

# Coláiste Mhuire Chronicle



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## **STEM Team Back With A Bang: Coláiste Mhuire Set Sights on Young Scientist Success**

The students at Coláiste Mhuire have been busy this term, with the STEM team at the school dreaming up future Stripe Young Scientist projects and preparing submissions for the 'Ideas Made Real' or 'IMR 3D Modelling' Competitions.

Working under their science and technology teachers, the students have been generating and executing ideas that provide practical solutions in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Various Stripe Young Scientist projects are being polished as formal entries with an emphasis in areas like sustainability, digital tools, and community enhancement.

The Transition Year pupils have also started learning the basics of 3D design and modelling in preparation for the 'Ideas Made Real' competition at the end of the year. In design programmes, they are now creating three-dimensional models of their initial drawings. It is the first time that they get to engage with 3D technology, and their uptake has been very good.



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**STEM coordinator at the school, Ms Acton, has witnessed the efforts of the students in amazement. According to her, the projects help them learn teamwork, problem-solving, and getting their hands dirty, skills they can take with them in the future. The involvement in the Stripe Young Scientist and Ideas Made Real is a testament to the ongoing focus at Coláiste Mhuire on innovation and technology. Students at all year levels have collaborated and helped one another with research, design, and applications.**

**The STEM group is frantically completing their tasks as the deadlines come closer. Teachers explained that they are more than happy to win the competitions, yet the point is for the students to learn by doing and to be in a position to gain experience in science and technology. In addition, Ms Acton mentioned that the projects show how creativity and science can work hand in hand with one another.**

**Towards the end of the half term the results of applications came back. The school has gotten 18 projects into Stripe Young Scientist this year. The projects ranged from protecting livestock to different forms of energy creation. This is the largest amount of projects that the school has had since the STEM teams creation in 2015.**



**Cillian Newcombe**

**18 Coláiste Mhuire projects have qualified for the Stripe Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition 2026: an incredible milestone for our students and the STEM Team**

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# **Think You Know Your Teachers? An Interview With Ms Kenny!**

**This week, I sat down with Ms Kenny to have a chat about all things school, sport and holidays!**

**What is your favourite subject that you have taken in school?**

**My favourite subjects in school were biology, French and Art, it's hard to pick just one !**



**What is your dream holiday?**

**I would love to visit the geothermal spa near Reykjavik in Iceland.**

**What subjects do you teach?**

**I teach Art, and I'm currently teach Coding as of this year.**

**What's your favourite excuse from a student?**

**'Miss I couldn't do my homework last night. I didn't have a pencil to sketch...'**

**What is your favourite food?**

**Steak sandwich with pepper sauce.**



**What is your favorite sport?**

**Camogie/hurling.**

**Who is your favourite artist?**

**Claude Monet.**

**What is your favourite school holiday?**

**Christmas is the best time of the year all around.**



**What is your favourite season of the year?**

**Summer, when all the hurling and clubs are in full swing with games and training in the long evenings.**

**Carl Handley**

## **My Pilgrimage To Lourdes**

**When the trip to Lourdes was presented to my Transition Year cohort last November, it resulted in only a couple of people putting their name down. I was personally one of these people and was met with a resounding “sure why would ya want to do that” from my peers. They seemed puzzled by my decision to say the least! It may seem to some that the pilgrimage to Lourdes is nothing but a mass filled week doing nothing but boring religious things, however, I am delighted to report that this could not be further from the truth.**

**Everyday has something new to offer in Lourdes, as no day is the same. Whether its exploring the historic buildings of St. Bernadette's upbringing or standing silently jaw-dropped in one of the glorious cathedrals, Lourdes offers something for everyone. It is all surrounded by the beautiful bustling village hidden in a mountainous valley which is cut through by the gushing Gave de Pau. While there we also had a great time swimming or exploring with the other youth pilgrims and going out to the great restaurants and pubs the town has to offer.**

**Over the week we learned the amazing story of St. Bernadette and how the Virgin Mary appeared to her. She told Bernadette to bring the sick and disabled to Lourdes for healing, which she did. The Grotto is the place where Mary appeared to her and I can only describe it as spiritually magical, it's no wonder that people flock to Lourdes as it is clear when you are there that the Grotto is truly something special.**

**There were roughly 40 pilgrim youth helpers including St Pats Navan and Eureka Kells. Each one of us was assigned one of the less abled pilgrims and had to help get them get to whatever ceremony was taking place that day. These small moments really opened my eyes to what Lourdes is really all about.**



**In my opinion, Lourdes is so much more than just a religious trip, it grants every pilgrim the opportunity to bond with the elderly, disabled and sick from their local area and be a part of very special moments in people's lives.**

**Although this trip to Lourdes may not be as extravagant or thrilling as kayaking in Berlin or skiing in Andorra, it offers some of the most fulfilling connections and lasting memories that I believe every student deserves to experience. Because I went on this trip in 5th year I will most likely be unable to go again, however I am not saddened by this as it would annoy me more to take away the opportunity from any other lad who is willing to experience such a truly life changing week. I couldn't be more happy that I proved my friends wrong.**

