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Nóta ón bPríomhoide:

A Cháirde,

Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh. Welcome to our first newsletter of 2019.

This week brought great news to Coláiste Éanna, with the announcement that our former pupil, Pádraig Harrington, has been named as Europe's captain for the 2020 Ryder Cup competition. This is a great honour for the school, and we wish Pádraig every success. Táimid uile thar a bheith bródúil as iar-scoláire Choláiste Éanna, Pádraig Harrington, atá ainmnithe mar chaptaen ar fhoireann na hEorpa do chorn idirnáisiúnta Ryder. This makes him the second Irish Captain of Europe's Ryder Cup team, following another Coláiste Éanna student, Paul McGinley, who captained the winning team in 2014. Two captains from one school – history in the making! We are extremely proud.

Congratulations to our U19 Soccer Team on their 7-2 victory over St. Benildus last Tuesday. We wish them and their coaches, Mr. Hayden and Mr. Dalton, every success in the Dublin Region Final next week against Blackrock College.

I kindly request your support for two important upcoming events, namely the "Fun Table Quiz" being organised by the "Knights of Éanna" Chess Club under the leadership of the "one and only" Dave Grant, and the Relaunch of the Limited Draw by the Parents' Association (details of both events below).

Le gach dea-ghuí,
S. Ó Murchú
Principal

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An tSeachtain Seo Chugainn (Next Week ...)

Monday 14 th January		U16 Basketball – All Ireland Championship (Cork)
Tuesday 15 th January	13:15	1 st & 2 nd Year Basketball “A” v Pres Bray (Leaving school 12.25) Guest Presentation by Brian Gartland (Dundalk Football Club)
Wednesday 16 th January	13:45	U19 Soccer Final (Dublin Region) v Blackrock
Thursday 17 th January		2nd Year Parent-Teacher Meeting 4.15 – 6.45 Classes will finish for all students at 3.35pm
Friday 18 th January		

Careers' Corner

We would like to thank Tara Walsh who gave up her time to deliver a very informative presentation on Tuesday morning to Sixth Year students interested in applying to Business-related courses in UCD.

The Guidance Counsellor is available for individual careers' meetings with any student who requests a meeting in relation to queries or questions regarding their future-choices. These meetings can be time-tabled in at the request of the student and appointments will continue to be available until June. Parents/Guardians can also request such a meeting to be held and the Guidance Counsellor will inform their son of the request prior to arranging a meeting.

Parents are asked to remind students that should they require a meeting they can add their name to the schedule of appointments on the Guidance-Office door. Sixth Year students in particular are asked to ensure that they request meetings if they have any queries regarding their future career-options.

**The CAO early application fee runs up until January 20th by 5.15 p.m.
The normal closing-date for CAO applications is February 1st by 5.15 p.m.
All restricted-entry courses must be applied for by that date.**

Please see www.cao.ie for further relevant dates regarding change-of-mind, DARE/HEAR applications and late applications. Students are responsible for meeting all deadlines.

The school would strongly urge all parents/guardians to discuss the choices that their sons are putting into their CAO applications and to be aware of the fees payable for different institutions. Private-colleges included in the CAO booklet charge higher fees than other institutions.

Many Colleges of Further Education have opened/will soon open their on-line applications for their Level 5 courses. Students are advised to look into Colleges of Further Education as there are courses to suit the needs of many of our students. They can also be beneficial to use as an alternative way to start training in a particular area.

Apprenticeships for the ESB will soon open and information for this will be available on www.esb.ie/careers

Below are the dates of some upcoming events which may interest senior students (a full list can be found on www.qualifax.ie). Please check online for more information about the events listed:

Open Day	12/01/2019	BIMM Institute Dublin
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BFEI Open Day	15/01/2019	Blackrock Further Education Institute - BFEI
Open Day	16/01/2019	Dublin Business School (fee-paying)
DCU CAO Information Evening	16/01/2019	Dublin City University
UCD Engineering Open Evening 2019	16/01/2019	University College Dublin
Open Day	17/01/2019	Sallynoggin College of Further Education
Open / Careers Day	18/01/2019	Bray Institute of Further Education
Open Day	18/01/2019	Liberties College
Open Day	19/01/2019	BIMM Institute Dublin
Open Day	19/01/2019	Institute of Art Design & Technology
DARE & HEAR Advice Clinics (Sat) for PARENTS AND APPLICANTS See www.accesscollege.ie	19/01/2019	DARE/HEAR clinic in the Courtyard of DIT Aungier Street from 10am until 2pm. Open to DARE/HEAR applicants applying for any CAO course in any college.

