



# Coláiste Pobail Acla



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – CHRISTMAS 2017

## Eochair feasa foghlaim

### Principal's Message

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the Christmas issue of the Coláiste Pobail Acla Newsletter. This is always a very busy time for students and staff alike as Christmas exams take place for all students. However, as you can see from this edition of our newsletter, our students were also engaged in a fantastic array of extra-curricular activities this term.

In Coláiste Pobail Acla we are all looking forward to the New Year where further works to improve the school environment will begin with new toilet facilities.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff and students for all their hard work since I have taken up my position in August and to wish staff, students and parents/guardians a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Le gach Dea-Ghui i gcomhair na Nollag is na hath bhliana.

Paul Fahy  
Principal (Acting)

### Important Dates

- **8th January** - School Re-opens
- **15th January** - Junior Cycle Teacher Training day (school closure)
- **1st February** - Junior and Leaving Certificate Mock exams begin
- **7th February** - Open Night and Enrolment for 6th class students
- **12th-16th February** - Mid Term Break
- **21st March** - 3rd and 6th Year Parent/Teacher Meeting
- **26th March - 6th April** - Easter Holidays

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Achill International Harp Festival

Congratulations and well done to all students who took part in the Achill International Harp Festival. Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann daoine.



Well done to Emma McNulty and Laoise Conway who participated in the Harp Making Workshop held in CPA last October. De réir a chéile a thógtar caisleán. Míle Buíochas do Feile Chruite Acla don scoláireacht seo.



## Ag Cur Chun Cinn na Gaeilge sa Scoil



Tá Coláiste Pobail Acla ag glacadh páirte i scéim an “Brat Gaelach” an bhliain seo. Is éard atá mar aidhm againn an bhliain seo ná an Ghaeilge agus an Cultúr a neartú agus a chothú in ár bPobail. Le cúpla mí anuas, eagraíodh go leor imeachtaí in ár scoil. “Beatha an Teanga í a labhairt”

# GAEILGE 24

Speak Irish for a day

Ghlac scoláirí agus múinteoirí Coláiste Pobail Acla páirt in imeacht “Gaeilge 24” le déanaí. An aidhm a bhí againn sa scoil ná iarracht a dhéanamh an Ghaeilge a labhairt ar feadh an lae. Cuireadh duiseanna ar fáil do na scoláirí a bhí ag déanamh an iarracht is fearr. “Tír gan Teanga, Tír gan Ainm”



### Ciorcal Comhrá

Bíonn fáilte roimh gach scoláire do “Ciorcal Comhrá” gach coicís. Cuirtear tae, briosaí agus duaiseanna ar fáil do na daltaí. Tá deis ag na scoláirí agus na múinteoirí a “Cúpla Focal” a chleachtadh don am lóin sin. Bíonn atmaisféar deas, réchúiseach ann gan aon bhrú. “Is fearr Gaeilge Briste ná Béarla Cliste”



### Oíche Chultúir

Eagraíodh “Oíche Chultúir” sa chéad téarma don scéim “Brat Gaelach”. Bhí an idirbhliain i mbun aisteoireachta ar an gCorrán i nGlór na dTonn. Ghlac siad páirt i nDráma “An Bhó”. Bhí idir amhránaíocht agus ceol ar siúl ag scoláirí Coláiste Pobail Acla ar an oíche. D’fhreastail na bunscoileanna áitiúla ar an léiriú iarnóna agus bhí slua maith ann um thráthnóna. Oíche den scoth a bhí ann.



### “Caith Amach Me”

Chuaigh rang na hArdeiste go dtí Seó Sraith Pictiúr “Caith Amach Mé” le déanaí i mBéal An Átha. Gearr-dhrámaíocht a bhí ann inár thaispeáin na haisteoirí na sraith pictiúir dóibh i mbealach éadrom greannmhar. Bhain na scoláirí agus na Múinteoirí uilig sult as an lá. Dea-chleachtadh a bhí ann don scrúdú cainte. “Cleachtadh a dhéanann Maistreacht”



## Le Coin Française



### Le petit déjeuner à la Française

With the help of TY students the French Department organised a special breakfast with traditional French fare for First Year students of the subject. A lovely time was had by all. The event was organised to celebrate European Day of Languages on 26 September, an initiative established by Leargas and the Council of Europe to celebrate Europe’s linguistic diversity.



