

Welcome to the Summer Edition of Le Chéile Connects



**We pray for the families,
friends, teachers and staff of
the children and adults in the
shooting at Robb Elementary.
May they rest in peace.**



A Chairde,

**“There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven” Ecclesiastes 3:1
As the final term concludes - a time of celebration, of endings, of closure, a time of graduations, retirements, celebrations, awards, traditions and exams - it is an opportune time to express gratitude and reflect on everything accomplished by all the members of our school communities.**

A sense of achievement, of survival through the challenges of pandemic times, the joy of gathering once again to celebrate is very evident throughout all our schools. In our Le Chéile prayer we pray that ‘our schools are places of hope and joy, of gratitude and generosity’, and this is truly realised.

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**We welcome news about
your school, so please send
it to news@lecheiletrust.ie**

A message from Le Chéile CEO Marie-Thérèse Kilmartin

Our newsletter portrays this sense of vibrancy, of the commitment and dedication of staff and students in all 75 Le Chéile Schools primary and post-primary. The seanfhocal “Ní neart go cur le chéile” is evident throughout all the photographs and articles shared by our schools, and the many projects, programmes, initiatives and partnerships in which our schools participate.

Thank you to all the staff in our schools who ensure a rich experience for our students, who passionately provide a holistic educational experience and help them to make sense of our world and seek to improve it. Every single person from caretakers, administrative staff, SNAs, cleaners, teachers, middle leaders to senior leaders play a significant role in the team. Our gratitude also extends to the many volunteers within our school communities, from members of our Congregations, members of Parents’ Associations to members of Boards of Management, the people who answer the call to serve our schools, who give generously of their time and expertise.

A special word of thanks to all the members of staff who have served our school communities so loyally over the years - may you enjoy your new adventures in life and treasure the friendships, the experiences and memories created over the years. It is lovely to see so many tributes to staff on social media – it shows the warmth, the respect and the depth of relationships.

Thank you to all the student leaders in our schools that serve their fellow students in so many ways. By being involved in committees, in giving time, in working with teachers, these students are building important life skills for the future. I thank all outgoing members of Student Councils, Prefects and Head Teams for their commitment, dedication and good example to others as role models.

**As summer and holidays approach,
I take this opportunity to wish you all
a lovely summer, that you get time to rest
and recharge the batteries. I wish students
taking exams every blessing and success.**

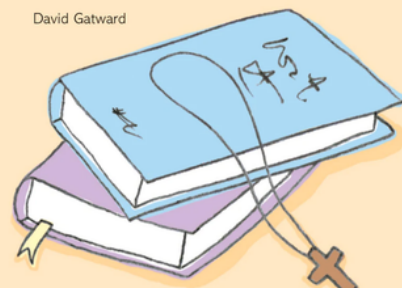
Beir bua agus beannacht,

Marie -Thérèse Kilmartin

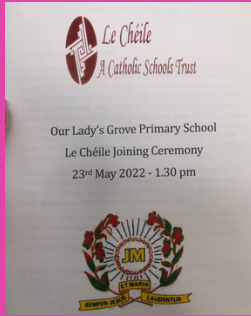
Exams

Help me, Lord, to be able
to pass the test, to run life's race,
and never give up.
To do my best – for you.
And, when swamped by a pile of books
and confused by countless questions,
then help me to pause and to give thanks
that in all the stress,
the work and the pain,
I have at least the opportunity
to try to do well.
Thank you, Lord.

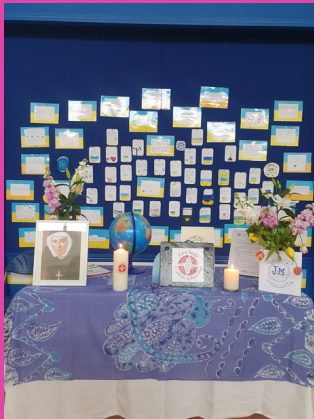
David Gatward



Le Chéile Welcomes Our Lady's Grove Primary School



On 23rd May Our Lady's Grove Primary School officially joined Le Chéile Schools Trust. At a beautiful ceremony in the school, Principal Anne Kernan welcomed the Jesus and Mary Sisters, Marie Therese Kilmartin, CEO of Le Chéile, Sr Gerarda Lawler RJM, a Director of Le Chéile, Fr John Bracken, members of the Board of Management, members of the Parent Association, Colm Dooley, Sonya Lyons and Ms Sloan. They were joined by students from Our Lady's Grove Secondary School, members of staff, the Student Council and students from 4th, 5th and 6th classes. Anne noted that 'As a member school of Le Chéile Our Lady's Grove will continue to be a Catholic primary school in a diverse and multicultural community. Our school will begin to focus on the core elements of a Le Chéile spirituality which are WELCOME, WISDOM & WITNESS'.



