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## Teachtaireacht ón bPríomhoide & an Leas Phríomhoide

Tá súil againn go mbainfidh tú taitneamh as an Nuachtlitir seo agus a bheith ag léamh faoin raon agus éagsúlacht d'imeachtaí a bhíonn ar siúl sa Ghaelcholáiste fuinniúil seo. Táimid go mór faoi chomaoin ag an bhfoireann go léir as ucht a ndícheall, a bproifisiúntachta agus a ndíograis buaine. Ina theannta sin, táimid thar a bheith buíoch do Choiste Gairmoideach ais Chathair Luimnigh agus Baill an Bhoird Bainistíochta as a tacaíocht leanúnach.

Beirimid beannachtaí na Nollag agus ár gcuid dea-ghuí don Athbhliain do mhuintir Ghaelcholáiste Luimnigh uile; orthu siúd ár gcuid daltaí díograiseacha, tuismitheoirí/Caomhnóirí, foireann an Choláiste, Comhairle na nDaltaí, Comhairle na dTuismitheoirí agus baill ár gcuid Bord Bainistíochta.

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## Rugbaí

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Chuir an slua ollmhór a bhí i láthair le haghaidh an chéad seisiún traenála rugbaí ionadh an domhain orm i dtús na bliana. Anois, leath slí tríd an bhliain tá thart ar 30 dalta ag teacht amach chuile Déardaoin. Is ó Shannon, Bohs, Young Munsters, Garryowen, Kilrush, St. Mary's agus Bruff na fir óga seo. Bhí roinnt daltaí ann nár phioc suas liathróid rugbaí riamh, mar sin, bhí difríocht cumais ann ag an tús ach anois táimid ag dul ó neart go neart.

Ní raibh an t-ádh linn ar an gcéad lá leis an bhfoireann faoi 15 in aghaidh St. Nessans. Tar éis an-chuid brú a chuir ar na fir ó St. Nessans, níor bhaineamar usáid as, thapaíomar ár gcuid seansanna agus chailleamar ar deireadh. An captaen a bhí ainmnithe le haghaidh na foirne faoi 15 ba ea Ben Walsh, agus Donal Óg Mac Ionnrachtaigh mar leas-chaptaen. An chéad lá eile, bhaineamar amach éacht mhór. Bhí dhá fhoireann ag imirt ar son na scoile an lá sin agus bhíomar ar an t-aon scoil a bhí in ann é sin a dhéanamh. Ní féidir a shéanadh, mar sin, an méid suime atá againn i rugbaí sa scoil seo, le thart ar 24 daltaí ag imirt an ar lá.

Le déanaí bhí an bua ag an bhfoireann faoi 14 in aghaidh foirne maithe ó Sexton Street C.B.S. Ba é an scór deireanach ar an lá sin ná 10-7 tar éis uair an chloig ag imirt sa bháisteach, le húid ó Conor Freeman. Bhí Donal Óg Mac Ionnrachtaigh ainmnithe mar chaptaen bliana agus Conor Hayes mar leas-chaptaen.

Caithfidh mé mo bhuíochas a ghabháil le roinnt daoine; tá an fhoireann an-bhuíoch do Dhónal Enright, Brian O'Donoghue agus David Cross, na fir sin a thugann suas a gcuid ama féin ar son na foirne. Agus bheimis an-bhuíoch d'éinne eile a bheadh sásta aon tacaíocht a thabhairt don fhoireann, bímid ag traenáil gach Déardaoin ó a 4 a chlog ar feadh uair an chloig. Tá sé tugtha faoi deara agam chomh maith go bhfuil an méid tuismitheoirí atá ag teacht chuig na cluichí ag méadú agus is iontach an rud é sin agus tá súil agam gur féidir linn cur leis an dul chun cinn iontach atá déanta i mbliana mar scoil rugbaí.

### ***Beannachtaí na Nollag, Séamus de Blacúil***

I was very surprised the second week into the new year with the amount of students that turned out for the first rugby training of the year. Half way through the year and we now have over 30 students out with us every single Thursday. These young men come from various clubs, Bohs, Young Munsters, Garryowen, Kilrush, St. Mary's and Bruff and some too who have never picked up the oval ball before.

The first day out we had no luck with the u15 team against St.Nessans, after piling on the pressure we didn't use our opportunities and in the end lost as a result. The captain named that day for the u15 team was Ben Walsh with Daniel Enright named as his vice-captain. The next

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day out was the turn of the first years, who did well in a blitz. We had two teams representing the school at the blitz, the only school there on the day that was able to do so, such is the interest in the school with rugby, with over 24 students lining out on the day.

The last day out with we beat a good side from Sexton's Street C.B.S (the u14 team). The match finished 10-7 after an hour played in terrible conditions, with tries both coming from Conor Freeman. Daniel Enright was named as captain for the year and Conor Hayes as vice.

I have to also extend my gratitude to a few people; the team is very appreciative of Donal Enright, Brian O'Donoghue and David Cross, these men have been very helpful, giving up their own time on behalf of the team. And we'd be very happy and more than welcoming to anyone who might be able to give a hand any Thursday from 4 o'clock, lasting for just an hour. On a final note, I have noticed the number of parents increasing coming in support to the games, and this is great to see, and may our success and development as a rugby school continue.



## Rugbaí na Sinsear

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Ag tús na bliana tháinig an fhoireann rugbaí shinsearach le chéile agus bheartaíomar roinnt spriocanna a leagan amach le haghaidh na bliana seo. An chéad sprioc a bheartaíomar ar ná go mbeadh tinreamh ard ag traenáil don bhliain ar fad ionas go mbeadh comórtas mór le haghaidh áiteanna ar an bhfoireann. D'aontaigh gach imreoir go gcabhródh sé seo go mór leis an iarracht le linn traenála agus mar thoradh ar sin bheadh taispeántais níos fearr ar pháirc na himeartha. An daa cinneadh a thógamar ná go mbeadh traenáil dhá uair sa tseachtain – Dé Máirt agus Déardaoin. Bhí an fhoireann bhainistíochta dóchasach go mbeadh seans againn cluichí craoibhe a bhuachan dá gcloífeadh na imreoirí leis na rialacha bunúsacha seo. D'ainmníomar Séamus Hogan mar chaptaen tar éis coicíse toisc an iarracht mhór a chuir sé isteach ar an bpáirc traenála agus na buanna atá aige spiorad a mhúscailt agus a fhorbairt ina chomh-imreoirí. Tús maith leath na hoibre an mana a bhíomar ag iarraidh a chur i gcrích.

### **Cluiche 1 V Rockwell College**

D'eagraíomar cluiche dúshláin in aghaidh Rockwell college – coláiste le caighdeán agus tradisiún rugbaí an-láidir thar na blianta. D'éirigh thar barr linn agus bhuamar an cluiche go bog le scór deiridh, 55 – 10. Bhí gach imreoir in ard a mhaitheasa ar an lá céanna agus thug na tosaithe ardán an-mhaith do na cúlaithe trí obair láidir sa chlibirt agus sa líne-amach. Bhí Maitiú Killing thar barr leis an mbróg agus níor chuir sé cic amháin amú. Ag pointe amháin bhí Kyle Heaney ag rith tríd an lár le ceathrar d'fhoireann Rockwell ar a dhroim agus é ag treabhadh leis!

