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CEIST COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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AS NORMALITY RETURNS

The significant challenges presented by Covid-19 since March 2020 were embraced in CEIST schools with resilience, compassion and determination ensuring our schools continued to provide and participate in the highest possible standards of teaching, learning and care. Thank You!

With the return to the classroom the entire school community - our school leaders, teachers, SNAs, students, administrators and caretakers - are wished every blessing in your work, studies and lives as you come together in person once more.

*With such a volume and breadth of activities taking place in our schools daily it is difficult to include everything. This month we have taken just a snapshot on the themes of **Mercy Day, Student Leadership, Sustainability and getting back to normal.** We hope you enjoy!*

#STAYS SAFE

Competition Time for Senior Students



Entries should be forwarded to:

**Calendar Competition,
CEIST Education Office,
Summit House,
Embassy Office Park,
Kill,
Co. Kildare**

to arrive no later than
5pm on
12th November 2021.



CEIST are delighted to announce their Art Calendar Competition 2022. Open to all Senior cycle students within our CEIST community. The theme for this year is “**Our Faith, Our Future**”.

With the global pandemic affecting each and every one of us, never has there been a greater need to turn to our faith to help us through this difficult time.

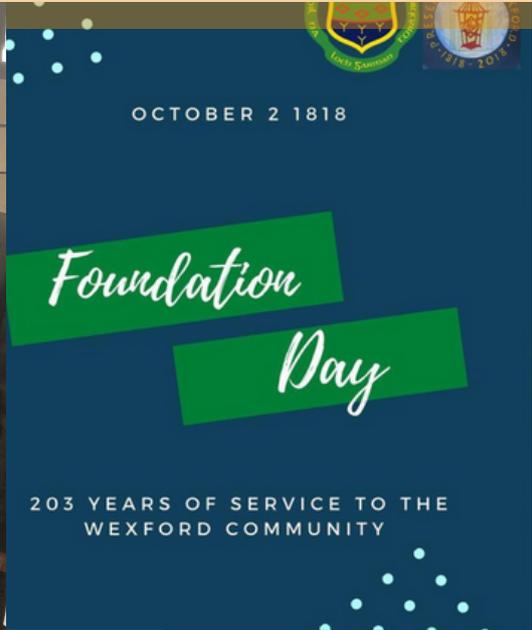
Our faith has been gifted to us by our parents, grandparents and those who have gone before us. What does faith look like? How will we pass on that faith to sustain future generations? This opportunity encourages entrants to imagine what the future will be like through the lenses of a faith perspective.

Competition Details

- Entry should be made by completing the official Entry Form, downloadable from the CEIST website and attached to the back of the entry.
- All entry forms and artwork must be certified by a teacher as being an unaided and original work of the entrant.
- The Judges will select 12 winning entries, one for each month of the year.

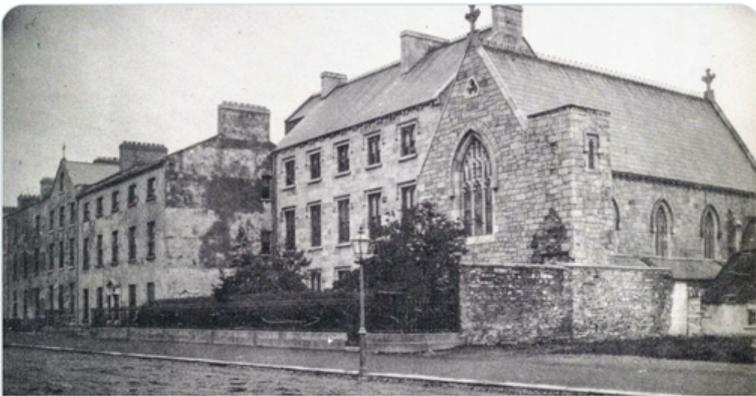
**WE LOOK FORWARD
TO SEEING YOUR
BEAUTIFUL
CREATIONS AND
WISH ALL
ENTRANTS THE
VERY BEST OF
LUCK!**

Many of our CEIST schools are celebrating very significant anniversaries around this time. Congratulations to the whole school communities, past and present, of Coláiste Bride, Enniscorthy celebrating 50 years; St Joseph's Secondary School, Rush, 60 years; Sacred Heart, Clonakilty 80 years, St. Mary's College, Naas, 85 years, Presentation Secondary School Ballingarry 150 Years and Presentation Wexford 203 Years.



