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Feature

CEIST May Seminars

Joining the Dots Facilitators Day

Joining the Dots is a school based programme in spiritual reflection and renewal for staff in faith based schools.

The programme involves approx. 90 minutes one evening a week for five weeks. There are no fees, no travel and no exams! Such is the uptake of the programme nationally, that CEIST is offering a day for facilitators of Joining the Dots in the **Sheraton Hotel on May 8th 2013**, free of charge!

If you are interested in training as a facilitator or if you simply wish to familiarise yourself further with the programme then May 8th is the ideal opportunity. Given the emphasis on the distinctiveness of the various education sectors there is an increasing need to provide for and enrich Christian Leadership in our schools.

Chairpersons' Day

In light of the onerous responsibilities on Boards of Management, the Trustees have engaged Brian M. Matthews of Millett and Matthews Solicitors who will present "A Survival Guide for Boards of Management of CEIST schools", in an interactive and engaging manner, by way of professional assistance to you in your role as Chairperson.

You are invited to a **Trustee Professional Support Day on Saturday, 18th May, in the Sheraton Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath**. This is an important opportunity for our Chairs to appraise themselves and their Board of Management of Trustee matters and concerns which we will endeavour to profile.

In addition, it affords our Chairpersons the opportunity to meet with Chairpersons from other CEIST schools and to share ideas, discuss pertinent issues and ask questions. [Click here](#) for further information. We would be delighted if you could join us for either of these seminars. Please confirm your attendance by calling us on **01-6510350** or e-mail info@ceist.ie.

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CEIST News



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Mercy Education Doon 1868-2013

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Light refreshments to follow in the local community centre.

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Don't Forget



CEIST Education Conference for your Diary!

As well as the aforementioned seminars on our Joining the Dots Facilitators Day and upcoming Chairpersons day, we also have scheduled our **Eighth Annual CEIST Education Conference** for September.

The dates for our Education Conference are **Thursday 26th and Friday 27th September, 2013**. The conference will be held again in the **Sheraton Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath**.

The full Agenda along with keynote speakers and workshops will be distributed to our schools and published on our website in due course.

The CEIST Annual Education Conference provides an opportunity for our School Principals, Deputy Principals and Schools Boards of Management Chairpersons to network and share ideas and best practice.

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The Friends of Nano Movement

In collaboration with the Presentation Sisters, The Friends of Nano Movement (Northern Province)

Invites all Friends of Nano & Associates in the Northern Province to a day of reflection for Friends & Associates at the extended and newly-refurbished **Mount St. Anne's Retreat & Conference Centre Killenard, Portllington, Co. Laois**.

Click [here](#) to download flyer with full details of the event.

Education Matters



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Lasco Maths Challenge 2013

Thousands of primary and post-primary pupils from schools all over Ireland, UK and abroad participated in the LASCO Maths Challenge event, raising more than £13,000 this year for LASCO.

LASCO is the Latin American Street Children Organisation who raise money to fund projects that provide Education and Healthcare to the impoverished street children of South America.

Click [here](#) for report on the 2013 Maths Challenge event and winners that we were delighted to note included a CEIST school, **Mary Immaculate Secondary School, Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare**.

Well done to Joshua Laycock - Dragon's Den Final Contestant

Faith-related Issues



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Congratulations to **Presentation De La Salle, Bagenatstown, Carlow student, Joshua Laycock** who was one of the final contestants in this year's Junior Dragon's Den.

Joshua appeared on the RTE1 Junior Dragon's Den programme last Sunday night and while unsuccessful in his bid to get a bursary award from the Dragon's to develop his product, he gave a very good presentation and obviously has a bright future ahead of him!

Click [here](#) to view further information on Joshua and his company.

Thumbs up for Catholic Education!



The Council for Education of the Irish Bishops' Conference provided a statement recently regarding the Report on surveys for **parental preferences on primary school patronage**.

The surveys provide a notable affirmation of Catholic schools. Between the pilot phase and the Report, the parents in 306 Catholic schools have been surveyed.

The outcome is a recommendation for change in just 28 (9%) of these schools.

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Send your news to CEIST!

We are always looking to profile good news from our schools such as student achievements, teamwork, raising money for charities, etc.

You may also wish to publicise an upcoming event or send in a photo.

We welcome all news items big or small, just pop an email to news@ceist.ie or phone **086-0437146**.

Bishop Brendan Leahy ordained new Bishop of Limerick

Bishop Brendan Leahy was ordained the new Bishop of Limerick recently, where more than 1,500 people packed St John's Cathedral in Limerick for the ordination.

Bishop Leahy is a brother of School Principal Treasa Leahy, Mercy Secondary School, Goldenbridge, Inchicore, Dublin.