### **Cluiche 2 V Cluain Meala**

An chéad babhta den chomórtas King Cup agus bhí orainn taisteal chuig Cluain Meala chun aghaidh a thabhairt ar an bhfoireann baile. Bhí an comórtas seo buaite acu le dhá bhliain anuas agus bhíodar ag súil leis an 'hat-trick'. Níor léigh buachaillí an Ghaelcholáiste an script áirithe sin, áfach, agus thógadar an chluiche chuig Cluainmeala ón gcéad fheadóg. Is cluiche fisiciúil a bhí i gceist don chéad leath gan mórán scórála agus bhí farrasbar 5 phointe ag an nGaelcholáiste ag leath ama. Bhraitheamar go mór ar a leithéidí Conor Foley, Seamus Hogan, Diarmuid Ó Céadagáin agus Eoin Ó Riain chun an obair salach crua a chur isteach agus tugadh chun talún aon duine a bhog ó fhoireann Cluain Meala go tapa! Bhí Cian Murphy cruinn i gcónaí leis na línte amach, rud a thug seans arís do leithéidí Dylan McEvoy, Ruairí Ó Conaill agus na cúlaithe eile damáiste a dhéanamh. Bhuamar an cluiche le scór deiridh 30 - 7. Stair bainte amach againn agus ár gcéad chluiche craoibhe buaite againn.

### **Cluiche 3 V Villiers**

Cluiche mór cathrach a bhí i gceist agus aithne ag a lán daltaí ar a chéile. Chailleamar Conor Foley go luath sa chluiche, rud a chuir isteach ar fhéinmhuinín ár n-imreoirí don chéad leath. D'iarr na bainisteoirí orthu ag leath ama freagracht a ghlacadh – rud a dheineadar don dara leath. Bhí sárthaispeántais ó Alan Rowlands, Ryan Foley agus Nathan Brereton ach chun an fhírinne a rá sheas gach imreoir a fhód. Cé a chreidfeadh go raibh an dara cluiche craoibhe buaite againn?!

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Léiríonn sé an tábhacht a bhí leis an gcruinniú ag tús na bliana agus na spriocanna a leagamar amach – rud a tháinig ós na himreoirí.

### **Cluiche Leathcheannais V De La Salle**

Chuamar isteach sa chluiche gan ár gcaptaen inspioráideach mar gheall ar ghortú droime agus Conor Foley a chas a alt. D'imríomar an chéad leath cosúil le dream a raibh trua acu dóibh féin toisc na himreoirí a bhí in easnamh. Ach faoi mar a théann an mana, 'cluiche do dhá leath' a bhí i gceist. Bhí scileanna thar barr ag lucht De La Salle le himreoirí sna cúlaithe le luas lasrach. Chaitheamar an chéad leath ag iarraidh an scór a choimeád síos mar bhí brú ollmhór á chur ag De La Salle orainn. Thuig na himreoirí ag leath am nach raibh faic le cailiúint againn – éacht déanta go dtí seo sa chomórtas do scoil nua cosúil linn féin. Amach leo le fearg sa dara leath agus is sinne a bhí ag cur brú ar De la Salle don leath ar fad. Níor chabhraigh an réiteoir lenár gcás nuair a bhí an cluiche idir dhá cheann na meá agus bhí mí-ádh orainn a bheith ar an taobh mícheart den clár scóir ag deireadh an chluiche.

Ceachtanna foghlamtha – forbairt mór déanta agus sin 'ag forbairt le chéile.'

## Senior Rugby

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At the beginning of the year the team came together and set some goals for the year – one of these goals was that we would ensure a big attendance at training throughout the year which the players said would ensure competition for places which in turn would improve our quality of play on the pitch. The second objective was to increase training to twice a week. All players bought into these plans which made the management confident that we could do well in the competitions this year. Séamus Hogan was nominated as captain as he displayed great hunger in the initial training sessions and he inspires his fellow players through his positive attitude towards training.

### **Game 1 V Rockwell**

We organised a challenge match with Rockwell to prepare us for the King Cup competition. A daunting trip to a college steeped in rugby tradition and with much success. The players were very tuned in and hit the ground running. We won the game with a scoreline of 55 – 10. Matthew Killing was the star performer on the day as he kicked unerringly throughout and also bagged himself a try. At one stage Kyle Heaney was seen heading towards the try line with four rockwell players hanging off his back!

### **Game 2 V Clonmel**

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1st round game drawn against Clonmel. They had won this competition twice in a row and were confident of doing the treble! The Gaelcholáiste team did not read the script however and took the game to the opposition from the first whistle. It was a physical game in the first half and we relied heavily on the likes of Conor Foley, Séamus Hogan, Diarmuid O Céadagáin and Eoin O Riain to tackle ferociously throughout the half. Ian Murphy was a solid line out thrower which allowed our vbacks the platform they needed to build momentum towards the Clonmel try line. We won the game 30 – 7, creating history by winning our first cup match.

### **Game 3 V Villiers**

A local city rivalry brought an extra edge to this game which was played at UL Bohemians grounds. We lost Conor Foley early in the game with a bad ankle injury. The management asked at half time that other players stood up to be counted, and stand up they did. In a tight game littered with mistakes due to the poor conditions on the day we came out on top with excellent performances from Alan Rowlands, Ryan Foley and Nathan Brereton. But to be fair everyone did their bit throughout to grind out the result.

### **Game 4 V De la Salle**

We entered the game without two inspirational players due to injuries – Séamus and Conor. We played the first half as if we were feeling sorry for ourselves and no player was playing anywhere near their potential. The management spoke at half time and said that we had nothing to lose and we went out in the second half and threw off the shackles. Every player upped their efforts against a very strong De La Salle outfit – with particularly pacy players in all areas. At key junctures in the game the referee left us down, particularly on one occasion when there was a blatant illegal knock on near the tryline. We were beaten by a very strong team and take huge confidence from our developments this year – both in our play and the levels of maturity and honesty displayed by all players in their efforts so far. Some lessons learnt. Onwards and Upwards – ag Forbairt le Chéile!!

## **Cispheil na mBuachaillí Faoi 16**

Thosaigh na buachaillí go láidir i mbliana i g comórtas an iardheiscirt. Bhí bua iontach acu i gcoinne Nessans ag tús na bliana agus bua iontach eile acu i gcoinne Naomh Eoin. Tháispéáin an grúpa seo an-chuid scileanna nuair a d'imir siad in aghaidh Pallaskenry. Bhuaigh siad 44-34 agus fuair Ruairi Browe roinnt de na ciseáin sin. Bhí cosaint iontach á dhéanamh ag Ben Walsh, Ewan Gallagher agus Luke O'Dwyer. D'imir siad in aghaidh Kanturk i gcluiche leathcheannais an iardheiscirt agus bhí bua an-mhaith acu, 22-15. Bhí siad traochta sa chéad cluiche eile i gcoinne an Choráin agus níor éirigh linn dul ar aghaidh go dtí an cluiche ceannais. Míle buíochas

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d'Adrian Quaid, James Blackwell agus Ross Hatton atá ag tabhairt an-chabhair dúinn i mbliana.

We commenced the year with two great wins against St. Nessans and St. Endas in September. This group really showed their skills where they then beat Pallaskenry 44-34 in an excellent game where a lot of scores came from Ruairí Browne. Ben Walsh, Ewan Gallagher and Luke O'Dwyer were very strong in defense. The next round was the Southwest semi finals. We beat Kanturk 22-15. Due to injuries and tiredness we unfortunately lost to the Crescent and didn't manage to go further to the Southwest finals. We would like to thank Adrian Quaid, James Blackwell and Ross Hatton for their constant support and commitment at training and look forward to the first and second year games in the New Year.

