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## Money Smart Challenge

Our 5th-year Business students took part in the Bank of Ireland Money Smart Challenge on Wednesday morning. While they didn't win the quiz, the students really enjoyed the experience and found it both fun and informative. The event was a fantastic opportunity to develop their financial literacy skills, learn more about managing money, and gain insight into real-world financial decision-making. A big well done to all who took part!



## Woodturning Workshop

Well done to the members of the Woodturners Group who recently completed a workshop with famous Irish woodturner Willie Creighton.



# TRANSITION YEAR MUSICAL

Well done to our TY students on two amazing performances of their musical 'Jump into the 80s'. Some stellar performances from across the cast kept the crowds on the edge of their seats on both nights. Thanks to all the teachers, parents and guardians, and local community who supported our students in their preparation for their shows. Thanks also to the local businesses who have supported the shows through generous sponsorship and donation of raffle prizes. We are very appreciative of it all.



# TRANSITION YEAR MUSICAL



# SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE



Bhain daltaí na scoile an-taitneamh as ceiliúradh Sheachtain na Gaeilge 2026 i gColáiste Pobail Acla. Eagraíodh go leor imeachtaí le linn na seachtaine. Ghlac na scoláirí páirt i réimse gníomhaíochtaí spráíúla ar nós ceardlann amhránaíochta, tráth na gceist, biongó lócó, cóisir na bpancóg, crannchur na seanfhocal, scannán Gaeilge, cluichí kahoot, ióga trí Ghaeilge . Bhí clár raidió ar siúl gach lá agus bhí duaiseanna ann le haghaidh Gaeilgeoirí an lae. Sheinn Banna Píob Coláiste Pobail Acla cúpla port le linn na seachtaine freisin. Bhí na seomraí lán le fuinneamh, gáire agus spiorad na Gaeilge. Mar a deir an seanfhocal “Beatha Teanga í a labhairt”



# GAELIOMÁNA PROJECT



The Transition Year students in Coláiste Pobail Acla were delighted to launch the Gaeliomána project in school last week in partnership with the Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education and Training Board. Gaeliomána is an exciting new initiative that brings Irish to life in a fun and engaging way through the sport of hurling. We would like to thank Joe Greaney, hurling coach, who demonstrated his hurling skills to the students in a fun and enjoyable way. Our students had the opportunity to use their “cúpla focal” during the training session and are already looking forward to their next session.



## Obair le Maeve Clancy

Ghlac daltaí ón dara bliain páirt i dtionscadal leabhair le maisitheoir áitiúil Maeve Clancy le déanaí. Léirigh na páistí cruthaitheacht agus obair foirne agus iad ag cruthú a leabhar, "Nancy Corrigan," Tá an leabhar bunaithe ar bhean inspioráideach áitiúil a chuaigh ar imirce go Meiriceá agus a cáilíodh mar phiolóta sna 1930idí. D'fhreastail cuid de na scoláirí ar an JCSP Make a Book Exhibition áit ar thaispeáin siad a leabhar do scoileanna eile. Thug siad cur i láthair do gach duine ar an bpróiséas agus ar shaol Nancy Corrigan trí Ghaeilge agus trí Bhéarla. Bronnadh teastais ar na scoláirí an tseachtain seo caite nuair a bhí ceiliúradh beag againn sa scoil. Tá muid thar a bheith bródúil as ár scoláirí iontacha. Ba mhaith linn buíochas a ghabháil le Maeve Clancy as an gcuidiú agus a treoir le linn an phróiséis seo.



## Chess & Pool Tournament

Junior students from Coláiste Pobail Acla visited St Brendan's College, Belmullet recently for the return legs of Chess and Pool tournaments held earlier this year. Our students proudly represented the school, showcasing impressive skill, focus, and sportsmanship throughout the day.

It was wonderful to see students given the opportunity to represent the school while sharing and celebrating their unique talents. Well done to everyone who took part and helped make it such an enjoyable and memorable event.



## Sport in CPA

Our U14 girls' team got their first win of the season against Our Lady's Secondary School Belmullet early in 2026! Our 1st & 2nd year boys also gave a great account of themselves at an ETB blitz in Castlebar. The boys won 5 out of 5 games against teams from Lacken, Tourmakeady, Davitt College, Foxford, and Swinford. Well done all!

## Athletics

Well done to Briain Daly, 2nd year, who came 3rd in both the U16 Boys 800m and 1500m events at the Connacht Indoor Athletics, held at the TUS Arena in Athlone in February.

He has now qualified for the All Irelands at the same venue later this year. Well done Briain!



## Team of the Year Award

Congratulations to Harry Callaghan, Transition Year, on being selected in the Mayo League U-17 Division Three Team of the Year 2025. Harry finished top scorer with 23 goals and is a Player of the Year nominee.

## Academic Award

Well done to past pupil, Fionn English, who was awarded an ATU Entrance Scholarship.

The award recognises students who achieved over 550 CAO points in their Leaving Certificate.

Fionn, who is studying Mechanical Engineering, was one of eleven students from Mayo to receive the award. Dr Orla Flynn, President of ATU, presented students with €500 and a handmade trophy designed by ATU Connemara graduate Eoin Kirwan.

Well done Fionn.



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# AFTER-SCHOOL RUNNING CLUB

Join our team!

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

04:00 PM – 04:45 PM

ALL STUDENTS – FROM  
BEGINNERS TO EXPERIENCED  
ARE WELCOME



We are delighted to continue our after school running group on Wednesday's.

The group is open to all students and is suitable for all abilities, with walk/jog/run options available.

The focus is on participation, fitness and wellbeing in a supportive environment.

Any questions, please contact Ms McLoughlin or Mr Lally.