Limerick had been without a Bishop since 2009, with the resignation of Bishop Donal Murray, who is much loved by his congregation.

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We would be delighted if you added your twitter profile to our growing list of followers.

News from CEIST Schools



Enterprising Students in Our Lady Of Mercy College, Beaumont!

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Aine and Kaitlin also reached the Junior Dragons Den final, which was a fantastic achievement. They made a successful pitch to the dragons on the RTE1 last Sunday night for a bursary of €2,000 to develop their mini-company!

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St Joseph's Secondary School, Tulla, Co. Clare students strike gold on the double!

St Joseph's Secondary School, Tulla, Co. Clare Co. Clare students have recently achieved both Munster and All-Ireland Junior and Senior Camogie Double success in their respective division.

This really is an outstanding achievement by the school who have put in an enormous effort in recent years to promote health and sports activity in the school.

St Joseph's has amassed three Munster and two All-Ireland crowns in their division so far in 2013, a remarkable achievement considering we have just turned 4 months in the year to date!

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St Mary's Secondary School, New Ross All-Ireland "B" Camogie Win!

On Friday last St Mary's Secondary School, New Ross, had a medal presentation for the senior camogie squad who are now the All-Ireland Senior Camogie "B" Champions 2012-2013.

CEIST congratulates each member of the squad on what was a magnificent performance against Laurel Hill, Limerick in the final under the guidance of coaches Damian McDonald and Leann Murphy.

The future of Wexford Camogie looks bright!

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Cnoc Mhuire Win All-Ireland Senior Football

Congratulations to **Cnoc Mhuire, Secondary School, Granard, Co. Longford** on their great All-Ireland win recently in Croke Park.

Cnoc Mhuire, Granard were crowned **All-Ireland Vocational Schools Senior 'A' Football champions** for a historic first time after a wonderful win was achieved against the title holders Holy Trinity College, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone.

The final scoreline was **Cnoc Mhuire, Granard 2-13 V Holy Trinity College, Cookstown (Tyrone) 2-12**.

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Féile na hInse agus Seachtain na Gaeilge

The Irish Department in Mary Immaculate Secondary School, Lisdoonvarna have been very busy within the last few weeks.

Both students and Teachers involved worked tirelessly for the last few weeks preparing for all of these competitions.

As you can imagine there was great excitement in the school when it was announced that they won both First and Second place in the grúpa amhánaíochta and First place in the grúpa popchóil and that they would finally be awarded for all their hard work.

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Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland, Co. Kerry - A Profile Through Photos

Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland, has very kindly shared photos that brighten the corridors of their school.

The photos depict everyday life in the school with students enjoying recreational activities, school trips, raising funds for charities, educational partnerships, etc.

If you have any photos or news items you would like to send to CEIST, please email hwoods@ceist.ie. We would be delighted to profile on our website and e-newsletter.

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Reflecting CEIST Values



Young Social Innovators 2013

The Annual Showcase of Young Social Innovators 2013 will take place on 8th May 2013 at Citywest Hotel, Conference and Event Centre, Saggart, Co. Dublin.

Interestingly from a CEIST perspective, this year 22 of the 60 schools selected to present are CEIST schools. In addition, a new element of the showcase are the Centres of Social Innovators.

There are 20 Centres of Social Innovators this year in which 9 are CEIST schools!

It's a real credit to CEIST schools that so many participate, and are successful in the Young Social Innovators initiative.

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Reviews



A Jesuit Pope: Francis

Argentine Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, 76 was elected the 266th pope and took the name Francis.

The election March 13 came on the first full day of the conclave and marked the conclave's fifth ballot.

It was a surprisingly quick conclusion to a conclave that began with many plausible candidates and no clear favourite.

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Technical Tips



Managing Your Passwords!

I suspect that like me there are many of you who find it increasingly difficult to remember the number of passwords required for various accounts such as your email, logging on to pc, forum memberships, etc.

There are however some useful Apps to assist you with this onerous task!

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Mass to mark closing of St Joseph's Secondary School, Doon, Co. Limerick

Tuesday 30th April 2013

The Board of Management of St. Joseph's Secondary School, Doon, Co. Limerick

Mercy Education Doon 1868-2013

Would like to announce that on the 24th of May, 2013 at 7.30 pm mass will be celebrated in the Parish Church, Doon to mark the closing of the school.

Light refreshments to follow in the local community centre.

St Joseph's Secondary School, Doon will finally close its doors in June 2013 following the amalgamation of St. Fintans Christian Brothers School (ERST), St Michael's College, Cappamore (Co. Limerick VEC) and St Joseph's Mercy Secondary School (CEIST).