[Ms. Ruane]

U19 Soccer

Congratulations to the U19 soccer team on their 7–2 semi-final win over St. Benildus College on Tuesday last. Paddy Quinn Glennon and Ogi Lovic hit the scoresheet with 2 goals each. Goals from Danu Kinsella Bishop, Charlie McGowan and an incredible goal from the Captain Aaron McGrath completed the scoreline. The team now face Blackrock College in the U19 Dublin Regional Final. Well done to all the team!

[Mr. Hayden & Mr. Dalton]

Peace and Justice / Advocacy Group

Eliminating the usage of single use plastics in our school.

Once again the eyes of the earth have turned to climate change. The past few years have been a real rollercoaster, with the president of the United States pulling out of the Paris climate accords, cities and franchises phasing out their consumption of single use plastics, and a frankly terrifying wakeup call in the form of a United Nations climate report that revealed that, far from being on the track to save the earth, we're on the brink of a world ending crisis.

One of, if not the worst human effects on the environment is our extreme overconsumption of single use plastics, and our consequent plastic dumping into our oceans. Plastic is a relatively new material, and in the century that it has been around, we've managed to use about 8.3 billion metric tons of it. About three quarters of that is now waste, sitting in landfills and in our oceans.

Plastic in the ocean has been detrimental to the environment already, choking wildlife, ruining habitats, our oceans are a delicate ecosystem, and in the last forty years, we've destroyed nearly half of it. There is an island of plastic waste roughly the size of Texas floating in the Pacific. Plastic being swallowed by animals isn't the only problem either, more recently we have become aware of an even greater danger. Micro-plastics. Micro-plastics are miniscule bits of plastic, created when plastic waste in the ocean crumbles due to exposure to sunlight. These tiny bits are then consumed by fish, plankton and other small animals, winding their way up the food chain until it reaches our tuna

sandwiches. It's too early to accurately predict the effect these will have on us, but we know that many of these plastics, and the chemicals attached to them are capable of altering our hormones, devastating to our reproduction and development. This danger isn't at all uncommon either, studies suggest that the majority of people have already consumed micro-plastics, and that they are present in about 90% of bottled water.

The damage done so far is significant, some of it irreversible, but we can prevent further damage. The Justice League have started a campaign in our school to reduce the amount of single use plastics we consume. In Coláiste Éanna, most of the plastic that students use every day, to bring their lunch, etc is avoidable. Better, renewable materials could be used and as part of our campaign we will be trying to phase out the unnecessary use of plastic in our school. Another issue is the lack of recycling of plastic bottles. To tackle this problem, we have set up stations around the school, solely for discarding these empty plastic bottles. As this is an urgent global crisis, we would really appreciate support from our fellow students in this campaign.



[Charlie Brady and Rory Duggan 5th Year Students]

Coláiste Éanna Parents Association

Limited Draw Relaunch



If you are not in you can't win

Over the next week we are relaunching our Limited Draw. This Draw is run by the Parents Association and is our main source of fund raising .

The entry fee to the draw is just €10 a month and there are three prizes in each draw of

First Prize €250

Second Prize €100

Third Prize €50

The draw takes place at the monthly Parents Association Meetings .The balance of the proceeds from the draw are used to help fund many beneficial projects in the school which, in the past, have included

- Purchase of Interactive classroom equipment
- Purchase of Computer Infrastructure and upgrades
- Purchase of Sports Equipment and the provision of Sports Facilities

The numbers entering and partaking in the draw have dwindled over the last few years and for this reason we are appealing to you to join the draw to support our school.

Everyone will be a winner .

The more we raise from the draw ,the higher the amount we can contribute to the school thus benefitting your son. Coupled with this you also have the very real chance of winning one of prizes.

Keep an eye out for the draw relaunch letter and copy of the standing order mandate which will be sent home with your son next week.

Many thanks for your continued Support .
Coláiste Éanna Parents Association



BALLYROAN JUNIOR CHESS & SOCIAL CLUB

“THE KNIGHTS OF ÉANNA”

ANNUAL TABLE QUIZ

Venue: Ballyboden St. Enda’s GAA Club House

DATE: Friday 1st February @ 7:30pm

Table of 4 : €40

Within the terms of the Constitution of the Knights of Éanna, the club is committed to providing a Mental Health and Wellbeing programme for our junior members. The programme is designed to encourage our adolescent members to take part in different activities to improve their self-confidence, social & physical skills. One such activity is our Annual Table Quiz.



Your support at this “fun” event would be greatly appreciated.

[Dave Grant]

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