The ceremony included a symbolic handing over of the Trusteeship of Our Lady's Grove Primary School to Le Chéile Schools Trust. A presentation of the following symbols took place:

- School Mission Statement which describes the school's goals, values and culture.
- School Crest which reminds us that Jesus and Mary guide and protect the school.
- JM Educational Philosophy which reflects and captures the Charism and Spirit of Sr Claudine Thévenet, the foundress of the Jesus and Mary Congregation.
- Globe to represent children from different parts of the world who attend the school, and children of all faiths and no faith who are always welcome in our inclusive school.
- Le Chéile Charter shows the heritage of the fifteen Congregations and their collective vision for all Le Chéile schools. Our Lady's Grove Primary School now becomes part of the Le Chéile family of schools.

After the presentation of symbols, the formal joining of Our Lady's Grove took place as the Le Chéile candle was lit.

Claire's trip to Italy with LIFE 2 Project

Le Chéile Ethos Leadership officer, Claire, was invited by NUI Galway to represent Le Chéile Schools Trust in Citta di Castello, Italy at The Spring School and Conference of the LIFE 2 (Learning Interculturality from Religion) Erasmus + KA2 project, May 16th-20th.



The LIFE 2 project aims to enhance tolerance among young people in eight countries – Italy, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, Ireland, the Netherlands, Spain and Turkey – through the implementation of innovative inquiry-based learning methodologies.

The project uses a 'learning from religion' approach to combat misinformation, fake news and extremism. Researchers from NUI Galway have been working with teachers and students from three schools (Garbally College, Ballinasloe, St Caimins, Shannon and St Flannans, Ennis) over the past year implementing an inquiry-based module on interculturality and interreligious dialogue with second-level students.

The Spring school was the culmination of the LIFE 2 project; researchers and participants from all partner countries came together to engage in intercultural and interfaith learning activities and to share learning experiences and research findings from their various national projects.



Claire represented the Irish team on a round table discussion on intercultural and interreligious topics in the outdoor school and was exposed to superb discussions from Leaders of Judaism, Orthodox, Islamic and Catholic communities on the contribution of Religion to Peace.



Le Chéile posters and artwork being developed for the Education Centre and will be available for schools in Autumn

Consultation has commenced with NCBI for Le Chéile website to become digitally accessible, with plans to educate our school communities on this topic

**15th June
Education Symposium
Maldron Hotel, Tallaght
followed by
Le Chéile
Education Centre
Welcome & Blessing**



**Have a look at our website for lots of new sections and updates
www.lecheiletrust.ie**

Le Chéile is represented on interview boards for Principal and Deputy Principal positions.

The Le Chéile Education Centre is shortlisted for two Architectural Awards with RIAI & AAI

Planning underway for next year's calendar. Save the dates will be issued to schools early August



Opportunities for Further Study.....

Global Research Advancing Catholic Education (GRACE) Scholarships & Bursaries

Department of Theology & Religious Studies Mary Immaculate College

The Department of Theology & Religious Studies is delighted to announce a second round of scholarships and bursaries as part of the Global Researchers Advancing Catholic Education (GRACE) project which has been developed collaboratively with St Mary's University, London, Boston College (USA) and University of Notre Dame (Australia).

The All Hallows PhD scholarship in Catholic Education 2022

One doctoral scholarship, sponsored by the All Hallows Trust, is available for research in the area of Catholic education for a researcher engaged in fulltime PhD studies for a period of four years. The scholarship is valued at €80,000.

The Nano Nagle Bursaries for the MA in Christian Leadership in Education 2022

10 Nano Nagle scholarships funded by Irish Presentation Sisters (North East and South West) are available for the taught Master's programme (part-time) that will commence in the Summer Semester of 2022. The scholarships are worth €8,000 each, covering course fees and some additional expenses.

Further information:

Professor Eamonn Conway
Head of Theology & Religious Studies Mary Immaculate College
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Further details on GRACE Scholarship & Bursaries available on our website www.lecheiletrust.ie

Middle Leadership Programme

The Middle Leaders Programme is a programme compiled in conjunction with Four Trusts: Le Chéile Schools Trust, Loreto Education Trust, Spiritan Education Trust and Jesuit Education Trust.

It is aimed at aspiring leaders in a Catholic Faith School. The Middle Leaders Programme takes place each year over four sessions and participants receive a certificate of completion.

Participants engage in a range of topics including.

- Catholic Education in Contemporary Culture
- Leadership and Management
- Journey towards self-knowledge and self-awareness
- Leading teaching and learning (Including a digital focus)
- Leading in times of Change
- Leadership, and Justice in a Faith School.

An integral part of the programme is that participants must lead and complete an Action Project in their school with their ethos and values at the core.

Registration for The Middle Leaders Programme will be dispersed to schools in August 2022.

