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A Message from the Principal

I am delighted to welcome you to our first newsletter of 2022/23.

By now we have all settled back into school and as usual the year has begun with the busyness and productivity that characterises life in Le Chéile Secondary School.

In this first newsletter of the school year I would like to acknowledge and congratulate our Class of 2022 on their wonderful Leaving Certificate results. The results reflect the talents of our students, as well as the hard work and support of their teachers. We are so proud to see these young people move onto the next phase of their life journey and we wish them every success. Whilst we have to wait a little bit longer this year for the Junior Cert results – we know that they will be worth the wait.

I would like to extend a special welcome to those students new to our school. Our First Years are settling in very well and it is a joy to see new friendships being formed as the students get used to the demands of secondary school whilst also embracing all the opportunities available to them.

As ever our students have involved themselves in all aspects of school life since returning in September. It is wonderful to see them energising the school with their enthusiasm for all things curricular and extracurricular. In such a short period of time they have had the opportunity to involve themselves in so many activities and events and I would like to thank the staff for their willingness to give their time so generously.

Over the past few weeks we have welcomed many visitors to our school. All of whom have spoken so positively about our beautiful learning environment. A school however is not just a building. It is the culmination of the hopes, dreams, joys, sorrows, hard work and teamwork of the school community. Undoubtedly this school year will bring new challenges but our hope is that our students move forward confidently, use and share their many gifts and talents generously, make the most of the opportunities presented to them and have a happy and successful year

Finally, I would like to thank our parents for their continued support and I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Ms Leona Harrington
Principal

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A Message from the Deputy Principals

I would like to start with a huge appreciation for the wonderful start you have all had to this academic year. I can't believe the 1st half term is drawing to a close, it has gone by so quickly. I have been so impressed by the way our new 1st Year students have settled in so well and adapted to the *Le Chéile way* so easily. There is so much going on in the school and everyone is busy taking part in all the fun activities on offer.

Transition Year students are preparing for their musical which looks very exciting, 2nd years are taking their role as Angels very seriously and 5th years are getting to know their new classmates and new subjects.

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated."

There is a wonderful buzz around the 3rd Years and 6th Years who are preparing for their upcoming assessments and projects. Lots of hard work going on and exciting conversations about next steps; transition year, 5th Year, college, PLCs, apprenticeships and so on. This is such an exciting time for you all. Please be mindful that the school is full of experienced people who can help if you are confused or stuck – it is important to seek help if you need it.

The extra-curricular activities on offer in the school are incredible – we are so lucky to have such generous and talented staff. It's really lovely to see you all take part in these activities and represent our school so exceptionally. Keep taking part and keep doing us proud! We really appreciate the contribution you make to Le Chéile. I am also really proud of the way the school body came together as a close-knit community after the tragic loss of Bradley Lulendo this Summer. You all showed real strength, kindness and empathy. Bradley will be forever remembered in Le Chéile.
Going forward, we thank you for the exceptional effort that you made this half term when you come to school ready to learn, we thank you for the exceptional effort you make by being your best self every day and making the school a nicer place to be in. Thank you for an exceptional start to this year. Come back rested and ready for more of the same in November. Don't forget … be on time. And in your correct uniform!!

Ms Walsh & Mr Walsh
Deputy Principals

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FEAST DAY

FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Feast of the Guardian Angels (2nd Oct) is a very special day on our school calendar as this is our school Feast Day.

This year we celebrated our Feast Day on Friday, 30th September. After two years of covid restrictions we were delighted to bring the whole school community together for our Feast Day celebrations. It was our great pleasure to welcome Claire Kilroy and Therese Davey from the Le Chéile Schools Trust to join with the school community on this special day.

We are grateful to Fr. Eoin for celebrating our beautiful Mass, a now well-embedded tradition in the school, and thanks our chaplain Fr. Brian for his very engaging homily. During our celebration of Mass our Second Year students were invested as angels and promised to take care and be a guardian to our First Years students.

