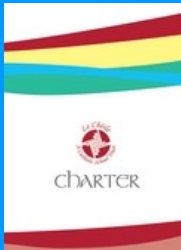


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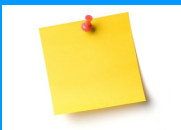
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Words to the Wise

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything you gave me'.

Erma Bombeck



This newsletter is available on our website to e-mail onwards to your whole school community, Staff, Parents, Student Council, Board or to put on your own website.

Happy Summer!

As the teaching year comes to an end I'm sure you're ready for a good rest! While we appreciate that your school year has not yet finished we urge you to look back on all the successes of the year gone by.... Sometimes we only remember the negatives.... But as you'll see from Audrey's piece on page 2 you have plenty to celebrate! We're very proud of all Le Chéile schools—the sense of community that was so evident at the Conference in February, the engagement with our ethos and various educational topics at the Cluster and DEIS meetings, the forward planning by Boards and Principals to get the best possible facilities for the students and, of course, the wonderful achievements of all the young people in our schools.... Including some wonderful "Pay It Forward" activities (see p4).



During the year we were pleased to consult with all members of the Le Chéile community as part of our Strategic Review. The Board of Directors is currently considering the comprehensive report presented by Dr. Joe O'Connell and look forward to discussing the emerging ideas with you in the new school year as we formulate our Strategic Plan for the next three to five years. One issue that arose was the need for a strong, unified voice for Catholic education. This idea is being progressed at national level, with some new structures being proposed which hopefully will support Le Chéile's work and enable us to share more with other Trusts and Patrons.

Congratulations to all on 10 years of Le Chéile— thank you for your co-operation and support. May "*Welcome, Wisdom and Witness*" continue to thrive!

Best wishes for Exams

We would like extend our best wishes to all our students and teachers currently preparing for exams this summer. Our thoughts and prayers are particularly with those students sitting for the Junior and Leaving Certificates. We also wish all the students who are leaving our schools every best wish in their future lives.

Thank You.....

As we move towards summer and the end of the school year we thank all members of our school communities for their hard work, dedication and care throughout the year. We particularly wish all those who are retiring many years of good health and happiness in their retirement. We look forward to seeing our retiring Principals and Deputy Principals in early October to celebrate their contribution to their school and Le Chéile.

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Good Luck on your exam!!

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10 Things I love about schools in the Le Chéile Schools Trust as experienced in my first year: (Audrey)

1. You are always welcoming.
2. The students are happy and content.
3. When speaking about your school, you become passionate.
4. Everyone gives selflessly.
5. Everyone is learning, including the students.
6. You are highly creative and imaginative.
7. Your patience knows no bounds.
8. You are tuned into and connected with your local community and context.
9. Your congregations are so special to you.
- 10..I love visiting you.....and wish I could visit more often.

Summer is about refreshing the well and education sure dries it out . So, we offer you a short reflection to help revitalise and invigorate you.

A psychologist walked around a room while teaching stress management to an audience. As she raised a glass of water, everyone expected they'd be asked the "half empty or half full" question. Instead, with a smile on her face, she inquired: "How heavy is this glass of water?" Answers called out ranged from 8oz. to 20 oz. She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, it's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my arm. If I hold it for a day, my arm will feel numb and paralyzed. In each case, the weight of the glass doesn't change, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes". She continued, "The stresses and worries in life are like that glass of water. Think about them for a while and nothing happens. Think about them a bit longer and they begin to hurt. If you think about them all day long, you will feel paralyzed and incapable of doing anything. Remember to put the glass down"

Happy Summer.....



Middle Leaders Course 2019-2020 Closing Date extended to 5th June

The course will run over the academic year 2019-2020 beginning in October and will take place outside of school hours over a weekend and three Wednesday evenings from 5.00—8.00p.m. in Dublin and in Thurles (tbc - subject to interest). It is open to all teachers, post holders and non-post holders who have completed a minimum 2 years full-time teaching in the same school. For further information visit the Middle Leaders section on our website or refer to your Principal for a copy of the application form which includes a draft outline of the course content and clear applications guidelines. **Please note the extended closing date.** A certificate of completion will be awarded to those who attend the entire course. The course will be held in the two venues below (subject to demand).

Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan Dublin—Weekend 11th & 12th October 2019

20th November 2019 - Webinar

22nd January 2020 and 25th March 2020

Thurles, Co. Tipperary—Weekend 18th and 19th October 2019

20th November 2019 - Webinar , 15th January 2020 and 1st April 2020

"He gave life to a community of lay people to carry out his ideal, and was certain that the Church cannot remain a stranger to the social contradictions of its times,"

Pope Francis addressing the De La Salle Community as they celebrate the tricentenary of the death of their founder Jean Baptiste De La Salle at a recent Papal Audience in Rome.

Education Symposium

Le Chéile Trust and Le Chéile Secondary School are organising an Education Symposium on the 5th October. We invite submissions to be considered for presentation at this conference. The paper should relate to the theme of Welcome, Wisdom or Witness (three key words in the Le Chéile philosophy). Teachers who participated in the Middle Leaders Programme could use their project as a basis for a paper for the Symposium.

