

LE CHÉILE CONNECTS



Welcome to the Spring 2025 Edition of *Le Chéile Connects*

Dear Le Chéile Community,

Welcome to the Spring 2025 edition of Le Chéile Connects which has lots of information, updates and celebrations within the Trust and our schools from January to April 2025.

We understand that it is an extremely busy time in schools, we wish our schools the very best over the coming weeks with practical's, orals and the business of the last term.

Please take a break over Easter to rest, recharge and get ready for the final term.

As always we are here if you need support in any way.

The Le Chéile Executive Team



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Updates & Reminders!

Registration for the DEIS Symposium and Education Symposium on June 10th & 11th will take place after Easter, please mark the dates in your diary!

End of Year Report will be circulated to all schools at the end of April we would be very grateful to schools to return them by June 30th

As we write this for publication we have 19 Senior Leadership Positions advertised to replace, the recruitment process will continue into the summer! Best wishes to all retiring.

Registration for all Le Chéile events for 2025/2026 will take place in August/September



Registration for the Primary Cluster on May 15th will be circulated to Primary Leaders after Easter Break

Le Chéile Calendar

Below are the final events left in the Calendar of Le Chéile events 2024/2025. We are currently working on next years calendar and will circulate it to all stakeholders in May when it is completed. As always we try to improve each year so if you have any suggestions for improvement for us please let us know

May-25	<i>Prepare 2025- 2026 Budgets for Le Chéile Office</i>	
15/05/2025	Cluster Meetings Series 2 Primary Schools Cluster	Killeshin Hotel
Jun-25		
10/06/2025	DEIS Symposium	Sheraton Hotel
11/06/2025	Education Symposium	Sheraton Hotel
30/06/2025	<i>Final Date for Submitting 2023-2024 EOYR to Le Chéile</i>	

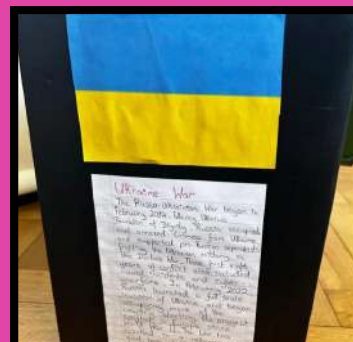
What has been happening in Le Chéile.....

Catholic Schools Week 19th to 25th January 2025

Catholic Schools Week, from January 19th to 25th, united Le Chéile Schools in celebrating community, faith, service to others, and love for one another, strengthening our shared values and connections.



As part of Catholic Schools Week, St. Benildus College Religious Education classes participated in the MEL Ireland Lasallian Competition. This year's theme was 'Bridges of Compassion: Connecting Communities of Justice.' Congratulations to the three 2nd-year students who created this impressive piece of work - well done, boys!



What has been happening in Le Chéile.....

Le Chéile AGM and Conference 2025

The Le Chéile AGM and Conference took place on February 6th and 7th at the Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone, with the theme A Vision for the Future.

Keynote speaker Pat Murray IBVM inspired delegates with insights on leading from the heart, intercultural understanding, and the power of students to change the world. She emphasized the importance of replacing the term “multicultural” with “intercultural,” the magic of meaningful moments, her concerns about the term “non-national,” and the role of students in changing the world.

Our conference opened with a beautiful morning reflection, featuring uplifting hymns led by Cliona McDonough, Principal of St Louis High School, and accompanied on piano by Patrick McBeth, Principal of Ursuline Cork. Readings were delivered by Br. Ben Hanlon of La Salle IGBM and Margaret Lennon, Chair of Holy Faith Clontarf.

Thank you to all our workshop presenters- Deirdre MCGillicuddy, Alan Kinsella Shelly Nerney, Teresa Larkin and Éanna Ní Lamhna. Workshops covered AI, Educaring from the Heart, Sustainability, and Finding Peace in a Busy World, with great engagement from all attendees.

We were especially grateful for the presence of our students, who played a vital role in our closing liturgy, symbolizing hope, connection, and growth within the Le Chéile community. we extend our gratitude to the students of St.Michaels Holy Faith Finglas, Laurel Hill Coláiste FCJ, St Wolstans Community School and St Pauls Greenhills.

A heartfelt thank you to our exhibitors, speakers, and all who contributed to making this event such a meaningful experience!