### Foireann/Team

Ruairi Browne, Ryan Foley, Ewan Gallagher, Ben Walsh, Luke O Dwyer, Ciarán Van Dam, Jamie Lane, James Lillis, Jacob Woulfe, Noel Markham, Emmet Frawley, Kevin Hannon

## Cispheil na gCailíní faoi 16

Tá foireann bheag ach láidir againn i mbliana. i gcomórtas an iardheiscirt d'ímriomar i gcoinne Pallaskenry ar dtús, bhí bua iontach againn, 45-20. Don dara babhta chuamar go dtí Cruma. D'imir na cailíní go hiontach agus bhuaigh siad 55-14. Tháinig roinnt mhaith de na ciseáin ó Aisling Sargent, Sarah Murray agus Michelle Powell. Cluiche maith a bhí sa chéad cluiche eile ach chailleamar i gcoinne an Chorráin. Bhí cluiche deacair i ndán dúinn tar éis é seo in aghaidh Chaladh an Treoigh. Cluiche den scoth a bhí ann agus ní raibh mórán botún againn ar chor ar bith. Bhuamar 39-26. Bhí cluiche iontach ag Eimear Dollard, Aisling Sargent agus Jessica O'Brien. Bhuamar i gcoinne Cill Rois i gcluiche ceannais an Iardheiscirt, an scór a bhí ann ná 26-22 agus cluiche an-deacair a bhí ann.

Bhí bua iontach ag an bhfoireann faoi 16 i leath cluiche ceannais an Iardheisceart i gcoinne Kilorglan. Ag deireadh an chéad ceathrú bhíomar suas 19-1 ach tháinig Kilorglan ar ais. Bhí an t-ádh dearg linn ag deireadh an cluiche an scór a bhí ann le 10 soicind fágtha ná 31-30 dúinn. Thóg Kilorglan seat ach buíochas le Dia ní bhuail sé an rim! D'imir gach duine sár cluiche agus bhí faoiseamh ollmhór le brath ann! Beimid ag imirt i gceathrú cluiche ceannais na hÉireann ar an 21/1/12. Fáilte chuig chuile dhuine le haghaidh tacaíocht

We have a small under 16 panel who are a very focused and committed this year. We started off the first round with a great win 45-29 against Pallaskenry. For the second round we travelled to Croom, where an excellent display was seen from our girls, with a win 55-14. Many of the scores came from Aisling Sargent, Sarah Murray and Michelle Powell. In our next game we were narrowly beaten by the Crescent by a strong team. A difficult game was in store for us next but our girls proved all wrong beating Castletroy 39-26 in a nail biting game. Eimear Dollard, Aisling Sargent and Jessica O'Brien all were outstanding on the day. We beat Kilrush 26-22 in the South West final which was a nail biting game.

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Our U16 girls then went on to have an excellent win on 14/12/11 at the Regional Semi-finals against Kilorglan. At the end of the first game we were up 19-1 and very comfortable. Kilorglan came fighting back and with 10 seconds to go the score was 31-30 to us. We had to keep possession. Kilorglan intercepted the ball and thankfully hit the rim! The final whistle went and we were delighted to win the Southwest semi final 31-30. All players excelled and fought hard until the end. We look forward to the next stage, the All Ireland quarter finals that will take place on 21/12/12. All support is welcome!

### Foireann/Team

Aisling Sargent, Sarah Murray, Michelle Powell, Eimear Dollard, Ciara Olsthorn, Jenny Mullins, Huan Thompson, Alex Bogdanavic, Meabh Ní Iarlaithe, Jessica O'Brien, Siabh Burke Mc Guire.

## Maith sibh , a chailíní!







## Cispheil na gCailíní faoi 19

Thosaíomar go hiontach i mbliana le bua ollmhór i gcoinne Chromadh, 37-7. Tá painéal mór agus láidir againn i mbliana agus buíochas le Dia beidh gach duine faoi 19 arís an bhliain seo chugainn. Sa dara babhta chailleamar i gcoinne foireann láidir ó Chaladh Treoigh. Táimid ag tnúth go mór leis an gcéad chluiche eile i gcoinne Chill Rois.



Our under 19 girls got off to a great start this year beating Croom 37-7 with an excellent display from all involved, We have a strong large panel this year and look forward to all this team being eligible to play U19 again next year. In our second round game we were beaten by a strong Castletroy College Team. We look forward to our next match next week against Kilrush.

### Foireann/Team

Aine Sargent, Claudia Ni Iachtáin, Aedin Tracey, Mary Ní Shé, Ciara Bennet, Katie Connolly, Shauna Ní Shé, Caoimhe Sommers, Kate O'Connell. Aisling Sargent, Eimear Dollard, Sarah Murray, Michelle Powell

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## Cispheil na gCailíní Bliain 1 & 2

Tá traenáil an-mhaith déanta agus feabhas ollmhór tagtha ar na grúpaí seo i mbliana. Beidh an comórtas ag tosú tar éis na Nollag ach tá ullmhúcháin iontach déanta againn. Bhí cluiche dushlánach ag an gcéad bhliain i gcoinne Ard Scoil Mhuire agus bhuardar 28-6. D'imir chuile duine go hiontach, go háirithe, Alana Ní Mhorlaí, Ailish Ní Fhaoile, Caoimhe Sheahan and Lilian Ní Thuathail. Chaill an dara bliain an dushlán seo. Bhí roinnt imreoirí gortaithe ach beimid ag súil le feabhas ollmhór sa chomórtas tar éis na Nollag. Ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochas a ghabháil le Ciara Bennett, Katie Connolly, Emily Sheahan agus Shauna Ní Shé atá ag tabhairt go leor cabhrach dúinn i mbliana.

There teams have done plenty of preparation for the competition that will take place in the New Year. Our first challenge match was against Ard Scoil Mhuire. This was an excellent display by the first years, with a win of 28-6. All involved had a great game, in particular Alana Ní Mhorlaí, Ailish Ní Fhaoile, Caoimhe Sheahan agus Lilian Ní Thuathail. The second years were narrowly beaten and unfortunately some players were injured, we look forward to the competition that will commence in the New Year. We would like to thank Ciara Bennett, Katie Connolly, Emily Sheahan agus Shauna Ní Shé who are an excellent help and an inspiration to the first and second year girls.

## Iománaíocht

### Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh v Salesians Palleskenry.

Lá fuar fluich a bhí ann. Bhí an cluiche ar siúl amuigh i bPalleskenry. Bhí gaoth láidir ag séideadh síos na páirce. Bhíomar ag imirt le cabhair na gaoithe sa chéad leath. Fuair G.C.L cúpla cúl breá ag tús an chluiche agus bhíomar go maith chun tosaigh ag leath ama, 5-3 in aghaidh 1-0. Bhíomar i gcoinne na gaoithe sa dara leath agus dar ndóigh bhí Salesians ag cur a lán brú orainn. Bhí sárcluiche ag na cosantóirí sa dara leath. D'eirigh linn bua a fháil ag an deireadh le scór de 5-4 in aghaidh 4-4. Tá an fhoireann ag súil go mór leis an gcomórtas iománaíochta tar éis na Nollag.