The new school is called Scoil na Tríonóide Naofa, click [here](#) to view further information on the school website.

Turning of the Sod

The "Turning of the Sod" for the new school called Scoil na Tríonóide Naofa, took place on the green field site at Doon, Co. Limerick on Tuesday 11th December 2012.

The construction company BAM commenced building works on a 15 acre site donated by the Mercy Congregation, at Liscaugh, Doon, Co. Limerick.

Scoil na Tríonóide Naofa will cater for 850 pupils and will open on September 1st, 2013. This is a particularly significant event for CEIST and for the Principals, staffs, students and the parents of the three existing secondary schools, St. Joseph's, St. Fintan's and St. Michael's College.

Click [here](#) to view our Turning of the Sod website article published last December.

Brief History of St Joseph's Secondary School, Doon

Doon Convent was founded in 1865. It was the brain-child of Rev. Patrick Hickey P.P. who realised that a sound system of education was the only hope for the deprived people of the area. He had a grand-niece in the Convent of Mercy, Kinsale, Co. Cork and he invited sisters from Kinsale to come to Doon, which they did in February 1865.

Religious instruction and visitation of the sick were the main works carried out by the first Sisters of Mercy. They had no school so they instructed groups in the garden. In 1867 the Archbishop of Cashel visited the Convent (the Parish Priest's house) and gave the Sister's permission to build a school. The school was opened in 1868. Due to the closure of the National school and overcrowding in the Convent school an additional storey was built in 1878.

The children were taught Religion, English reading and writing, instrumental music and singing and crafts such as embroidery and painting. A small boarding school was started for those children who were too far away to attend daily.

Stanley's Education Act of 1831 had given state aid for the National Education or Primary education in Ireland. In the beginning this applied only to none denominational schools but after 1846 a compromise was reached between the Catholic interests and the British government. The result of this was religious orders accepted the state-aid system of Primary education and integrated into it a special time for religious education at the end of the day. This was the system that the Mercy Sisters operated in Doon.

Education since 1924

In 1924 the new Dail Eireann dissolved the Board of Commissioners which had been set up by the Stanley Education Act. All the powers and functions of this commission were transferred to the new Department of Education. Irish became an important subject in the school curriculum so the Sisters began to learn Irish and took a qualifying examination in Irish. They prepared students for the Senior Oxford in 1921, established a Secondary Top in 1924 had a Matriculation class in 1925. In 1928 pupils sat for the Intermediate Certificate. In 1930 the first secondary school was built. The first group of Leaving Cert pupils sat their exam in 1936. The subjects presented were Irish, English, Maths, French, History, Geography and Drawing. Latin was also taught though not for examination as yet. In 1940 the Secondary Top gave way to the new Secondary school.

During these years the pupils were prepared for music exams, piano and violin. Plain chant was introduced and the Senior Choir was often awarded the diocesan cup for Plain Chant. Secondary School choirs won the National Trophy, the Pigott Cup, three times in succession in the early 1960s. Light operas were produced annually in those years.

The number of pupils grew over the years. Free education, introduced in 1966 gave a further increase. New school buildings were added to accommodate the increasing numbers. In Sept 1961 the final permanent school building was opened.

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Master of Arts - Christian Leadership in Education

Wednesday 3rd April 2013



Pictured from left to right: (Back Row) Prof. Michael Hayes, President, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick; Br. Michael Murray; Br. John Burke & Mr. Michael Gleeson, Trustees, Marino Institute of Education (Front Row) Sr. Thomasina Finn (CSM), Trustee Mary Immaculate College, Limerick & Dr. Anne O'Gara, President, Marino Institute of Education

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Participants will study the current education context and the principles of Christian educational leadership, appreciate the theological vision that underpins the educational enterprise, and discover how to implement the Christian ethos within the learning community.

The location of this programme on the east coast will complement its provision on the west coast, and is intended to make this programme available to people from across the country.

This joint enterprise between the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at Mary Immaculate College, and the Centre for Faith-Based Education at Marino Institute of Education reflects the desire to establish a nationally recognised formal qualification for those interested in leadership within faith-based schools.

In welcoming this new opportunity for Marino Institute of Education, Dr. Anne O'Gara, President, stated that 'As future leaders participants will develop the ability to understand, communicate and work within an increasingly pluralist and secular society and understand how faith-based education provides a unique contribution to the personal development of students and teachers within the context of the social, technical and cultural needs of our increasingly diverse Irish society'.

Professor Michael Hayes, President Mary Immaculate College in his address at an event on 20th March to formally announce the new joint programme commented 'The signing of this Memorandum of Agreement between Mary Immaculate College Limerick and Marino Institute of Education Dublin is historic and fully consistent with Mary Immaculate College's Strategic Plan 2012-2016 which commits the College to inter-institutional programme development and delivery, to develop enhanced strategies for life-long learning with an emphasis on partnership, and to broaden provision for Continuing Professional Development (CPD)'.