What has been happening in Le Chéile.....

Le Chéile Deputy Principal Conference 2025

The Le Chéile Deputy Principals Conference, themed 'Leadership for the Future', took place on February 6th and 7th at the Hodson Bay Hotel in Athlone. Gerarda Lawler RJM welcomed over 70 Deputy Principals to the event.



Gerry Jeffers and Majella Dempsey - Maynooth University shared insights from their research on the vital role of Deputy Principals in school leadership. Discussions on Leading Curriculum Change emphasized the importance of relationships, feedback, and the SSE model.



Anna Doody introduced the Digital Wellbeing Award, with 23 Le Chéile schools already involved. Margaret O'Shea Deputy Principal of St Pauls Secondary School shared insights from a recent health and safety inspection, while Noel Keating outlined his TY Christian Meditation Module and upcoming APTCS pilot.



The evening concluded with a celebration of retired Deputy Principals Mary Gilmore and Orla Lambert, recognizing their leadership and legacy.



On Day 2, Deirdre Whitlow NCSE provided guidance on SET Guidelines and support available from NCSE, outlining clear responsibilities for Board of Management.



We were also delighted to welcome Olive for Education for the exclusive launch of their Learning Wallet for Le Chéile schools with a strong emphasis on customer support and enhancing the student learning experience.



What has been happening in Le Chéile.....

Le Chéile Day 2025

Le Chéile Day was joyfully celebrated on March 6th, with this year's theme highlighting the power of kindness in our schools. Across the Le Chéile community, students and staff embraced the spirit of the day through acts of generosity, thoughtful gestures, and uplifting initiatives that fostered a culture of compassion.

A sincere thank you to all the schools that participated and made the day so special! Below is a snapshot of some of the wonderful celebrations—be sure to check out our social media for more highlights and inspiring moments.



What has been happening in Le Chéile.....

St. Joseph of Cluny, Killiney

A little kindness goes a long way! Spreading joy and kindness on Le Chéile Day



Jesus and Mary Secondary School, Salerno

A day filled with joy, reflection, and kindness! Students were welcomed with beautiful artwork, followed by a reflection and a performance of New Beginnings. Faith Team and Student Council spread kindness throughout the school, while TY students prepared for a special visit to a local nursing home, crafting blankets as gifts. Even staff enjoyed some well-deserved treats! A true celebration of Welcome, Witness, and Wisdom.



Cross and Passion College

Ember team celebrations for Le Chéile Day included writing an act of kindness that students intend to do over the next few days. The Ember team made a display and a kindness chain! 'No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted'



Ursuline Primary School Waterford



Dominican College, Griffith Avenue

5th-year students organized a "Kindness Mission," where Student Council reps and staff secretly searched for acts of kindness throughout the school. Students and staff were recognized over the intercom and rewarded with a Fredo bar, with a special mention for our SNAs, office staff, and caretaker Damien. Each recipient also shared a Fredo bar with their class to encourage kindness every day, not just on Le Chéile Day!



Ursuline College Blackrock

The meihal team did a random act of kindness (lollipops to third year students during gaeille as they started their CBA) Webinar with Selfhelp Africa that took place in TY Religion class to mark International women's Day Mar 8th!



TYs will help Leaving Certs do some Oral Irish last class along with giving teas and some treats.

Maryfield College



Students were welcomed to school with a kindness charm and a quote to encourage them to spread kindness. Lots of students wore red accessories with their uniform to show their commitment to spreading kindness in our school community. Students carried out random acts of kindness throughout the day and there were spot prizes for the completion of kindness challenges

Developing Middle Leadership Capacity Course- Session 3

Our final Middle Leaders day took place on March 8th at Bloomfield House Hotel—hard to believe how quickly the year has gone! The day focused on Strategic Management and Self-Awareness, bringing insightful discussions and reflections as this year's cohort prepared for their graduation.

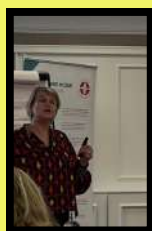
Olive Laffoy opened the morning with an engaging session on Self-Awareness, emphasizing the importance of relationships, active listening, trust, and integrity. Referencing Deirdre McGillicuddy's *Educaring from the Heart*, she highlighted the need for a heart-led approach to leadership.

