

Curragh Community College

Spring Newsletter 2026



Happy Easter

We hope this newsletter gives you a flavour of the wonderful classwork and school activities that have taken place since the start of 2026.

We offer a broad curriculum here in CCC which includes many subjects and activities both inside and outside the class setting.

Thank you to all the students for their hard work and dedication this term.

A special thank you to all the staff, parents and guardians who support the students of CCC.

*We wish you and yours
a lovely Easter break and
look forward to Term 3.*

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Making History for CCC

Wednesday 21st January was a historical day for our school as our students took on Dunamase College from Portlaoise in the Leinster Senior League Boys Final in Kilcullen.

We could not be prouder of our **Senior League Soccer Team** and their outstanding performance in the Final. Every player showed incredible skill, heart, and commitment from the first whistle to the last.

Throughout the game, the team demonstrated **remarkable grit and determination**, refusing to back down and staying firmly in the fight. Their dominance in the first half was clear for all to see, as they showcased excellent technique, intelligent play, and true teamwork on the pitch.

Over the past two years, this group has grown tremendously, both individually and collectively. Their improvement has been **exceptional**, and reaching this stage is a testament to the hard work they continue to put in.

Although the final didn't go our way, their journey is far from over. The team remains firmly in the running for silverware as they prepare to meet their next opponents in the upcoming Leinster Shield match in April. We are behind them every step of the way and look forward to seeing them continue to rise.

Well done to all involved, we are truly proud.



January 2026

Transition Year



The year got off to a busy start for the Transition Year class with a trip to the Stripe **Young Scientist Exhibition** in the RDS in Dublin.

In January, students also completed a **Maths workshop** which involved learning to juggle and took part in a workshop with **SOAR Foundation**. The Soar Foundation delivers preventative programmes focusing on the well-being of all young people.

TJs also took part in a **Film workshop** with Create School and worked on their personal skills like guitar playing, for their **Gaisce President's Award**.

This term they also attended the **Young Social Innovators Speak Out** event in Kilkenny, raising their voices for issues relevant to young people today.



Other activities included Croke Park and a visit from Reptile Haven.



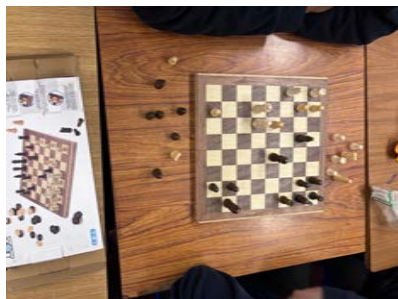
Curragh Community College Students Graduate



Congratulations to each of our 13 students from last year's Transition Year class who graduated with a university qualification in January 2026.

They worked last year with Microsoft Dreamspace to earn a Level 6 qualification in "21st Century STEM Skills" from Maynooth University. Students were presented with their certificates by Dr. Katriona O Sullivan from the STEM Passport programme which aims to ensure equity of opportunity for students to access STEM courses and careers.

Every Monday, a group of students from 1st to 3rd year have met in Room 5 for Chess this term. Students teach each other how to play and there is a healthy competition!



Healthy Eating Week 2026

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Friday 16th Jan – Make 1 Small Change

Small changes can make a big impact over time.

If we make 1 small change at a time it is more likely to become habit

The food choices you make in your teens can have an impact on your health status as an adult.

Set yourself a challenge to make one small change to your food choices based on your learning from the week.

Swap This

For This



I am going to have 1 meat free day a week.

I am going to add fruit to my breakfast to try get my 5 a day.



February ...

- The school focussed on Creativity and Internet Safety this month. Safer Internet Day took place on 10th February and as part of this European initiative our local community Garda Barry came in to talk to students.
- **We welcomed our incoming First Years to our school for a Day in the Life of a CCC Student. We look forward to helping them settle into secondary school later this year.**
- Work Experience is a valuable part of a young person's education and this month all 5th year students completed work experience as part of their Leaving Cert Vocational Programme. Our TYs and LCA students also continued their work experience once a week.
- **Thank you to all the companies that hosted our students and helped them grow and develop their skills.**
- Second Year students took part in the World of Work experience with Horse Racing Ireland and benefitted from a trip to Curragh Racecourse also.
- **Our wonderful 3rd and 6th years completed their Mock exams and we congratulate them on the hard work and their achievements to date. We wish them well in the upcoming oral and practical exams.**
- TYs took a trip to the Riverbank Theatre in Newbridge to see a French film and also got to work their way around the Go Quest challenge in Dublin, testing their problem-solving skills.



March ...

- **Seachtain na Gaeilge** took part in March and there was great fun and amazing talent on show. Our wonderful Irish dancers led us in a céilí and our teachers demonstrated their dancing moves!
- Students took part in speed dating in Irish, Table Quizzes, workshops and still made time for the essential Cupán Tae!
- A group of students travelled to the IMC in Carlow to see a movie in Irish and had a great day out.



TYs also held a bakesale and raised over €400 for the Curragh Family Resource Centre. Well done everyone!



... a busy month

- Maynooth University and Glenveagh Homes organised a 'Design the Ideal College Campus' workshop for 6th years. They devised incredible ideas which will be followed up with a visit to Maynooth in May to see their ideas in a Hackathon.



Students in 5th and 6th year took time to meet with the 3rd and TY students who are starting LC Traditional in September and explained the 12 optional subjects we have on offer through a peer-to-peer activity.



Try a Trade with Irish Rail

A group of 5th and 6th year students travelled to Dublin to visit Irish Rail's Training School and to take part in a number of activities where they could try out different Trades.

World Book Day



Trip to Portlaoise Institute of Further Education

Students from 5th year LCA had a busy term. They travelled by train to Portlaoise to research the Post Leaving Cert (PLC) courses on offer. As part of a key assignment this term they travelled to Kildare to experience the behind-the-scenes of a coffee shop and visited the Riverbank Theatre in Newbridge. They also organised a fundraiser for Irish Cancer Society's Daffodil Day and raised over €300. Well done!



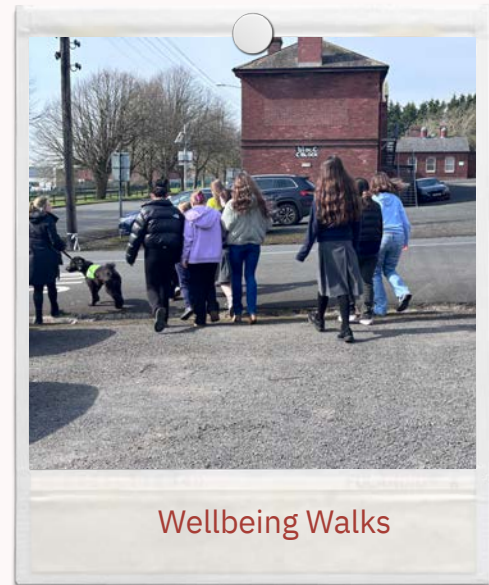
Challenges during Term 2

During this term, our school faced some significant challenges in relation to the school buildings and there was severe weather damage to some classrooms. Unfortunately this resulted in having to relocate some of our senior students to another building in Kildare for part of the school week. The school management would like to thank all the students, the parents and the staff for their resilience and support in facing this challenge. Together we lived out the ethos of our school by working together.

During this time the students organised a Walkout to highlight the promise of a new school building which was made a number of years ago. The students raised awareness by speaking with the media and with politicians. They advocated for themselves and can be very proud of how they represented themselves and the school.

We are delighted that the new school building has been sanctioned and that repair work will begin soon on our current school building.





Looking forward to Term 3