**It is said that St. Bernadette never returned to Lourdes after Mary appeared to her because she believed Lourdes would always be a part of her, and now I can truly say the same.**

**Samuel O'Farrell**



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## **Week of Welcome 2025!**

**Our aspiring artists got  
stuck in to art classes!**



**Checkmate! Time  
to play chess and  
make a few friends!**



**Our future hurlers  
showing us what  
they're made of!**

**Plenty of students  
came along to give  
rugby a try!**



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# WELCOME



**Athletics brought out all of our future Olympians!**



**Soccer stars were out in full force during the week too!**



**Dungeons n' Dragons attracted a big crew on the day!**



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# **Coláiste Mhuire Students Explore Higher Options**

**On Wednesday September 17th, 6th year students from Coláiste Mhuire had the opportunity to attend one of the largest and most information-provided career and study events for 2nd level students in Ireland: The Irish Times Higher Options exhibition.**

**The exhibition, held every year in the RDS in Dublin, had a great range of universities, colleges and organisations dedicated to the world of careers on display, giving students an opportunity to take a closer look at their opportunities ahead of them in the future.**

**Higher Options 2025, now in its 40th year, has always been a highlight for students who are looking at their future choices following the Leaving Cert. With more than 170 institutions and organisations showcasing from Ireland, the UK, Europe and beyond, it is a unique opportunity for students to investigate their higher education and career options, whether it is looking at traditional pathways in university or apprenticeships, or the new and exciting areas of technology, business and the creative arts.**

**Higher Options is an opportunity to talk directly with university representatives, course leaders, and industry personnel about the next educational step that will be taken. Besides traditional university offerings, the exhibition also brought to the public eye opportunities in various new areas such as data science, cyber security and creative areas. Students were able to talk with representatives of major international institutions from the UK, Poland, Spain, Netherlands and much more on the opportunities available to them in a global sense.**

**I really feel that the event opened up my eyes as to the endless possibilities for the future. There is no one 'right' way to do things. When we eventually finish our time here in the school we've called home for six years, the world truly is our oyster.**

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**The exhibition also showed the students the opportunities that are out there besides university. With apprenticeship programs, creative industries and vocational training available, the Higher Options exhibition showed the students in attendance that there is more than one way to establish a successful future.**

**With the CAO opening on the 5th of November, Higher Options could not have come at a better time for the 6th Year students of Coláiste Mhuire. As the Leaving Cert looms closer, students are now better equipped with the knowledge and resources to make well-informed choices for their future.**

**Seán Murphy**



**Students taking in all that 'Higher Options' had to offer from Carpentry and Construction to College and Courses!**

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# Garda Youth Awards

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of October, Coláiste Mhuire was honoured with the Group Award at the Westmeath Garda Youth Awards; presented to a group of two or more making a positive contribution to their community, making it a better place to live.

Our award recognised the Road Safety Campaign created by our students last year- a powerful and creative advertisement that went viral and helped raise vital awareness about community safety. Specifically, the advert focused on road safety and the use of phones by young people in Ireland.

Mr. Kelly, who co-lead the project alongside his superstar students last year, was delighted that the boys received well-deserved recognition. 'Recently our boys received a Community Safety award in the Westmeath Garda Youth awards as a result of their driver safety campaign undertaken here in the school. As a result they were entered into the National Garda Youth awards which take place in Portlaoise on 22nd November. This is brilliant recognition for the boys in their efforts to tackle road safety here in the Mullingar and surrounding areas. The road safety campaign had previously won a national award winning a Leading Light award with the RSA.'

A heartfelt thank you to An Garda Síochána for their support and recognition of this important, worthwhile message.



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# **Kenpo Karate:**

## **Martial Arts on the Rise in Mullingar**

**Now, it's time for something a little different. In recent years, martial arts have really taken off in Mullingar and they continue to grow in popularity amongst people of all ages. The following article will discuss a form of martial arts that you may not be familiar with- Kenpo Karate.**

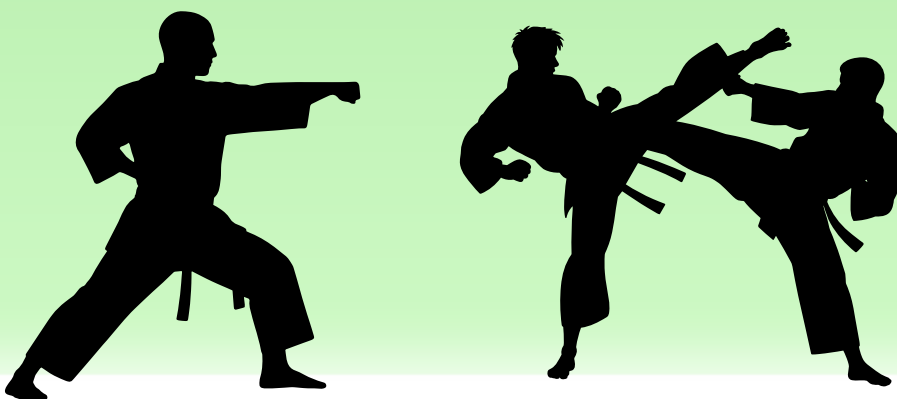
**Kenpo Karate is a modern, adaptable martial art, primarily known as American Kenpo, that blends various traditional martial arts with modern techniques for practical self-defence.**