As is tradition on our Feast Day we award of our leadership badges. These are presented to students who are ambassadors or hold positions of responsibility within the school community. A large of number leadership awards were presented during the ceremony demonstrating once again what amazing students we have in Le Chéile.

Our Prefects, Head Girl and Head Boy along with their Deputies were also announced. Thank you to our outgoing Head Boy and Head Girls, Kevin and Giulia who handed over the baton' to Alex and Sophie. Kevin and Giulia were outstanding student leaders and we know that Alex and Sophie will also be wonderful in their roles as Head Boy and Head Girl.

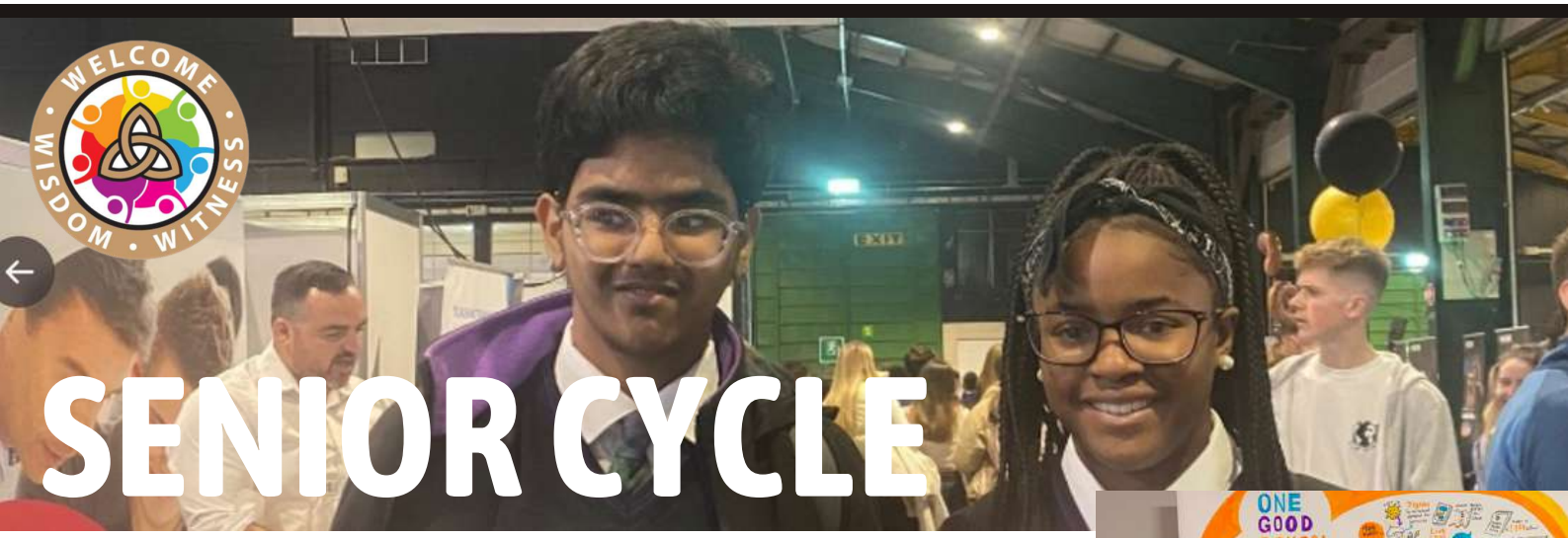
The generosity of our teachers in promoting the extra-curricular life of the school allows our students to nurture their talents and develop the leadership capacity that is celebrated and acknowledged on our Feast Day. We thank them for all that they do.

Finally, a particular word of thanks to Ms Mc Ilduff who co-ordinated the Awards part of our Feast Day and did a fantastic job ensuring that all went smoothly. Thank you to Fr. Brian for his support in preparing the liturgy and to Mr. Dunne and the choir for the beautiful music.

'God is Love and Love is Here'

"Where there is love there is life."

