

Le Chéile Connects

Autumn 2021



Celebrating Mid-Term

Wishing all students, staff and parents of our 75 Le Chéile schools – primary and post-primary a happy mid-term break. A special welcome to everyone new to the Le Chéile family, including our newest primary school – Our Lady's Grove and post-primary - Le Chéile Secondary School Ballincollig.

Congratulations on all the fabulous school activities that are happening. It is great to see the vibrancy of welcome, diversity, activities and engagement through all the videos, photos, posters and newsletters being shared. Our Le Chéile twitter @lecheiletrust1 is a great way to see this celebration of our story.

Thank you to all school staff and chairpersons who have engaged with us in gatherings for school leaders, our middle leaders' programme, our Anam Cairde, our DEIS initiatives. Together Everyone Achieves More!

Thank you so much for getting involved, giving back, role-modelling and inspiring others. It is so heartening to see student and staff leadership, commitment to community and the provision of so many opportunities for our 35,000+ students in Le Chéile schools.

Thank you to all the volunteers on the Boards of Management who play a vital in our schools too.

The Le Chéile Team.
(Marie-Thérèse, Tony, Thérèse & Eleanor)

Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann muid!

Le Chéile Keys project.

Thank you to all the schools that are working away on this wonderful #lecheilekeys project. Keys are a strong symbol of our values, our hopes, the opening of minds, doors to opportunity, safe keeping and lots more. We are looking forward to receiving these projects in the next while and finishing this project that Dr. Áine Moran led when she was with us.

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Congratulations to Rachel O'Connor, Principal Ramsgrange CS, who became the newly elected President of the NAPD. A big well done to



Michael Cregan, Principal Laurel Hill FCJ Limerick on completing his tenure as President. Le Chéile are blessed to have such high calibre and committed leaders.



You are more than welcome to contact Marie-Thérèse to arrange a meeting online to showcase your school, to connect and celebrate the wonderful commitment and vision you have for your school.



In November we reflect on.....



Honour the wisdom of those who went before you.

Bind it ever to your heart

Tie it around your neck.

When you walk, it will lead you,

When you lie down, it will watch over you,

When you wake it, it will talk to you!

(Proverbs 6:20-22)

God our Father

As we remember those who have gone before us this November

Give us the comfort of knowing that they have gone only as far as you
and you are very near.

Let us recall with love the memories of dear ones who have gone before us,
we ask the living God to grace us with an awareness of how blessed we are.

Blessed with their wisdom that guided us

Blessed with their courage that lifted us

Blessed with their generosity that filled us

Blessed with their love that formed us.

Gracious God may we in turn not be slow to share the blessings we have received and may we live confidently
trusting that in you, life is changed and never taken away.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen



Society of the Holy Child Jesus conclude their 175th Anniversary Celebrations



Congratulations to the Society of the Holy Child Jesus as they recently conclude their 175th Anniversary celebrations. We have enjoyed the lovely reflections and resources that the SHJC community have shared over the past year and we hope the community enjoyed their "175 moments" of Reflection, Rejoicing and Responding.

We do encourage everyone to visit their website, www.shcj.org and share the story of how an inspiring American, Cornelia Connelly started a congregation in Derby, England, in 1846 that went around the world.



For 175 years, the Society members have lived out Cornelia's vision to "meet the wants of the age" and we send our best wishes to the Holy Child School Killiney and Holy Child CS Sallynoggin and the sisters who were part of the Le Chéile community since the working group came together to start the Le Chéile journey.

Upcoming Events

November

- 8th or 16th Nov. Le Chéile New Board of Management Ethos Training –Online
- 9th Nov. Deputy Principals Online Gathering 11.30-12.30pm
- 11th, 13th & 22nd Nov. Board of Management Training - JMB Online Training
- 17th Nov. Middle Leaders – Session 2
- 18th Congregational Gathering and Blessing of Education Centre

Cluster Meetings

- 23rd Nov. West, Mc William Park Hotel, Claremorris venue tbc
- 25th Nov. Dublin South and West Cluster - Talbot Hotel Stillorgan venue tbc
- 29th Nov. Dublin North Cluster - City North Hotel, Gormanstown venue tbc

December

- 2nd Dec. The South Cluster - Springfort Hall, Newtwopothouse venue tbc
- 9th Dec. Chairperson's Meeting and Dinner Clayton Hotel, Liffey Valley

31st Dec. 2020-2021 Accounts (electronic copy of the signed hard copy) sent to Eleanor@lecheiletrust.ie
(Please note all events are subject to latest advice and guidelines)

The Le Chéile Education Centre – Welcome - Do drop in!

The Le Chéile Education Centre was intended to be a resource for the entire Le Chéile Community, students, schools, congregations and boards. Please come and visit and see how you can use our new centre for your small group meetings, Student Council / Prefect training, Interviews, a Dublin meeting spot with free parking!!

Our meeting room can hold 20 people boardroom style, 30 people chevron/classroom style or 34 theatre style. We have a small kitchen area with a hatch to the meeting room to accommodate your own catering. It was lovely to have so many visitors to mark Eilis' retirement at the end of August. The vision had become a reality through the great work of both the Boards of Le Chéile Trust and Síol Trust and the generosity of the Congregations.



Thank you to all our schools for sharing their Halloween preparations and decorations. Please forgive us if your photos are not included. Next time....

Keep sharing your news and school newsletters with us please. We look forward to reading!



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Great to see all the examples of student based activities from Wellbeing Walks, Mental Health Weeks, Maths Week activities, Bonding activities, artworks, guest speakers, Student Leadership celebrations, student councils, awards, LIFT training, fundraising, visits, tours, sporting activities, inter-school competitions and so much more...

The relationships between students and staff feature so strongly, a credit to everyone. This showcases the importance of the holistic aspects of our Le Chéile schools as well as social justice and global citizenship.

Thank you to all the parents who are always supporting our schools, supporting their sons and daughters and attending school events including parent teacher meetings.

As we approach mid-term and have a chance to reflect – let us celebrate all we have achieved. Let us be grateful!

Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí.



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