**Developed in the United States by Ed Parker in the mid-20th century, it emphasises fast strikes, powerful kicks, and scientific principles over fixed techniques, allowing for flexible adaptation to different situations. The name "Kenpo" translates to "law of the fist", and reflects its focus on close-range combat and principles.**

**However, Karate and Kenpo are not the same thing! How so you may ask? Well, Both Kenpo and Karate emphasise striking techniques, such as punches and kicks, as well as blocks and throws. However, Kenpo also includes joint locks and grappling techniques, which are not typically found in Karate.**

**Kenpo Karate is a fun, exhilarating sport. It engages the mind, as well as allowing you to improve your fitness and self-defence skills. Why don't you give it a try? I think you might just like it!**

**Rayyan Tanveer**



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# **Hollow Knight: Silksong Review**

## **Precision, Beauty, and a Worthy Successor**

On February 24, 2017 the now globally popular Hollow Knight was released by the development team 'Team Cherry'. Hollow Knight is a 2D side scrolling action based game and though it starts off simple, eventually the difficulty exponentially increases. So much so, about 56% of players don't even beat the game and up to 70% don't even beat the first boss. Though that may sound as if it's a bad game, it's sold more than 15 million copies and take it from my experience of playing it: the satisfaction of completing and beating the game is worth it.

On September 4th Team Cherry released their highly anticipated sequel to the game 'Hollow Knight Silksong' after more than 7 years in development. The common GTA VI meme that says the new GTA game will never release was a lot like Hollow knight Silksong as during the development period almost no information was being released with many fans speculating that the game will never release due to creative differences and no content. However, this was far from the case as Team Cherry revealed it took so long due to them enjoying making the game to much and they just kept on adding more and more content.

With the gaming world we live in, it's really difficult to find a decent game which is inexpensive. Video game prices are increasing. For example, the new Mario kart and Donkey Kong game both retail at 80 euro. Hollow Knight Silksong stands out as a beam in the dark light of expensive video games with it costing only 20 euro. At this price, it really is a steal and I'd really recommend it to everyone whose looking for a challenge.



Source: Game Rant



Source: Variety

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Comparative to its older brother, the lore, themes and contrast between both Hollow Knight games is striking. In the first game you play as a small knight where you go on a quest to descend down into a fallen insect kingdom of Hallownest. You explore mysteries and try to stop the spread of an infection that has become rampant- of course that's me explaining it very vaguely. In Hollow Knight Silksong, you play as a side character in the first part, the knight's half-sister Hornet and you must ascend into the fallen kingdom of Pharloom and reach the holy capitol called the citadel.

Already you can see the contrast but the gameplay differs as well with Silksong being a lot more acrobatic and faster. In my opinion, the lore and sub content is amazing. To look at one area in particular, we explore a place called the underworks. Bugs travel to the underworks before reaching the citadel where the bugs who seek the journey to the citadel called pilgrims work for very little money. Speaking of money, the currency in the game is rosaries - the strings of beads used for prayers. The citadel is considered a place of holiness and religion but the game explores the corruption that can come with religion. The people who pay with rosaries, receive little pay and with this pay many use it to wash away their sins just like the selling of indulgences during the Reformation. You'll remember that from your 2<sup>nd</sup> year history!

I may not be saying much about this game but that's just because the lore can get so complex and all intertwined with each other and with me saying one small thing, I'd need to say 20 more things which would just leave more questions than answers! The bottom line is that the game is worth it for its price and how much content there is makes it stand out as one of the best games ever. It's highly believed it will win the game of the year and it is highly impressive how Team Cherry is only a three person team and outperforms many triple A teams. We can see how popular and anticipated the game is given that Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch and Steam servers all went down due to how many people were online at the same time waiting to buy the game. More than 700,000 players were online at once on the first day on the steam servers alone.

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**To sum up the game, there are no words to describe how good the game is. With so much content and the satisfaction you get with every accomplishment from beating a boss, getting a new ability or discovering new or secret areas - this game has it all. I myself have been playing for two weeks and have more than 50 hours into the game and am only done about 60 percent of the story and very little of the side content. I will admit, and so will Team Cherry who've said this themselves, it is a sequel game and is meant to be harder than the first so if you are thinking of trying, don't give up at the start. You're only giving up before you strike gold. So if you're looking for a new challenge I shall repeat I highly recommend this game. Head over to YouTube to see both clips and lore of the game to see if you're interested.**

**Patrick Carolan**



**Source: Game Rant**

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# The Traitors Ireland

As summer came to a close, there was one thing that everyone seemed to be talking about: 'The Traitors'. So, what exactly is this TV show and why is everyone obsessed with it?

In a nutshell, 'The Traitors' is a game of deception. Set in Slane castle, 22 strangers competed for a prize of €50,000. These strangers were sorted into two groups, one team of faithfuls and one team of traitors. The aim of the game is simple, traitors secretly try to eliminate the faithful while the faithful try to figure and find out who the traitors are! They all compete in missions and challenges to add to the prize fund and earn immunity to prevent themselves from being eliminated. Hosted by Derry Girls Siobhán McSweeney, this season of "The Traitors" was the first set in Ireland.

