

Spring 2019 Newsletter



A few words from the Deputy Principal

Spring is such a lovely time of year. The days are a little bit brighter and all around we begin to see the emergence of new life as the first buds of Spring appear. As always in Le Chéile, this term has been characterised by a whirlwind of activity and as you read through the pages of our newsletter you will see lots of examples of our students' positive engagement with school life across a broad range of areas.

You will by now be familiar with our root beliefs one of which is 'we can transform the world with our creativity'. The articulation of this root belief was evident in our Transition Year school production. 'High School Musical' was a tour de force offering each student the opportunity to combine their own innate talents with the experience of working closely with others as a team. The hard work and commitment of the students and the production team was clear as the performance dazzled audiences over the three nights.

We are also delighted to have again reached the regional finals of the Junk Kouture Competition. It takes style, imagination and flair for an entry to be successful and we congratulate Wiktorina and Nicole on their beautiful creation. The large number of votes that the girls received is testament to the strong community spirit within the school and our willingness to support each other and 'seasaimid le chéile'.

As the term draws to a close our 3rd Year students are actively engaged in the process of selecting their subjects and programmes for Leaving Certificate. They have embraced the challenge of the mock examinations and we hope that they are now better placed to know how to focus their efforts for the rest of the year. Our 6th Year students are working hard in preparation for their Leaving Certificate Exams whilst also beginning to dream of life beyond the doors and walls of Le Chéile. We pray for them and all our student and families during this Easter season.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for their support and as the holiday begins I would like to wish all our students and their families a happy and Holy Easter.

Leona Harrington

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you enjoy reading about all the activities and learning what has happened at Le Chéile since the last newsletter.

It is another season of first for us as our 6th years prepare to sit their Leaving Certificate examination. In Ireland, this is a very high stakes exams as so much of what the future will have to offer our students is connected to their results in the exams they are currently sitting. The staff are very supportive of our 6th years and each student is being mentored by a teacher. The teacher takes a particular interest in this student and encourages them in every way they can. Mr. McCann as year head and Ms. Carey, as guidance counsellor, also carefully monitor the 6th years too. As they enter the final stages of preparation for June it is important that they eat well, rest well and study hard.

The hard work of our game coaches and our students has earned us some silverware this term too. We had the wonderful success of our basketball team in January and then last week our first year boys soccer also brought home a cup. Extracurricular activities is a really important way of stretching a young persons talents and ensuring they become well rounded people. Our teachers and SNAs are extremely generous with their time in offering our students so many incredible opportunities. This term ended with the a Le Chéile's God Talent show organised by Ms. McIllduff and Jamie, one of our SNAs. It was incredibly moving to see our talented performers and the way all the student body got behind them and encouraged and delighted in their talent. This is a sign of real community.

As our students have got older we have enjoyed the opportunities to show them more of the world. This year students, as part of education programmes, have visited Hungary, Spain, Germany and France. Lots of our families have hosted students from these countries as well. It is edifying to see our little school become part of a bigger European story. I believe this is particularly important at a time where politics seems to suggest becoming small and insular might make you great. It is certainly our vision at Le Chéile that the only way to be great is by reaching beyond yourself, celebrating differences and being generous.

I wish each of you a blessed Easter. May you feel the hope that is at the heart of the Easter story.

Every good wish

Dr. Moran

The Claddagh

The Claddagh is our school's new ASD class which opened in September 2018. We currently have 5 students who have their base classroom in 'The Claddagh' and all these students attend a certain number of first year mainstream classes during the school day depending on their abilities. The ASD class helps these students to be part of the Le Chéile school community every day.



Cairde Claddagh

We also have a small group of students who give their time freely to help out in the Claddagh during certain lunchtimes and other school events. This group of students are called the 'Cairde Claddagh Group' (Cairde is the Irish for Friends, so it means friends of the Claddagh). The typical work of a Cairde Claddagh member involves visiting 'The Claddagh' during lunchtime to sit and eat with Claddagh Students before playing indoor or outdoor games such as football, basketball, trampoline, tag, table tennis, jigsaws, board games, arts and crafts or reading a story.



Here are the comments of some people who spend time in 'The Claddagh' on a regular basis:

"The thing I like best about 'The Claddagh' is the atmosphere when you walk in, there are always people smiling at you the minute you walk in and this always makes my day better."

-Mr. Byrnes (Claddagh PE Teacher)

"I like the way we work and play together in 'The Claddagh', We always have lots of fun".

-Faithfulness (Claddagh Student)

"I really like the way 'The Claddagh' helps me to attend secondary school, we all need help and The Claddagh gives us the help we need".

-Johan (Claddagh Student)

"The Claddagh is a fun place for fun people"

-Makuo (Claddagh Student)

"Thank you for being so kind and welcoming to us, the first TY students to do work experience here. It was a pleasure and an honour to watch 'The Claddagh' grow and develop. It was a great place for us to work in and learn about caring for others. We will miss all the staff and children dearly and we'll be sure to visit whenever we can.