Buíochas le Conor Hellwell agus Ken Byrnes, an Máistir Mac Muiris agus an Máistir O Godhra

## Luthchleasaíocht

Chuamar go léir amach go dtí scoil Naomh Enda an Déardaoin seo caite, lá fuar agus fluich, . Thosaigh sé le rás na mbuachaillí sóisearacha. Rith Aaron, Corey agus Reece ón dara bliain. D'eirigh go maith leo, go háirithe le Ewan a tháinig sa séú áit. Maidir leis na cailíní faoi 18, bhuaigh Claudia Loughnane le cumhacht den scoth. Bhíomar an-bhródúil aisti. Ansin bhí rás na buachaillí sinsearacha agus bhuaigh Ruaidhrí ó Conaill sa rás 20 méadar. Go n-éirí gach rath leo i gcomórtais na Mumhan. Táimid an-bhuíoch do Shéamus de Bhlacúil agus don Mháistreas Ní

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Gháibhin as an eagrúchán go léir. Bhaineamar an-taitneamh as an lá agus táimid ag súil go mór leis an gcéad chomórtas eile.

It was a wet day when we visited St. Enda's school last week for the All Limerick Schools Championship Cross Country. The races didn't begin in time, but it started eventually with junior boys. Aaron, Corey, Reece and Ewan in Second year ran. The success was great as Ewan came in sixth place. In the girls under 18 Claudia Loughnane won the event with a great performance. We were very proud of her. Then the senior boys race was won by Ruaidhrí O'Conaill by a great margin. We wish them every success in the North Munsters. We are very grateful to Séamus de Bhlacúil and an Mháistreas Ní Gháibhín for organizing us to take part. We had a great day and are looking forward to the Munsters.

## Camógaíocht

### le Caitlin Frawley:

Is breá liom camógaíocht agus imrím le foireann na scoile. Bíonn traenáil againn gach Céadaoin ar feadh uair an chloig. D'imríomar in dhá blitz, ceann amháin in Áthain agus an ceann eile i Mala. In Áthain bhí an chéad agus an dara bhliain ag imirt. D'imríomar trí chluiche. Bhuamar ceann amháin, críochnaigh an ceann eile ar chomhscór agus chailleamar an ceann deireanach le cúl amháin sna nóiméid dheireanacha. Bhí lá iontach againn.

Bhí an blitz eile ag an bhfoireann faoi 16 agus bhuamar na cluichí grúpa agus chuamar chomh fada leis an gcluiche Leathcheannais. Bhíomar an-sásta agus ina dhiaidh sin stop an bus ag Supermacs!

Beidh níos mó cluichí againn tar éis na Nollag agus tá súil agam go mbeidh cúpla bua eile againn roimh dheireadh na bliana.

I love playing camogie and I play with the school team. We have training every Wednesday for an hour. We have played in 2 blitzes, one in Ahane and the other in Mallow. In Ahane the First & Second Years played 3 matches. We won one match, drew a match and lost the last to a last minute goal. We had a great day and really enjoyed ourselves.

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The other blitz we took part in was U/16 and we won our group matches and we went as far as the Semi-Final of the competition. We were delighted with the day and on the way back the bus stopped in Supermacs!

We will have more matches after Christmas and I hope that we will win a few more matches before the end of the year.

## Peil Ghaelach

We began training at the start of the year developing our skills and team play, but we all couldn't wait for our first big match. Twice, our under 14 Blitz fell foul to the weather but last week we got underway, three games, two against crescent and one against St. Munchins.

In the first match, we had a fantastic win against a much fancied Crescent side. We just came up short in the following two games against teams that would be in higher divisions than ourselves. It was a great performance from our boys and this is very promising for the championship which gets under way after Christmas.

In the Blitz, the first years really stood out. Daniel Enright, Daniel Hession, Oisín Cross, Ross Dunworth, Sean O Duibhir, Daniel Long, Niall Foley in goals, Cian Duffy was a rock at the back and Jack Doherty. Special mention to Conor Hayes who put his nose on the line for the cause.

With such an excellent bunch of footballers in first year, the future looks brighter than ever for Gaelic Football in GCL. Having reached the county final at this grade last year, the team will be hoping to go one step further this year.

Thosnaíomar ag traenáil ag tús na bliana ag déanamh forbartha ar ár gcuid scileanna. Bhaineamar an-taitneamh as ach ag an am céanna bhíomar ag tnúth le cluiche. Dhá uair a cuireadh ár mblitz faoi 14 ar ceall de bharr na haimsire. Faoi dheireadh, ar an Déardaoin seo caite bhí seans again imirt in aghaidh scoileanna eile cosúil le Munchins agus dhá fhoireann ón Crescent Comp.

Sa chéad chluiche bhí an bua againn in aghaidh an Crescent. Bhíomar ar fheabhas agus lán sásta bua a fháil sa chéad cluiche den bhliain. Chailleamar le pointe sa dhá chluiche eile in aghaidh Munchins. Don chéad Blitz den bhliain dheineamar sáriarracht agus táimid ag tnúth le tús na craobhe tár éis na Nollag.

Sa Blitz, sheas an chéad bhliain amach ach go hairithe. Dónal Óg Mac Ionnrachtaigh, Daniel Ó hÓisín, Oisín Cross, Ross Dunworth, Sean Ó Duibhir, Dónal Ó Luíng, Niall Ó Foghlú that barr sa chúl, Cian Ó Dufaigh, Jack Ó Dochartaigh agus fear a fuair buile sa srón ach a lean ar aghaidh ag imirt, Conor Hayes, fathach d'fhear!

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Leis an gcéad bhliain iontach a fuair am ar i mbliana, is dóigh linn go mbeimid sa chluiche ceannais arís i mbliana, le Cúnamh Dé.

## Club Fichille

Is mise Evan Cahill agus táim sa dara bliain. Gach Céadaoin freastalaím ar an gclub fichille. Is maith liom ficheall mar cuirim aithne ar chairde nua agus is cleachtadh maith é don mhata. An bhliain seo caite bhuaigh mé féin agus m'fhoireann Shane Kelly, Dillon agus Aidan O'Mahoney cluichí ceannais na cathrach agus an chontae. Bainim an-sult as agus molaim do dhaoine dul chuig an club.

## Student Council

### Comhairle na nDaltaí

The student council has started the year off with a bang! The outgoing council finished off their year by hosting a Cheerio's Childline Breakfast Morning in October which proved to be a great success, having raised over €250 for charity. The elections for the new council were held before the Midterm break and students campaigned heavily to try and secure their place on the council. With only one candidate from each class eligible to get a seat on the council the candidates really made an effort to try and get fellow classmates on their side. Three students from each year and four students from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year were elected onto the council. The new council met for the first time on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November and at this meeting roles were assigned to the members. The following people were elected by the council to fulfil the roles;

**Chairman:** Dylan Grace

**Vice Chairman:** Barry Mc Carthy

**Secretary:** Cayleigh Dunworth & Tara Ní Dalaigh

**Vice Secretary:** Eoin Mc Namara

**Public Relations Officer:** Aoife Willis

**Attendance Officer:** Sonya Sheehy

**Treasurers:** Alan Rowlands and Niall Moloney

The council has already gotten down to business and is currently in the process of finalising the student's council constitution, organising colours days and other school events. We have brought the school scarf to fruition and many students are already sporting it with pride! The student's

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council is the link between the students, staff, school management and the board of management. The council has already started off with great energy, motivation and dedication which will hopefully continue into the coming year, as the saying goes *'tús maith, leath na hoibre.'*