Throughout this season, we witnessed a wide range of Celtic folklore used in the missions which gave the Irish version of the show a unique and captivating twist. For example, one challenge was based on a piséog, which is an old Irish curse.

Also in this season, our host Siobhán McSweeney's wardrobe was cultivated by many different Irish designers. Bringing Irish designers to the big screen, Siobhán McSweeney wore their beautiful pieces with pride, representing Irish culture with a modern twist.



McSweeney's style incorporated Irish designers and Irish emblems including Tara Brooch (left).



Source: The Irish Times

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**As the game moved further, more and more people were eliminated. They were either banished from the roundtable by fellow players or ‘murdered’ by the Traitors.**

**By the end of the game, 5 players remained and they had a simple task. Convince the others that they were faithful. If only faithful players remained at the games end, they would split the money between them. But, if just one traitor remained, they would take everything for themselves.**

**Don’t worry, I won’t spoil the ending on you- I can only recommend that you sit back and enjoy this wonderful masterpiece of Irish television.**

**Rory Morrissey**



**The cast of ‘The Traitors’ Ireland against the backdrop of the historic Slane Castle in Meath. 24 hopeful contestants set off on a journey of deception all in the hopes of claiming the top prize.**

**Source: RTE**

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# **The Irish Presidential Election: Connolly Soars to Áras Success**

**The Irish Presidential election has passed and Catherine Connolly has been elected to replace Michael D. Higgins.**

**Any citizen who is above the age of 35 could attempt to become president but they can only get on the ballot if they are a current or former president (who has not served more than 2 terms), or “if they are nominated by not less than twenty persons, each of whom is at the time a member of one of the houses of the oireachtas, or by the councils of not less than four administrative counties (including county Boroughs) as defined by law”. A person or council can only nominate 1 person for president. If there is only one presidential nominee, it is not necessary to hold an election, they will become president unopposed. A presidential candidate can not be a member of the Houses of Oireachtas. If a member is elected, they must vacate their seat to become president.**

**There were 5 main candidates this year, those being Catherine Connolly, Heather Humphreys, Jim Gavin, Maria Steen, and Gareth Sheridan. Sheridan only secured 2 out of 4 administrative counties and Steen only got 18 out of 20 members to nominate her, so they didn't make the ballot. Since then they have called for adjustments to the current system, claiming the “nomination process needs to be looked at” (RTÉ).**

**We had 3 people on the ballot, those being Fianna Fáil's Heather Humphries, Independent Catherine Connolly, and Fine Gael's Jim Gavin. It is important to note that Gavin ended his campaign early, although it was too late to be pulled off the ballot. He ended his campaign following a scandal involving him owing a former tenant of his €3,300 that he hadn't repaid from 2009 (The Journal). Micháel Martin has come under fire with the failed campaign and with Simon Harris facing a Confidence Vote, the Government's position seemed to be weakening by the day.**

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It was then a two person race. Connolly led the polls coming up to the election with 67% of people believing Gavin made the right decision in pulling out of the race. (Irish Times)

Connolly won the election with 63% of first preference votes. Heather Humphreys had 29% of the vote and Jim Gavin received 7% of the vote. There was a very low turnout, with less than 46% of the 3,614,450. Of the 1,656,436 voters, 213,738 spoiled their votes. That is more than double the amount of voters Gavin received.

Connolly will become President of Ireland on the 11th of November.

Ben Poynton

The final rankings were:

**Catherine Connolly**  
**63%**  
**914,143**

**Heather Humphreys**  
**29%**  
**424,987**

**Spoiled Votes**  
**14%**  
**213,738**

**Jim Gavin**  
**7%**  
**103,568**



Source: BBC

Source: RTE



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# Serving Surprises: Stellar Seasons and Stunning Sets

## Australian Open:

This year so far there have been 64 ATP tournaments and over 50 WTA tournaments. In an intense Australian Open final, Jannik Sinner beat Alexandr Zverev in three sets with Sinner taking the early lead winning the first set before then besting Zverev in a tie break to take the second set. Finally, he clinched the third set to win the tournament for the second time in his career.

In the WTA section, Maddison Keys challenged Aryna Sabalenka in the final. Though Keys took the first set, Sabalenka claimed the second set and after a hard fought tie break, it was Sabalenka who took the third for her first Australian Open title.



Source: The Independent



Source: Roland Garros

## Roland Garros:

During the French open this year, or Roland Garros as it is known, Carlos Alcaraz won in a tough 5 set battle against his current best rival Jannik Sinner. These two were in nearly every final this year and were each other's best competition.

In the WTA Coco Gauff beat Aryna Sabalenka in the final, 6–7, 6–2, 6–4 to win the women's singles tennis title for 2025. It was her first French Open singles title and second major singles title overall.