-Gillian and Alam (TY Work Experience in The Claddagh)



The Claddagh

“Being a ‘Cairde Claddagh’ gives us a chance to continue the friendship we had in primary school with Johan and make new friends with other Claddagh and Cairde Claddagh Students. We love coming in here as it makes our day really special. Recently we got to join some Claddagh students for the Cosy Clothes Walk and Film as well as the Literacy Speed Book Review and Story Telling event. We’re always happy to help out our friends in ‘The Claddagh’ in any way that we can.

-Lilyann and Roisin (Yr 1 Cairde Claddagh)



Every day is different as an SNA in ‘The Claddagh’ and I love it when we get outside to play or go for a walk sometimes. The students are great fun to work with too and ‘The Claddagh’ Café is a really trendy place to hang out.

-Jamie (Claddagh SNA)

I really enjoyed doing work experience in ‘The Claddagh’, it is a busy place but lots of fun too. The TY students doing work placement there got to complete a course about inclusion and integration run by a psychologist from the HSE and this was very interesting and valuable for my CV. The Claddagh students and staff are fantastic people to work with, I’d highly recommend applying for your one of your TY work placements there.

-Nnamdi (TY Work Experience in The Claddagh)



High School Musical



I think everyone in Le Chéile has heard of High School Musical. The famous Disney movie that every 2000's kid knows. So I can understand the buzz in the air when it was announced that the Transition Years would be putting it on as their musical. I can definitely say the room erupted into a roar when we found out.

Everyone was excited, and I certainly was too. We spent weeks, all tense and guessing who was going to be cast as who. We practiced learning lines and singing and dancing.

And then, a few weeks before Christmas break, the practice got intense. Really intense.

We spent day after day dancing and singing as a group, with the main cast learning pages and pages of lines. And I won't lie by saying that it was easy. It was hard, it was a challenge. I know people were struggling to learn lines until the night we actually performed!

And it took a lot of long days and yelling and a lot of teamwork before we could get to a point where we could actually put on a show and call it good. It was frustrating, sure, but I think it taught us all a lesson that we

wouldn't have been able to do any of this without teamwork.

Everyone played a part in the musical and every part was important.

Whether you were a main or a background character, putting props on stage, making props, helping with costumes. Everyone helped each other and worked together and we all stuck it out until the end to put on a truly great show!

The shows itself was absolutely breathtaking, to say the least. It was so thrilling to perform in front of

everyone, on what I'm sure was most people's first show. And yes, there were a few slip ups and mistakes, but that's what brought life and humour to it.

For us TYs, the musical brought us all together. We definitely had a blast throwing on the show, and we certainly hope that people enjoyed watching us just as much! High School Musical.

By Gillian Garcia

High School Musical



"We're all in this together"

Le Chéile Secondary Students Raise Funds for the Homeless with the BIG SLEEPOVER



The Big Sleepover!

This was the third annual Big Sleepover, and what has become a highlight of the calendar for second year students. It took place on February 14th this year with all money raised going to The Peter McVerry Trust! Second Year students jumped at the opportunity to play their part in the fight against homelessness. Each student received a sponsorship card from Ms O'Shea and went around house to house to ask people if they would sponsor them or did extra jobs to raise money. Le Cheile Secondary School managed to raise €3,546.33 for the Peter McVerry Trust. The biggest fundraiser in Le Chéile history.

Each Student had to bring in their own accessories such as their Pjs, toothbrush, pillow etc.. The event took place on a Thursday the 14th Of February(which was on Valentines Day) straight After school.

Over 70 students took part in the sleepover which wouldn't have happened without our teachers very generously giving up their time to make sure that everything ran smoothly. 3rd year students had told all us 2nd years what to expect from the sleepover so we were all really excited!!!

The group was split into smaller groups and everyone had a job - whether it was making sandwiches for the soup run for Inner City Helping The Homeless, to preparing the bedrooms and the games room. After everything was ready for the soup run, 6 students went into the Inner City Helping The Homeless and I was lucky enough to be one of these. There, we presented the sandwiches and snack packs for the soup run but also heard stories of just how easy it is to become homeless.

We came back to school feeling very lucky for all that we have and just in time to have pizza with everyone else. After dinner, everyone gathered to together in the Le Chéile prayer room so we could all pray together for those who didn't have a roof over their heads.

The students at around 10pm watched Eye in the Sky - which had an interesting plot of a story but was also very emotional! Afterwards the 'Disco Room' was open where everyone danced, talked and had a great time! The Teachers and students had a dance-off, you can guess who the better dancers are!

The Disco ended at roughly 2am and everyone went to sleep! After an exhausting and exciting day everyone fell asleep instantly. Everyone who took part went home the next day straight after assembly!