 **St Vincent's School @stvdundalk · Sep 24**

Today we celebrate Mercy Day. This academic year marks the 168th Anniversary of the opening of St Vincent's by the Mercy Sisters. As a CEIST school in the Mercy tradition, we are proud to continue the work of the Mercy Sisters and the founding vision of Catherine McAuley.



 **Colaiste Bride @Colaiste_Bride · Sep 24**

We were truly blessed with a beautiful day today celebrating our @Colaiste_Bride 50 yrs. We welcomed our @ceist1 trustees, Mercy Sisters, past & present staff, students & parents. As we look to the future may we educate and serve our school community for another 50 yrs & beyond..

Presentation Secondary School, Ballingarry

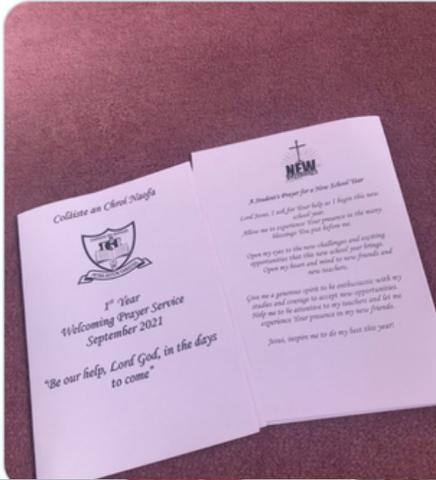
Celebrating 150 years 1871-2021



MERCY DAY 2021 CELEBRATIONS

Mercy Day was celebrated by many of our schools on September 24th. As faith communities, honouring our foundress on this day reminds us of the rich heritage and endowment that Catherine McAuley and generations of Mercy sisters gifted have to our lives.

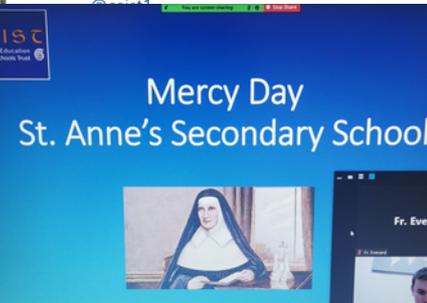
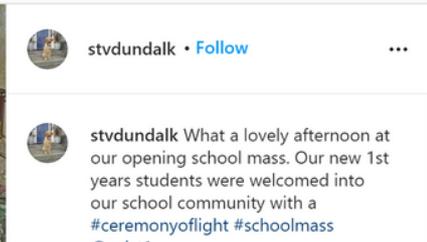
Coláiste an Chroí Naofa @ccn_school · 1h
 Celebrating our first years' new journey in the September sun @



Coláiste Nano Nagle



St. Joseph's Secondary School Spanish Point gathered on Mercy Day and remembered with thanks, the history of their school and the contribution of the Sisters of Mercy over the last 92 years of education in Spanish Point.



Archbishop Dermot Farrell was chief celebrant at Mercy Day mass to mark the 60th anniversary of St. Joseph's Secondary School, Rush.

