



# An Nasc

## Coláiste Éanna Newsletter An Edmund Rice School

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### **Nóta ón bPríomhoide:**

A Cháirde,

Fáilte chuig an chéad eagrán don nuachtlitir, “An Nasc” (‘The Link’). In a special way we welcome the parents and guardians of our first years and students who are new to Coláiste Éanna to our electronic newsletter. Its aim is to keep you abreast of dates, events and information about Coláiste Éanna, *An Edmund Rice School*, and our community throughout the academic year. Editions will be emailed to you in ‘pdf’ format on a regular basis and will also be posted on the School’s Website.

Congratulations to our Leaving Certificate Students of 2019 on their results, and we wish them every success and happiness in their future studies and careers. We welcome our new first years to Second Level and hope that they have many happy years in Coláiste Éanna. In these early weeks of the academic term, students are being informed about various co-curricular and extra-curricular activities and we encourage them to participate in an activity/activities of choice.

We welcome Mr. Glenn Webster, our new Deputy Principal, to Coláiste Éanna and to our teaching staff, we welcome Ms. Hannah Somers (Gaeilge), Mr. Brian O’Connor (PE & Mathematics), Ms. Niamh Nolan (Business & Mathematics), and Ms. Siobhán King (Business & Mathematics). To Ms. Joyce, Mr. O’Reilly, Ms. Nicola Roddy and Ms. Rachael Keogh, we express our sincere gratitude for their respective contributions to the education of students during their time in Coláiste Éanna, and convey every good wish to them in their new appointments. Finally, on their retirements, we wish Ms. Susan McCabe (DP), Mr. Pádraic McManus (AP1) and Ms. Phyllis Murphy (Cleaning Dept.) many blessings, health and happiness in the years ahead, and thank them for their invaluable service to students, parents and staff over the years.

Guím gach rath agus séan ar do mhac don bhliain scoile nua.

Le gach dea-ghuí,  
S. Ó Murchú  
Principal

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## An tSeachtain Seo Chugainn (Next Week ...)

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September			
Day	Time	Information	Staff
<b>Monday</b>			
<b>Tuesday</b>			
<b>Wednesday</b>	12.00pm	U16 Basketball Match – Home V Templeogue	Mr. O Sullivan
	1.00pm	U19 Basketball Match – Home V Templeogue	Ms. O'Reilly
	1.00pm	Senior Hurling Match – Home V Ard Scoil Rís	Mr. Conway & Mr. O'Connor
<b>Thursday</b>			
<b>Friday</b>			

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## Careers' Corner

### SIXTH YEARS:

Students in Sixth Year who have purchased a ticket for "Higher Options" next Wednesday are asked to ensure that they receive one of the "Higher Options" worksheets next Monday. Worksheets will be given out to class-groups, however if any student is absent they can collect a worksheet from the Guidance Office on Tuesday. These worksheets contain ideas in relation to preparation for their visit and also a map containing information on the stands which will be in place. There will also be information regarding the talks and times of talks at the "Higher Options" event. These talks can provide useful information and tips for those in Sixth Year who have questions about particular career-areas. Students are reminded that their **parents/guardians need to notify the school-office** in advance of their son's intention to attend "Higher Options".

All Sixth Year classes were handed their CAO Booklets last week. The CAO will not open until November 5th. Students should use the time up until then to research their options. Over the following month all classes will receive presentations on the CAO system and Further Education/Training routes.

**Sixth Year parents** are reminded that there will be a presentation in relation to the CAO system and alternative educational paths on the evening of **Monday 23rd September**. An email was sent containing more details about this event.

Sixth Years are reminded that they need to check the Careers' Noticeboard, which is conveniently located in the Canteen, on a weekly basis so that they can make their Careers' appointment at the time allocated.

Should any student in **any year-group** require a Guidance or Careers' appointment at any stage, they are asked to speak to Ms. Ruane or see the available-times at the list outside the door of the Guidance Office.

*[Ms. Ruane]*

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## Music Department

Congratulations to Fionn MCBride who took part in various group performances at the Fleadh Cheoil this month, the school is very proud of his musical achievements.