MAHATMA GHANDI



SENIOR CYCLE

A proud day for our Le Cheile 'class of 2022'

Our class of 2022 reached a significant milestone in their education journey, as they received their Leaving Cert results this September.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate every student who has completed this monumental achievement, and every person who has helped them on their way.

We are all extremely proud of the students and wish them well in the next chapter of their journey.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

NELSON MANDELA

It. was fantastic to see our Senior Cycle students and teachers come together with other school communities in support of the One Good School initiative. Le Cheile Secondary School is proud to be a school that promotes and prioritises the mental health of our students, staff and parents.

Our 6th Year students enjoyed a great day out at the Higher Options Exhibition. Higher Options is an informative exhibition that aims to inspire and motivate students undertaking their final year of Secondary School. Our students gained a wealth of knowledge and benefitted greatly from the day.

Senator Emer Currie welcomed two of our 6th Year students (Rebecca and Dalia) to Leinster House to discuss women and democracy as part of their remarkable project work. This marked a very proud day for the girls and Le Cheile Secondary School.

TD Jack Chambers welcomed our 5th Year Politics & Society class to the Houses of the Oireachtas, where he gave them a tour and answered their questions.

TRANSITION YEAR

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A new year brings hope and new opportunities

Transition Year in Le Cheile Secondary School offers students a chance to broaden their educational experience with a view to the attainment of increased maturity, before proceeding to Senior Cycle.

Our students participate in learning strategies which are active and experiential and which help them to develop a range of transferable critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills.

This year, our Transition Year Students embarked on some very enjoyable days out as part of our new Transition Year module. The module aimed to give our students a real taste of the social and cultural side of Dublin, while enjoying some outdoor activities away from the classroom. The students benefitted from trips to Kilmainham Gaol, Glasnevin Cemetery and Croke Park to name but a few. Students got to try their hands at many different skills, from testing out their athletic ability in the GAA skill zone to working on their photography skills on Dublin's Instagram Tours.

Student's also took part in many enjoyable outdoor activities this term such as zip-lining in the Dublin Mountains and even tried their hands at some archery. It was a term filled with new experiences and opportunities for students to broaden their horizons and discover some of their hidden talents.

A massive thanks to Ms. Barron and all the TY teachers for their efforts in organising and running these tremendous days out for the students.

"Idealism in the young, I guess I'm saying, is curiosity as well as goodness trying to express itself."

DOROTHY DAY

Claddagh Trip To

DUBLIN ZOO

Our Experience

As part of their Life Skills and Social Development module our Claddagh students joined the Transition Year students on a Trip to Dublin zoo.

There was great excitement and some new friendships made as both sets of students took the coach journey to the Phoenix Park.

With such lovely weather the animals were out and about in their enclosures and we got to see all the favourites, including gorillas, lions, tigers and of course the elephants!

After a long walk around the zoo and after so much fresh we stopped for a much needed lunch and a well-earned rest!

Thank you to Ms Stanley and our SNAs John & Nicola for accompanying the trip and to the TY team for allowing us to 'tag along'!

A fantastic day was had by all.

"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."

MOTHER THERESA

SPORTS

A Welcome Return to Sporting Life in Le Cheile

This year saw a welcome return to school sports in Le Cheile Secondary School. Successful outings for our boys and girls school Basketball teams were the highlight of a great semester of sport. Our talented boys Under 19 Soccer Squad were also back in action along with the school Under 15 Soccer team. All teams will be in action after the Midterm Break and we can't wait to see our student athletes represent the school.

The new and improved U19 boys football team returned to action this year. This year's squad is hoping for great things. A squad filled with talent, including two Ireland Internationals and led by our very own Mr Hayden started the year brightly and will be hoping for a successful campaign. Le Cheile and Stella Maris defender Jake Kearney (pictured right) claims the students are all really looking forward to the season ahead.

It was brilliant having a representative from Leinster Rugby in the school this term delivering a Tag Rugby coaching course to our Transition Year Students. Hopefully this is a sign of things to come in Le Cheile.

