

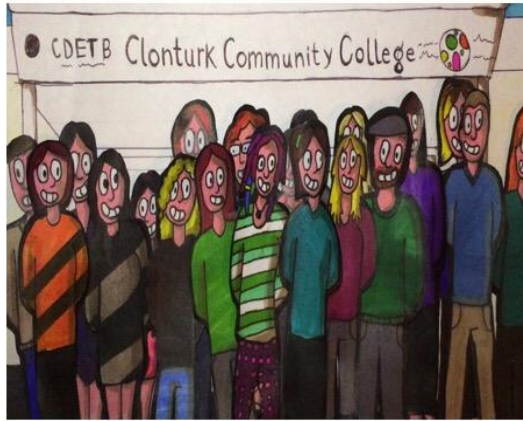


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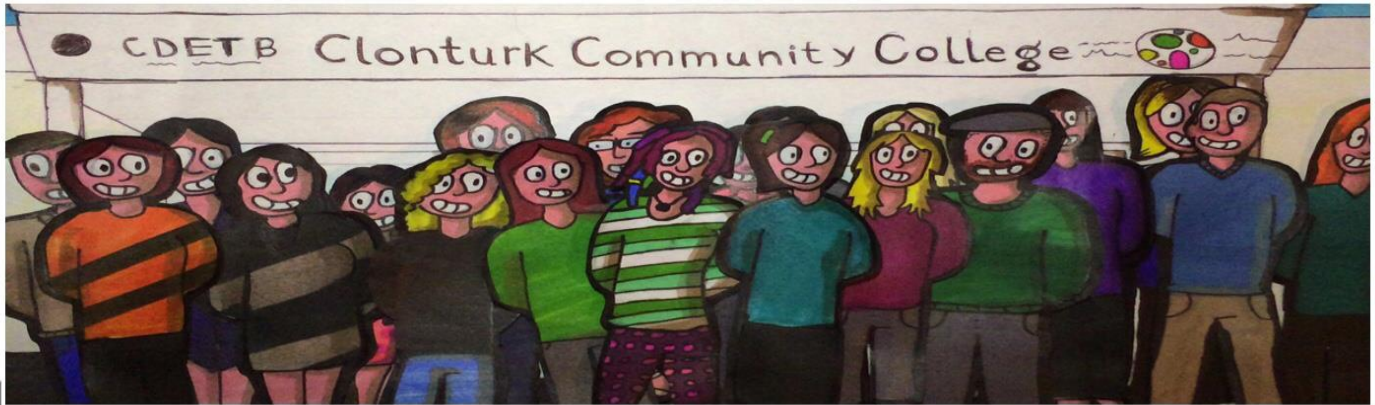
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Welcome

And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer.

—F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*

Now that the exams are over, the lockers have been emptied and the books put away for another academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Clonturk students, parents and indeed staff, a very happy and enjoyable summer break.

It goes without saying that without all your continued support and steadfast commitment to the work of the school, Clonturk would not be the warm, vibrant and dynamic place that it is today.

I would particularly like to acknowledge the support of all parents who give their time, in big ways and small, to support the school through the myriad of activities organised during any given year. I believe that your input makes a significant contribution to the vibrant character and atmosphere of our school. -Thank you!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our team for all of the hard work that they put in each year. From within the classroom walls to their extracurricular involvement and all of the other workings that go on behind the scenes, they are consistently pushing the limits to make Clonturk the hub of learning that it is.

With that, we have had a fantastic extracurricular and academic term, resulting in a plethora of achievements. Please, do take a moment to peruse through this newsletter to see a snapshot of our personal highlights, which we really did struggle to whittle down! Those chosen are a truly wonderful demonstration of the commitment, work ethic, talent and creativity of our school community.

Please ensure to take the well earned summer break to recharge your batteries and we look forward to seeing you all in September to begin a new year.

-Susan Campbell



Innovative Teaching & Learning

School Excellence Fund - Digital

Clonturk has been selected to participate in the Government's overall strategy to embed digital technology in teaching and learning.

Staff attended the launch by the Minister for Education and Skills, Richard Bruton TD in DCU earlier this year.

Clonturk will become one of a small clusters of schools, working together on innovative projects in teaching and learning using digital technologies. With the grant, we intend to create a maker space whereby technology will be used in a creative way.