An invitation to your school to participate in the next 'Digital Schools Awards'

Launch of the Digital Schools Awards European Programme

Registrations are now open for the Digital Schools Awards European Programme. The European Programme is led by Digital Schools Awards and brings together industry partners and Ministries of Education across five European countries with the objective of strengthening the professional profile of the teaching profession. Our goal is to inspire others through our innovative practices.

A dedicated team will facilitate your school in undertaking the programme, linking you to a community of professional practice and providing resources and opportunities for your school to enhance its digital competences.

Your school will be supported in using the European Commission's SELFIE tool to review existing digital education practices, as well as develop action plans aimed at enhancing learning and teaching practices.

Schools and teachers who participate in the programme will have their practices acknowledged when they receive their award.



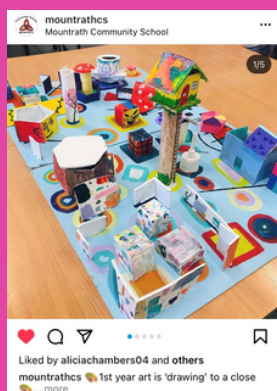
Next steps:

1. Firstly, register your school on the awards4selfie site <https://awards4selfie.eu/registration/>
2. Secondly, register your school with SELFIE to start creating your school survey. The How it works and resources section on SEFLIE website is also a good place to find more information.
3. You might find it useful to watch the introduction video which was created at the start of our pilot programme view
4. A critical friend will be assigned to your school, they will be on hand to offer support and advice when it comes to applying for your award.

Instagram updates from Le Chéile schools.....



@lecheileschoolstrust



Twitter Tweets from Le Chéile schools.....



@lecheiletrust1

Mounrath Community School @mounrathcs · May 20
 🇮🇪🇬🇧🇪🇺 Our MCS Multicultural Day 🇮🇪🇬🇧🇪🇺

Today we embraced the many different nationalities and cultures in MCS. Our TY's and fabulous students from many year groups were eager to share their stories, knowledge, food and heritage 🍷
 We hope this is just a taste of more to come 🌍

Scoil Angela @ScoilAngela · May 20

Some of our Maddest Hatters at our Tea Party today. The children showed great creativity and brought a great atmosphere to our Halla. 🎉👏

Scoil Chaitriona @S_Chaitriona · May 20

Peili múinteoiri vs daltaí 2022. Bua ag...? Ni raibh aon duine cinnte. Mata ardeibheal ag teastáil chun an scór a oibriú. Comhscór!
 Teachers student football match 2022. Who won...? You'd need hons maths to figure it out. Let's say a draw..
 #scoilchaitriona #peil #bilainé

St Aloysius' College, Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork @StAlsCarrig · May 20

Our TY students who visited our local nursing home today after volunteering with @localiseyouth making crafts and letters for the residents and staff. The girls got a chance to chat with staff and residents. It was a really special afternoon filled with laughter and smiles 😊👏

Beneavin College @BeneavinCollege · May 20

Thank you @TrinityCollegeDublin for welcoming our 2nd year students today, for their first of hopefully many visits to Trinity! This visit was organised by Trinity Access Programmes as part of our #SchoolofDistinction Award. Thank you to all who made it such an enjoyable day

Our Lady's Grove @olgrove · May 20

Congratulations 🎉👏👏👏 to the @olgrove Student Leadership team 2022/2023

Holy Child Killiney @HCKilliney · May 20

WHAT A DAY yesterday for our first sports day in three years 🎉👏👏👏
 #BILeChéile

Blakestown CS @BlakestownCS · May 20

Finishing up our week with a trip from the ice cream van. Rewarding students for an outstanding term.

Angela Merici @theheartstangelas · May 20

The St Angela's College Convent Garden is buzzing and is a hive of activity, a home to thousands of bees. Students can see the bees in the garden as they are busy this time of year making honey and pollinating flowers. Just beeeeee careful and observe from a safe distance!

St. Laurence College @stlaurencecoll2 · May 20

Paul thank you for everything these past few years. We wish you all the best on your next journey! @lecheiletrust1

St. Dominic's College, Ballyfermot @domballyfermot · May 19

Upcycled dream catchers made by our 3rd Art Classes by weaving wool into bike wheels. The dream catchers have been placed on our Covid sign posts and are now symbols of optimism and hope for the upcoming summer holidays.

Le Chéile Secondary School @lecheiless · May 20

We are delighted to have welcomed the Principal, staff and pupils from @lecheileb to our school today. We look forward to continuing to forge strong links into the future.
 #SeasaimidLeChéile
 @lecheiletrust1

Le Chéile wishes all 6th year graduates best of luck for the future



St. Joseph of Cluny, Killiney



New Cross College



Maryfield College



St Marys Holy Faith Killester



Dominican College Griffith Avenue

Thank you to all members the schools leadership team and staff, who helped lead, develop and guide these students over the past number of years. It was so lovely to see so many ceremonies taking place and celebrations with the whole school community. The lived traditions in Le Chéile schools give witness to our founding Charter.