Our girls U16 and U19 basketball teams were also in action this term, where the spirit of Le Cheile was clear to see in the girls' performances and the amount of support they received.

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more."

OSCAR ROMERO

Welcome To

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Match Report

Our talented Under 19 Soccer Squad (pictured above) returned to action in a competitive encounter in Le Cheile Secondary School. The team, under the guidance of Mr. Hayden, came up against a strong Hartstown CS side to get their season underway. Le Cheile took the lead early on with a fantastically worked goal by Fuhad Oluwadamilare Kareem (pictured below). However, the closely fought contest ended in a 3-3 draw before Hartstown CS eventually came away with a 5-3 win after extra time.

"A winner is a dreamer who never gives up."

NELSON MANDELA

Squad

O'Brien Akpaka
Karl Hearns
Karl Buckley
Thomas Egan
Chinedum Dim
Abdel Haouit
Erikas Dragasius
Jake Kearney
Dylan Downey
Sean McCarthy
Ali Hamed
Sean Tully
Fuhad Kareem
Shane Murray
Joseph Oladeinde
Jamal Olaogun
Frid Oluseye
Richard Tobun
Godsword Usibe

Coaching Staff:
Mr. Hayden

Welcome To

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Match Report

Our fantastic girls Soccer Squad (pictured above) returned to action in a competitive encounter away from home. The team, under the guidance of Mr. Egan and Ms. Kenny, came up against a strong St. Kevin's CC side to get their season underway. The girls soccer squad is made up of students from 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th Year and embody the spirit of Le Cheile Secondary School.

Squad

Julia Ruszkowska
Sarah Geraghty
Jane Goggin
Zoe Musoke
Bana Alazhari
Seun Amusan
Ellie Kearney
Sophie Hyland
Merveille Tshibasu
Mercy Agunbiade
Caitlyn O' Sullivan
Alanna Keogh
Ciara Hogan
Nicole Rosca
Seema Alazhari
Jade McGuirk
Rooney
Elaine Ogunniran
Renee O' Keefe

Coaching Staff:
Mr. Egan
Ms. Kenny

"Everyone can rise above their circumstances and achieve success if they are dedicated to and passionate about what they do."

NELSON MANDELA

HALLOWEEN

A DAY TO REMEMBER

Our Transition Year Animal Care class got us into the Halloween spirit on our last day of term, with a wonderfully organised day in aid of DSPCA.

LE CHEILE CHOIR

This term has been particularly for the music department, but especially for our school choir.

This year we have two choirs rehearsing at lunchtime. Our senior choir, which is made up of our TY, 5th, and 6th year students rehearses every Tuesday and our Junior Choir, which is made up of our 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students rehearses every Wednesday.

Our choir had a fantastic time performing for the school Feast Day. We are very proud of our soloists Iramhay, Sharon, and Electra for leading the choir in their first live performance this term.

Now that the Feast Day is over, our choirs are currently rehearsing for 3 more performances next term, practicing music from Sister Act, Encanto and the Beatles.

Both our Junior and Senior choir groups are also preparing solos for Christmas and the Emmanuel concert in March.

Le Cheile choir is always open to new members, and anyone interested in singing with us can join by contacting Mr. Dunne.

BEGINNER GUITAR

This year our students are able to participate in beginner guitar lessons after school. So far, our beginners have been working hard learning our '4 chord song' and progressing with some strumming patterns.

We have been very lucky and have been donated a number of new guitars this year, including a left-handed guitar, which our beginners have been utilising in our beginner guitar classes

Our students are looking forward to learning some new songs next term, and to preparing some festive music for the Christmas period. Beginner guitar lessons are held every Friday after school in Mr. Bridgeman's room.

LE CHEILE ORCHESTRA

Here at Le Cheile, we have a lot of gifted students who play a number of different instruments. Every Monday after school these instrumentalists meet to rehearse together as our new school orchestra.