The Minister has set the ambition to make Ireland's Education and Training Service the best in Europe by 2026. Key to delivering on this ambition will be the ability of our education system to adapt to an economy and society transformed by digital technology.

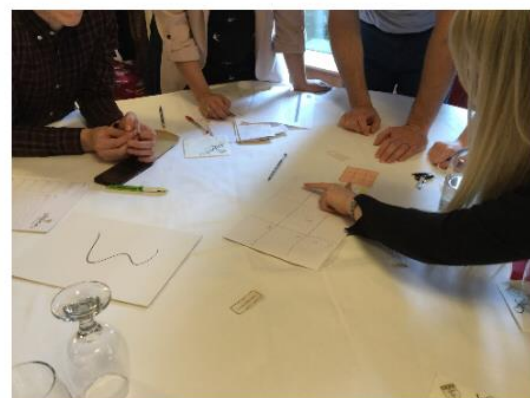
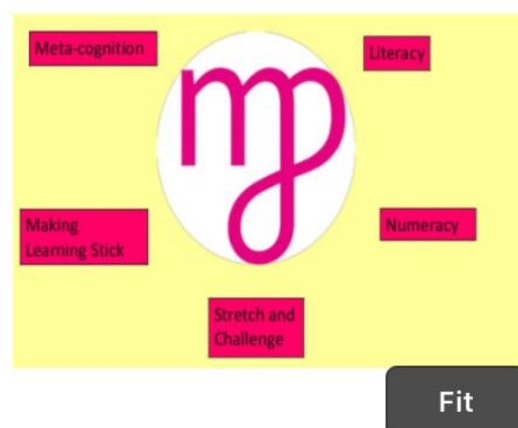
Children are naturally curious, adaptable and inquisitive. Digital technology can create an environment that nurtures, values and stretches these attributes. They are all also competencies that our children will need to develop to thrive in the future. Watch this space!

Magenta Principles

To remain at the top of our game, our teachers commit much time to Continuing Professional Development. Over the past couple of years, we have been attending the Magenta Principles workshops, led by education trainer Mike Hughes.

The core of the principles recognises that no two students are the same type of learner. As facilitators of learning, we commit to challenging each and every child by devising strategies to aid them individually, in working to the best of their potential.

In short, it's about getting students active in their learning, talking and *doing* in class! Our goal is to make learning student-centered, engaging and fun and Magenta has been our guide to get them there.



Sport

Swim When You're Winning

For the second consecutive year, we have run a very successful weekly sports and cultural extra-curricular taster program at Clonturk. Although we are very proud of all of our many sporting achievements, we were particularly thrilled when our swim team brought home 2 gold, 2 silver and 3 bronze medals from the SCC Swimming Gala!

Futsal Footie

Our Girls' Soccer team played in a Futsal Competition in Mercy Convent Beaumont. The girls got to the semi final but were unfortunately defeated on penalties.

Yoga Wednesdays

Our SNA Elena has been instructing Yoga Wednesdays as part of our extracurricular programme. What a fantastic opportunity for students to get involved in this lifelong ritual!

Lads' Soccer

Clonturk's boys' football team finished up 3rd in the CDETБ Bohemian Shield in Terenure! Come on, you boys in purple and green!



Culture

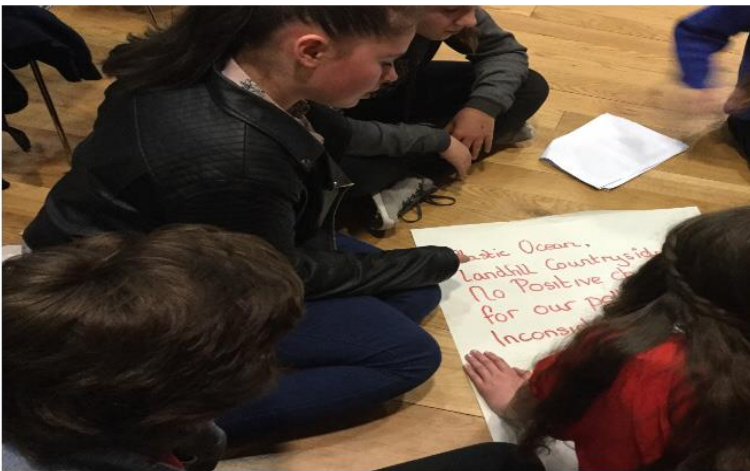
Neat Streets' Green Campaign

Our Second Year students, through their CSPE studies and involvement with Green Schools, were selected to participate in the Neat Streets anti-litter and waste programme. Through this, they are developing leadership and project management skills, as well as creating the Clonturk 'Junkyard.' The aim was to create an 'urban haven', created using recycled goods which was sourced from the Clonturk community. Our dedicated students attended the Green Schools Expo in the RDS to seek inspiration and held a very successful bake sale to fund any additional items. They also won one of the Neat Streets 'Instabin' film making competitions



We then attended the annual Neat Streets awards conference, whereby 3 students presented on all of our achievements this year.