The signing of a Memorandum of Agreement to formally inaugurate this collaborative enterprise by Mary Immaculate College and Marino Institute of Education in support of the need to develop leadership in primary and secondary schools took place in Marino Institute of Education with an attendance strongly representative of trust and management bodies of faith-based schools.

For those interested in taking the programme at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, please contact:

Dr Eugene Duffy,

Course Director,

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Limerick.

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For those interested in taking the programme at Marino Institute, Dublin, please contact:

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A full brochure for the course can be viewed [here](#).



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Monday 29th April 2013

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A hugely enjoyable day was had by all.

Well done to all the students and teachers who participated and demonstrated that a fledgling idea and a lot of enthusiasm can have significant impacts on local, national and global communities.

Ní neart go cur le chéile!

Challenge to Change Photos



Pictured above Coláiste Bride, Clondalkin's project "Living Below The Golden Line".



Presentation De La Salle College, Bagenalstown look at the issue of racism in sport.



Presentation Secondary School, Loughboy, Kilkenny project on Equality for Girls.



Presentation Secondary School, Ballingarry, Thurles project "Child Labour in India and China".



St Joseph's College, Lucan with their project "Stop the Lights".



St Mary's Primary in Dungarvan teach their older peers about the issue of homelessness with their project "There's no place like home".



Students from Coláiste Bride, Clondalkin with their project "Living Below The Golden Line".



Students from Presentation Secondary School, Loughboy, Kilkenny flying the flag for gender equality with their project "Equality for Girls".

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Thumbs up for Catholic Education!

Friday 5th April 2013



The following is a Statement from the Council for Education of the Irish Bishops' Conference on the Report on surveys regarding parental preferences on primary school patronage.

We welcome the publication of the Report on surveys regarding parental preferences on primary school patronage by the Department of Education and Skills.

The surveys provide a notable affirmation of Catholic schools. Between the pilot phase and today's Report, the parents in 306 Catholic schools have been surveyed.

The outcome is a recommendation for change in 28 (9%) of these schools.

The main aim of the surveys was to identify the level of interest in additional forms of patronage in areas of stable population. In 15 areas the report says that there is insufficient demand for change.

In 23 areas the report suggests a limited change based on parental demand. In these 23 areas those who expressed an opinion in favour of change amount in each case to between 2.2% and 8% of parents with children in school in these areas.

In seeking to respond to this limited request for change, attention must be given to the large majority who have expressed no such interest.

All of the stakeholders need to analyse the data in detail. An issue that will arise in many of these 23 areas is the level of displacement caused by trying to cater for the views of a minority who want change.

While the survey reflects accurately the views of those who participated, it must be noted that a large majority of parents did not take part in the surveys.

In looking to the future Catholic patrons will need to attend to strengthening the sense of mission in Catholic schools and to consult with all stakeholders as they seek to reconfigure the system to take account of the minority of parents who desire a change in patronage.

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Notes

- Father Michael Drumm is available to local and national media for interviews.
- The Catholic Schools Partnership was launched by Cardinal Seán Brady on 28 January 2010. It was established by the Irish Bishops' Conference and the Conference of Religious of Ireland. The aim of the CSP is to support all partners involved in the provision of Catholic education while respecting the very real diversity that exists among Catholic schools in Ireland. The role of the Catholic Schools Partnership is not to create a large centralised structure but to provide a framework wherein some issues can be handled at a more central level while respecting the autonomy and diversity of our schools. CSP functions on the basis of subsidiarity, namely that matters ought to be handled by the smallest, lowest or least centralized competent authority. The CSP does not replace or amalgamate the existing Catholic management, trustee and patron organizations, rather it seeks to foster a deeper sense of partnership and shared purpose among patrons/trustees, management bodies including boards of management and teachers in Catholic schools. At the heart of the partnership is a council with thirty-three members drawn from across the spectrum of Catholic schools. The office is based in Saint Patrick's College Maynooth, Co Kildare and Father Michael Drumm is Executive Chairperson of the Catholic Schools Partnership.

For media contact: Catholic Communications Office Maynooth: 00353 (1) 505 3017 AND Martin Long 00353 (0) 86 172 7678.



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Well done to Kaitlin, Aine and their Teacher, Mrs Anne Ryan.

Further information and Video

Click [here](#) for further information along with a video interview with Kaitlin and Aine, where they talk in-depth about their mini-company. Click [here](#) for video of Ramona, one of the Dragon Den judges discussing Eco Style.