St Gerald's Castlebar



Mount Sackville Secondary School



Our Lady's School,
Terenure



St Angela's College

Student Awards - Congratulations to all recipients in giving witness to Le Chéile values and being recognised in sharing wisdom through Teaching & Learning .



Sports girls of the year at St Paul's Greenhills, Rebecca Allen and Aoife McGee



De La Salle College, Churchtown.



Laurel Hill Coláiste, Ellie Ni Chearmada a bhuaigh an Gradam Compánachais i mbliana



St Michael's Holy Faith Finglas



St David's Greystones Tom receiving his Student of the Year Award



St. Joseph's Patrician College, The Mairtín Breathnach memorial trophy was awarded to Liam Flanagan



De La Salle, Waterford



St Dominics College Cabra



Holy Child Sallynoggin



New Cross Leon Burnett who was awarded the Le Cheile School Spirit Award



Amy Bennis, St Aloysius' College Carrigtwohill, recipient of the Sheila Meade Perpetual Trophy



Spirit of Muckross College award presented to Sarah Carroll



Le Chéile Secondary School, Ballincollig



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Congratulations to all Transition Year Graduations



Manor House School



St Louis High School



Mount Sackville



St Louis, Monaghan

So wonderful to see the Transition year flourishing in schools post Covid. Thank you to staff members that give so generously of their time to musicals, activities and provide the environment for these students to welcome new opportunities.

Transition year is a time for students to make new friendships, try new curricula and give back to their community -living the Le Chéile Welcome, Wisdom & Witness.



St Benildus College



St Paul's, Greenhills



Le Chéile Secondary School, Tyrrelstown



De La Salle College, Churchtown

Sports Days & Teacher/Student Matches



**Le Chéile Secondary School,
Tyrrelstown**



Mountrath Community School



Sion Hill College



Benildus College



St Mary's, Glasnevin



St Joseph of Cluny



Scoil Chaitríona



St Michael's Holy Faith



Holy Child Killiney



Holy Child Sallynoggin

What a brilliant school community event- happy smiling faces, fresh air in the lungs and the competitive streak evident! The sense of fun outside the classroom is so important to build relationships and camaraderie. Thank you to all that organise these amazing initiatives.



St Paul's, Greenhills



St Laurence College



St Gerald's, Castlebar

LIFT Success for Le Chéile Schools

“Leading Ireland’s Future Together” (LIFT) is aimed at increasing the level of positive leadership capabilities in Ireland. LIFT is an eight-part, group learning programme.

To create a nation of leaders, we need to show students from an early stage what it takes to be a leader. LIFT Ireland’s leadership learning process is based on eight key leadership values. While partaking in LIFT’s programme, participants are introduced to one value per week, for 8 weeks. LIFT’s leadership learning process provides students with the foundation to become leaders in their own lives. Students that have taken part in LIFT have improved their listening skills, increased confidence and become more emphatic, understanding and positive.

LIFT Schools Programme train a group of TY students to become LIFT facilitators so that they can run the 8 week LIFT programme amongst other students in their school – 2nd years are the most popular year to partner the TYs with. This training will be done through an interactive video which we provide to your school and should take approximately 1 – 1.5hrs.

The LIFT School’s co-ordinator Valerie O’Gorman will then come to your school to certify that the students have completed the training successfully and to launch LIFT in your school. Once this is complete, students and teachers are equipped with the knowledge and know-how to roll out LIFT in their school.

More details on the programme <https://liftireland.ie/schools/>



St Laurence College TY students who qualified as LIFT facilitators. They will now play an important role in helping to spread the LIFT programme to students in other year groups.



5th year students St Aloysius College, Carrigtwohill, who received their LIFT facilitator certificates



Le Chéile Secondary School, Tyrrelstown raising their LIFT Leadership Flag



New Cross College receiving their LIFT Flag

Schools promoting positive mental health

The Pieta Amber Flag Initiative recognises the individual efforts of primary and secondary schools, youthreach, third level institutions, community groups and clubs to create healthy, inclusive environments that support mental well-being.

Uniting these groups in their efforts, working together toward a happier, healthier Ireland and eradicate the stigmas associated with mental health issues.

The Pieta Amber Flag initiative enables schools and youth groups across the country to raise awareness of the stigmas which exist in their environments, and the stressors on the mental and emotional wellbeing of those within them.

Applications for the academic year 2022-2023 will open in August 2022.

For more details please see

<https://www.pieta.ie/how-we-can-help/prevention-programmes/amber-flag-initiative/>



St Laurence College receive their first Amber Flag

Jigsaw's One Good School initiative provides a comprehensive and integrated approach to mental health promotion in schools. It requires initiatives and supports for young people, teachers, parents and school leadership teams.

