

# Cashel Community School

Newsletter September 2017



## Welcome to CCS first years

On behalf of all staff and students in Cashel Community School, we would like to welcome all first years to our school community.



## Double Take! Cashel Community School 'MAGNIFICENT SEVEN'!

On Tuesday 29th August, Cashel CS welcomed the 2017/18 First Year Group and amongst the freshmen were seven sets of twins, five of whom are identical. This is most definitely a first for the school. In their midst are four pairs of girls and one of boys. The fourteen students represent 9.8% of the first year group.



## New deputy principal at CCS

We congratulate Mr. John Murray on his appointment as Deputy Principal of Cashel Community School and wish him every success in his new role. We know that he will relish both the challenge and opportunities of his new role and will serve to enhance the quality of life in Cashel Community School.



## CCS celebrate excellent Leaving Cert Results

Wednesday 17th August was a very big day in the lives of Cashel Community School sixth year class of 2017. Many students approach the school with both excitement and trepidation. Newly appointed Deputy Principal John Murray commented that "There is huge pressure on students with the exams and in many ways, some appeared more nervous today collecting their results than when they were doing their exams. But I suppose they are nervous because they know how hard they worked and they want their results to reflect that effort". Furthermore, the class of 2017 who received their Leaving Cert results have the added anxiety of mastering the new points system and its implications.



# Geography Week at Cashel Community School

Geography took pride of place in mid September in Cashel C.S. with the inaugural 'Geography Week'. It is the study of patterns and processes in the physical and human environments, and during the week, all students were encouraged to become involved in a range of activities to enhance their geographical knowledge and skills. During the week, sixth year students travelled to Tramore, Co. Waterford where they carried out their Leaving Certificate Geographical Investigation. Transition year students were tasked with finding out

the county/country of origin of students and staff, and located them on a World map which was displayed in school. Second year students were also involved as they constructed two and three-dimensional models related to geographical features, such as volcanoes and karst landscapes.

**Photo: Second year prize winners with their geography projects as part of Geography Week.**



## CCS Launch New PE Uniform

Cashel Community School have launched a new PE uniform for the 2017/2018 academic year. The uniform which is compulsory for first years and optional for other years in the school while it is being phased in. It is an O'Neill's sportswear range. The new design is the outcome of a lengthy consultative process between students, parents and staff.



## Godolphin Bursary 2017

Cashel Community School is pleased to announce the Godolphin Bursary which was launched in Cashel Community School on Wednesday September 13th. Godolphin is the global thoroughbred breeding and horseracing team founded by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Dubai. Godolphin owns Kildangan Stud in Kildare as well as Ballysheehan Stud in Cashel and Victor Stud in Golden. This

bursary is open to all students at Cashel Community School who will sit the Leaving Certificate in June 2018. It will be awarded to a student who intends to continue full-time study at an Institute of Technology or University in Ireland, or at an equivalent institution overseas.



## Cycle against suicide ambassador award

Cycle Against Suicide Ambassador School Awards ceremony was held at the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham. These awards recognised the immense efforts of 89 schools around the island of Ireland who have completed the Ambassador School Programme, and became actively involved in mental health promotion. The Ambassador School Programme is one aspect of a wide range of Cycle Against Suicide initiatives and programmes, is school-led, and involves the completion of “Five Gears” over the course of a year, all of which are aimed at raising awareness of the message that:

**“It’s OK to not feel OK; and it is absolutely OK to ask for help”.**



## Healthy Eating Week

Every year group were provided with healthy snacks due to the generous sponsorship from the local community. First and second years participated in a 'Drop everything and run'. Third year students were involved in a boot camp guided by a local gym instructor. Senior Home Economics students attended a presentation from dietitian Aoife Hanna. Transition Year students were actively involved in four workshops in LIT Thurles. Monday lunch time saw two teachers go head to head in a 'Cook Off' much to the enjoyment of the student body with Ms Ruth Barry coming out as victor. The competitive edge of the teachers was prevalent on Friday break time when healthy snacks prepared by various staff members were tasted and judged on by their colleagues. Ms Irene Codd winning the prize with her tasty smoked salmon snack.



## Excellent junior cert results

Cashel Community School would like to congratulate the students who completed their Junior Certificate programme this year. There were some excellent results across the board in what was a difficult and challenging year for all involved within our school community. The students were rewarded for all their hard work and efforts during the last three years.



## CCS Culture Night

A musical group from Cashel Community School took part in a musical activity to highlight and showcase Culture Night as part of Cashel Arts Festival. Cashel Arts Festival presented this event to unite people by the magical power of music, from classical to contemporary. It supports local young performers who play musical instruments and would like to share their wonderful gift with other people.



Back Row (Left to Right): Donnacha O'Dwyer, Richie Crowe, Stephen Foley, Adam Skeffington & Eoin Foley.

Front Row (Left to Right): Sophie Rea, Áine Hanley, Ms. Liane Bradley (Music Teacher), Aoife Linehan & Saoirse Browne.