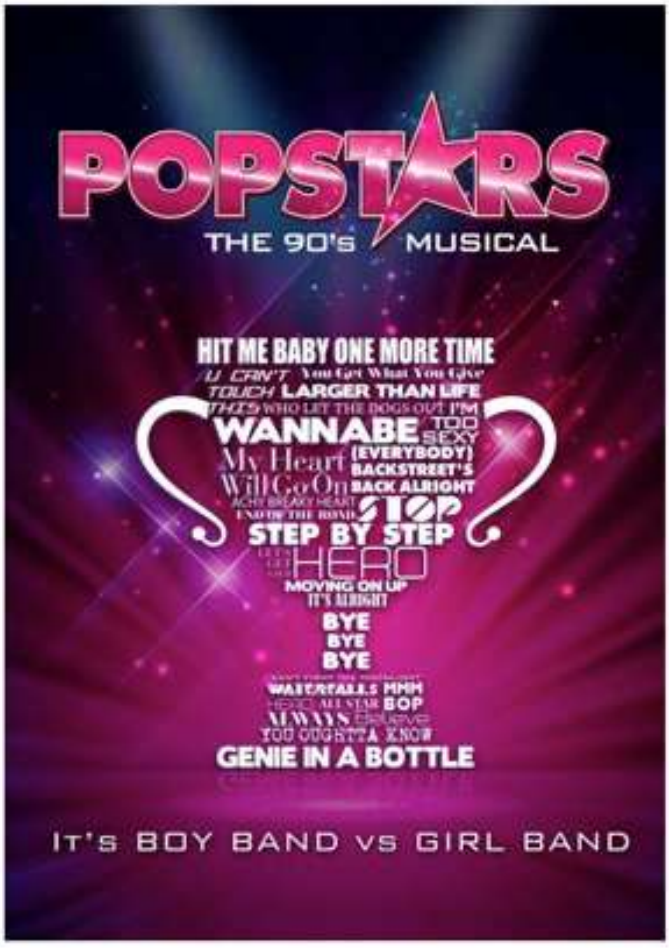
So far this term we have been learning to perform 'Fields of Gold' by Sting and 'Twist and Shout' by the Beatles, as well as working on our ensemble skills and group music playing.

Our orchestra is made up of many different instruments including violin, cello, piano, guitar, ukulele, bass guitar, recorder, xylophone, and drums. We are always looking for new members if you are interested and can play a musical instrument contact Mr. Dunne.

Next term will be particularly exciting, as our orchestra will be preparing for their first live performance at Christmas time.

ROCK BAND/ JAM SOC

Do you want to play music, hang out with your friends and jam along to some classic rock and rock and roll? Then Rock Band/ Jam Soc is the perfect club for you. Our Rock Band/ Jam Soc is open every Wednesday after school for students to rehearse their own songs with their friends, for their own bands or just practice some music.



Rock Band/ Jam Soc is entirely student run by our Ceol Captains and is open to students of all levels and abilities.

POPSTARS THE 90'S MUSICAL!

Earlier this term, following some outstanding auditions, we announced this year's TY Musical.

This year's TY musical is; Popstars the 90's Musical! It's boyband vs girlband in this hilarious musical from the team that brought you the global hit Back to the 80's.

Packed with pop smash hits from the hyper-coloured 90's, by artists such as The Spice Girls, Backstreet Boys, Britney Spears, MC Hammer and many more, this musical promises to be an unmissable experience.

Our TY's have been working hard learning their music and perfecting their dance moves, as well as planning set design and brainstorming costume ideas. Popstars the 90's Musical runs from January 18th until 20th 2023.

Tickets will be available at the end of next term, so make sure to keep an eye on the school app, Schoology and on our school Facebook page for more information.

NEW MUSIC NEXT TERM!

Busy as we are in the music department, we do have some new things happening next term.

Beginner strings (violin) and beginner piano lessons will be beginning next term after school and times/days will be organised after the midterm.

Any student who has not yet signed up for either of these clubs, and is interested in becoming involved, can do so by contacting Mr. Dunne via email, or on Schoology.