This is only the beginning. We hope that this will be an ongoing project which the larger Clonturk community will get involved in!



SE Art Gallery

Through our Student Enrichment module, our students had the honour of viewing art created by the children of asylum seekers living in Direct Provision accommodation. They then used the children's work as artistic inspiration for their own research projects in this area. They produced a multitude of creative responses, ranging from poetry, to further Direct Provision research and a statistical report, comparing their own economic spending to that of the children's.



Fashion Revolution

#whomademyclothes

The Fashion Revolution module is currently being run as part of our Ethical Education programme. The aim of the module is to promote long-term action for social & environmental change in the fashion industry. The module explores the moral, ethical and environmental consequences of the current 'fast fashion' industry and the goal is to encourage students to further understand their role in the consumption of fashion..

On 20th of April 2013, 1133 people were killed in the Rana Plaza factory collapse in Dhaka, Bangladesh. A further 2500 were injured. These people were killed while making garments for our high street shops.

The #whomademyclothes campaign was launched shortly after in an attempt to make fashion brands take responsibility for their part played in this terrible disaster and show transparency as to where their clothes are being made.

It is important we educate our students about these injustices and give them the opportunity to become more ethically aware. Our choices affect many others.



European Money Quiz

On Wednesday, 14th March Second Year Business Studies students took part in the European Money Quiz. This is a joint initiative of the European Banking Federation and Banking & Payments Federation Ireland and aims to improve students financial knowledge and literacy. Students competed in a live Kahoot! quiz against schools all over Ireland, with the first place winners winning a trip to Brussels to compete against 29 other teams from across Europe. Congratulations to Joanna and Emma who came 9th overall in the national competition.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Bhain Coláiste Pobail Chluain Torc taitneamh as Seachtain na Gaeilge. Rinne anchéad bhliain toraíocht ag baintúsáide as cóid QR. Bhí comórtas póstaer ar siúl don darabliain. D'fhoghlaimí omar na rincí Gaelacha agus bhí céiliagainn. Bhí crannchur scoile againn, fuair na daltaí ticéid as an nGaeilge a úsáid timpeall na scoile

Little Dress for Africa

Students in Clontarf Community College have been busy working on a project for the 'Little Dress for Africa' charity. A group of 15 students made dresses out of pillowcases that will be brought to Africa and distributed to young girls who may not have access to clean and comfortable clothing. Along the way, students got to further look at some of the topics they've been learning about in our Ethical Education program and see up-cycling and sustainability in action!



Our First Published Clonturk Writer!

Whistleblast Quartet



A group of 1st and 2nd year students took part in the wonderful musical adventure that was the WhistleBlast Quartet

Composition Programme. Students worked closely with their friends in Coláiste Eoin and composed a series of original musical pieces (entitled iContact) with a central theme of communication. It has inspired our students to take up instruments and compose their own music. It taught them that musicianship and composition is accessible, achievable, rewarding and most of all – so much fun! Our final performances took place in the Ballina Arts Centre, Co. Mayo and the beautiful Freemason's Hall in Dublin. Participants got a taste of the excitement of being a professional musician on tour and took with them, memories to last a lifetime.



It is every teacher's greatest endeavour that the student will surpass the mentor and accomplish great things in their field. It is rare, however, that it happens in first year!

However, with Clonturk being Clonturk, such dreams are becoming reality. -Our very own Tadhg Shortall Curtin has only gone and been published in The Irish Times!

What started as an entry for the annual Clonturk Flash Fiction Competition, went on to be recognised by the higher powers in Fighting Words (Roddy Doyle's Creative Writing School) and was given a double page spread no less! Well done, Tadhg! We are so proud and look forward to reading your future bestselling novel in second year!



Educate Together Music Festival



On Wednesday the 30th of May, a group of us went to Stepaside Educate Together to attend the Stepaside Music Festival. There were all different varieties of music and drama from loads of different people. We went with lots of people to perform.