Margaret Lennon built on this, exploring how self-awareness strengthens decision-making. She encouraged leaders to reflect on their emotions, fragility, ethos, and charisma as guiding principles while remaining flexible and open to growth.

In the afternoon, Le Chéile Executive Team member Mary Fleming led the session on Strategic Planning and Management, reminding participants that meaningful change takes time. She highlighted the influence of both internal and external factors and the importance of always keeping their why at the center of their leadership.

Patrick McBeth, Principal of Ursuline College Blackrock, shared his school's journey in developing a strategic plan. He emphasized the need for adaptability, ensuring the plan responds to evolving needs while also meeting Department of Education requirements.

A heartfelt congratulations to all our graduates from the Developing Middle Leadership Capacity Course 2024/2025! Each of them is a credit to their school and to the future of leadership. Thank you for your dedication and commitment throughout the course—your engagement has been truly inspiring. The future is bright with such passionate leaders emerging!



What has been happening in Le Chéile.....

JMB DEIS Seminar

We were delighted to attend the JMB DEIS Seminar at St Seton's Secondary School on the morning of March 13th. We received a warm welcome from Catherine Turley, Acting Principal, and were treated to wonderful performances by St Seton's students, including musicians, a singer, and BÍ Cineálta leaders. Congratulations to all involved in hosting such a fantastic event!



Welcoming Students of St Wolstans Community School

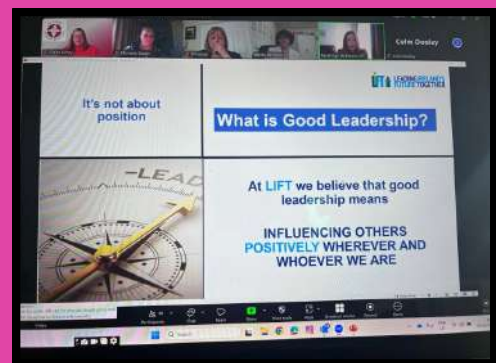
We were delighted to welcome students from St. Wolstan's Community School to the Le Chéile Education Centre on March 21st. The day was filled with engaging discussions, thought-provoking insights, and a wonderful exchange of ideas. The students brought incredible enthusiasm making it a truly inspiring experience for everyone involved. A huge thank you to all who participated and contributed to such a memorable visit!



What has been happening in Le Chéile.....

Online Principal and Chairperson Cluster Meeting

On March 25th our online Principal Cluster meeting and on March 26th Chairperson meeting featured an engaging and informative discussion on a variety of key topics. These included the Climate Action Summer Works Scheme, which focuses on sustainable development initiatives, updates on Special Educational Needs (SEN) provision, and the latest advancements in Strategic Planning. Additionally, we explored the concept of BÍ Cineáltas, a vital aspect of fostering inclusivity and collaboration within our schools. We were delighted to have Sarah Lyn with us at online Principal Cluster to update our schools on their developments and invite schools to engage. A big thank you to all who participated and contributed to the success of the meeting!



Filming of Sixth Congregational Video with Holy Faith Sisters

On March 26th we had the privilege of filming our sixth Congregation video with the Holy Faith Sisters. We captured their rich heritage story, their core ethos, values and their vision for the future of their schools. We invite you to visit our website and watch the five videos we've completed so far!



What has been happening in Le Chéile.....

Student Knock Symposium



Under glorious blue skies and radiant sunshine, our Annual Student Symposium took place in the beautiful pilgrimage village of Knock on April 3rd. We welcomed nearly 400 students and teachers from 35 schools across the country for a day filled with faith, reflection, and community.



The day began with an inspiring morning reflection led by Jim Deeds, who shared prayer, story, song, and meaningful reflection. Students then took part in a range of engaging workshops including “Letters to God,” faith through music, meditation, and learning the story of the Knock mosaic.



Mass in the Basilica was a moving experience, made extra special by the student-led liturgy. Readers, singers, Eucharistic ministers, and gift bearers came together to create a beautiful and prayerful celebration. A special thank you to Mr. Ciaran Coll and the students from St Mary’s Holy Faith Glasnevin for the uplifting music.



We were delighted to see students enjoying the Knock Shrine grounds—including the new pods—and the ever-popular ice cream van was a definite crowd favourite!