By Nicole Rosca



Some students opinion on the sleepover:

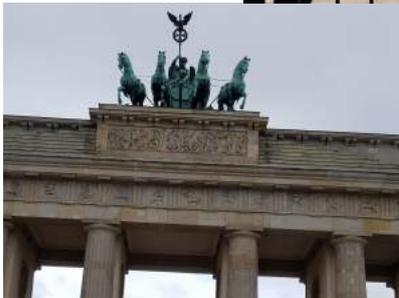
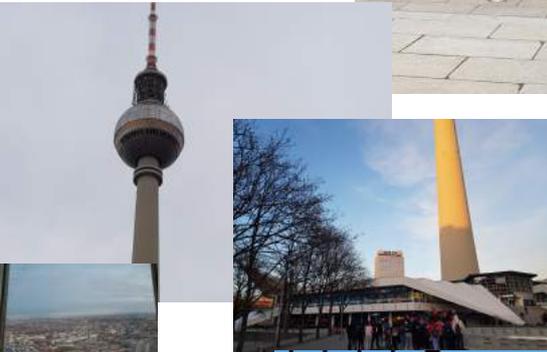
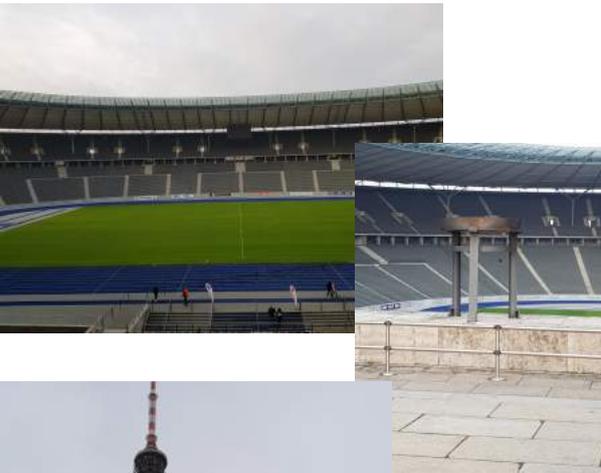
“It was a great Blast! I really wish we could do it next year as well!”

“It was legit, super funny when it came to the disco but other wise it was great”

“I would do it again for sure! Love the way it’s for the homeless they do deserve better”



🇩🇪 **Berlin** 🇩🇪



Our trip to Berlin began with a very very very early flight from Dublin airport and within a couple of hours we arrived in Berlin. As we made our way through security and passport control there was some commotion. Demetry had lost his passport! Panic! After about an hour Ms O'Shea managed to secure a temporary passport. The trip continued. We arrived at our hotel in the middle of Berlin, dropped our bags in and made our way out for the walking tour of Berlin. We walked the length and breadth of Berlin looking at all the historical monuments the city had to offer. With everyone was exhausted we made our way back to the hostel for dinner and sleep.

The next day we were up early and we made our way to Checkpoint Charlie and visited the museum. We then made our way to the magnificent Olympic stadium which was recently renovated but managed to stay true to its rich history.

On the final day we went to Sachsenhausen Concentration camp. While travelling we heard a roar of laughter on bus Dhane had found Demetry's passport in his bag, random I know.

The mood soon changed as when we arrived at Sachsenhausen as we really got a feel for the tragedies that had occurred there. This camp was the source of much grief through the period of Nazi Germany. We heard disturbing accounts of what prisoners had to go through on a day to day basis. It was a moving experience.

After Sachsenhausen we switched gears completely and went to the Berlin aquarium to see a selection of exotic fish! We finished the day with a trip up to the top of the TV tower which gave us beautiful views over the city

On the final day we visited the Brandenburg Gate and then Mr Byrne took everyone shopping. He was searching for a pain exclusive Nike TN's which eluded him. Anyway we returned safe and sound back to Dublin! An amazing trip all round!!!

By Ms. Cahill



This term saw the second half of our first ever French exchange between Le Chéile Secondary School and Lycée Montgrand in Marseille. As you will have read in the last newsletter, seven of our fifth and sixth year students went to Marseille last October to begin the first leg of our French exchange. In February, it was our turn to repay the favour!

As there were more French students than Irish students involved in the exchange, we recruited some students from fourth, fifth and sixth year to host a French student in Ireland. This was great as it meant we could get more of the school community involved in the fun!

Fourteen students and their two English teachers arrived at Dublin airport on February 25th and were greeted by Ms. Cahill and some of the students. They were brought back to their excited hosts waiting for them in Le Chéile with Ms. Scannell.

On Tuesday, both French and Irish students went to Glendalough for the day. They explored the visitor centre, watched a short film in French on the history of monasteries in Ireland, and walked to the Upper Lake for a picnic in the sun. We were so lucky with the weather all week!

On Wednesday, the French students shadowed their Irish exchange partners to classes to experience what life in an Irish school is like. After little break, some of the teachers came together to teach a few Gaelic games to our foreign visitors. We played Gaelic football games and some even managed to be able to hit the sliotar with the hurley!

Thursday saw the French and Irish students visit Leinster House. They got a guided tour, watched some debates between politicians and had an opportunity to ask questions at the end – some very informed and intelligent questions, I might

add! We then had the privilege of being treated to tea and coffee and some snacks in the visitors' bar of Dáil Eireann while we waited for a very special treat. Joan Burton, former Tánaiste of Ireland, came to meet us and spoke to our students in English and in French! We even got some photos with her outside of Leinster House.