**Dylan Grace, Chairman of Student Council 2011/2012**



## Coiste na Scoile Glaise

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Briain De Grás & David ó Síocháin anseo agus táimid ar an gcoiste glas. I rith na seachtaine bíimid agus na daoine eile ar an gcoiste ag obair go dian chun an scoil a choiméad glas. I rith na seachtaine bíimid ag déanamh seicaíl ar gach seomra sa scoil. I rith na seiceálacha seo bíimid ag

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féachaint ar na boscaí bruscair agus ar an leictreachas sna seomraí sa scoil. Bímid fíorghnóthach gach lá ag déanamh jabanna difriúla chun an chéad bhrat eile a fháil don scoil. Is éard atá i gceist leis na jabanna ná, tar éis scoile gach uile lá téann daltaí ón gcoiste timpeall go dtí na ríomharlanna chun na ríomhairí a sheiceáil agus iad a mhúchadh. Tar éis scoile freisin bímid ag déanamh seiceáil ar an múirín. Is post deacair é a bheith ar an gcoiste ach nuair a fhéachann tú ar na torthaí breathnaíonn sé gur fiú an obair!

Bíonn cruinniú againn gach Deardaoin ag am lóin agus uaireanta tar éis scoile ar an gCéadaoin. Déanaimd ár ndícheall daltaí na scoile a spreagadh chun athchursáil a dhéanamh agus chun fuinneamh a shábháil.







## An Idirbhliain

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### An Tionscnamh iPad



I mbliana, fuair daltaí na hIdirbhliana iPad don scoil. Ní bíonn cóipleabhair nó leabhair ag teastáil uainn inár málaí toisc go bhfuil said go léir ar an iPad. Úsáidimid iad chun nótaí a thógáil agus chun taighde a dhéanamh ar an idirlín. Tá “campus wi-fi” ar fáil ar fud na scoile. Is iontach an rud é seo mar is féidir linn an t-idirlín a fháil beagnach gach áit timpeall na scoile agus bíonn sé an-chabhrach. Is féidir linn na iPadanna a thógáil abhaile agus aon rud a dhéanamh leo mar cheannaigh gach duine a gceann féin. Tá go leor appanna ar fáil ag baint leis an scoil agus don siamsaíocht freisin. I mo thuairim, tá na iPadanna an-úsáideach agus ní bhíonn meáchan trom ar ár ndroim. Ceapaim gur smaoinemh den scoth é na iPadanna a fháil.

### The iPad Initiative

This year, the fourth years all received iPads for school. This means that we no longer need copies and that next year we will not need any books as all our books will be on the iPad. We mainly use the iPads for taking notes in class and conducting research. Campus Wi-Fi became available to the students earlier this year. This has proved invaluable because we can get internet almost anywhere around the school and it is very helpful. Every student bought their own iPad and is therefore able to take them home and do what they want with them. There are many apps available for educational and entertainment purposes. In my opinion, I think the iPads are very handy and that they are good because we don't need many books and there is hardly any weight in our bags. I think that it is an excellent idea to introduce the iPad in schools.

### Obair Tréadchúraim

Téann gach dalta san Idirbhliain amach gach Déardaoin ag déanamh oibre Tréadchúraim ó 9-11. Don chuid is mó de na daltaí ba é an chéad uair dóibh dul amach agus obair a dhéanamh in eagraíochtaí deonacha. Baineann gach uile dalta an-taitneamh as an taithí iontach seo. Buaileann na daltaí le go leor daoine inspioráideacha agus is iomaí buntáiste eile a bhaineann léi. Tá níos

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mó muiníne ag na daltaí agus tá siad spreagtha anois chun obair chrua a dhéanamh chun a n-aidhmeanna a bhaint amach. Taitníonn an obair seo go mór le gach dalta san Idirbhliain,

### Pastoral Care Week.

Every student in Transition Year attends Pastoral Care Placement every Thursday from 9-11am. This is the first time that the vast majority of students have gone out working in charitable organisations. Everyone in Transition Year would agree that it is an excellent and enjoyable experience. Besides meeting very inspirational people, there are many other benefits. Students are more confident from the work they carry out, as well as motivated to work harder to get to where they want to be in the future. Every student really enjoys this aspect of Transition Year.

### Taithí Oibre

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Chuaigh gach duine san idirbhliain amach ar thaithí oibre ón 28/11/11 go dtí an 02/12/11. Bhí meascán d'ionaid oibre dhifriúla á bpiocadh ag na daltaí. Chuaigh a lán daoine go dtí bunscoileanna, óstáin, dochtúirí ginearálta s.r.l Bhain gach duine taitneamh aisti agus dúirt said go raibh sé go hiontach. Tá roinnt daoine sa bhliain anois agus is léir dóibh nach bhfuil said ag iarraidh leanúint ar aghaidh leis an bpost áirithe sin sa todchaí. Bhí sé seo ar fheabhas mar is féidir leo an ghairm sin a bhaint ón liosta gairmeacha atá acu don tochaí. Ag deireadh an lae bhí orainn dialann seachtainiúil a líonadh amach. Thug sé sin seans dúinn taifead a dhéanamh ar na scileanna a bhí foghlamtha againn agus ar na rudaí a thaitin linn agus nár thaitin linn. Beidh an dialann againn don tochaí chun féachaint siar air. Bhí an tseachtain ar fheabhas agus tá gach duine ag tnúth go mór leis an gcéad seachtain eile!

### An Comórtas Náisiúnta Treabhdóireachta



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Chuamar go dtí an Comórtas Náisiúnta Treabhdóireachta ar an 21/09/11. Ba lá an-spraoiúil é. D'fhágamar an scoil ar a seacht a chlog ar maidin agus shroicheadar Cill Dara ag timpeall leath uair tar éis a naoi. Bhíomar ag dul timpeall agus ag féachaint ar gach rud difriúil a bhí thuas ann. Thugamar aghaidh ar an mbaile ansin ag a trí a chlog agus shroicheadar an scoil ag a ceathrú tar éis a sé. Bhaineamar an taitneamh as an lá thuas ann.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of September, 2011, we all put on our wellies, and went to the Ploughing Championships, in Athy Co. Kildare. We left Limerick at seven in the morning, and didn't reach Kildare until 9.30am. It was a great day getting to walk around all the different stalls. We returned back to the school at 18.15. We really enjoyed the day.



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### Defib and First Aid



Transition Year students took part in a First Aid and Defibrillator training course for four weeks. During this course, we learnt how to use the emergency defibrillators and what to do in an emergency situation and how to perform CPR. We were given some basic first aid training, e.g. like how to put on a bandage correctly and how to make a sling if someone has a broken arm. The whole year thought these four weeks were very helpful and we will all receive a certificate.

### Croke Park and Mamma Mia



Ar an 12ú Deireadh Fómhair, chuaigh an Idirbhlian ar fad go dtí Baile Átha Cliath. Ar dtús chuamar chuig Páirc an Chrócaigh agus chuamar go dtí na seomraí feistis. Chonaiceamar fís bheag faoin bpáirc sa seomra agallaimh. Chuamar amach go dtí an pháirc agus suas go dtí barr an ardáin. Bhí sé go hiontach ann agus bhí an-spraoi againn. Is áit an-álainn agus stairiúil í.

Tar éis sin chuamar ar ais ar an mbus agus síos go dtí Amharclann an Chanáil Mhóir. Bhí Mamma Mia ar siúl ann. Nuair a chuamar isteach, bhí an áit go hálainn agus an-galánta ar fad.