A key component of the success of One Good School, is a commitment to adopting a whole-school approach to promoting and supporting youth mental health and wellbeing. This starts with raising awareness about the initiative, connecting with the whole-school community about what is taking place and keeping the community updated.

For more details <https://jigsaw.ie/one-good-school-promotion/>



St Marys Holy Faith Killester, One Good School Team discussing their action plan for 2022/2023



De La Salle Churchtown



Manor House School



Dominican College Griffith Avenue

Well done to all schools who received their Green Flags and are leading sustainability



Biodiversity Week in Mountrath CS



St Angela's College



St Louis High School



Ursuline Sligo



St Wolstans CS

St Aloysius College says a fond farewell to Ms Siobhan Walsh and Mrs Margot Hartnett RIP

During the first term of the 2021/2022 school year, St Aloysius College was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of two fantastic mentors who did so much, for so long, to look after, care for, support, guide and inspire all the St Al's community.

We lost our beloved colleague, Ms Siobhan Walsh on September 7th 2021. Siobhan, born in the Bronx, New York, passed away unexpectedly in the United States. She worked in St Al's for 13 years as a dynamic, highly creative, talented teacher of English and History and later as Additional Educational Needs Coordinator.



Her mastery of words, phrases and skills in the English language were always remarked upon. We fondly remember her gentleness, her intelligence, and her wisdom. Her inspirational enthusiastic teaching was facilitated, of course, by that beautiful gentle American accent. She was remembered in a special ceremony in our Prayer Room to mark her very sad passing.

On November 21st 2021, we learned of the sad passing of our recently retired, deeply loved and highly regarded Deputy Principal, Mrs Margot Hartnett. Margot was, in essence, the heartbeat of St Al's for 44 years, having worked as a gifted inspirational teacher of Maths and her much loved Spanish for 30 years and subsequently as an amazing Deputy Principal for 14 years. Of course, Margot is fondly remembered as a Hockey Coach also as she promoted the sport so effectively in the college.

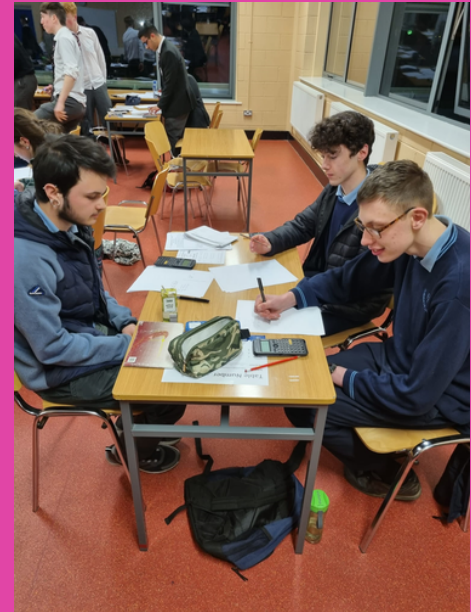
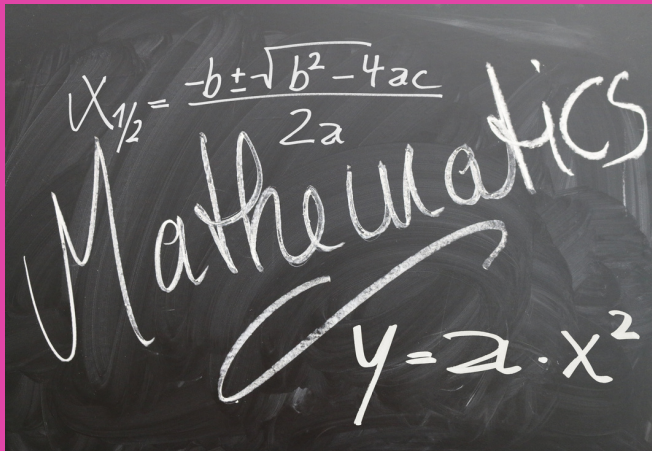


She touched so many lives both in her professional work as an educator and in her community involvement as a member of the leadership team of the local branch of St Vincent de Paul and the Chairperson of the Family Resource Centre in Carrigtwohill.

Our sincere sympathy to the Walsh and Hartnett families on the passing of our beloved teachers and friends. Ni bheidh a leitheidf arfs ann. Leaba i measc na Naomh go raibh acu.

Solas na bhFlaitheas ar Siobhan agus ar Margot.

Applied Maths Success in Ramsgrange Community School



Three teams of Applied Maths students, at both senior and junior level, competed in the Irish Applied Maths Teachers' Association Quiz.

The senior team consisted of 5th year students Adam Noel and Tommy O'Grady as well as 6th year student Adrian Pollard. After eight rounds, the team from Ramsgrange Community School finished in a very strong 4th position out of 22 teams, and were the only DEIS team represented in the regional competition. The team just narrowly missed out on qualification as only the top three teams qualified for the National Competition.