On Friday, the Irish stayed in school while the French explored Dublin city centre with their teachers. The afternoon and rest of the weekend was spent with their host families and I believe the Irish students even threw a birthday party for one of the French students on the Saturday evening.

It was such an enriching experience and a real eye-opener for our students to interact in the language they have been studying since first year and to learn first-hand about French culture and people. We are looking forward to doing it all again next year! If you are interested in getting involved, please talk to Ms. Cahill.



French Exchange



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🧐 Young Social Innovators 🧐



We investigated the pressures that influence the behaviours of youth today such as social media, peer pressure and local crime. As a team we felt that in our local area teenagers and young adults were becoming consumed by modern technology and were losing touch with basic behaviours and manners. The real world issue is the impact modern technologies are having on the mental health of young people.



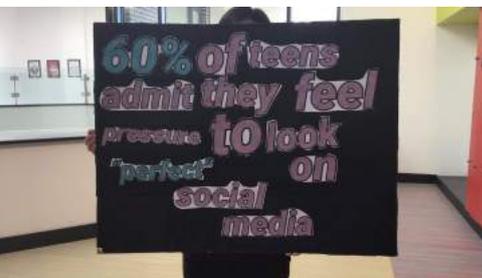
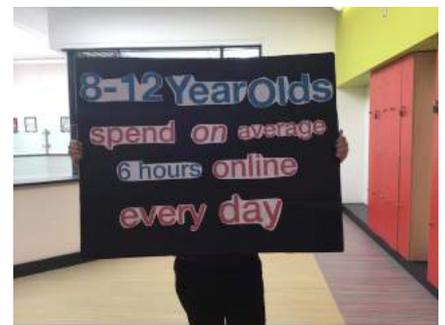
We established a clear link to the mental wellbeing of young people and social media. This can start with basics such as good manners and ensuring young people are aware of what good behaviours are. This was where the title of the project came from “Back2Basics”.



Through working with our peers we gained an insight into the impact social media and technology has on our generation. This led to our group forming the idea for a Café called the “Back2Basics Café”. It is during this café evening that we aim to reach our goal of removing technology and its negative elements from the lives of young people and show them alternative ways to spend their time.



Additionally, we collaborated with parents, guardians, grandparents and teachers. This collaboration provided valuable information that helped us with the research needed to carry out our Back2Basics Café. The idea is that each person brings a new and unique idea on how we can go “Back2Basics” and remove technology.



As part of the YSI program we had to submit a big report on our research and detail the actions we are taking to tackle this social issue. We also prepared and performed for the SpeakOut event which was held at the Leopardstown Race Course on the 25th March 2019.

This whole project has been a fantastic experience and has made me aware of how even students can make a positive impact on the society we live in.

The YSI Team

🔨 Minecraft Club 🧑

30 students from 2nd to 5th year with Mr Kennedy and Mr Harvey.

Usually Minecraft club takes place on a Thursday at lunch time and if we are lucky, sessions can be arranged after school. We all meet at Mr.Kennedy's technical graphics room to have our session of Minecraft Education Edition.

We all purchased Minecraft Education Edition for €5 and had it installed on our iPads. This version has features only available on the iPad so it is slightly different to the console version.

We are allowed to eat our lunch in the room as long as we don't make a mess and still work on our project. We are currently working on making a copy of our school building.

For us to work on our project Mr.Kennedy opens his Minecraft world on his MacBook (Minecraft Education Edition can be compatible on computers and mobile devices) and lets us join, he even leaves it open for us during the school day, so we can build during our breaks. Never during class 😬.

Our use of Minecraft outside of school can be used for many things, educational activities such as builds, programming, Redstone (an in game mechanic similar to electricity).

All going well we should be able to welcome people into our virtual Le Cheile school building soon. WATCH THIS SPACE!!

Here is a few snaps of our project so far. Can you visualise where you are in our school and who is in the photo?