Our sincere thanks to Knock Youth Ministry, Fr Harrington, all the dedicated teachers and chaplains who helped lead workshops, and Trish O’Brien and her student faith team from St Louis Community School for sharing the incredible work they do throughout the year.



We’re so grateful for everyone who made the day such a success—and we’re already looking forward to next year’s Student Symposium!



Agenda	
10:00 -11:00	Welcome from Mairead Jim Deeds
11:00-11:15	Agenda, Welcome from Le Chéile, Reflection St Johns Hall
11:30-12:30	Mass in Basilica - Fr Harrington
12:30-13:15	Lunch in St Johns & time in shops
13:15-13:30	Explain Groups
13:30-14:50	2 Rotations each X 40 mins (Timetable will be prepared, see below for workshops)ice breaker included in first one.
14:50-15:15	Knock Youth Ministry - Summer Volunteering Student input - how I lead my faith - student faith team St Louis CS Kiltmogh Closing Reflection & Goodbyes
15:15-15:30	Take photos outside the Basilica. Slán Abhaile



What else has been happening in Le Chéile.....

Olive attended the RTE studios for Le Chéile Tyrrelstown Sunday Mass Celebration on April 6th

Gerarda & Claire attended the St Louis Sisters celebration of the closing of their convent in Monaghan on March 2nd

Claire attended the APTCS meeting with DoE regarding SEN on March 3rd.

Olive, Mary & Claire attended the JMB Training for Senior Leadership appointments on March 4th & 5th

Claire presented at the APTCS BOM Training on Jan 21st on SEN through an Ethos Lens

Olive and Mary presented at Maynooth University PME session March 28th

Recruitment is underway for our new CEO and for an additional administrative person as Alisha will be moving more into finance

Various meetings with individual schools have taken place over the last few weeks, addressing issues, planning forward etc.

A Celebration of Faith and Talent - Le Chéile Secondary School, Tyrrelstown

We are incredibly proud of our students who opened Sunday Mass on RTÉ One on April 6th with the beautiful hymn “All Are Welcome”. It was a moving and powerful beginning that truly captured the spirit of our school community.

A heartfelt thank you to our Principal, Ms. Leona Harrington, for her inspiring opening address – a true reflection of her exceptional leadership. Well done to the entire Senior Leadership Team for the outstanding preparation and coordination that made the Mass such a meaningful celebration.

Special thanks to Shu for leading a beautiful school prayer, giving thanks for the past 10 wonderful years of Le Chéile Secondary School.

The music throughout the Mass was nothing short of exceptional. Congratulations to all the students and teachers involved for showcasing such incredible talent through a unique blend of song, dance, and instrumental performance. The variety, diversity, and modern expression were a true testament to the vibrant ethos of our school.



Ramsgrange Community School Shine at BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition



Katie Franklin, Sophie Hart, and Colleen Waters proudly represented Ramsgrange Community School at the 2025 BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition with their project on gender bias in chronic pain diagnosis. Their research revealed significant disparities in healthcare experiences between men and women.

Guided by Ms. Alanna Roche, the students impressed judges and visitors, earning a commendation ribbon and a feature on RTÉ. Principal Ms. Tracey Edwards and TY Co-Ordinator Ms. Louise Walsh praised their dedication and achievement.

The girls described the experience as “fantastic” and encouraged others to get involved. Congratulations to all!

Ramsgrange Students Win Innovation Award for Accessibility Ramp



TY students from Ramsgrange Community School created “Jack It Up,” a portable ramp improving wheelchair accessibility, inspired by their classmate Jack Wickham. Developed through the Young Social Innovators programme, the project earned the Innovation Excellence Award at the Student Enterprise Programme Wexford final.

With support from Kent Stainless, the team designed and produced the ramp, now in use at the school. They’ve also reached the All-Ireland Semi-Final of the NFTE competition, with a chance to compete globally in Albania.

A huge achievement—well done to Jack It Up!

Ramsgrange Community School Team Makes History, Advancing to National Finals of Junk Kouture!

Three teams from Ramsgrange Community School made it to the Regional Finals of Junk Kouture, with Gear Glamour earning a spot among the 12 South East teams progressing to the National Finals.