It is a fantastic result as this is the first year that Applied Maths has been offered to senior cycle students, and there are already 15 students opting to take it for their Leaving Certificate as an extra subject. Additionally, the future is looking very bright as the junior competition had two teams competing consisting of students from 3rd year and transition year, all with a keen interest and passion for problem solving and applied maths.

A big well done to all our competitors! And a big thanks to Ms Sally McGuire for her hard work promoting and teaching applied maths, and for coaching the students during competition time!

Our Lady's Grove Secondary School

Sarah Wall, student and Head Girl at Our Lady's Grove Secondary School, Goatstown, delivered a musical tribute to Ms Sloan, music teacher, upon her recent retirement. An extract of her tribute is below:



When some of us were given the opportunity to reflect, commemorate, and celebrate Ms. Sloan's time here in The Grove we soon realised the true impact Ms. Sloan has had here was greater than we could ever have imagined. When discussing how we could truly convey the scale of your contribution Ms. Sloan, we realised the only way would be through your mother tongue, music. So, let's start at the very beginning, a very good place to start.....

Doh: The beginning of every scale, so we begin with the qualities and core values that have remained consistent and special to Ms. Sloan throughout her life and time here. In a survey completed by the whole school we were asked what word we would use to describe Ms. Sloan. Can you guess what the word was?

Yes, Kind. Kind was a word that came up again and again. She is fun, thoughtful, intelligent and the perfect amount of crazy, but most of all she is one of the kindest people anyone has ever met. In fact, when asked what present we would like to get for you a suggestion was that we all 'choose kind'.



Ms. Sloan, our drop of golden sun has been a part of our school community for a long time. She started at OLG in 1971 in the primary school and has been a part of this community ever since. She began her time as a student here in 1974. The only period of time she got away from these school grounds was when she achieved her Irish and Music degree down the road in UCD from 1979 to 1982. She wasn't gone for long though, returning as a student teacher. Let's put that into perspective, Ms. Connolly was a student here at the time and Ms. O'Dwyer wasn't even born. To summarize, our wonderful 'Sloan Ranger' has been part of the school community for 50 years! For 39 years of that she has been a teacher.

Le Cheile Secondary School, Ballincollig, takes trip to Dublin

The entire community of Le Chéile Secondary School, Ballincollig, took a road trip to Dublin on Friday 20th May. The students and staff were led by Principal Nicola Barrett on a tour that included a visit to their sister school, Le Chéile Secondary School, Tyrellstown, and to the Le Chéile Education Centre.



Holy Child School Killiney visits Le Chéile Education Centre



It was so wonderful to have Ms Moisselle and 24 faith student leaders from Holy Child, Killiney with us in the Education Centre recently. Such a wonderful bunch of ladies from 1st to 5th year, some of which are going to Lourdes & India in the coming months with faith groups.

On their visit the students took time to reflect, learn about Le Chéile Schools Trust, discuss values in their school and how their values are lived out. We look forward to having them back to visit again soon!





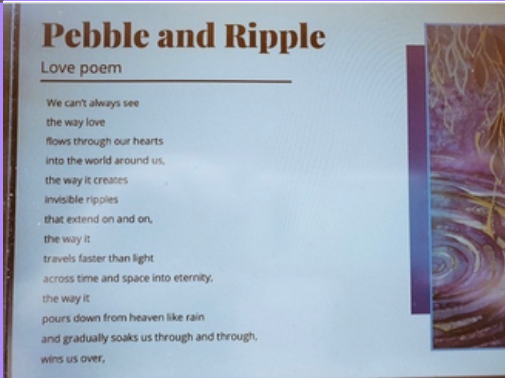
The District of Ireland, Great Britain and Malta celebrated Founder’s Day with a wonderful service that once again highlighted the vibrancy, passion and sense of community that exists within The Lasallian Family.

The service, held at 10am on Friday May 13th, was attended by Lasallians from all sections of the District, and included prayers and reflections from across the District and beyond, along with the lottery draw for the Lasallian Awards.

The ceremony was superbly presented by David McArdle, Animator at De La Salle College, Dundalk, who began by welcoming all to the special service to honour their Founder.

Marie Thérèse and Claire from the Le Chéile Team were delighted to attend in support of our De La Salle Colleagues. It truly was a beautiful occasion.