Joanna Gartlan and Isabelle Concannon sang as Gaeilge together, Han McKenna and Eric Sexton both played piano, Molly McGibney, Jack Forrester, Aisling Kelly, Palomi MacDonald, Naomi Wilkinson-Reynolds, Holly Peters McGrath and Ethan McDunphy all sang and last but not least, Jeff and the Breadlegs (Ciarán Finucane, Joseph Dalton, Eric Sexton and Conor Cawley-Vega) blew us away with their debut performance. Overall, we had an amazing day and we can't wait for next year! Thank you to Ella and Ciara for taking us!

By Ethan McDunphy
(1st Year, Rang Grafton)

We Write What We Like (SCC Creative Writing Club)



Throughout the year, our emerging Creative Writing Club attended the SCC Writer in Residence workshop each week. They produced such excellent pieces, that they were asked to read at the We Write What We Like annual awards and showcase event run by the Sports and Cultural Council.

We hope that our creative writing club will continue to grow next year. It is open to writers at any level, aiming to build confidence and nurture their writing abilities.

SCC Photography Competition



Some of our talented students entered the SCC photography competition. This is an event run between all of the CDETb second level schools. We were absolutely delighted to have two students place in first and third places. Well done, guys!

European Food Fair and MEP Visit



Clonturk Community College will welcome MEP Lynn Boylan and Brian Hayes to the school to mark Europe Day on Wednesday, 9th May.

As part of their CSPE action project, second year students in Rang Collins have prepared projects on different member states of the European Union. The whole school will compete in a Kahoot! Quiz about Europe and the European Union and a European food fair will take place on the day. Lynn Boylan and Brian Hayes will talk to the students about their work as members of the European Parliament and the students will participate in a question and answer session with the politicians.

The students are looking forward to welcoming both MEPs to the school and taking part in a whole school handshake for Europe. This handshake symbolises the day that then French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman extended the hand of friendship to old enemy Germany, to put World War II behind them and to forge a peaceful future for Europe.

Academics

Maths Masters: Pi Quiz & Irish Junior Maths Association Competition



ALPHA Club



National PI Quiz

We recently attended the National PI Quiz, which is a problem-solving competitor for Junior Cycle students, hosted in Wesley College.

Clonturk parent and DCU lecturer John McKenna facilitated a problem solving class with us in advance to prepare for it.

Each team had four members, who within a series of 6 minute rounds, had to answer a series of questions.

Although we didn't win, we really enjoyed the day and look forward to returning.

Mollie Gallagher (2nd Year, Rang Markievicz)

Irish Junior Maths Association Competition

In April we attended the IMTA junior maths competition in St. Vincent's College. The competition is held nationwide every year and only the top first year students in the country make it to the final.

Our school was lucky enough to have eight finalists who all did amazing in the final exam and even placed fourth overall!

Chaya Smyth (1st Year, Rang Grafton)

This year, our ALPHA club, led by Kate, was established to give opportunities to further challenge students who are achieving high academically.

Already, they have been on a number of excursions including a trip to UCD, where they received an amazing talk from Dr. Abey Campbell about augmented reality. They even got to have a go of the virtual reality rollercoaster!

PGTA Updates

Our fantastic PGTA hosted a number of wonderfully successful events this year.



Afternoon Tea

In February, the PGTA hosted the fabulous Afternoon Tea, which was a roaring success. It was crammed with action including spot prizes, raffles, students and Hazel Peters performing music, not to mention the delicious delicacies!

Thank you to all who gave up their Sunday afternoon to attend or help out!



The Annual Barbeque

Again, the PGTA pulled another blinder on this fantastic April Saturday to host The Annual Barbeque. It is a fantastic opportunity for current and prospective students and parents to come and get a feel for what Clonturk life is really like. There are plenty of fun and games to be had and again, some fantastic grub whipped up by our 'resident PGTA chefs' !

Rang Photos 2018



(Left) 2nd Years, from top to bottom: Rang Markievicz, Rang Collins

(Right) 1st Years, from top to bottom: Rang Raglan, Rang Grafton, Rang Synge

End of Year Awards, 2018



Last Day of School Gallery

As you couldn't be here to share the last day with us, we thought you might like to see a few images from what we got up to, including fun and games, music and and the awards and the closing ceremony..





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