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## **Wimbledon:**

**At Wimbledon, Jannik Sinner beat Carlos Alcaraz in the men's singles championship. He won Wimbledon for the first time after he came from a set down to beat two-time defending champion Carlos Alcaraz, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.**

**In a shocking match Iga Swiatek beat Amanda Anisimova 6-0,6-0. She is the first woman to win a Wimbledon final by that scoreline since Dorothea Lambert Chambers beat Dora Boothby in 1911. Świątek also becomes only the second player in the Open Era to win without dropping a game after Steffi Graf beat Natasha Zvereva at the 1988 French Open. A truly staggering feat.**



**Source: SkySports**



**Source: The New York Times**

## **U.S Open:**

**Carlos Alcaraz again faced rival Jannik Sinner at US Open. Three years after winning his first major title and becoming the youngest No. 1 player in history, Alcaraz reclaimed his place atop the sport with another win at the US Open. And with a new haircut too.**

**Aryna Sabalenka claimed her second consecutive US Open women's singles final, defeating Amanda Anisimova in the final. Sabalenka's win marked her fourth major title, solidifying her position as world No. 1. Sabalenka overcame self-doubt and emotional struggles to secure the victory, showcasing her mental toughness. Anisimova played much better than her previous grand slam final at Wimbledon and will surely look to improve even more next year.**

**Sam Corrigan**

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# **The Road to 2026**

## **Stuttering Start for Ireland as Armenia Defeat Follows Hungary Comeback**

The Republic of Ireland's 2026 World Cup qualifying campaign began on uncertain footing earlier this season. A stirring late fightback to earn a 2–2 draw against Hungary in Dublin was followed by a disappointing 2–1 defeat away to Armenia, leaving Heimir Hallgrímsson's side with just one point from their opening two fixtures. In this article, I provide you with a concise overview of exactly how these opening matches played out before taking a look at where that has left us in our hopes for a return to the glory days.

### **Spirited Draw at Home to Hungary**

Ireland opened their campaign at the Aviva Stadium on September 7 in front of a packed home crowd. Any hopes of a controlled start quickly evaporated when Barnabás Varga struck inside the first two minutes, capitalising on a loose defensive clearance. Roland Sallai then doubled Hungary's advantage midway through the first half, punishing further defensive uncertainty.

The second half, however, brought a more assertive Irish performance. Evan Ferguson pulled a goal back shortly after the interval with a clinical finish, igniting belief both on the pitch and in the stands. Deep into stoppage time, substitute Adam Idah rose highest to meet a cross and nod home the equaliser, salvaging a valuable point.

While the comeback showcased Ireland's character, Hallgrímsson acknowledged after the match that lapses in concentration and a sluggish opening period cannot be repeated at this level.

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## **Defeat in Yerevan Dampens Early Momentum**

Four days later, Ireland travelled to Yerevan for a fixture widely viewed as an early must-win. They started brightly, with Ferguson and Finn Azaz both forcing saves, but the breakthrough never came.

Just before the interval, Armenia won a penalty following a defensive error, and Eduard Spertsyan converted to give the hosts a 1-0 lead. Moments after the restart, Grant-Leon Ranos doubled Armenia's advantage with a composed finish.

Although Ferguson responded with a well-taken goal midway through the second half, Ireland's late push for an equaliser fell short. A 2-1 defeat left players and staff visibly deflated at full-time.

So, where does that leave us now?

Well, unfortunately it is difficult to imagine a World Cup table next year that features our national squad of heroes. The list of events required to secure qualification is lengthy and unlikely to happen. However, we continue to hope and cheer on our men. Stranger things have happened!

One thing that Ireland has never lacked is an enthusiastic crowd and every single one of us awaits the rest of the qualifier games to learn of Ireland's fate!



Ushnagh Fitzpatrick

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# Life on Mars

In case you don't know what Mars is, Mars is the fourth planet away from the sun and is commonly known as the “Red Planet”. For decades, people have pondered the possibility of life on Mars. Has anything ever lived there? Can anything live there in the future? And perhaps, is there anything out there now?!

## Latest update on the life of Mars

In 2025 Nasa's Mars rover curiosity found the strongest evidence yet of possible ancient life on Mars. A rock sample from a place on Mars called Jezero crater, or Cheyava Falls, contained minerals that can be formed through microbial activity here on Earth. These findings suggest that Mars had the right conditions for life around 3.5 billion years ago.

## So, will human beings live on Mars in the future?

Humans may be able to live on Mars but this will require the development of special technology. Compared to Earth, Mars has a thin carbon dioxide atmosphere. It is extremely cold and has high radiation levels. This makes it impossible for humans to live there without protection.



Source: SpaceX

Transforming Mars into a living planet would take centuries. However, we live in an Age where technology can make the impossible possible. Both Elon Musk's SpaceX company and NASA plan to launch missions to Mars in the 2030s and 2040s to check the long term living conditions there so let's wait and see what they learn. One thing is for certain, if life on Mars is possible, technology will make it happen.

Johan Ribu Chemparathy

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# Brawl Stars: The Game You Need To Try!

Brawl Stars is a multiplayer online battle arena and hero shooter video game developed and published by Finnish video game company Supercell.