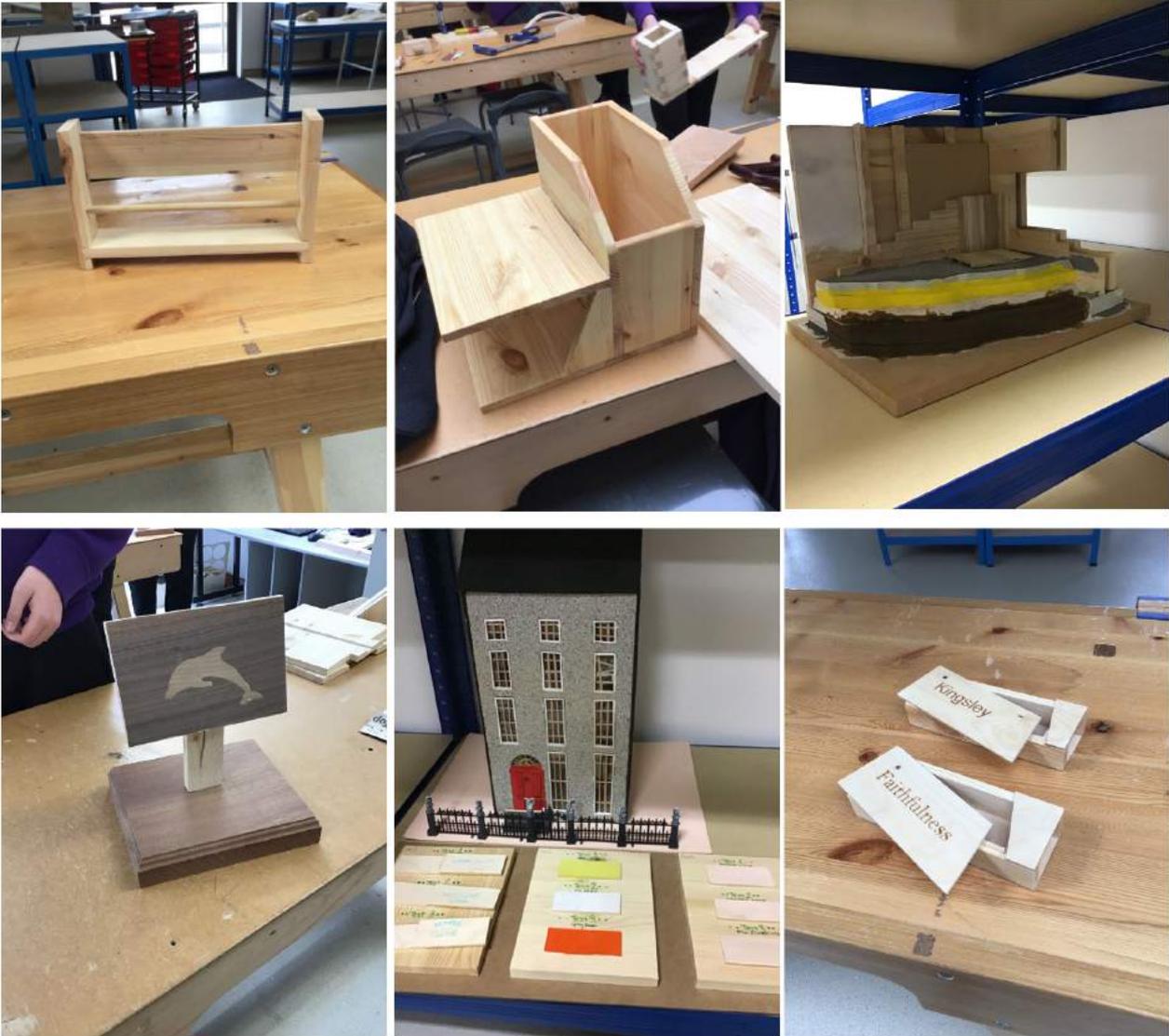
By Vince Cabrera



🔧 Wheres my hammer? 🪓

Design and Technology at LeCheile

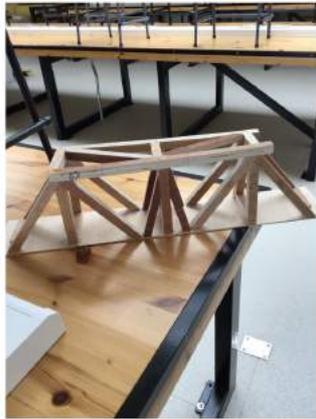
Below are some of the projects that have been completed in our M.T.W and C. Studies classes. We also run a Maker's club in the Woodwork and Technical Graphics room where all students are welcome to come after school every Thursday to design and make their own personal artefacts. Makers club is a great opportunity for all students to get creative with ideas and transform them from paper to timber.



Design and Technology at LeCheile



Phone holder



Model Bridge



Model house

Design and Technology at LeCheile

We have recently acquired new storage units which all of the Junior and Senior certificate students keep their examination projects for safe keeping.



Design and Technology at LeCheile

Student of the Month

At the start of each month, the technical teaching department pick a theme to focus on for that month. We encourage students to develop themselves in the theme that has been selected. It may be focus on Honesty, Innovation, Collaboration etc. We meet at the end of the month and select a student from each of the four technical subjects in which we feel has best represented this theme for the month.



By Mr Rodgers

Emmanuel



After months of practice the singers from Le Chéile Secondary School entertained at the Emmanuel concert for the 5th straight year!! Also congratulations to Daniels and Ciara who have preformed at the concert since the inception of the school. They will be a big miss next year. It was also great to have our friends from Edmund Rice College over to rehearse!



Student Enterprise Awards



Le Chéile Secondary School had another two businesses entered into the Fingal Student Enterprise Awards. Scentric & Honest fared well amongst some strong competition and were just pipped by another school. The mixture of homemade candles and vegan soap came across a hit on the day. Le Chéile students won't be washing their hands of the competition and promised to be back bigger & fresher next year.