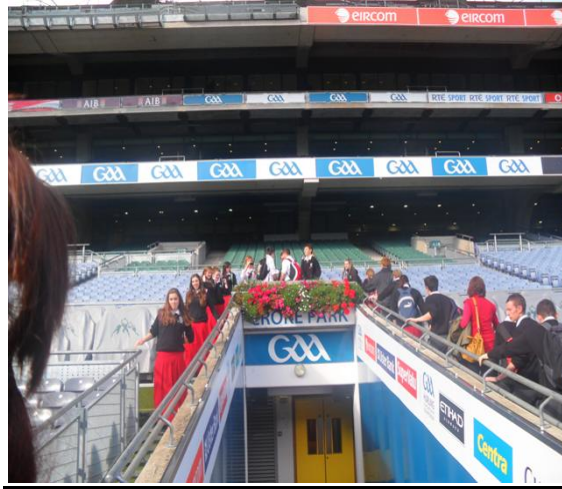
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Bhí an aisteoireacht ar fheabhas chomh maith leis an gceol. Bhí sé go hiontach agus bhí gach duine ar mhuintir na muice ag fillleadh abhaile.



### ¡Olé! Transition Year Tango

We are studying Spanish as part of our Transition Year programme. Máistreás de Búrca organised a tango lesson so we could learn more about Latin American culture. One Wednesday afternoon we gathered together in the bialann and watched our two new teachers arrive. They introduced themselves and started dancing gracefully around the room. We paired up and we all immediately found out how difficult it was, even though the professionals made it look effortless. The man was the lead and had to guide his partner in a circular motion around the room in time to the music. As the session progressed our dancing skills also improved and some people looked like they had years of experience after only a few minutes practice. When the clock struck twenty past three there were plenty of sad, red hot faces to see around the room and no one wanted to go home. *Cacimhe Somers*

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Ar an 26ú Deireadh Fómhair bhí rang tango againn sa bhialann. Bhí an-sceitimíní orm mar is aobheann liom damhsa agus ceapaim gur damhsa álainn agus faiseanta é an Tango. Bhí mé ar bís chun an rang a thosnú. Tháinig bean agus fear isteach sa bhialann chun an damhsa a mhúineadh dúinn. Thaispéan siad an chéad damhsa dúinn, agus bhí sé an-mhaith. Ansin dúirt siad linn ár mbróga a bhaint chun cabhrú linn na céimeanna a dhéanamh i gceart.

Leann an rang ar aghaidh, bhí líne de chailíní agus líne de bhuachaillí ann ach bhí easpa buachaillí againn. Mar sin bhí ar chúpla cailín páirt an bhuachalla a ghlacadh. D'fhoghlamar na céimeanna, ceann ar cheann. Ar dtús bhí siad éasca ach d'éirigh siad níos deacra. D'athraíomar páirtneirí tar éis gach céim a fhoghlaim. Thaitin an rang go mór liom agus ceapaim gur d'éirigh go maith liom ann. *Síobhán Duffy*



## Bliain a Cúig

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Tá beagnach ceithre mhí caite againn anois i mbliain a cúig. Bhí na ranganna go léir buartha faoin mbliain a bhí romhainn ach nuair a thosaíomar bhí a fhios againn má dhéanann tú d'obair bhaile agus an méid staidéir atá ag teastáil beidh dhá bhliain taitneamhach agat. Ceapann gach duine go bhfuil an bhliain seo níos éasca ná aon bhliain eile toisc nach bhfuil ach seacht n-ábhair againn. Bhí an-chuid laethanta oscailte againn go dtí seo agus bhí said an-chabhrach. D'fhreastalaíomar ar chaint faoi Ghaeilge in óstán an Strand. D'fhoghlaim gach duine faoi mheáin na Gaeilge agus faoi na postanna a bhaineann leo. Fuaireamar a lán eolais ar na coláistí ar féidir linn freastal orthu tar éis scoile más maith linn leanúint ar aghaidh leis an nGaeilge. Tá 4 mhí an-ghnóthach caite againn ach táimid ag tnúth go mór leis na himeachtaí agus leis an obair atá os ár gcomhair don dá bhliain dheireanach.

Le Sarah Carroll



## Cúinne na bhFilí

### Lá Nua

**Dúisím ar maidin,  
osclaím na cuirtíní,  
tuileann solas an tseomra  
Is lá nua atá anseo romhainn**

**Inné thit an ghrian  
Ó na trioblóidí  
Ón bpian**

**Ach aréir bhí dorchadas**



**Bhí ciúnas,  
Síocháin agus dóchas**

**Ansin d'éirigh an ghrian  
Siar ón genoc**

**Ag lonrach síos  
Ar lá breá oscailte  
Is lá nua anseo atá romhainn**

**Nóra Ní Fhearghaile**

**Mo Shí Óg**

**Súile ag glioscarnach  
Tá a súile ag glioscarnach  
I ndorchadas na hoíche  
Bím ag smaoineamh fúithi  
Fan liom go deo  
Mo Shí Óg**

**Céard a cheapann sí fúm  
'Gus mé ag leanúint a coiscéim  
Mar tá sí uaim?  
An mbeadh sé raibh uaithi  
Go mbeadh muid le chéile mar phéire?**

**Gruaig bhán ag lonradh  
Tá a gruaig bhán ag lonradh  
Ag séideadh sa ghaoth  
Ag teach ó na hAnemoi  
Pictiúir tagtha beo  
Mo Shí Óg**

**Ach le teacht na caomhaire  
Feicim taobh eile  
Is deamhan í freisin  
Agus lena crúba géar**





**Réabann sí an spéir  
A chosain an fhírinne uaim  
Níl a súile ag glioscarnach  
Níl a gruaig bhán ag lonradh  
Ní fheicim solas an lae  
Ní mhothaím fuacht na gaoithe  
Táim dall ó áileacht an domhain  
Mar gheall ar mo Shí Óg  
Óisín Ó Mórlaí**

**Dúisím ar Maidin  
Dúisím ar maidin,  
Na smaointe i mo cheann,  
Faoi na rudaí atá críochnaithe,  
Ach fós a fhanann ann.  
Na laethanta atá thart,  
Ach tagann ar ais chugam,  
Déanaim iarracht éalú,  
Screadaíl gan aon fhuaim.  
Ach smaonaím ar na laethanta,  
A raibh gach rud i gceart,  
A bhí mo cháirde ann dom,  
Le tacaíocht is le neart.  
Anois táim réidh,  
Is táim ar bís,  
Mar ní bheidh eagla orm,  
Sula ndúisím arís.**



**Noel Markham**

## Beannachtaí ón Chéad Bhliain



### Rang Pharnell

Ar mo chéad lá ar scoil bhí mé neirbhíseach ag teacht chun na scoile. Ní raibh aithne agam ar go leor daoine ach nuair a shiúil mé isteach an doras bhí gach duine deas fáilteach. Bhuaileamar le chéile ar maidin agus bhí an príomhoide agus na múinteoirí ag caint linn, bhí siad an-deas! Tar éis na chéad seachtaine bhí aithne agam ar go leor daoine, go háirithe i mo bhunrang - rang Parnell. Máistreás Ní Cheallaigh an t-ainm atá ar ár n-oide ranga. Tá gach duine i rang Parnell deas cairdiúil. Tar éis míosa chuaigh an chéad bhliain ar fad ag tonnmharcaíocht go dtí an Leacht. Bhaineamar an taitneamh as. Táim ag súil go mór leis an gcéad turas eile. Anois níl inní ar bith agam agus táim chomh sásta sa scoil le mo chairde nua. Is teaghlach mór muid i nGaelcholáiste Luimnigh.