St Maur's Parish, Rush, Dublin



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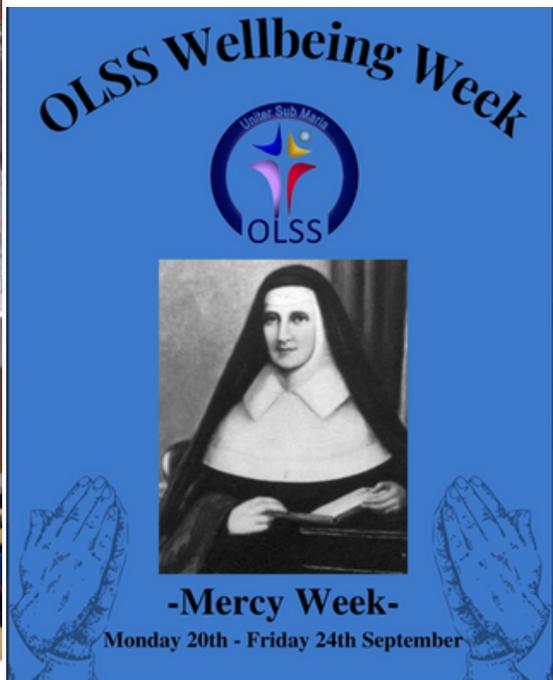
 **themercytuum** Today in our Mercy School, Scoil Bhride, we celebrated Mercy Day. In Ireland, and all over the world, hundreds of schools are celebrating Mercy Day. Our Mercy school dates back to the coming of the Sisters of Mercy in 1846 at the time of the Great Famine.

We celebrated Mercy Day with a service streamed live from Tuam Cathedral.

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5 DAYS AGO





OLSS Castleblayney @OLSSBlayney · Sep 24
 Thanks to Fr. Walsh @mucknoperish for celebrating our opening school mass on Mercy Day. Our whole school community came together to participate in person and virtually. Thanks to our RE and Music Dept's for all their hard work organising a beautiful ceremony @ceist1 #MercyDay

OLSS held a 1st Year prayer service to welcome all their new students. This linked well with their spiritual well-being week which highlighted their Mercy Ethos.

Happy Mercy Day from us to you!

We invite you to join the *MS* community to celebrate Mercy Day.

Our prayer service is available *online* at *S. Mary's Parish Church*

Date: Friday 24th September, Time: 2pm



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our beautiful Mercy Day Mass to celebrate the 85th Anniversary of our School in Naas. It was a wonderful ceremony. Thank you to the Mercy Sisters, Past Principals and former colleagues who joined us @StMarysCollege @ceist1 @BishopDNulty



Every year our schools welcome over seven thousand new First Years who experience the values of CEIST for the first time. Unbounded joy and excitement can be seen in these images from schools across our schools.

We wish each of them every happiness in their new schools and know that they themselves will become valued members of the school community.



stmaryscharleville The Future Class of 2028! 🎉🎊

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Student leadership is central to how our schools witness the values of CEIST every day of the year. We thank our teachers and students who are busy establishing and sustaining leadership programmes and processes which have a real and lasting influence on the operation of their schools.



St. Mary's College
@StMarysCollege

Delighted to announce our new Student Leadership Team - Our Leaders of Learning. This group of students will assist us in ensuring the Student Voice continues to be incorporated into our Teaching and Learning planning and target setting. @StMarysCollege @ceist1 @JctLeadership



Colaiste Bride
@Colaiste_Bride

Our student leadership team is growing!!!! We presented our new CARA Mentors with their leadership badges today. Our CARA leaders are part of our buddy system, helping our 1st yr students as they settle in and adapt to daily life in @Colaiste_Bride.

8:39 PM · Sep 24, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

5 Likes

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Tweet your reply



colaistenatoirbhirte • Following

colaistenatoirbhirte The 5th Year Meitheal Team were busy today training with Meghan from Scala Meitheal Programme. The students also received their Meitheal badges. Well done girls and we look forward to seeing all the wonderful work you will do with the 1st years.

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pressecondarykk Congratulations to the 6th year prefects who were recently elected by their peers. We look forward to working with these student leaders throughout the coming year while we support all of our 6th years in their final year at Pres.