The Ramsgrange finalists included Too Cute 2 Boot, Season Sense, and Gear Glamour. Too Cute 2 Boot, designed by Kara Hedrick, Roan Kavanagh, and Emily McCabe, featured a creative use of old football boots and recycled sporting equipment. Season Sense, designed by Oran Gleeson, Aoibhe Reville, and Katie Franklin, was crafted from bin liners, silage wrap, and unwanted clothing. Gear Glamour, led by Ellen Chapman, Anna Murphy, and Kayla Butler, impressed the judges with an innovative design incorporating old bicycle parts.

With Gear Glamour now representing Ramsgrange alone, the team will compete in the National Final at the 3Arena on May 7th. Best of luck to them!



AKA Woodcraft Triumphs at Wexford Student Enterprise Finals

AKA Woodcraft, an enterprise group of three Transition Year students from Ramsgrange Community School, has been gaining success with their handcrafted decorations sold locally and nationally. The team entered the Student Enterprise Programme, Ireland's largest student enterprise initiative, and reached the Wexford finals in March. Competing against over 30 groups, they were awarded overall winners in their Senior Category and will now represent Wexford at the National Finals in Mullingar this May.

Luke Power Represents Wexford Comhairle na nÓg at National Consultation



Luke Power, a 2nd-year student from Ramsgrange Community School, represented Wexford Comhairle na nÓg at the Data and Analytics consultation group in the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration, and Youth on Monday, March 10. The focus group, which Luke was a part of, is working on updating key indicators related to the wellbeing of children and young people. These indicators cover vital areas such as health, physical activity, risky behaviour, education, poverty levels, and safety.

Celebrating Autism Awareness in De La Salle College Waterford



On Day 2 of Inclusivity Week, we were delighted to welcome a past pupil who delivered a truly engaging and insightful talk on neurodiversity to our students.

With four autism classes at De La Salle, inclusion is at the heart of everything we do. Sean's talk sparked important conversations, deepening our understanding and appreciation of the strengths, perspectives, and experiences of autistic individuals.

St David's Holy Faith Secondary School, Greystones

St. David's Holy Faith Secondary School has been buzzing with events that celebrate community, culture, and faith. From Catholic Schools Week's "Share Our School Day" to St. David's Day festivities and a lively St. Patrick's celebration, students embraced traditions and strengthened connections. Ash Wednesday was observed with a meaningful ceremony, while the Young Social Innovators (YSI) team led impactful initiatives, including an inclusive sports event and projects promoting civic engagement and accessibility. These experiences have enriched school life, fostering cultural awareness, leadership, and a strong sense of community.



Muckross Park College

Muckross Park College Emmanuel Choir and soloists, under the guidance of Ms. Carley, delivered a beautiful performance at the Helix on Thursday, 13 March. Showcasing the gifts and talents of young people, six soloists took the stage, embodying the message that “faith can be fun” and highlighting the hope and positivity that youth bring to a world facing many challenges, including those surrounding faith on 27 March



We are delighted to unveil our stunning new stained glass window, a beautiful tribute to our Dominican ethos and rich history. Designed by 6th Year student Ava Meijer and brought to life by John from Clondalkin Glass, this vibrant piece intertwines spiritual symbols with elements of our tradition, reflecting our commitment to learning, service, and community.

A special thank you to Ms. Lawless and the Dominican Ministry Fund for their support in making this project a reality. This exquisite addition not only enhances our space but also deepens our connection to the values we cherish.

We're thrilled to welcome Skye, an 18-month-old yellow Labrador, as our School Companion Dog through the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind. Originally trained as an Assistance Dog, Skye joined the School Companion Dog Programme after meeting Mr. O'Keeffe in Cork.

She will support students in small class group settings, helping to create a calm and positive environment. While always supervised, Skye's presence is expected to enhance the school experience for both students and staff.

We look forward to the positive impact she will bring!



Scoil Pól

From breathtaking city views at the Panoramic Viewpoint to interactive history at the DDR Museum and shopping at Berlin Mall, our Berlin adventure was unforgettable!



Our 1st, 3rd, and 5th-year RE students made St Brigid's Crosses for their families, fostering community spirit while learning this tradition. Special thanks to Sr. Patricia for blessing the crosses.