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On my first day I was nervous coming into school for the first time. I didn't know many people but when I walked into the school everyone was very welcoming. We met together as a group at the beginning of the day and the principal and teachers spoke to us, they were very nice! After the first week I had got to know a lot of people especially in my base class, Rang Parnell. Miss Ní Cheallaigh is our class tutor. Everybody in my class is very friendly. After our first month in the school, all first years went to Lahinch surfing. We really enjoyed ourselves and had great fun. I'm really looking forward to the next trip! I'm no longer worried like I was on my first day, now I'm very happy in my new school surrounded by new friends. We're like a big family in Gaelcholáiste Lumnigh. **(Rebecca Waters, Meghan Hehir, Kate Quane, Leah Madden, Laura Micks, Caoimhe Taylor Moloney, Joy Begley, Louise Egan)**

### Rang Shisil

Bhí mé an-neirbhíseach ar mo chéad lá sa scoil nua. Ní raibh ach cailín amháin ó mo bhunscoil ag freastal ar an nGaelcholáiste. Cheapas nach mbeadh aithne agam ar éinne, ach nuair a chuaigh mé isteach sa seomra ranga bhí aithne agam ar a lán daoine ó a bheith ag imirt spóirt.

Ar mo chéad lá fuair amach cad a bhí ag tárlú sa scoil, cá raibh gach seomra ranga agus rinne mé an-chuid cairde. An tseachtain ina dhiaidh sin, bhí ár gcéad ranganna againn. Bhí gach múinteoir an-deas. Fuair am ar dtuaisceadain leis. Bhí sé deacair ag an tús ach chuaigh mé i dtaithe air tar éis tamaill.

Tar éis cúpla seachtain chuamar ar thuras go dtí an Leacht. Bhí gach duine ar bís mar go rabhamar ag dul ag tonnmharcaíocht. Ba é an chéad uair dom dul ag tonnmharcaíocht agus bhí gach duine go hiontach.

Cúpla seachtain ó shin bhí seachtain eolaíochta againn. Bhí orainn tionscnamh a dhéanamh. Bhí mo thionscnamh bunaithe ar cé mhéad fuinnimh atá inár mbia. Bhain mé taitneamh as agus bhí ionadh orm nuair a bhuaigh mé an bonn óir.

Imríom rugbaí leis an scoil agus bhuar cluiche, an scór deireanach a bhí ann ná 12-7. Is é an Máistir de Blacúil ár mbainisteoir agus ár draenálaí.

Bhain mé an-taitneamh as an gcéad téarma agus táim lánsásta leis an scoil. **Séamus Bulaeir**

Ar mo chéad lá ar scoil, bhí mé an-neirbhíseach. Nuair a chuaigh mé isteach bhí an príomhoide ag fanacht ag an doras agus chuir se fáilte romhainn! Ansin chonaic mé mo chairde ó mo bhunscoil agus bhíomar ag caint lena chéile ar feadh tamaill. Nuair a bhíomar roinnte suas inár gcuid ranganna, cuireadh isteach i Rang Shisil mé, an rang is fearr sa scoil. Tá a lán cairde agam agus tá gach duine deas agus cáirdiúil. Tá mé ag freastal ar Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh le ceithre mhí anois, agus fós tá mé ag baint taitnimh agus sult as, agus is aoibhinn liom a bheith ag foghlaim agus ag forbairt le mo chairde gach uile lá !! **Kate McNamara**

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Bhí mé an-sásta tar éis mo chéad lá i nGaelcholaiste Luimnigh mar bhí na daltaí an-deas agus na múinteoirí an-chinéalta. Táim mar bhaill den chór sa scoil mar is breá liom a bheith ag canadh agus tá an cór go hiontach. **Lauren Malone**

Táim tar éis trí mhí a chaitheamh anois i nGaelcholaiste Luimnigh agus cé go raibh sé deacair ar dtús táim ag baint sult as mar tá na múinteoirí go deas agus tá a lán cairde déanta agam. **Shauna Pearse**

Bíonn meascán iontach d'imeachtaí ar siúl i nGaelcholaiste Luimnigh i gcónaí ar nós Tráth na gCeist, bricfeasta 'Cheerios' ar son carthanachta, seachtain Eolaíochta agus Mata, ceachtanna Fichille. **Caoimhe Sheehan**

Tá a lán rudaí acadúla foghlamtha agam ó thús na bliana, ó bholcáin agus sléibhte i dTír Eolas, go dtí na chéad daoine in Éirinn sa rang Staire, go dtí fuinneamh sa chorp san Eolaíocht, go dtí rudaí spórtúla ar nós snámh agus peil i gCorpoideachas. Chomh maith leis sin bhíomar ag foghlaim faoi bhulaíocht agus scéilanna cumarsáide sa rang OSSP agus ceapaim gurb é Gaelcholaiste Luimnigh an scoil is fearr atá ann. **Daniel Long**

Ar an gcéad lá i nGaelcholaiste Luimnigh bhíos an-neirbhíseach ach bhíos ag súil go mór leis an lá. Chuamar go dtí an Leacht i mí Dheireadh Fómhair ag tonnmharcaíocht agus bhí lá iontach againn. **Niall Foley**

Chuaigh mé féin agus cúpla cara go comórtas díospóireachta i gCo. Chiarraí. Bhaineas an-taitneamh as mar níor dheineas aon rud mar sin cheanna. Tugann Gaelcholaiste Luimnigh deis duit imeachtaí difriúla a dhéanamh. **Oisín Cross**

Caithfidh mé a rá go raibh mo chéad chúpla mí i nGaelcholaiste Luimnigh ar fheabhas. Tá na múinteoirí agus na daltaí eile an-deas agus táim sásta a rá go bhfuilim ag socrú síos go maith i mo scoil nua. Maidir leis na himeachtaí seach- churaclaim tá rogha mór ar fáil agus bí cinnte go bhfuil rud ann do gach éinne, ar nós haca, cispheil, peil ghaelach, rugbaí, camógaíocht, iománaíocht s.r.l **Dónal Óg Mac Ionnrachtaigh**

Ar mo chéad lá ar scoil bhí mé neirbhíseach ach tar éis bualadh leis na múinteoirí agus na daltaí eile bhí a fhios agam nach raibh aon ghá dom a bheith buartha mar bhí gach duine sa scoil an-chinéalta agus bhí na múinteoirí an-mhaith agus fáilteach. Bhí seirbhís ag tús na bliana agus ceann eile don Nollaig. Bhí siad go hálainn agus is seans é don scoil teacht le chéile lasmuigh den scoil. **Aoife Cahill**

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Táim i rang Shisil i nGaelcholáiste Luimnigh, imrím rugbaí agus cispheil. Is í seo mo chéad uair ag imirt cispheile agus táim ag baint an-taitneamh as. San Eolaíocht rinne an chéad bhliain turgnamh le hubh i mbuidéal, bhí sé ar fheabhas agus bhíos ag obair **le Niamh McGleenan. Paddy O Brien**