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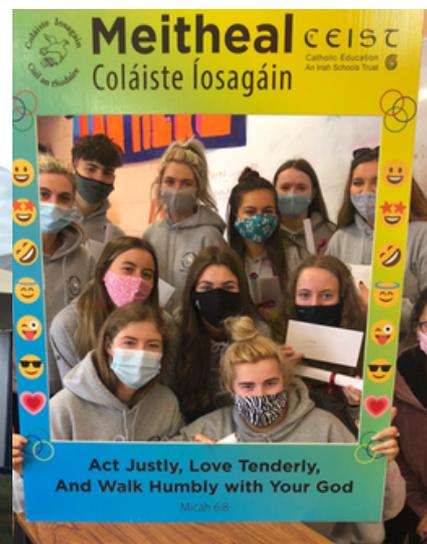
Liked by **aoifecornallyy** and 193 others

1 DAY AGO



Student Council 2021/22 at St. Mary's Newport

Delighted to present the first group of 1 Ys with the 'Involve' & 'Value' badges of our 'A-C-H-I-E-V-E Reward System' based on their contribution to school life & being kind to others! Looking forward to handing out many more to this year group! @stjosephsrush @ceist1 ★★ ★



SRC & Prefects in Castletown



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SUSTAINABILITY

Awareness of our environment and care for our wellbeing and health are witnessed across all of our family of schools. Students are leading the way in developing and sustaining environment protection initiatives as shown here.

Sustainability and care for our planet were common themes around the country and will continue as a focus for years to come.



shssclonakilty Mr Barry's TY Sustainability class had fun cleaning up the area behind the fifth year prefabs yesterday. There will soon be beehives, a chicken run and a greenhouse there.

Sustainability provides students with real-life skills, empowers them to carry out effective group work, and crucially enables them to take action with their peers for a more sustainable world.

Hopefully the rabbits won't attack the kale this year!
#sustainability

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OLSS Castleblayney @OLSSBlayney · 3h

Well done to our TY Community and Sustainability module for sorting out donations of clothes and shoes for homeless adults and children collected yesterday for distribution to the GPO in Dublin #Community #OLSS



Presentation College Green @PresGreenSchool

What a difference a week makes! Newly installed 🚲 @Pres_Carlow would like to thank @GreenSchoolsIre and their Travel Officer Chiara Hanrahan for this fantastic addition to our cycle parking. This group of students will be monitoring the bike numbers. 🚲 @ceist1 @Carlow_Co_Co

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6 Retweets 2 Quote Tweets 24 Likes



CEIST Tweet your reply Reply

Presentation College · Sep 15
Replying to @PresGreenSchool
@Pres_Carlow and 3 others

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Presentation Clonmel @presclonmel · 24m

We took part in Ireland's largest ever pollination project to celebrate 35 years of @GaisceAward - the President's Award. This is the 1st initiative that the students are taking place for their Gaisce Presidents Award, & they will be working hard throughout the year #bulbsforbees



Coláiste Iosagáin @ciosagain · 3h

A busy day for our Green Schools Committee. An awards ceremony followed by a litter collection. Well Done to the students and the teachers involved, Ms. Gilligan, Ms. Browne and Mr. M. Daly. @GreenSchoolsIre @pippa_hackett @love_port @ceist1



preswexgreenschool This week we elected our Green Schools Committee Pupil Roles 🎉 Congratulations to those students and best of luck with your new positions! Looking forward to a new, biodiversity filled school year 🌱🐛🐝 #preswex #ourbestalways #greenschool #greenschoolsireland

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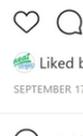
St. Mary's College @StMarysCollege · 3h

There was great work done today in our Polytunnel. Our herb garden is starting to take shape and we were planting bulbs for springtime colour next year. Well done to all the team!



Eureka Sec School @EurekaSecondary · 5m

Delighted to plant a Silver Birch today to commemorate @kellscolmcille and National Tree Day. @ceist1 @Education_Ire @meathchronicle @meathcoco @3Council





St Joseph's College @StJosephs3 · Oct 1
 6th year students Leah, Frances & Muskaan begin their Friday litter-picking contribution to Lucan village as Joey's Tidy Towns volunteers. Frances and Muskaan are completing the Gold Gaisce Award & Leah the Silver Award.



Students from Presentation Waterford enjoyed a lovely day out as they cycled 42km along the beautiful Greenway as part of National Bike Week 2021



We are thrilled to hear that many aspects of normal school life are returning to our schools. After many months of restrictions students are experiencing the joys of team activities and tours. Our TY students are among the groups of students who are enjoying the return of special activities and new experiences. Best wishes to all of our student groups who are again getting out and about forming new friendships and living the CEIST Charter.