Literacy Week 2019

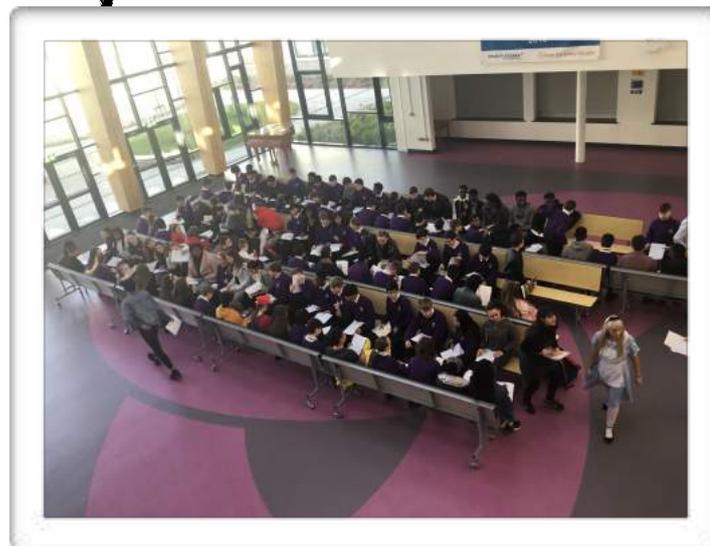
The last week of February was a week to remember for Le Chéile Secondary School, as we celebrated Literacy Week and had the official opening of our beautiful new school library. The week was packed with fun activities and competitions for students as we immersed ourselves in a world of words and books!

Throughout the week, students and staff took part in 'Drop Everything and Read' on a daily basis, allowing us all to take a break from the usual teaching and learning to enjoy a book or magazine of our choice. The transition year students were instrumental in organising this, announcing the times daily over the intercom and getting students behind the initiative.

On Wednesday, a number of second year students were accompanied by their teachers to the local primary school, St. Luke's to take part in an afternoon of paired reading with students from fourth and fifth class. The younger students from St. Luke's read from their favourite books to the Le Chéile students, who listened and encouraged them along. Once they had finished, the Le Chéile students discussed different aspects of the book with the youngsters and then had the opportunity to read their own favourite book. The teachers of St. Luke's expressed the joy and excitement brought to the primary classroom from this event as the students were highly engaged in the activity with the older students. Similarly, the Le Chéile students were very happy with how the event went and expressed a desire to return the following week, and every week after that!

On Friday, all students and staff had the opportunity of dressing up as their favourite character from popular culture – be that a book character or a character from a movie. Many students got behind the initiative and we had cats, Pokémon, Mario, Alice in Wonderland, Where's Wally, Professor Minerva McGonagall and plenty of 'Outsiders'! The best dressed for the day has to go to Mr Kershaw, the Cat in the Hat!

On the Friday morning, the first years had the pleasure of taking part in a 'Speed-Date with a Book' event, in which students were given the opportunity to 'meet' new books and possibly even fall in love! Each student had the opportunity to 'meet' a wide range of potential 'must-reads' and to make a selection based on their fellow-students' recommendations. All the first years were exemplary in preparing for this event, ensuring they knew their favourite book well enough to present to others and they did the school and their teachers proud in their behaviour on the day.



Literacy Week 2019



The highlight of the week for many was the official opening of our brand-new school library, which saw the school transform from ‘the school with no books’ to the school with many books! Guests from the Le Chéile Trust, the parents’ council, Father Eoin Tynne and others, gathered to join us for an opening ceremony to remember. Students read passages from their favourite novels and poems. These students did the school proud in their wonderful performances and deserve a mention here at the very least: Chidera Dim, Colm Lynch, Troy Ogiamien, Nicole Rosca and Darragh Wilders. We were also extremely lucky to receive two exceptional gifts from our guests on the day: a two-hundred-year-old three-volume collection of the complete works of William Shakespeare, as well as a collection of short stories, entitled *The Marble Heron*, written by Edwin Humphreys, and dedicated to the students of Le Chéile Secondary School. The Library Committee, and indeed the school as a whole, will be ever grateful for such generous and thoughtful gifts which mark our school library as the significant and important place that it is.

Last but not least, a special mention must go to the winners of our many competitions held throughout the week. For the daily competitions on Schoology, Loic Peloille, a first-year student, deserves recognition for managing to gain points for almost all of the brain-teasers and word games, even solving the most advanced of puzzles! For the writing competitions, the winners of the short story competition are Giulia Covaci, from second year and Andrea David, from third year. A huge well done and congratulations to these students on their fantastic writing skills, showing ability way beyond their years. Each of these students have won a €15 Eason’s voucher. In addition, the winners of our six-word-story are Francesca Rosca and Loredana Sova, both of whom wrote inspirational six-word stories, which we could not possible choose between! Both these students have won an Easter egg each. Well done girls!

Overall, the week was deemed a great success by the staff and students alike. At Le Chéile, we always try to go ‘bigger and better’ than the previous year, but the English Department will have a difficult job on our hands trying to improve on this for next year!

By Ms McHugh

📖 Le Chéile Library Opening 📖



Another historic moment for our school. The Le Chéile Secondary School Library was officially opened by Dr. Humphries on Friday 1st of March 2019.

We have received hundreds and hundreds of book donations from both students and staff to grow this new branch of learning.