Photos



Aine Murray & Kaitlin Murray pictured above with Gavin Duffy of Dragons Den fame.



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St Joseph's Secondary School, Tulla, Co. Clare students strike gold on the double!

Thursday 18th April 2013

[St Joseph's Secondary School, Tulla](#), Co. Clare students have recently achieved both Munster and All-Ireland Junior and Senior Camogie Double success!!

Eoin Brennan from the [The Clare People newspaper](#) visited the CEIST School located in east Clare recently to sample some of the celebratory atmosphere and the following is his article with photos generously shared with CEIST.

YOU know that old quip from supporters of perennial title winners like Kilkenny (hurling), Kerry (football) and even Wexford (camogie) that goes along the lines of 'there are so many provincial and All-Ireland medals floating around that there's a good chance you could get one as change in the local shop'?

Yes, I know it's an overused gag that has been floated around quite often in recent years but it also could genuinely apply to St Joseph's Tulla as well after an unprecedented start to 2013.

In all, the school has amassed three Munster and two All-Ireland crowns so far this year, a remarkable achievement to surpass anything that the aforementioned counties could accomplish.

All because those five titles were garnered in only a nine week period and at two separate levels with their senior and junior squads both claiming Munster and All-Ireland Colleges D crowns while the flagship side completed the haul last Wednesday by adding a Munster Intermediate League title to their already bulging trophy cabinet.

Pictured above are Deirdre Cotter, Edel McNamara, Samantha O'Connor, Niamh Mulqueen, Aoife Tuohy, Regan Conway & Joanne O'Gorman who were on both Senior & Junior All Ireland panels



So where did this unquenchable thirst from success emanate from? Principal Margaret O'Brien takes up the story.

"It's just fantastic. There is such a great atmosphere around the place at the moment following the girls' great success and we are absolutely thrilled to have done so well this year.

"It's the commitment of teachers after hours really. They practice two evenings a week for boys and two evenings for the girls as well as challenge matches. And they even kept that regime up over the Christmas holidays so they are really committed and really doing their best, and while the girls won five major trophies, the boys had a great run as well in the Munster Bcompetition to reach the final.

"The other students as well see their success, see what it has taken and that it is possible for students in their classes to achieve this if they are prepared to put in the effort.

And in fairness as well, as a school we are very lucky that clubs in the surrounding areas have very good underage structures in place to nurture the players as well in the club competitions outside of school time.

"In terms of success of the teams though, one common thread is Donna Fitzgerald. She has really taken on camogie this year along with her other colleagues like Rita Forrestal, Catherine Tobin and Declan Spellman who have all been instrumental in the successes."

PE and Geography teacher Donna Fitzgerald has presided over both winning panels but while the school have rose to such heightened levels of prominence in the last nine weeks, she is quick to point out that the initial seeds were sown two years previously when a number of new teachers put a renewed effort into promoting and developing the code in the school.

"Everyone has put in such a massive effort. I suppose we started this campaign two years ago so its great to get the rewards after the effort you have put in because sometimes it doesn't always come to pass.

"You could have a game where you blow it in the first round of the competition but to see the effort the girls have put in and to see them get the rewards for it has created a massive buzz around the school, around the clubs where we have great support as well as the parents who have made this a community effort."

"A former teacher Mary Lenihan was a great driving force for camogie in the school for over 20 years but after her retirement two years ago, Declan [Spellman] and I took over, Catherine [Tobin] and Rita [Forrestal] got involved with the juniors and first years so it was just fresh faces really.



Pictured above are Rita Forrestal, Cathetine Tobin, Margaret O'Brien, Donna Fitzgerald & Declan Spellman with players from Junior & Senior panels.

We adopted the same outlook as Mary had and we soon saw the skill we had available to us so we made a big push to build on the strengths that they had and we've done it this year thankfully."

After taking on such a responsibility, the next step for Donna and Co. was to mould them into a formidable collective unit. "About halfway through last year, we realised that the girls had the skills and all they needed to do was to come together as a team.

We weren't coming in to teach these girls massive skills, we came in with the focus of building on their fitness and building a team.

Because in reality we have about six different club teams here and all those girls play with their respective clubs and very much identify with their individual parishes.

So we were trying to knock that out of them and focus our energy into making them a united 'St Joseph's'.

"It's something that we actually thought would take about three years so we are actually ahead of what we initially thought. And that was the difference for us in a lot of games, the team spirit.

We came up against some extremely skillful schools but I think the team factor that our girls had, made them pull together and work for each other and that was the ultimate difference I felt in a lot of games."

With seven girls part of both panels, momentum was also a crucial factor in St Joseph's triumphs according to senior mentor Declan Spellman.

