday and participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities. Trips to nearby Córdoba and Granada are also included in the itinerary. The students will be accompanied on the trip by Mr. John Grant and Ms. Lorraine Mc Daid.

International Day of Languages

Well done and a huge thank you to everyone that took part and helped out in the International Day of Languages at the end of September. This day celebrates the great diversity and harmony that exists in our school with 20 nationalities being represented on our Heritage Wall. Lughán Devenny and Eimear Smyth provided fantastic music during break in the Coffee Dock (perhaps they will be back before the end of the year!!) and Mrs. Coyle's 6th Year music group also provided music at lunchtime. Further entertainment was provided by a selection of dancers from the Coyle School of Dancing, while Mrs. McGoldrick's French students were working hard making Crepes in Dessie's Kitchen and face-painting for the masses. The Canteen staff must be applauded once again for the wonderful spread that they provided, with tastes from all over the world (including the black worms...or was it black spaghetti?). Finally, congratulations to Gary, Antony, Eithan and Clara in 1E on winning the First Year quiz.

Girls GAA

The U16 and Senior girls are training every Wednesday from 3.30-4.30. All new girls welcome.

Senior Girls

The Senior girls first match was away to Abbey Vocational school where all girls had a great game and put in a lot of hard work on such a damp day. They came away winners on a scoreline of 9-9 to 4-16.

The girls then played Thornhill at home. This was a very tough match for the girls against a very strong, fit, older team. The girls did their best and never give up, but unfortunately Thornhill came away winners. The girls have two matches to play - home to Colaiste Ailigh on Tuesday 23rd, and away to Killybegs.

U16 Girls GAA - Goals Galore v Scoil Mhuire

The U16s played Scoil Mhuire on 1st October, their second match of the season - and their second win. They played some classy football and won the game comfortably - 10-13 to 2-10. The week previously they played Thornhill in the season opener, winning 8-8 to 4-7. With a panel of 29 girls, managers Maria and Denise have plenty of difficult decisions to make on match day; the girls are equally as good as each other. They have one match left to play in their group - away to Colaiste Ailigh during the week of 22nd October. Hopefully the girls will make it 3 out of 3 and move onto the next stage of the competition.

TY v Teachers Gaelic Football

The annual TY v Teachers Gaelic football match was played on Friday, 28th September. As expected, the staff (with a little help) showed that age and class go hand in hand, bossing the majority of the game. The pupils only really got to grips with the situation when their ENTIRE squad appeared to take to the pitch for the last five minutes. Nevertheless, when Ref O'Donnell blew the final whistle, it was decided that the staff had won by roughly a point (with emphasis on "roughly"). The actual scoreline may never be known. So, another year, another victory for the staff team, who would like to thank the "substitute teachers" who helped to make up the numbers on the day. Best wishes to Mr. Joe Higgins, who has played his last match for the staff. The man will not be easily replaced, although we assume he'll come out of retirement one last time...every year! The pupils must now wait until the annual soccer match to redeem themselves...Good luck with that, folks!

National Ploughing Championships - Field Trip

Despite the National Ploughing Championships nearly being knocked out by Storm Ali, Mr. McNally's Ag. Science group just about managed to get a nice day out in Tullamore. A very comprehensive photo album was captured and that will certainly come in very handy come project time. The pick of the pics however is the one showing President Michael D. Higgins enjoying a moment in the company of Mr. McNally and Mr. Boyle. Mr. Boyle reckons that Michael D. isn't as tall as he looks on TV. Overall, the trip to the Ploughing Championships was an enjoyable and productive day.

Ireland v Wales

16th October Aviva Stadium

On 16th of October at 9:30am, 45 TY students and 5 members of staff set off for Dublin. First stop was Blanchardstown Shopping Centre for a break from Mr. Havlin's playlist on the bus...and food. Krispy Kreme share prices took a major jump thanks to the multiple dozens that were purchased for distribution around TY at lunch the next day. After a bite of food (and doughnuts) the group made their way to the Aviva for the game. While some predictions from the bus were nil-all and one-nil to Wales, the game only came to life after a Wilson free kick landed in the back of the net. Unfortunately, the game finished 1-0 to Wales leaving Ireland looking like relegation certainties. The run home was made bearable by...you guessed it more Krispy Kreme doughnuts. All students arrived home safely at 2:45am before starting the school day all over again 6 hours later. Well done to all and we look forward to the next Krispy Kreme tour... sorry Ireland TY match!

Maths Week

13th to 21st of October. For Maths Week, CCS have run a daily maths competition (sponsored by Caffè Banba). There is also a "Maths Eyes" display, where students and staff can submit photos for display in the school to show maths in many different contexts. Many teachers are also running their own ideas, from active class activities to class competitions such as "Spend a Million." Best of luck to all those who take part.