Colaiste Bride @Colaiste_Bride · 57m

Our First and Second Year Camogie players had their first ever training session after school today. Great to see so many girls out on our pitch future looks very bright!



Convent of Mercy @rosconvent · 17m

Huge congratulations to the Convent of Mercy Junior A Gaelic Football Team and coach Ms. Rachel Corcoran on a convincing win over Coláiste Bhaile Chláir today (7-7 to 2-6). A fantastic win girls-well done!



Pres. SS Warrenmount @PresSSWarrenmt · 21h

Great excitement on raising our first @GreenSchoolsIre #GreenFlags21 after attending the online presentation of #greenflags and playing our part for #climateaction @AnTaisce



Mercy Mounthawk @MounthawkMercy · 53m

Great to see the teams getting out again at last. Our U15 boys team had a friendly to get their season started today.



Our Lady Stremplemore @ourladystm · 42m

Great to see so many at Science Club yesterday @JctScience @ceist1 #STEM Huge thank you to Mr Dáire Quinn for organising it.



Ciarán Reade STJ Rush Account @ciarandreade · 1h

Just what was needed! A great bonding day out, full of laughter, positivity and inclusiveness, for our 4th Years in @NavanAdventure! @stjosephsrush @ceist1 #TYinRush



John Cullinane @johncullinane12 · 23h

Thanks to @gardainfo for bringing their Garda SUV to @stannestipp today to promote the importance of inclusion and diversity. We were delighted to have such a colourful addition to our staff car park! @ceist1 @TippFM @TipperaryLive



Presentation Secondary School Tralee @PresSecTralee · Oct 6

Ms Foley's TY class were putting the final preparations together for their @ReelLifeScience projects this afternoon. #TY #science



Pres Castleisland @PresCisland · 5h

We were delighted to celebrate Mass with the Presentation sisters today on the 175th anniversary of the establishment of Castleisland convent @ceist1 @PresSisNE @radiokerrynews @kerryman_ie @Kerrys_Eye @NanoNaglePlace



SACRED HEART SECONDARY SCHOOL, C...



Above: Cllr Gillian Coughlan, being interviewed by TY students Orla Whelton (left) and Lucy Cor Morley (senior infants) and Emma Rea (sixth class) wishing Mrs Mary Daly the best of luck on...

few doors down from the West Cork Traveller's Centre, the former home of the Clonakilty Resource Centre... enabled activities to date... of charge. Cork Mental Health and Kathryn Kingston on behalf of the Clonakilty Committee of the Clonakilty Centre.

#studentvoice

CEIST Challenge

We were extremely pleased to have Bishop Denis Nulty join with us at the beginning of the year to bestow a blessing upon our CEIST community. In his address Bishop Nulty offered an acronym – an abbreviation formed by the initial letters of CEIST - **Christ Encountered In Schools Today**.

The daily challenge for each of us is to question how we can bring/meet Christ in our various encounters with others, in our classrooms, on the corridors, in canteens, sports grounds and pitches, being present with and for each other, listening, helping, guiding and sharing.

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Today



Bishop Denis Nulty

PRAYER

Spirit of the Living God,
fall afresh on all our principals, deputy principals and chairpersons
as we begin this new school year.
Be with them in their journey on behalf of staff, students and families
and guide them in the management of their schools
in accordance with their Catholic ethos,
so that our school communities
may be known and experienced as places
of love, compassion, service and wisdom.

Help them to be gracious in how they see others,
courageous in the face of decisions
and wise in how they respond.
In the challenges the encounter each day
may they know your companionship and strength.
May their work be infused by passion and compassion, vision and creativity,
and may they be people who lead our schools with integrity,
giving witness as well as education to our young people.

Loving God,
send down your abundant blessing on all our school communities
on all our principals, deputy principals and chairpersons gathered here,
and fill them with the grace to walk the path set before them,
knowing that Jesus, your Son, walks with them as a light for their footsteps.
Amen.