"The overlap in panels and the fact that the games were coming thick and fast and that they were gaining huge experience was important.

And when you have second and third years playing senior competitions and winning, and in some cases winning comfortably, that breeds confidence. The juniors were bringing that to the mix, there was definitely a good vibe going around the school about camogie and there's also no doubt that the senior success was feeding into the juniors and that overlap did help greatly."

So with such a healthy mix of confidence and success across two separate age groups, Spellman feels that this is only the start of the school's future potential as they prepare to move up the grades.

"That's the fascinating thing and the thing that keeps us interested. We are losing almost the entire back line from the senior squad who are all leaving cert students this year.

That is a huge chunk to lose but we know now that we have good juniors, good second and third years, our first years are also very good and we know from the national schools, that we are going to have good first years next year so that will all feed into it, there's no doubt about that.

"We will be going up into C next year and we are looking forward to it. It will only bring us on if anything. I mean we played a C school in the Munster Intermediate League final this week and as the result showed, we were well able to match them and beat them.

So the future is definitely bright." As Donna Fitzgerald aptly surmised "It's only a starting point but it's a great starting point."

Team Photos



Above left: Players of the Game - Kate O'Gorman - Senior & Niamh Mulqueen Junior; Above Right: Panellists with Declan Spellman.



Pictured above St Joseph's School Principal Margaret O'Brien with players from both Senior & Junior panels;



St Joseph's Tulla inspiration: players from both panels sit in front of a mural of the Clare All-Ireland winning hurling side of 1995.





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Cnoc Mhuire Win All-Ireland VS Senior Football Final

Monday 15th April 2013



Congratulations to [Cnoc Mhuire, Secondary School, Granard, Co. Longford](#) on their great win on Saturday last in Croke Park.

The following is a report from the Longford Leader on the final.

All-Ireland Vocational Schools Senior 'A' Football Championship Final

Cnoc Mhuire, Granard 2-13

Holy Trinity College, Cookstown (Tyrone) . . . 2-12

Cnoc Mhuire, Granard were crowned All-Ireland Vocational Schools Senior 'A' Football champions for a historic first time and a wonderful win was achieved against the title holders Holy Trinity College, Cookstown who staged a dramatic late comeback in a frantic finish to a highly entertaining final at Croke Park on Saturday.

For most of this action-packed game Cnoc Mhuire were clearly the superior side and the Leinster champions had built up a most emphatic nine points lead (2-13 to 1-7) entering the final quarter of the contest when it looked all over.

Down to 14 players after midfielder Aidan McElligott was rather harshly sent-off after receiving a second yellow card in the 22nd minute of the first half, Cnoc Mhuire showed great courage to overcome this considerable handicap and led by 2-7 to 1-4 at the break with McElligott and Nigel Rabbitte scoring the crucial goals.

They surged even further ahead with three points in quick succession through David McGivney (free), Rian Brady and wing back Liam Sullivan in the early stages of the second half and while the Cookstown school battled back to close the gap with three scores (all from play), a very good point from Fionnan O'Reilly in the 40th minute eased the pressure on Cnoc Mhuire.

It got even better for the Granard side with Rian Brady and David McGivney converting a couple of frees, the latter on target in the 47th minute. But Holy Trinity College were not done for yet and a brace of scores from full-forward McGahan (free and play) gave them a glimmer of hope before Cookstown got the goal they so badly needed in the 56th minute when a shot from substitute Jason Rocks deflected off the unfortunate corner-back Isreal ILunga into the back of the net.

That gave Holy Trinity College a huge lift and three points in a row quickly followed from Rocks, Daryl Magee and Ryan Loughran to remarkably leave just the minimum of margins separating the sides with 59 minutes gone on the clock.

Cnoc Mhuire were really reeling on the ropes but somehow managed to hang on in capturing the All-Ireland title after Rocks and McGahan missed a couple of great chances of the equalising point for the Tyrone school.

CNOC MHUIRE, GRANARD: Luke Meehan (Mullinalaghta); Tadhg McGahern (Mullahoran), Diarmuid Fitzsimons (Mullahoran), Isreal ILunga (Castletown-Finea); Barry McKiernan (Abbeylara), Sean McKeogh (Mullahoran), Liam Sullivan (Granard, 0-1); David McGivney (Mullinalaghta, 0-5, all frees), Aidan McElligott (Mullinalaghta, 1-0); Anthony O'Reilly (Abbeylara), Mattie Gorman (Ballymore, 0-1), Ciaran Mallon (Granard); Rian Brady (Mullinalaghta, 0-5, one free), Nigel Rabbitte (Abbeylara, 1-0), Fionnan O'Reilly (Mullahoran, 0-1).