W A R D S 2022	LASSALLIAN				
	FAITH IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD	RESPECT FOR ALL	QUALITY EDUCATION	CONCERN FOR POOR SOCIAL JUSTICE	INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY
ACTING A LIVE WARRIOR	LEARN 2 THINGS ABOUT ANOTHER CULTURE	TRACK A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR (LIVES IN SCHOOL LOGS)	DEBATE SOME CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL OR SOCIAL ISSUE IN A COURT CASE	TAKE ANOTHER FAMILY MEMBER'S PERSPECTIVE ON A RECENT EVENT	WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER
WRITE A READER FOR PEOPLE'S SOCIAL MEDIA	WRITE A BLOG ABOUT AN ISSUE	START LEARNING A NEW SKILL AND PRACTISE IT DAILY	SPREAD KINDNESS BY SOCIAL MEDIA DURING A WEEK OF YOUR FAVOURITE CHARITY	WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER	ORGANISE A FUN DAY FOR PALEA LANS WITH YOUR FAMILY
LOOK UP THE LIFE OF A SAINT	FIND OUT 2 THINGS ABOUT AN INTERESTING PLACE IN THE WORLD	READ TODAY'S ARTICLES IN A NEWSPAPER	WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER	ORGANISE A FUN DAY FOR PALEA LANS WITH YOUR FAMILY	CONSIDER TO VISIT THE MUSEUM OF THE DISTRICT
READ A CHAPTER OF THE BOOK OF THE WEEK	WRITE A LETTER ABOUT AN ISSUE	WATCH A DOCUMENTARY	CONSIDER A LOCAL CHARITY THAT NEEDS YOUR HELP	CONSIDER TO VISIT THE MUSEUM OF THE DISTRICT	CONSIDER TO VISIT THE MUSEUM OF THE DISTRICT
CREATE A PIECE OF ARTWORK OR A VIDEO	LEARN 2 THINGS ABOUT ANOTHER CULTURE	LEARN 2 THINGS ABOUT ANOTHER CULTURE	WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER	CONSIDER TO VISIT THE MUSEUM OF THE DISTRICT	CONSIDER TO VISIT THE MUSEUM OF THE DISTRICT
CREATE A COMIC BOOK OF A STORY	CREATE A LEAFLET FOR AN ISSUE	LOOK UP A SAINT WHO HAS CHANGED THE WORLD	CONSIDER A REASON TO BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR LIFE	CONSIDER TO VISIT THE MUSEUM OF THE DISTRICT	CONSIDER TO VISIT THE MUSEUM OF THE DISTRICT
CREATE A PIECE OF ARTWORK OR A VIDEO	WRITE A LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY	WRITE A LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY	LOOK UP A SAINT WHO HAS CHANGED THE WORLD	CONSIDER TO VISIT THE MUSEUM OF THE DISTRICT	CONSIDER TO VISIT THE MUSEUM OF THE DISTRICT



'Ripples of change making the world a better place'. 127 students took part in the Gold Awards and 840 Young Lasallians took part in their district Bronze awards.

Congratulations to the winner James from De La Salle Waterford and congratulations to all students and teachers involved in the Lasallian awards on Founder’s Day - Jean-Baptiste De La Salle.



De La Salle, Churchtown & St Angela's School Ursuline Convent, Waterford welcomed Minister for Special Education and Inclusion, Josepha Madigan to their schools recently to launch their new Special Classes



Well done to Scoil Chaitríona who are supporting their cherished teacher and friend Liz Ní Chléirigh, whose two gorgeous children Tommy and Grace have been diagnosed with a progressive, degenerative and life-limiting illness.

Tommy and Grace have Mitochondrial Disease. This is an extremely rare genetic condition with no known cure. It is caused by mutations in mitochondria, the tiny batteries in every cell of the body.

Best of luck with your Neven Maguire fundraiser, from all in Le Chéile



Digital Showcasing in Dominican College Griffith Avenue

Congratulations to the Digital Leadership Team in Dominican College Griffith Avenue on hosting a Google for Education on Tour event for schools in May. A Day to shine and celebrate their achievements. Amazing sharing of wisdom and insights on their Learning journey. Well done Deputy Principal Lorraine McCool and the entire team. The day opened with a keynote from the team, followed by a choice of sessions, including the opportunity to spend time in the classroom and see how pupils use the Google workspace tools.



On the day there were Google workspace for education and Chromebooks in action. TY Ambassadors demonstrate their knowledge on the day by showcasing their expertise of Google sites through Digital Portfolios - a core aspect of their TY Learning Journey



The agenda for the day included topics such as; Leading digital learning and developing leadership capacity, lessons learned from achieving the google reference school status, digital portfolios using google sites and Crystal Ball Gazing. Well done to all in Dominican College Griffith avenue on such organisation and display. We look forward to hearing from Lorraine at June 15th Education Symposium.

**GLOBAL RESEARCHERS ADVANCING CATHOLIC EDUCATION (GRACE)
Louise O'Sullivan, Deputy Principal, St David's Holy Faith Secondary
School, Greystones, Co. Wicklow**



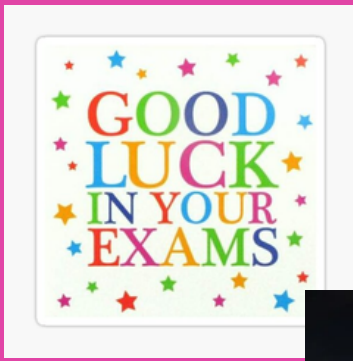
Louise had the amazing opportunity to be part of a Colloquium on Catholic Education in Rome from 19-23 April 2022. GRACE is an acronym for Global Researchers Advancing Catholic Education. It is an international research-based partnership between Mary Immaculate College Limerick, Boston College, United States, the University of Notre Dame Fremantle, Australia, and St Mary's University in Twickenham, London.