The closing date for submitting Abstracts / Proposals is 3rd June - for further details please see the special website www.lecheile10.com

The Le Chéile 10th Anniversary Art Competition for Students "Celebrating Witness in Our Le Chéile Schools"

There are three Categories: i) Junior (Up to Junior Certificate), ii) Senior (Up to Leaving Certificate) for 2D or 3D pieces and iii) Video. With a maximum of 5 submissions per school, the competition is open to single or group (max. 3 people) entries. Cross-curricular collaboration is encouraged. Schools first submit **their Expression of Interest by 5th June (date extended) by e-mail** to a dedicated e-mail address **Artcompetition@lecheiletrust.ie**. Schools then send an Entry Form and a photograph of each submission to the above e-mail address **by 6th September**.

Submissions for the final are selected from each Cluster. **Further Information will be available on www.lecheile10.com** including: Registration of Interest Form, Entry Form, The Rationale, Guidelines for entry and Judging Criteria. Students attend a curating workshop and arrange their piece for adjudication and exhibition on 5th October at the Education Conference in Le Chéile Secondary School Tyrellstown. The Exhibition will be open for viewing for a short time before the Prize giving ceremony.

Please check your contact information in the [Contacts Book](#) and contact us if we need to make any amendments.

Pray It Forward Day starts Pay It Forward Day in St. Angela's Cork

St. Angela's in Cork started their Pay It Forward Day with Pray It Forward where the students prayed for each others intentions. We really recommend you click on the link below and enjoy their lovely video clip of their day. Watch out for the creative logo painting on the glass doors and for the schools vintage Post Box that still has a role in this schools busy day.



[RYZJ7079.MOV](#)



Casadh 'glas' ar lá speisialta "Pay it Forward"

At Laurel Hill Coláiste FCJ, the Le Chéile Pay It Forward Day was given an environmental twist as it closed our challenging "Seachtain Ghlas" ("Green Week"). Throughout the week a group of dedicated 5th Year students had organised a variety of talks and activities designed to encourage students and staff to make positive changes to our lifestyles so as to halt the damage being done to our world. Students and staff were invited to decide on one practical thing they would do to 'pay forward' all they had learned, one change they would make to their way of life – perhaps buying a reusable water bottle, shopping more ethically, or being sure to switch off lights that aren't needed. In order to represent this visually, they then wrote their plan on a leaf-shape and added to the wonderful leaf display.



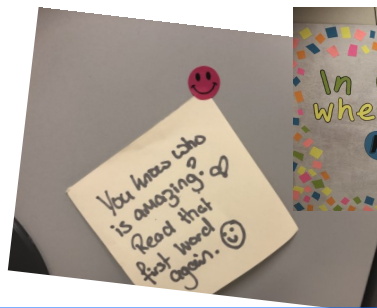
Random Acts of Kindness with Music in Laurel Hill FCJ Limerick

At Laurel Hill Secondary School FCJ, Patrick One, a first year Religion class, worked tirelessly to prepare for this year's Le Chéile Pay It Forward Day. Posters were created by the class with suggestions for random acts of kindness and placed all around the school. The students addressed each individual class to explain the initiative and also spoke to the teachers in the staff room and on the intercom. Sr. Geraldine and Sr. Teresa encouraged the whole school to participate each day of the week during morning prayer. On Friday, Patrick One decorated the school with The Pay It Forward logo and organised fun music at lunch time for Junior and Senior Cycle students in two separate centres. The day was a great success and it was heart-warming to see many lovely, random acts of kindness. Patrick One were delighted by the enthusiastic participation and hope to repeat it next year, with even more activities. Ms



Ices Reward Niceness at Beneavin

Beneavin Boys Shared their notes of kindness with everyone in the school, using kind messages on all the lockers and then they shared an ice-cream!



Thank you to all our students, teachers, Anam Caras and parents for all their hard work and imagination in celebrating Le Chéile Pay It Forward Day 2019. For other schools Pay It Forward Day stories and pictures visit our Pay It Forward 2019 section on our Website.

FCJ Bunclody Share their Well Read Journey

One of the many original ideas used to illustrate the Well Read Journey project.



Maryfield College Award

Students and Teachers from Maryfield College who received their award for Water School of the Year 2019 for the Dublin Region



Minister Presents Award to St. Mary's Glasnevin

Pictured: Deputy Principal Ms. O'Donnell, Amy Wall, Niamh Finnegan, Tara Macken, Minister Donohoe, Ciara McKenna, Alex Fitzgerald, Leah Harris, Principal Ms. Bourke and Deputy Principal Ms. Devaney.



St. Louis CS Kiltimagh in Review of Senior Cycle Review

5th year students of St. Louis CS Kiltimagh were delighted to be sharing their views at the Senior Cycle Review workshop in Sligo. St. Louis are one of 41 schools nationally involved in the review of Senior Cycle.



Important Dates:

31st May	Budgets returned to Le Chéile Office
18th June	Principals, Chairpersons and Deputy Principals Seminar in Mullingar
28th June	Final date for submitting 2018/2019 End of Year Report to Le Chéile Office

Calendar and Handbook for 2019 /2020

We are currently compiling our calendar for 2019/2020. If you know of any events that may influence our schedule please tell us. This Calendar will include our training events, meetings and important dates and will be included in our handbook, on our website and distributed by e-mail.

Board of Management Trustee Appointments

Do you know someone who would be willing to share their skills, experience, time and enthusiasm on a school Board of Management? A neighbour, friend or colleague of any age with perhaps legal, business or construction experience? if so, we would genuinely welcome your suggestions for any of the large number of boards throughout the country that change every year.

Is your school celebrating any special anniversary or event this year?? Do tell us and share your story. If you have any news items or pictures that you would like to see on our website please send them in!!