Brawl Stars is a fun, engaging game that you can play on lots of different devices such as mobile phones, tablets and P.C. Brawl Stars has up to 6 different game-modes. The maps change every 12 hours, and across 4 game modes.

It was launched globally in 2018. China surprisingly has its own version of the game with custom skins, pins, sprays and more. Brawl Stars has had 6 or more collaborations with other companies such as Subway Surfers, UNO, Godzilla, Toy Story, SpongeBob SquarePants and PSG. It really has become a global phenomenon.

It is crazy that Brawl Stars has over 635.8 million downloads on the Google Play store. Go on, give it a try!

Joshua Ogobero



Source: Supercell.com



Source: RedBull

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# Is Greek mythology related to Halloween?

Greek mythology isn't known for this but yes, it's related to Halloween.

The ancient Greeks used to celebrate many festivals, one of which being Anthesteria.

This festival was dedicated to Dionyus, the god of wine and revelry. Similar to the current Halloween, it would blur the boundaries between the living and dead.

It would last for a total of 3 days and it was celebrated in winter. During the 3 day period it was believed that the souls of the dead were released from the underworld and could roam the earth.

Similar to our current halloween, Anthesteria involved feasting and dressing up in costumes to ward off spirits. The Greeks would also offer libations (a drink poured out as an offering to a deity) to ancestors and they would use charms to protect themselves from the Keres, goddesses of violent death.

In short, both Halloween and Anthesteria explore the supernatural realm, focusing on the journey of souls and the presence of spirits from the underworld. In both festivals people dress up in masks and costumes to ward off and protect themselves from returning spirits.



Maximillian Levin

Source:  
[travelandtourworld.com](http://travelandtourworld.com)

# **McIlroy Putts His Best Foot Forward in 2025!**

**This year's Amgen Irish Open was won in a thrilling fashion by our very own Rory McIlroy. It went to a play-off with McIlroy and Sweden's Joakim Lagergren. It was Rory McIlroy's first ever Amgen Irish Open victory. In an incredible feat, he made a 20ft putt to force the play-off. It was his 5th victory this season.**

**So far this season, McIlroy has won PGA Tour competitions, the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, The Players Championship, the Genesis Scottish Open and 1 DP World Tour event which was the Amgen Irish Open. Of course, his greatest success this year was arguably his wonderful victory at The Masters, an achievement which completed his career grand slam. It was his first major competition victory since 2014 where he won the PGA Championship. McIlroy has now won 5 majors. In fact, he is the first European golfer to complete the Grand Slam.**

**Earlier this year, McIlroy also participated in the 45th Ryder Cup along with fellow golfers, Shane Lowry from Offaly, Ludvig Aberg from Sweden and Matt Fitzpatrick, Tommy Fleetwood, and Tyrell Hatton, who are all from England. As the final day came to a close, Team Europe had a successful 15 points to Team USA's 13 points. It went to the last hole where Ireland's Shane Lowry made a putt for birdie to seal victory for his side. This year the Ryder Cup was in the stunning surrounds of New York City but next year, we're bringing it home. Winning an away Ryder Cup is a very difficult challenge to do but Team Europe managed to do it. The 46th Ryder Cup will take place in Adare Manor in County Limerick.**

**McIlroy, Lowry and the gang will no doubt have their eyes on next year's cup too and with the phenomenal form they've shown this year, who would putt it past them?**

**Reuben Marriott**

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## Senior Soccer Success: St Mary's Vs Moate

Our senior soccer team played out another impressive victory today away to a strong Moate CS squad. The Colaiste Mhuire men came away with a 6-1 win. It was Beau Greene who opened the scoring early on with Moate drawing back level within minutes. With some fine work on the left flank by Finn Higgins, he found Beau in the box, who added a 2nd. Once again, the same duo combined to put the men in green 3-1 up. Just before the half time whistle, Beau gathered the ball inside the opponents half and rounded 2 players and placed the ball in the bottom corner with a sweet strike. The senior lads went in 4-1 up at half time. Throughout the 2nd half, Aaron Scott and Zak Coyne showed great strength and determination to control the middle of the park. David Rodrigues and Finn Higgins terrorised the opponents defence throughout. The latter cut inside and struck a beautiful shot from outside the box, which nestled in the far bottom corner. A lot of play went through our playmaker Darragh Riordan, who was immense all game. Beau Greene again made a fantastic run off the ball and was found by a perfectly weighted pass to slot it home and make it 6-1.

The back 4 of Micheal Clarke, Adam Smyth, Shane Windsor, and Jamie Clerkin worked extremely hard throughout to not concede again. Joint men of the match today were our LB Jamie Clerkin and Beau Greene.

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# Mixed Results for School Hoops against Ballymahon

Our basketball teams played strong Ballymahon sides today in the group stages.

U16s came out victorious winning 38-22. Luka Malone and Seán O'Reilly dominated the scoreboards and with a strong defensive showing from Charlie McGauran and Tom McCaul, the lads have secured a spot in the quarter finals.

After the junior win there was a lot of hope for the seniors. CBS got off to a strong start but Mountmellick were the team with the slight advantage going into the second quarter. Mountmellick built momentum and eventually ran out 69-25 winners. The lads were very disappointed but fought hard until the end in a brave performance. Leadership from Dylan Kennedy and Bryan Wycherley kept the heads up throughout a tough game.