Louise was part of a group in Rome comprising of researchers, educators and practitioners in Catholic education from primary, second, third level and at diocesan level from North and South, East and West of Ireland.

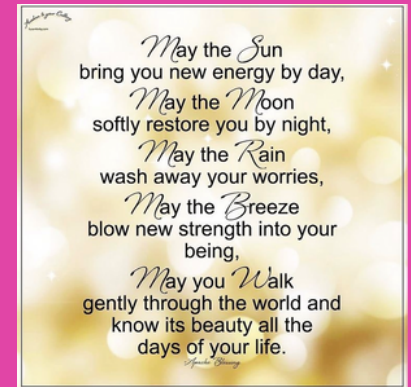
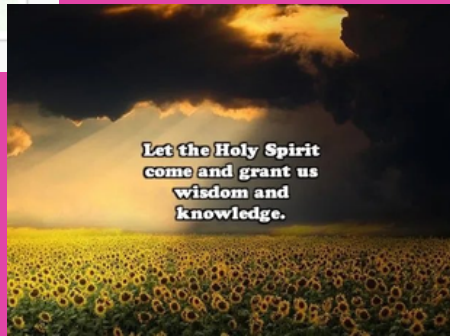


Louise had the once in a lifetime opportunity of meeting the Pope. He spoke to them about the image of the roots and the branch and the flowers of the tree. Roots cannot stay fixed in a sense of not being static. Don't stay stuck in the roots. They must evolve in order to produce the branches. Easier sometimes to stay put without moving on. He emphasised the importance of head, heart and hands in education. All inseparable components in Catholic education. And finally, the importance of relationship with the young and the richness. You hold the young people by the hand, listen and dialogue with them.

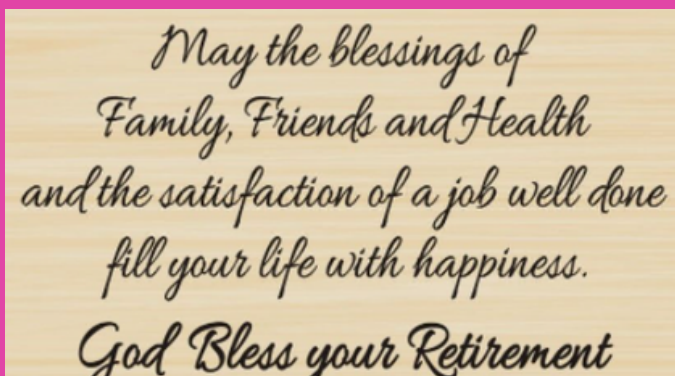
For Full article on Louise's Trip please see our website.



Wishing the Leaving Cert Class of 2022 the very best of luck in their exams. We pray that God will give them guidance and put them at ease during the exam period. We pray for their teachers and leaders in guiding them through the process.



Wishing our wonderful Chairpersons, Principals, Deputy Principals and Staff some well deserved down time over the next few weeks and months. Recharge the batteries, switch off & rejuvenate. Thank you for all your hard work and support to Le Chéile over the past year. We look forward to working with you in 2022-2023



Every blessing to our Principals and Deputy Principals that are retiring this summer. Thank you for all you gave to your schools, so many benefitted from your care, vision and leadership. We wish you health and happiness in this new chapter of your life. Due to Covid there have been a few years of retirements that we haven't been able to celebrate therefore we are planning a retirement function for all in the coming academic year.

Warm wishes, Marie Thérèse, Tony, Pat, Eleanor, Thérèse, Deirdre & Claire

We welcome news about your school, so please send it to news@lecheiletrust.ie

Don't forget to register for June 15th!



**Le Chéile Schools Trust
Education Symposium**

Principals, Deputy Principals & Chairpersons

Senior Cycle Reform Barry Slattery
Deputy CEO NCCA

Workshops:

- Leading the establishment of an ASD/MOGLD class in your school
- Leading The SELFIE Awards
- Leading the StepUp Programme
- Leading non exam senior cycle RE - VERITAS
- Leadership supports for looking after your Wellbeing

June 15th 2022

Maldron Hotel Tallaght
Whitestown Way, Tallaght,
Dublin 24 Ireland D24 XC9W

Registration 10:30
Tea & Coffee 10:30
Start 10:45
Finish 15:15



**We are very much looking forward to June 15th Celebrations
with The Le Chéile Community**



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