Preparations are underway for this years' musical, the team are selecting the right show and setting the dates, keep watching this space for updates, we would be keen to hear from parents who would like to volunteer in any capacity this year.

*[Mr. Quinn]*

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## TY Carlingford 2019

We left at 4pm on Wednesday afternoon and after our 2 hour bus journey, we had arrived at Carlingford Adventure Centre. We were then split into rooms with our mates organised by Mr. Conway. We dumped the bags into our rooms and headed up the mountains for a campfire. Here, we roasted marshmallows, listened to music and played games with the instructors. When we returned to the centre we were divided into groups to get food from the chipper and from the shops. That evening we played a winner-stays-on game of table tennis and hung out in the common rooms. At 11pm, we all headed back to our rooms where we prepared for bed. Shortly after, we went to sleep (well, most of us!).

At 8am, we were woken for breakfast which included cereal and some dodgy toast! At 9am we were split into 2 groups for the activities. We were in Group A so we're going to go from there. For our first activity, we did canoeing which was great craic, apart from the freezing cold water. We returned then for a lunch of beans, chips and chicken. After lunch we were ready for our next activity... "crystal maze". This was a bunch of mental and physical challenges that earned gems on completion. The challenges would take too long to explain, but they were difficult!! At the end of the activity we were all exhausted. Dinner was spaghetti bolognese and garlic bread which went down very well. Our night time activity was Nightline where we had to follow a track by holding onto a piece of rope while blindfolded. It was a great laugh.

The following morning's activity was Laser Tag. In our opinion this was the best activity as it involved shooting our fellow classmates and Mr. Stirling. After lunch, our last activity was SkyPark. This was very similar to Zip-It but more challenging. This was an activity that everyone participated in as a group. The bus picked us up from the here, and we headed home.

Overall this was a great experience which we feel brought the whole year closer as a group. It was a trip we will never forget.





*[Colm Aherne and Dougie Clarke]*

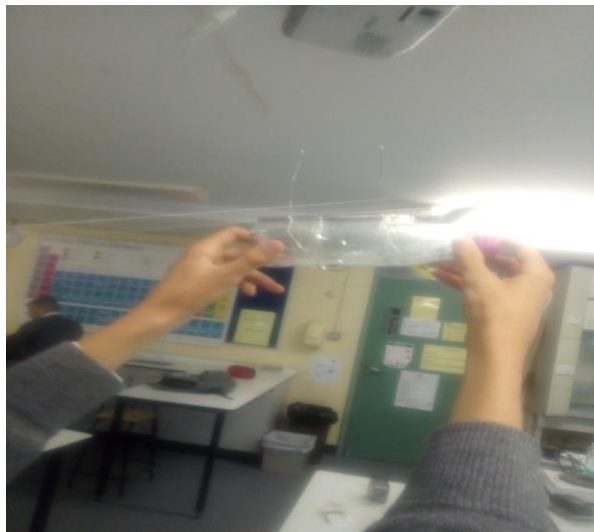
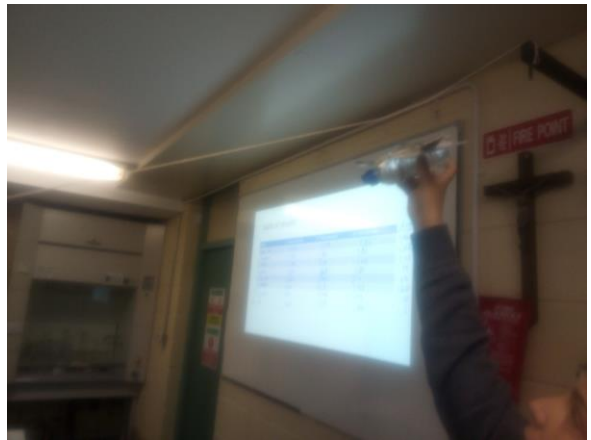
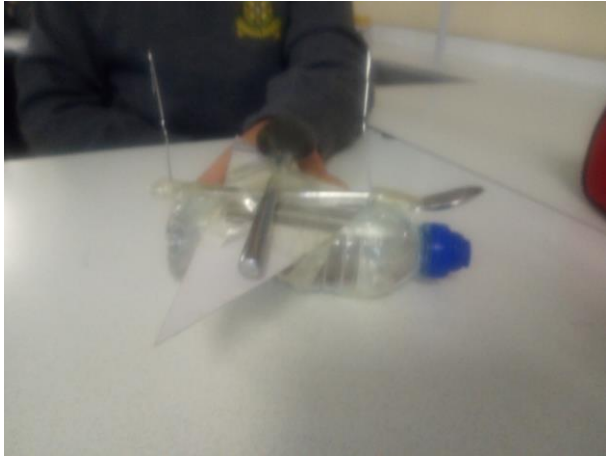
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## **Transition year Science Flight test**

