

Nuachtlitir Choláiste De Lacy

Nollaig 2014



Dear Parents,


Just a short note to say a massive thank you to everyone for a fantastic term. The students have been amazing, as always, and they have truly shone in all of our school activities and events this term. From the St. Vincent De Paul hampers to Family Day, they have been brilliant and we are so proud of them all.

The support and generosity of parents knows no bounds and is very much appreciated. The staff have worked so hard in establishing our school and caring for our students. I could not have asked for a better groups of students, staff and parents to work with. I wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and every health and happiness in 2015.


Go raibh gach sonas oraibh an Nollaig seo.
Le gach dea-mhéin,
Iníon Corrigan



Reflections on Term 1



Listening to Aoibhin singing 'Winter Song' and watching films with students during Film Club—
Iníon Sorohan



Watching the students putting on the first school jerseys and also being present at the very first ever sporting event of our school—
Maistir Hogan

Reflections on Term 1

I love that I got to celebrate my birthday on the same day we all went ice-skating”- Justin

My best memory is playing rugby with Nessa and Justin. It’s a small thing but it’s the small things that stood out. Then there was family day, which was different, but in a good way”- Jiawen

My favourite memories of Term 2 have been ice skating. It was “brrrr-illiant” and going to the Ireland V America match. I really enjoyed Term 2- Evan

I really enjoyed making the SVDP hampers and going ice-skating”- Rachel

Starting to read the novel in English, performing in English, singing songs in Irish & family day!- Aoibhin

I enjoyed the ice skating because it was really fun and everyone looked funny. Also loved wood as we made little boats and also designing our Doodle for Google- Onóra

Memories of Term 2



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Family Day

On Friday the 12th of December, Coláiste De Lacy hosted a ‘Family Day’. The event was organised by Iníon Corrigan and an organising committee made up of eight student volunteers. The purpose of the day was to invite family members into our classrooms to watch and participate in the teaching and learning of a modern school like Coláiste De Lacy and to share with us their experiences of their own schooling- which were in stark contrast to ours here in De Lacy.

The visitors attended classes in English, Maths, Science and Geography with the students. During the symposium held at the end of the day our students asked questions and led discussions with the visitors to find out about their experiences of school, how they were taught and how they learned.

As you can see from the photos an amazing day was had by all involved, very interesting, enlightening and loads of fun!



St. Vincent De Paul Hampers

Our students, under the guidance of Iníon Cunningham and Iníon O'Flanagan, worked together in teams to prepare an impressive total of 12 hampers for the St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal.

While the main focus was on providing sustainable food, the students very kindly also donated some luxurious items too which will hopefully make Christmas a little more enjoyable for those families in need this Christmas. Well done to all involved.

We were also visited on the 14th of November by Sheila Ryan, a volunteer from the St. Vincent De Paul organisation. Sheila gave us loads of information on the many ways that we can support this fantastic organisation including both buying from and donating to them unwanted clothes, books, furniture etc .



Sports Updates

Rugby

This term students completed five weeks of rugby training coached by Scott Broughton from Ashbourne Rugby Club and Leinster coaching. Students thoroughly enjoyed this experience and will take part in a blitz in the New Year.

Soccer

On the 27th of November our boys soccer team competed in the Futsal Tournament in Gormanstown.

GAA/Athletics

Meath GAA have completed four weeks of training with the school.

Training for all GAA teams and Athletic teams is still ongoing on Thursday evenings from 2.45-3.45pm. New members are still more than welcome. Both teams will be playing against Dunshaughlin and Ratoath in the New Year.

Ireland Vs USA Game Aviva

Twenty nine students travelled to the Aviva stadium to watch Ireland play USA. The game finished 4-1 in favour of Ireland and all of the students and teachers had a fantastic time.



Film Club

And.....ACTION!!!!!!

On Thursday, the 13th of November, with the aroma of popcorn filling the air, Coláiste de Lacy launched its Film Club!

The film club runs every Thursday and seeks to engage students in the world of film. We currently have 31 members. Films will be shown from many different genres- sci-fi, fantasy, animation, adventure, comedy, musicals, westerns and history to name a few. Students will also learn about camera angles, special effects, musical scores etc. as well as a look at some of the world’s most famous directors.

The first screening is the sci-fi action film ‘Divergent’.



Library

“A good library will never be too neat, or too dusty, because somebody will always be in it, taking books off the shelves and staying up late to read them” Lemony Snicket – ‘Horseradish’

This term we finally got our library up and running! A massive thank you again to all parents who donated books to make our first library happen. We very much appreciate it.



Awards Ceremony



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Las Vegas Comes to Coláiste De Lacy!

Las Vegas came to Coláiste de Lacy in the form of a very interesting Maths class during November. After learning all about probability, the students calculated their chances of winning and placed their bets on three types of Casino games- Blackjack, Craps and Roulette.

Using fake money, the students placed each game for around 10 minutes- or until they had lost every penny! Despite only two students walking away with big 'winnings' all students really enjoyed practicing Maths in this fun way!



Art



Since Halloween, the students of Coláiste de Lacy have been busy designing their entries for the annual 'Doodle 4 Google' Competition. The aim of this competition is to illustrate the Google logo under a specific theme- this years being 'My Perfect Day'.

Each artist explored their own personal understanding of the word 'perfect' and came up with the visuals to represent this understanding. The result is a range of varying perceptions and an insight into the ideals of our young artists. The finished pieces are being displayed in the school at present and are forming the beginnings of what we hope to be our first student art gallery.

Art Continued



On a more festive note, the first Christmas Card Competition of Coláiste De Lacy took place recently, and despite the high standard of all entries only three winners could be picked. Congratulations to Victoria McElearney, Patrick O'Brien and Toma Zemliauskaite.

English

Six Word Short Story! Flash Fiction!

American writer Ernest Hemingway was set a challenge by his friends to write a short story in only six words. Hemingway won the \$10 bet and produced what some people believe is a great and powerful piece of flash fiction. This is what he wrote- 'For sale: Baby's shoes, never worn.'

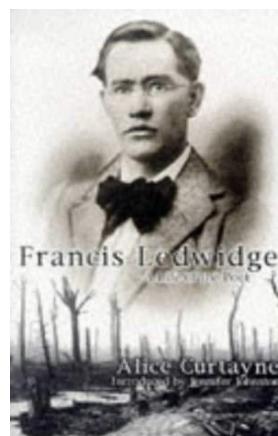
Iníon Sorohan set this same challenge to the English students of Coláiste de Lacy and was met with some amazing and surprising six word short stories! All of which we have just entered into the weekly competition ran by the *Irish Independent*! Here are some of the entries. Pictured are some of our entries. Wish us luck!

Class Novel

As well as writing our own little stories we have also started reading our class novel "Wonder"! When we return in January we will be teaming up with our Art Department to create some art pieces in conjunction with our reading which we are very excited about!

Francis Ledwidge Poetry Competition

Finally students are also currently working on the first drafts of their poems for submission to the Francis Ledwidge poetry competition in February.



Geography

This term in Geography student's undertook their own projects on 'River Formations' and even crated 3D models on some of the best known features of river erosion and deposition. Well done to all students, a huge amount of work and creativity were used to bring the features into 3D.





Ice Skating & Cinema Trip



Go raibh míle maith agaibh!

A Massive Thank You to All Parents for your help and support this term.



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