Liam Enright



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# Sports Success



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## Snapshots of School Days



**Thank you to Minister Helen McEntee and Minister Peter Bourke who visited our school in Term One. They joined us in welcoming our new first year students!**

**Our Sports Leadership team recently ran a Jersey Day in school to raise funds for local charities.**



**Our Transition Year students have been very busy in their chemistry classes recently. Here they are exploring how different factors affect the speed of chemical reactions.**

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# Quiz Corner!

Answers below!

## Round one: Coláiste Mhuire!

1. What year was Coláiste Mhuire established?
2. What do the letters CBS stand for?
3. Which former student of our school was part of the band, One Direction?
4. Which school teacher has a dog called Luna?
5. What is our school slogan?

## Round Two: STEM

1. Which billionaire owns SpaceX?
2. Who is the new sponsor of the Young Scientist Competition?
3. What is the chemical symbol of the element iron?
4. What is the largest organ in the human body?
5. What is the square root of 144?

## Round three: General Knowledge

1. If you have a Doberman, what do you have?
2. During what year did Ireland officially become a Republic?
3. Who holds the record for the men's 100m sprint?
4. Who is the lead singer of U2?
5. What is the second highest mountain in the world?
6. Who currently has the most amount of followers on Instagram?
7. Which two counties in Ireland have a home GAA ground called Cusack Park?
8. Maris Piper and Rooster are both types of what?
9. Lanzarote is an island belonging to which country?
10. Who was the first female President of Ireland?

Answers: R1- 1856. Christian Brothers School, Niall Horan, Ms Hope, Positivity Pride Performance  
R2- Elon Musk, Stripe, Fe, Skin, 12  
R3- A dog, 1949, Usain Bolt, Bono, K2, Cristiano Ronaldo, Westmeath and Clare, potato, Spain, Mary Robinson

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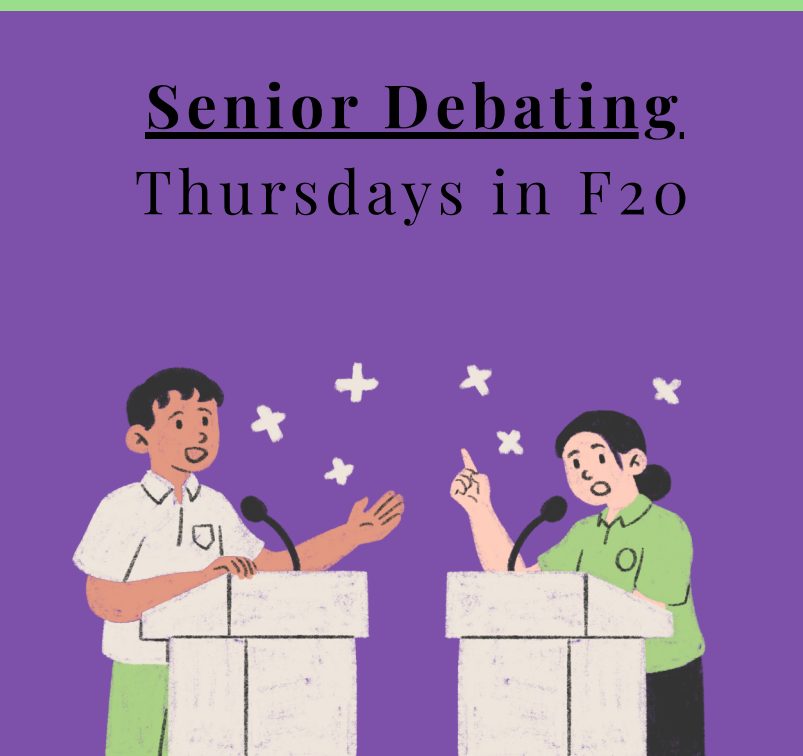