### Poetry Aloud

We are very proud of our students from 2nd and 3rd year who took part in "Poetry Aloud" competition in Sligo on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October. All the students did very well. Everybody had a great day.



### Drop Everything and Read

Well done to all our students who participated in Drop Everything and Read. Thanks to Mr Egan, Ms Conroy and Mr Moran for organising the event.



### MS Readathon

All first and second years are currently taking part in this. MS Readathon is an annual sponsored read for students which raises money for MS.

### Poetry Aloud

We are very proud of Shannon Vesey who took part in the semi finals of the "Poetry Aloud" competition in Dublin on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. She also caught some of the sights in Dublin while there. Well done Shannon! Thanks to Miss Conroy and Miss McLoughlin for organising the trip. Cleachtadh a dhéanann maistreacht.



## Literacy & Numeracy



### Maths trail

CPA First Year students participating in "Maths Trail" organised and designed by our Transition Year students finished with a computer based Maths and Numeracy quiz. Thanks to Ms Mellet and Ms Murtagh for organising this event. Ní neart go cur le chéile.

**International Bookmark Exchange** - All first and second year students were involved in this activity recently. The Bookmark Exchange project involves students making homemade bookmarks to exchange with students in other countries. The Bookmark Exchange project is a simple, fun way of sharing the pleasures and delights of books and libraries and of making new friends through school libraries worldwide.



## Sport & Fitness



### Gym

Our 6th Year LCVP students enjoying an enterprise based trip to Andy Moran's gym in Castlebar in late November. Thanks to Mr. Shannon and Ms O'Connor for organising the trip. Ní bhíonn an rath, ach mara mbíonn an smacht!

### GAA

Coláiste Pobail Acla took part in Connacht U-15 blitz in Mayo Centre of Excellence in October and recorded 3 wins out of 3 against Tourmakeady, Davitt College and St Tiernans. CPA are through to final of the competition in spring time after winning both blitz days in November. Thanks to Mr Ginty who managed the team. Well done to all members of the squad.



## Other Events



### Drumming Workshop

Some of our students participated in a drumming workshop in October. Thanks to Ms Duffy for organising the workshop.

### Science Week

Science Week ran from the 12th to the 19th of November with students getting involved in numerous different activities throughout the week. TY students put on a great magic show for 1st Years, 3rd Year students partook in a quiz to test their science knowledge, and 5th Year students created posters to display the importance of science right throughout the school.



### Ballintubber Abbey

Our 1st Year students enjoyed a retreat in Ballintubber Abbey on 13<sup>th</sup> September. A nice way to start their Coláiste Pobail Acla journey. Thanks to Mrs. Shannon for organising the trip.

## Transition Year Activities



### Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2017

Congratulations and well done to all students who participated in the Team Hope Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. This year the TEAM HOPE shoe boxes from Ireland will go to street children, orphans, children in hospital, poor families, victims of war or other needy situations in the following countries: Belarus, Romania, Transnistria, Kosovo, Moldova, Ukraine, Albania, Burundi, Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Swaziland, Rwanda. Thanks to Ms Lavelle and our TY students for organising this event. Go n-éirí an bóthar leat is do chosán cóngair.



### Cake Sale

Well done to our Transition Year class for organising a cake sale in November.



### TY Retreat

Our TY students enjoyed a retreat in Ballintubber Abbey on 27<sup>th</sup> September. The facilitators of the retreat described our student's behaviour as exemplary and a credit to our school. Thanks to Mrs Shannon for organising the trip.



TY Sailing in Ballycroy

### Phil Speaks

We had a fantastic day at NUI Galway on 22<sup>nd</sup> November at the PhilSpeaks workshop. 4 students from CPA, Emma Mc Nulty, Laoise Conway, Eva Mc Namara, David Mc Ginty, Ryan Wilson, Sean Mc Nulty joined TY students from all over the west of Ireland to participate in a workshop with Trinity's legendary University Philosophical Society, 'The Phil'. PhilSpeaks is an initiative for secondary schools to become involved in debating and public speaking activities.



### Delphi

Our TY students went to Delphi from Tues 14<sup>th</sup> to Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> November. They participated in a variety of activities both land and water based. The activities included: the giant swing; bogathon; surfing; high ropes and a camp fire. The students enjoyed a fantastic 2 night stay and thoroughly enjoyed the experience as a bonding trip. Many overcame reservations they had about certain activities and challenged themselves to achieve as a group. New friendships were formed while existing ones were strengthened.