Transition year students as part of their science module “Discovery and Design” designed planes using a metal desert spoon as the main plane body. Students had to design the shape of their plane applying their knowledge of aerodynamics and laws of motion. The position and height of the zip line also had to be considered.

Each group tested their plane on the zip-line 3 times and the speed was calculated using the distance and the time recorded.

The team with the fastest plane was Sean Nicholson, Evan O’Connor and Bradley Glynn Rochford.



*[Ms. Cremin]*

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## **India Immersion 2020**

In February 2020, twelve students from Coláiste Éanna, Ballyroan, will travel to Kolkata, India as part of the World Immersion Programme, run by the Edmund Rice School Trust. The Coláiste Éanna India Immersion program is primarily about the experience of connecting with people in a developing country and the learning and understandings that arise from this. The project has been operating for a long number of years as part of the Edmund Rice Christian ethos of assisting those less fortunate than ourselves.

The India Immersion Project started in Coláiste Éanna in 2001 and has taken place every two years since then. As part of this programme, students travel to one of the poorest regions in India to help those who live in extreme poverty. While in Kolkata, the students will volunteer to work in Street Schools, Hospice-founded by the late Mother Teresa, and hospitals and schools throughout the Kolkata region. By being with local communities in the developing world and reflecting on those experiences, the students will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of Christian Faith and to increase their commitment and capacity to work toward real change in their world.

In February 2020 as part of our India Immersion project twelve students from Coláiste Éanna along with four teachers will travel to Kolkata, India. This exhilarating excursion will have a momentous and life altering influence on the twelve students who get to travel to Kolkata, India.

Only students from 5<sup>th</sup> Year and Transition year are eligible to apply for the India Immersion project.

Please note that application forms for the India Immersion trip to India in February 2020 will be available on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019, from Mr Carey (Room 39) or Mr Flynn (Room 16)

All completed applications must be returned by 1pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 to either Mr Carey or Mr Flynn.

*[Mr. Carey, Religion Dept]*

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## Habitat Field Study Trip

3rd year science class went to St. Enda's Park to study the local habitat, examining and noting the plants and animals living in the area as part of the Science Bio-diversity studies.



*[Ms. O'Reilly]*

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## Chess Club

Simply the best performance by our students in the City of Dublin (the first major weekend competition of the season) with four players receiving prizes, Dylan McBrien came joint 2<sup>nd</sup> in the challengers with Eoin Harrington gaining a rating band prize in the Majors and Elliott O'Connell and Charlie O'Connell also receiving rating band prizes in the challengers. The Knights of Éanna senior team have been promoted through the back door to the BEA South Div 5 in the Leinster Clubs League. We will now have two teams in different Leinster club leagues. Just to remind people, the school team of 10 players beat Gonzaga College 10-0 in pre Millfield challenge match last week, another fantastic performance from our junior players – well done to all!

Reminder that the official School Chess Club will **only take place** on Friday evenings from 5pm onwards. There will 3 professional coaches available to school teams at this time. **There is no after school Chess on Wednesdays going forward.**

1<sup>st</sup> Year Chess continues this year on Mondays and Tuesdays at lunchtime in the School Library. All our most welcome.

*[David Grant]*



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