Sub:- Mark Kiernan (Ballymachugh) for A O'Reilly (25 mins); Aaron Brady (Gowna) for M Gorman (45 mins); M Gorman for B McKiernan (53 mins); B McKiernan for I ILunga (injured, 63 mins).

Click [here](#) to view Irish Independent article from Eugene McGee on Cnoc Mhuire's great win.



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Féile na hInse agus Seachtain na Gaeilge

Friday 12th April 2013

Bhí Roinn na Gaeilge fíorghnóthach i Méanscoil Mhuire gan Smal le ceithre seachtaine anuas. Chuir roinnt daltaí ón scoil isteach ar chomórtais éagsula do Fhéile na hInse. Cuireadh daltaí isteach ar na comórtais don grúpa ceoil, grúpa amhránaíocht, grúpa popcheol agus cuireadh dalta amháin isteach don ghrúpa aonair. Tháinig an grúpa amhránaíochta agus an grúpa popcheol sa chéad áit ina geomórtas.

Eagraíodh an-chuid rudaí dóibh i rith seachtain na Gaeilge chomh maith. Bhí an chéad bhliain agus an dara bhliain ag labhairt as Gaeilge ar feadh dhá seachtaine. Má bhí siad, bhí ar na múinteoirí a bhí acu chomh maith. Thug na múinteoirí dearbhán amach do na daltaí a bhí ag déanamh sáirarracht.

Bhí ar na daltaí na dearbhán a bhailiú agus bhuigh an duine leis an méid is mó cocaill. Chomh maith leis sin eagraíodh toraíocht taisce dóibh agus beidh céilí ar siúl sa scoil an Déardaoin seo chugainn. Buíochas mór do na múinteoirí a chabhraigh le Roinn na Gaeilge chun gach rud a bhí eagraithe a chur i bhfeidhm.

Rinne na daltaí sáirarracht ag labhairt na Gaeilge ach dúshlán níos mó a bhí ann do chuid do na múinteoirí a bhí amhrásach ag an dtósach Gaeilge a labhairt toisc nár labhair an-chuid acu an Ghaeilge ó bhí said sa mhéanscoil iad féin.

Ach tháinig na múinteoirí díograiseacha aniar aduaidh air mar faoi deireadh na seachtaine bhí ranganna Eolaíochta, Mata agus Tíreolaíochta múinte ar fad trí Gaeilge. Mar a deireann an seanfhocail ní neart go cur le chéile.

The Irish Department in Mary Immaculate Secondary School have been very busy within the last four weeks.

Students from the school entered several competitions for Féile na hInse. Students were entered into various competitions such as the grúpa ceoil competition, the grúpa amhránaíochta competition and the grúpa popcheol competition and one Junior student entered the grúpa aonair competition.

Both students and Teachers involved worked tirelessly for the last few weeks preparing for all of these competitions and they were never so delighted as to hear that they won both First and Second place in the grúpa amhránaíochta and First place in the grúpa popcheol and that they would finally be awarded for all their hard work.

The students who entered the competitions were as follows.

Grúpa Ceoil

Robert Hillery (concert flute), Katie Connole (concertina and concert flute), Amy O'Brien (concert flute and bodhrán), Róisín Kelly (Concert flute and banjo), John Clancy (banjo), Hannah King (Violin), Aisling O'Rourke (tin whistle), Niamh Kelly (tin whistle), Lauren Crowe (tin whistle), Millie King (tin whistle) Ellen O'Loughlin (concert flute), Keith Dowling (concert flute).



Grúpa Amhránaíochta

An Dara Bhliain (First place winners)

Rebecca O'Callaghan, Dilse Guerin, Sarah McDonagh, Lauren Crowe, Niamh Kelly, Myra McNamara (accompanied on piano), Aaron O'Brien (accompanied on guitar).



An Chéad Bhliain (Second place winners)

Róisín O'Donoghue, Emer Nagle, Katie O'Brien, Tess Sheridan, Ailbhe Hughes, Grace Cassidy, Leah Barrett, Millie King (accompanied on bodhrán), Aaron O'Brien (accompanied on guitar).



Grúpa popcheoil

(First place winners)

Bronagh Considine and Seán Kelly sang Little Talks by Monsters and Men as Gaeilge and Ciarán Johnson played the guitar.



The grúpa popcheoil have since recorded their song in Irish and their song was played on Clare FM on Saturday 23rd March on Domhnall O' Loingsigh's program Cúl chaint. Raidió na Gaeltachta also played their song.