Former LCA students Robin and Thyannaha have been honoured with the Fergal Quinn Award for achieving full marks in their Leaving Cert Applied exams—an outstanding accomplishment!

A special thanks to Ms. Donovan and Ms. Doyle for supporting them in Athlone. We are so proud of you both!



In January, we celebrated the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul and Le Chéile Catholic Schools Week. We were delighted to welcome back former principal Mr. O'Hara, who lit the Candle of Leadership and passed it to our Acting Principal, Mr. Walsh. Special thanks to our Religion and Music departments, Canon O'Shea, Sr. Patricia, and all who joined us in prayer for this special occasion.

Before Christmas, all our teachers became Apple Teacher certified. Recently, we welcomed Nick Acton for classroom modelling sessions, where teachers explored Apple app integration, and students engaged in hands-on digital learning. It was a successful day, and we look forward to Day 2!



Mountrath Community School

The Greatest Show



Student Events



Seachtain na Gaeilge



Department Activities



Sports



Mountrath Community School Hosts First Inclusive Soccer Blitz for Autism Awareness Week

Mountrath Community School proudly hosted its first ever Inclusive Soccer Blitz on a sunny Thursday, marking a memorable highlight of Autism Awareness Week 2025. Held on the school's brand-new astro turf, the event welcomed teams from Heywood CS, Thurles CBS, and Portlaoise College for a day filled with energy, inclusion, and teamwork.

Designed to promote friendship and participation among students of all abilities—especially neurodiverse students—the Blitz was a celebration of sport's power to unite. The atmosphere was electric, with students, staff, and supporters cheering on from the sidelines as players showcased great teamwork and joy.

Organized by the school's Special Educational Needs (SEN) department, the day was a resounding success, with visiting teachers and SNAs praising the initiative. Plans are already underway to make the Inclusive Soccer Blitz an annual event, building on the spirit of inclusion and camaraderie shown throughout the day.



St Benildus College

This term has been packed with exciting themed weeks at St Benildus College. We kicked off with Catholic Schools Week, where students engaged with their faith by writing to a local nursing home, visiting a Catholic church, and fundraising for the TY charity trip to Zambia. History Week followed, featuring engaging talks and a fantastic first-year model-making competition on Early Christian Ireland.

Digital Literacy Week emphasized safe internet use and the importance of disconnecting. During Healthy Eating Week, students enjoyed nutritious treats while learning about the benefits of a balanced diet. Finally, Seachtain na Gaeilge brought great energy, with Senior speed dating with Coláiste Íosagáin and a lively 2nd Year Gaelic Football Blitz.

Le Chéile Day

St. Benildus College celebrated Le Chéile Day on March 6th with the theme “Spreading Kindness in Le Chéile Schools.” A special Grandparents’ Morning brought students and their grandparents together for coffee, treats, and live music, creating a warm and memorable community event.

Angus Beef TY Competition

St. Benildus TY students reached the national final of the Angus Beef School’s Competition with “Beefing Up Awareness,” using posters, presentations, a recipe book, and a rap to educate peers about Irish Angus beef. They impressed judges at the Croke Park final with their creativity and school spirit.

National Pi Maths Quiz Final

St. Benildus students achieved outstanding success in the IAMTA and Pi Quizzes. One team secured 1st place regionally in the IAMTA quiz and finished just two points behind the winners at the national finals. In the Pi Quiz, the third-year team were crowned national champions, marking the school’s second consecutive all-Ireland victory. A fantastic achievement reflecting the students’ hard work and dedication!



Lasallian Interschools Competition

Seven students from St. Benildus College participated in the Lasallian Competition in Castletown, Co. Laois, exploring themes of justice and community engagement. Harry Deally, Eoin Brotonel, and Oliver Szczepamiec secured third place with their project featuring a bridge symbolizing the connection between Ireland and Ukraine. The event fostered collaboration and inspired students to build bridges of compassion and justice.

AILO

Third-year student Hayk Avetisyan from St. Benildus College competed in the All Ireland Linguistics Olympiad (AILO), advancing to the national final on March 12th after excelling in the preliminary round. Hayk was one of 104 finalists, with the top four set to represent Ireland at the International Linguistics Olympiad in Taiwan in July 2025. Best of luck, Hayk!