The event was witnessed by our Student Council members, as well as teachers, members of the parent's association, and members of the newly formed library committee. A new torch was passed onto this school, where donated books from the library where the first ever meeting of the Le Chéile Trust were passed into our school's hands.

This occasion also featured readings of student's studied poems, favourite stories and a short story written by one of our students.

2nd Year Student Colm Lynch read an extract from his short story entitled "The Fountain" 2nd Year Student Nicole Rosca read an extract from her favourite novel "Divergence" by Tony Ballantyne,

And myself, Darragh Wilders, read a studied war poem in our school "Dulce et Decorum Est" by Wilfred Owen. We had an excellent portrayal of main protagonists from our studied novels, "The Outsiders" and "Of Mice and Men".

All of this was followed by a delightful tea and coffee service run by Ena and Tara. Here are some opinions I gathered about the day.



"Amazing, It was great to witness the event, thrilling, and entertaining!"

"Another amazing day, glad to have our library and a touch of our school's history with us"

"A new legacy in Le Chéile has been made, from the first Le Chéile meeting to the Great Le Chéile library"

"Great opportunity to get into character and



Ms Byrnes

Celebrating Technology @ Le Chéile



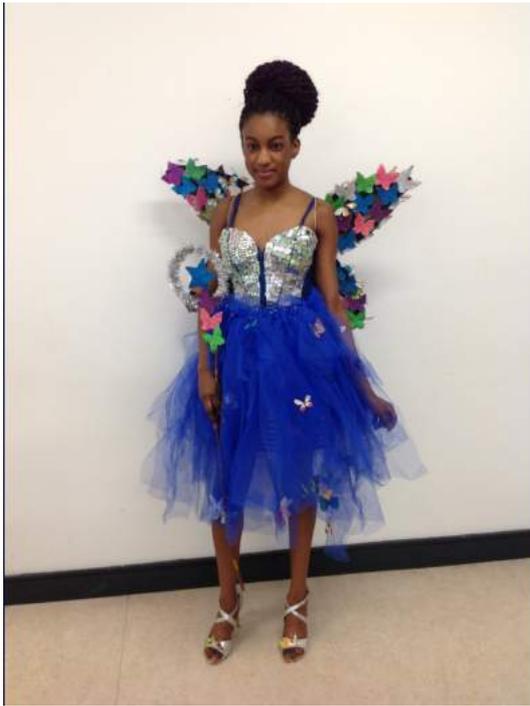
Le Chéile Secondary hosted an event in conjunction with Wriggle to showcase how technology has supported teaching and learning in the school. Dr Moran spoke about Le Chéile's journey & our passion for technology. The day showed students and teachers being their "best self"



Ms O'Shea and iHelp team were delighted to receive a Padcaster from Wriggle which will further help embed technology across the school.

Junk Kouture

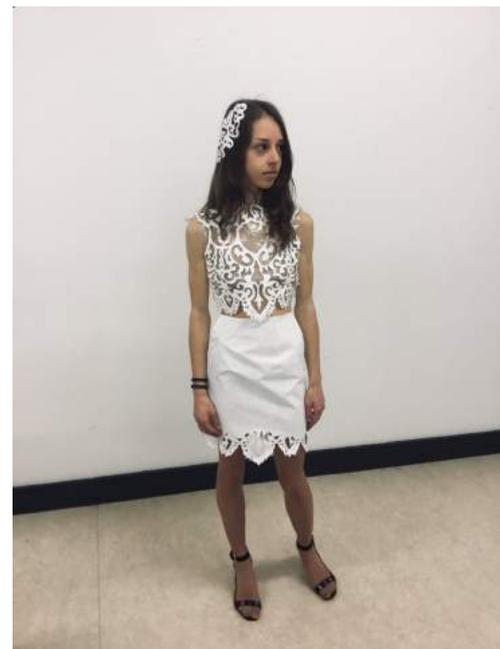
“Junk Kouture is an all island competition for secondary school students which takes elements such as fashion, design, engineering and environmental sustainability and transforms them into a creative contest like no other”



*Transforming
the world with
our creativity*

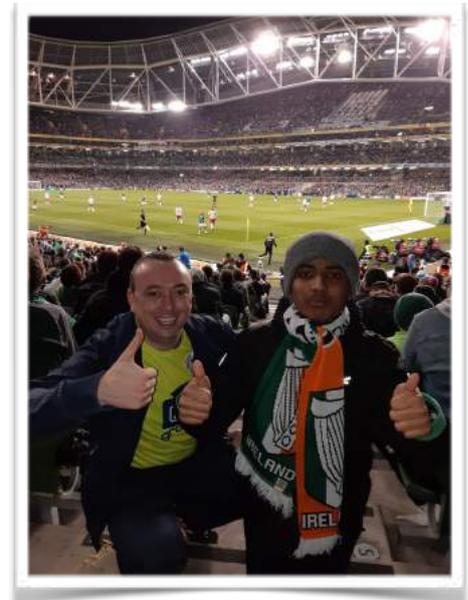


Le Chéile had three entries into the Regional Finals Junk Kouture with one making it to Wiktorja & Nicole making it into the National Grand Final! Amazing work.