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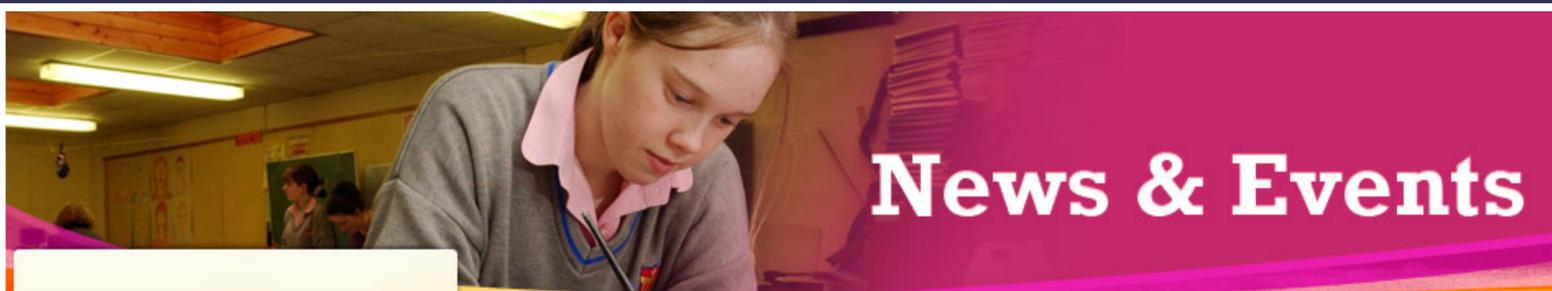
Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland, Co. Kerry - A Profile Through Photos

Wednesday 10th April 2013

Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland, has very kindly shared photos that brighten the corridors of their school.

The photos depict everyday life in the school with students enjoying recreational activities, school trips, raising funds for charities, [educational partnerships](#), etc.

If you have any photos or news items you would like to send to CEIST, please email jwoods@ceist.ie. We would be delighted to profile on our website and e-newsletter.



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A Jesuit Pope: Francis

Thursday 4th April 2013

Argentine Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, 76 was elected the 266th pope and took the name Francis.

The election March 13 came on the first full day of the conclave on the conclave's fifth ballot.

It was a surprisingly quick conclusion to a conclave that began with many plausible candidates and no clear favorite.

The Latin American pope, a Jesuit, was chosen by at least two-thirds of the 115 cardinals from 48 countries, who cast their ballots in secret in the Sistine Chapel.



His election was announced in Latin from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, to a massive crowd in the square below and millions watching around the world.

White smoke poured from the Sistine Chapel chimney at 7:05 p.m. signaling that the cardinals had chosen a successor to retired Pope Benedict XVI. At 7:07 p.m., the bells of St. Peter's Basilica began pealing continuously to confirm the election.

At 8:12 p.m., French Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, the senior cardinal in the order of deacons, appeared at the basilica balcony and read out in Latin: "I announce to you a great joy: We have a pope! The most eminent and most reverend lord, Lord Jorge, Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church, Bergoglio, who has taken for himself the name Francis."

The crowd in the square responded with cheers, applause and the waving of national flags.

A respected Italian journal said he was the cardinal with the second-highest number of votes on each of the four ballots in the 2005 conclave.

Cardinal Bergoglio has had a growing reputation as a very spiritual man with a talent for pastoral leadership serving in a region with the largest number of the world's Catholics.

Since 1998, he has been archbishop of Buenos Aires, where his style is low-key and close to the people.

He rides the bus, visits the poor, lives in a simple apartment and cooks his own meals. To many in Buenos Aires, he is known simply as "Father Jorge."

He also has created new parishes, restructured the administrative offices, led pro-life initiatives and started new pastoral programs, such as a commission for divorcees.

He co-presided over the 2001 Synod of Bishops and was elected to the synod council, so he is well-known to the world's bishops.

The cardinal has also written books on spirituality and meditation and has been outspoken against abortion and same-sex marriages.

In 2010, when Argentina became the first Latin American country to legalize same-sex marriage, Cardinal Bergoglio encouraged clergy across the country to tell Catholics to protest against the legislation because, if enacted, it could "seriously injure the family," he said.

He also said adoption by same-sex couples would result in "depriving (children) of the human growth that God wanted them given by a father and a mother."

In 2006, he criticized an Argentine proposal to legalize abortion under certain circumstances as part of a wide-ranging legal reform.

He accused the government of lacking respect for the values held by the majority of Argentines and of trying to convince the Catholic Church "to waver in our defense of the dignity of the person."

His role often forced him to speak publicly about the economic, social and political problems facing his country.

His homilies and speeches are filled with references to the fact that all people are brothers and sisters and that the church and the country need to do what they can to make sure that everyone feels welcome, respected and cared for.

While not overtly political, Cardinal Bergoglio has not tried to hide the political and social impact of the Gospel message.

(Article courtesy of Catholic News Service).