Junior GAA Team wins Dublin A Final

St. Benildus College's junior team had a fantastic season, winning the Dublin A title after a strong campaign. They defeated Aidans, Fintan's, Terenure, Ardscoil, and rivals Coláiste Eoin before falling to Naas CBS in the Leinster final. The school is proud of their achievements and team spirit.

Athletics Success

St. Benildus College students delivered impressive performances at the East Leinster Cross Country Finals in Phoenix Park. Conn Mc Cluskey secured 2nd place in the Junior A Boys 2500m, while Conor Pimlott and Liam O'Flaherty finished in the top 15. The Junior A team placed 2nd overall and will advance to the Leinster Finals alongside seniors Jake Mathews and Ciarán Connolly, who also achieved top finishes.

Visit from the Ambassador of Luxembourg

Ambassador Ensch of Luxembourg visited St Benildus' College on March 20th, 2025, as part of the Festival de la Francophonie, organised by 28 French-speaking embassies and missions in Ireland. She spoke about her diplomatic career, the importance of language learning, and shared insights about Luxembourg. Students and teachers enjoyed the visit, engaging in a lively Q&A session.



Scoil Ursula Primary Sligo

We've had a fantastic few months at Scoil Ursula Primary! January saw us celebrate Catholic Schools Week and navigate through Storm Eowyn. Our 5th and 6th class students have been diving into the new Primary Maths Curriculum with the fun of IZAK9 maths cubes.

This year, Le Chéile Day coincided with Wellbeing Week and World Book Day! Staff were treated to book vouchers, bookmarks, and a heartfelt message from the principal.

Our mindfulness workshop, kindness tree creation by infants, and random acts of kindness were highlights of Wellbeing Week. Seachtain na Gaeilge and Lá Glas were a hit, and we're progressing towards our next Active Flag. Our playground leaders have been supporting infant classes, while the children have enjoyed participating in the Active Schools slogan competition and various activities like the skipping challenge, GAA coaching, swimming gala, FAIS 5-a-side soccer, chess tournaments, and Music Generation. We're also excited to celebrate Multicultural Day on Friday, April 4th!



Maryfield College

Huge Badminton Success



Athletics



Féile na bhFéideathachtaí



Trisha Fernandes wins best speaker award



Gaeilge- Céilí, biongó agus doras na scoile maisithe do Lá Fhéile Pádraig

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes



Maryfield College

Ms Farrelly and the Prefects' St Patrick' day themed fundraiser in aid of Child Vision



5th Year Music Class Visit Grangegorman



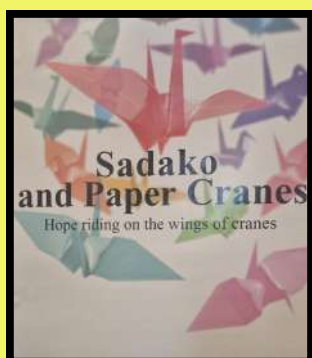
Active School Yoga



Fifth Year Retreats



Hiroshima and Nagasaki Poster Exhibition



Maryfield Pupils Competing at the U15 Public Speaking Competition at UCD



Active School Flag Event- First Year Basketball Blitz



Student Council members having their voices heard at Dublin Comhairle na n'Og

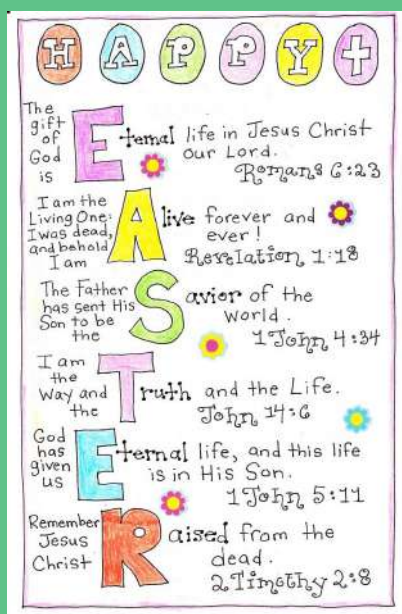




To our entire Le Chéile Community,

Wishing you a lovely Easter, may it bring peace, relaxation and time with your loved ones. Thank you for all you have done this year, for your support to us and to one another. We look forward to the final term and seeing you all soon.

The Le Chéile Executive Team.



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