

# Scoil Cholmcille



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## Dates for your diary

### **June 28<sup>th</sup>**

School closes for Summer break!

### **August 28<sup>th</sup>**

School reopens @ 8.50am

**The sun is shining, and the school is a hive of fun activity. It can only mean one thing – the summer holidays are nearly here. We have had a brilliant year at school with many achievements, much learning and lots of fun and laughter. Farewell to our 6<sup>th</sup> Class who graduated on Monday evening. We congratulate them and wish them the best of luck in their next chapter – Please come back and see us!**



## Dreamspace

Earlier this month, 5th Class took a trip to Microsoft HQ in Dublin to display the STEM projects which they had worked on since May. There were four projects. Each one was based on the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The projects explored floods, the temperature of a chick's heat lamp, beluga whales, and checking the moisture of soil. On arriving the boys and girls were brought to the games room where they played games like Minecraft and Mario cart, ping-pong, Just Dance and lots of cool board games. They then presented their projects to the judges. Our hungry techies were then brought to the Microsoft canteen where they were served pizza, chips, goujons and chicken wings, and drinks.

It was a wonderful experience for 5<sup>th</sup> Class and our thanks to all those who worked with the school to make it happen. Congratulations to sisters, and Scoil Cholmcille pupils, Aoibhinn, Fiadh and Roisín who won 'Most Innovative' project at the event. They were participating through their local OurKidsCode club in Drumree.

## School Sport

The month of June always sees our Athletics team take centre stage for the annual Cumann na mBunscol Track and field championships. This year our team, managed by Bean Uí Raghallaigh and Ms. Morland, went to Claremont Stadium two weeks ago with high hopes and they didn't disappoint. We had medalists in sprinting, long distance, relay, throwing and jumping. Most importantly, all of our athletes competed and behaved to the highest level and were exceptional ambassadors for our school. Well done to all.

In football we took part in the Blake Memorial Tournament hosted by St. Seachnall's NS. Scoil Cholmcille was represented by two mixed teams of boys and girls. After some incredible games, one of our teams advanced to the shield final, just losing out narrowly to Dunboyne SPS. Elsewhere in GAA a massive congratulations to Liam and Cael from 6<sup>th</sup> Class who were selected to play for a Meath in a Cumann na mBunscol intercounty blitz Vs Louth. Hopefully we will see the boys wearing the Meath jersey for years to come.

### **Scoil Cholmcille Smartphone & Social Media Code**

The Parents' Association, in conjunction with the school, are pleased to launch the Scoil Cholmcille Smartphone & Social Media Voluntary Code. This is a no smartphone & no social media policy whereby parents collectively agree to not provide their children with access to smartphones or social media while in primary school. This voluntary code is born out of a need for the school community to do everything we can to protect our children for as long as possible and set them up for success as they head into their teenage years. This is a voluntary code whereby each family's right to decide whether or not their children have access to a smartphone or social media is respected and all signatories remain anonymous.

Our thanks to the Parents Association for their tireless work since last September planning, surveying and bringing this important initiative to fruition. An information letter with more details has been sent to all parents and is available on our website, which includes a link to sign up. You can also sign up anonymously by clicking [here](#). We would strongly encourage all families to support this initiative.

### **Summer Fun**

We have had a fantastic final few weeks at school. Each class has been on their school tour, and we have also had our annual school fun day and BBQ. We had some fantastic musical experiences this month thanks to a concert by Music Generation and a bodhrán workshop delivered by the impressive Blake McGarry. After months of filming, 4<sup>th</sup> Class held the world premiere of their film, 'A Kind of Magic' to great acclaim. Our hard-working Green Committee ran a hugely successful plant sale while on the pitch there were fun football tournaments for our senior classes. Sadly, some pupils have left us for new adventures and beginnings. Farewell and best wishes to Luke, Amy, Eve, Jack, Ada and Alfie. Do come back and visit please! What better way to finish the school year than with some ice-cream! Thank you to all of our school community for your contributions during the year. That's what makes Scoil Cholmcille such a special place. Wishing you all a wonderful summer break!

## **In the Community**

### **Skryne Badminton Success**

Congratulations to the Skryne U11 badminton team on winning the Meath League last month, the first Skryne juvenile team to do so in over 30 years. Well done to Darragh, Nathan and Danny (4<sup>th</sup> Class) who were members of this team. Darragh also came third in the Meath Championship U11 singles while he teamed up with Danny to finish runners up in the doubles event.



### **Rebecca Returns!**

As part of their transition to secondary school programme, 6<sup>th</sup> Class received a presentation from Rebecca who attends Dunshaughlin Community College. Rebecca is a past pupil of our school, and she had wonderful tips and advice to share. She also answered any questions that the 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils had about their upcoming big move to secondary school. A huge thank you to Rebecca for taking time out of her holidays to speak to the pupils. She is a wonderful ambassador for DCC and Scoil Cholmcille. We already have her booked for next year!