⚽ Come on you Boys in Green ⚽

Le Chéile Secondary School returned to the Aviva stadium to witness Mick McCarthys return as Ireland manger. Some may have thought that they were in Wimbledon however the game served up Micks first win. A memorable free kick Conor Hourihan saw Ireland take the one nil victory and keep their perfect qualification record intact. Lets hope the boys in green in can keep this form up. Perhaps the next trip will be to the Euros?



Sporting Round Up



Junior E GAA Team:

In September 2018 25 girls signed up to play and represent Le Chéile Secondary School in the LIDL Post Primary School Junior E League captained by Sarah Mangan.

We were placed in group 2 and faced two very challenging teams. Up first was a very strong opposition, Mercy Secondary School. Although this game did not go in our favour we played some very skilful football. It was great to see girls from Le Chéile playing GAA for the first time and nailing it!!

Full time score: **Le Chéile Secondary School 2-3**

Mercy Secondary school 9-9

Our next game was against Fingal Community College. The girls displayed some wonderful football and took some fantastic scores from play throughout. A great level of resilience was shown following a defeat the previous week.

There was scores from Sophie McQuillan Clarke, Chisom Ogiehor, Sophie Kane and Gloria Mukundayi to name but a few!! But a special mention goes to the backs who worked tirelessly to keep all advances at bay and maintain our lead! Our backs on the day were Sarah Mangan, Sarah Geraghty, Precious Imasuen, Ada Okike, Beatrice Wanizo and Seema Alazham without all of these ladies we wouldn't have been able to hold Fingal to two scores.

Full time score: **Le Chéile Secondary School 13-7**

Fingal CC 1-1

Team: Caitlin Walsh, Anisa Rajab, Deirdre Umayat, Ruth Tcaci, Dairine Umayat, Faridat Adeniji, Seema Alazham, Chloe Kavanagh Brown, Skye Healy, *Sarah Mangan (Captain)*, Lilyann Blood, Sophie McQuillan Clarke, Sophie Kane, Gloria Mukundayi, Precious Imasuen, Mingle Rudyte, Catalina Cojocariu, Gift Emofonmwan, Lena Baldock, Ada Okike, Chisom Ogiehor, Beatrice Wanizo, Sarah Geraghty, Susan Akinwale, Katelyn Fitzgearld

Assistant TY Coaches: Niamh O'Connor, Jessica Odemena and Aimee Geraghty



Minor D Basketball Team:

Game 1: **Le Chéile Secondary School 22 Edmond Rice College 16**

Game 2: **Le Chéile Secondary School 39 Coolmine Community School 9**

Quarter – Final: **Le Chéile Secondary School 26 Colaiste Ghlor Na Mara 21**

Semi – Final: **Le Chéile Secondary School 29 Presentation Terenure 20**

Eighteen 1st and 2nd year students signed up to play basketball in January 2019. We worked hard after school on Mondays to train for the Minor D title! This team were captained by Sophie McQuillan Clarke and vice captained by Skye Healy.

Each game of the league brought with it new challenges for the girls. We began to grow as a team and formed some great partnerships on the court. From number 1-18 each player contributed in their own unique way to reaching the East Regional Finals.

Our squad travelled to Oblate Hall in Inchicore to play in the East Regional Minor D Final on Wednesday 3rd April. For many of the team this was their first ever basketball final and nerves were running high! The game was close until quarter 3 and 4 where we failed to capitalise on some crucial scoring chances. Pobail Scoil Neasain were the victors on the day.

It was a huge achievement for the team to reach the final stages of the competition and there is no doubt that we will be back training stronger and harder for next year!

Team: Roisin Coffey Duff, Jennifer Drozd, Emma Ehuiaka, Gift Emofonmwan, Skye Healy (Vice Captain), Annabella Osa-Ebo, Sophie McQuillan Clarke (Captain), Sarah Mangan, Electra Ogiamien, Haliyat Oyenuga, Sorayah Pangasudi, Naomi Tcaci, Ruth Tcaci, Wiktoria Kluza, Ruby French, Janelle Odiase, Seema Alazhari and Elaine Ogunniran.

Assistant TY Coaches: Jack Downey, Sally Ouattara, Aoife Cannon and Nabil Miah

Girls Rugby Blitz 28th Feb 2019

The Junior girls Rugby team took part in their first ever Blitz competition at the end of Feb. The Leinster blitz took place at the Clontarf grounds and it was an excellent day!

The girls were in a group of four and won out the group beating Wesley College in the last round! The girls played extremely well showcasing excellent teamwork and communication skills!

A massive thank you to Jack Fitzpatrick in 6th year who escorted the girls to the match!

Well done to all involved!

Ms Leddy



Champ Champ



In the presence of greatness!

Efrem successfully defended his Irish Schools Cross Country crown this year in Co. Kildare. Efrem led from start to finish with another impressive performance. Efrem continues to train hard while studying for his leaving certificate and has managed to keep a high level of performance.