# Lego Club

Every Tuesday  
Lunchtime  
G14A



CANAL  
WALK  
EVERY WED  
AND THURS  
MEET AT CANAL  
GATE AT 1.20



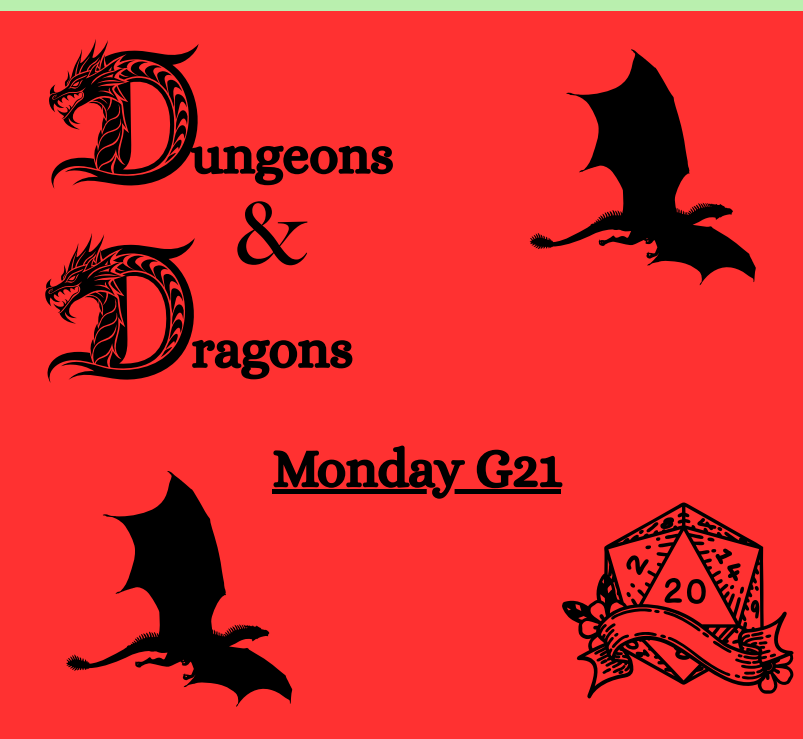
# Senior Debating.

Thursdays in F20



# NEWS

Newspaper Club  
Every Monday  
F19



# Dungeons & Dragons

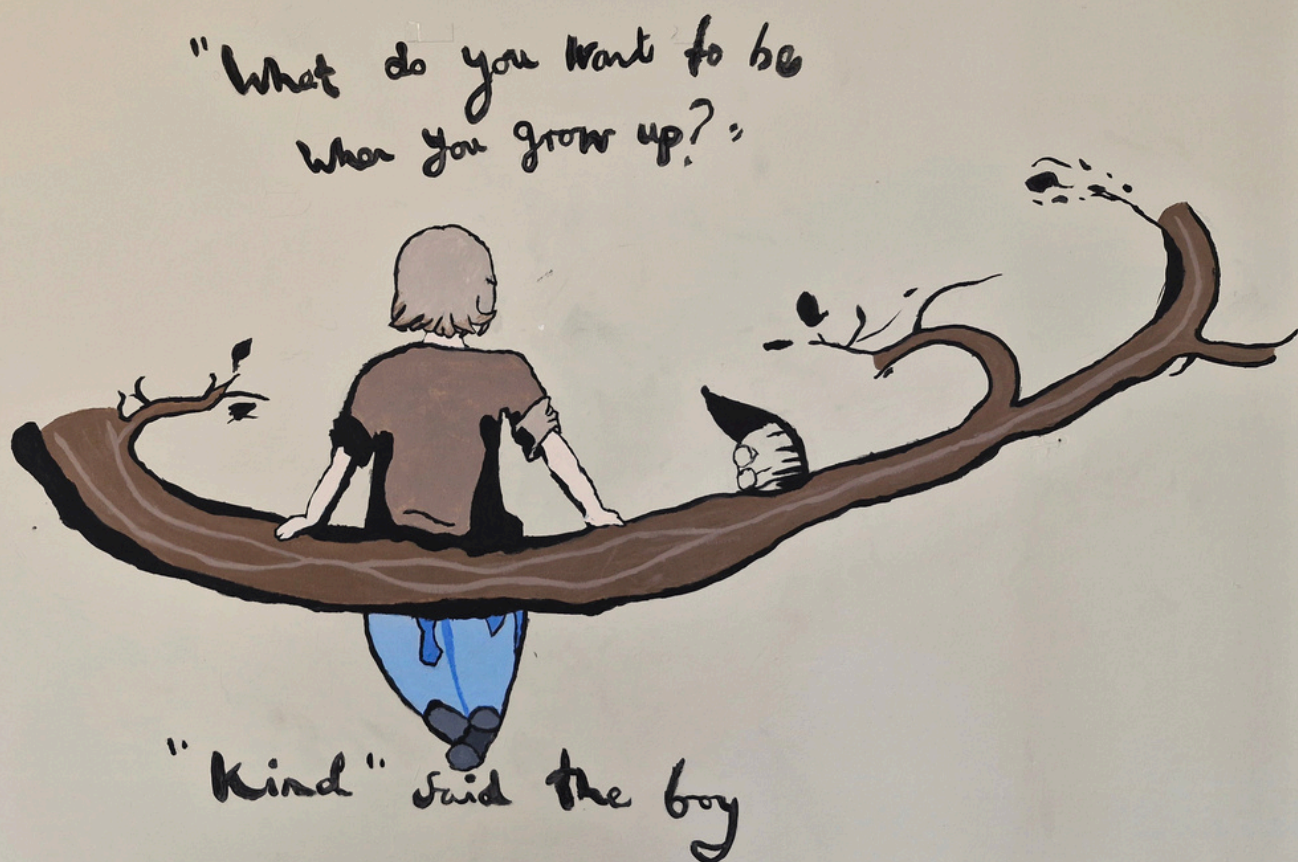
Monday G21



# Chess and Draughts club

Wednesday F24

**This edition of the Coláiste Mhuire Chronicle is dedicated to  
Ms. Mary Sheridan: a wonderful teacher, colleague and friend.**



Dedicated to  
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**Ms Sheridan's dedication was painted by Fiachra Archibald, Callum McGrath Bennett  
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