Nuair a shiúil mé isteach i nGaelcholáisete Luimnigh bhí eagla orm ag an tús, ach bhí a fhios agam go raibh gach duine ag mothú mar an gcéanna. Tá an scoil mór, agus tá a lán rudaí difriúil ó mo bhunscoil, go háirithe ó thaobh a bheith ag bogadh timpeall ó rang go rang. Tar éis míosa sa scoil chuamar go dtí an Leacht chun dul ag tonnmharcaíocht agus ba í sin buaicphointe na chéad bhliana go dtí seo. Bhí an t-uisce fuar ach bhí sé ar fheabhas. Ní raibh mé ábalta seasamh suas ar an glár toinne ach bhain mé taitheamh as. **Nina Proskurnya**





## Rang Dominic

I mo thuaraim, agus is dóigh liom go bhfuil gach duine eile i mo bhliain den tuairim chéanna go raibh an bhliain seo ar fheabhas go dtí seo. Tá beagnach gach ábhar an-suimúil agus tá na múinteoirí ar fad an-mhaith. An rud ba dheise ba ea an turas scoile a thugamar go dtí an Leacht Uí Chonchubair le haghaidh na ranganna tonnmharcaíochta agus táimid ar fad ag súil go mór leis na turais eile a bheidh againn sa scoil seo. **Jan Ó Cróinín**





## Seachtain na Matamaitice

Dia Dhuit! Is mise Mark. Is dalta ón dara blian mé. Bhí an-chuid ar siúl i rith Seachtain na Matamaitice i mbliana – bhí cluichí ar siúl sna ranganna, d’fhoghlaim muid ar fad conas ficheall a imirt agus ghlacamar ar fad páirt sa chomórtas Prism. Is scrúdú Mata é bunaithe ar loighic agus bhí uair an chloig againn chun iad a réiteach. Ghlac os cionn 3,000 dalta ar fud na tíre páirt sa chomórtas agus táim an-shásta le mo thoradh – d’éirigh liom féin agus le Evan O’Grady an triú marc is airde sa tír a ghnóthú!

Tá súil agam go bhfuil gach dalta sásta lena c(h)uid torthaí, mar thug na múinteoirí an-chabhair dúinn. Bhain mé an-taitneamh as é a dheanamh agus tá súil agam go deanfaimid é arís sa todhchaí! Le Mark Gleeson



My name is Evan O’Grady and I am a second year student. Like all the other students in my year, I took part in the Prism Maths competition during Maths week in October. It is a national competition in which over 3000 students took part. I was very pleased to find out that myself and Mark Gleeson achieved the 3rd highest result in the country!

I didn’t expect to do so well! The Prism test was challenging for me but maths is one of my favorite subjects so I enjoyed doing it.

We also learnt how to play chess during Maths week. Someone came in to teach us a chess workshop and the school chess club now has more members as a result. Le Evan O’Grady



## Concern Writing Competition

In Transition Year, Ms. O’Sullivan asked my class if we were interested in entering a creative writing competition co-ordinated by Concern Worldwide. We had to write a journalistic article reporting on poverty in the Third World. We were given a choice of three topics, “Lessons we can learn from the developing world,” “Imagine the future of a child in the developing world”, to name but two. We were all extremely interested in entering this competition, and luckily enough two weeks ago Jean Langford and I discovered that our short-stories were to be included in the collaboration of short-stories written by students from all over the world released by Concern called ‘Dispatches from the Developing World’. We are sincerely honoured to have our stories listed in this book, and to have had our stories judged by some of the most well renowned journalists such as Lara Marliowe, Catherine Halloran, Denis Staunton, deputy editor of the Irish Times and Tom Arnold, chief executive of Concern Worldwide.

I got the opportunity to attend the book launching of Dispatches from Developing World in Newman House, on St. Stephen’s Green, on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November, hosted by Michael Doorly and Tom Arnold. I got to listen to some extremely inspiring speeches made by the journalists who judged our stories. This year there were 800 entries from 32 different countries, and each journalist read these twice. Having an interest in journalism, the opportunity to hear speeches delivered by these well-known journalists was an invaluable experience, and gave me a great deal of confidence in terms of writing and finding a route into becoming a journalist.

We would like to express how grateful we are to Mhs. Ní Shúileabhán for entering us into this competition, as without her, we wouldn’t have even contemplated having a short story published in a book! Ciarán Gaffney







## Cuisle 2011

I mbliana ghlac Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh páirt an-ghníomhach i gCuisle, féile filíochta idirnáisiúnta atá bunaithe i Luimneach. Scríobh daltaí ó gach bliain dánta don chomórtas, trí mhéan na Gaeilge agus an Bhéarla. Tháinig dánta ar chaighdeán ard isteach ó chian is ó chongar i mbliana agus mar sin déanaimid comhghairdeas mór leis na daltaí seo a leanas a bhí ar an ngearrliosta do na dantaí Gaeilge a scríobh siad; Dion Franklin, Jack Doherty, Claire Taylor, Adrian Quaid, Niall Maloney agus Sonya Sheehy. Bhuaigh Ethan Lowe agus Conor Hellowell an triú áit sa chomórtas seo don rannóg shóisearach. Déanadh gearrliosta chomh maith de na dánta Béarla a scríobh na daltaí seo a leanas, Aidan O' Mahony, Adrian Quaid, Emily Sheehan agus Emily Waters. Maith sibh a dhaltaí dílis!

Bronnadh duaiseanna ar na daltaí seo ag searmanas bronnta speisialta i Spás Dagda. Ina theannta sin bhí deis ag scór dalta ón gcúigiú bliain páirt a ghlacadh i gceardlann filíochta a bhí eagraithe ag Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh agus chuamar go léacht filíochta spreagúil le Paul Durcan sa Belltable. Léirigh na daltaí an-suim sa bhféile agus is léir go bhfuil filí den scoth againn sa scoil seo!





## Ealaín

### Doodle 4 Google - A Competition called 'I wish . . .'

This year a number of art classes at GCL, including my own, decided to enter an annual competition called Doodle 4 Google. For this year's Doodle 4 Google we were asked to use the phrase 'I wish...' as a starting point. Firstly, we needed to practice and we did artwork by imagining what others may wish for. In my class we did this through the mind of a homeless person, imagining what wishes a homeless person may have. After a couple of Art Classes we felt we were able to do the real thing. So, we all got our thinking caps on and thought about our own wishes. In the end I settled on one idea that someday I wish to become a writer. Others in the class chose to put all their ideas and wishes into one picture. We each got a template of the 'Google' logo and got drawing! When we were finished our Art Teacher told us that only two pictures per year from First Year – Junior Cert could be entered, giving a total of six drawings going through to represent GCL in the competition. Overall the opportunity to enter the competition was great fun, and transporting my wishes onto a 'Google' template wasn't as difficult as I thought it would be. Le Caoimhe Taylor Moloney



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### Block Printmaking, 2nd Year.

This year, in our art class we covered what is called Block Printmaking. At first no one really had the slightest clue what block printing was. Each of us had to choose a certain pose for our self-portraits taken by camera. We later traced and then transferred them to the lino block. After this we ran through how to use a cutting tool and then each person began creating great portraits of themselves. After it was finished I was somewhat happy with mine, and then came the part where we had to cover the lino in ink, which involved a glass plate, ink and a roller. The ink would then transfer onto a separate page giving us the print itself. We learned how to properly label things, for example, I created 4 prints, I had them each with a separate label which said which print was first, second, etc...I never really knew about this form of art until recently and I'm pretty sure everyone loved the prints they created!



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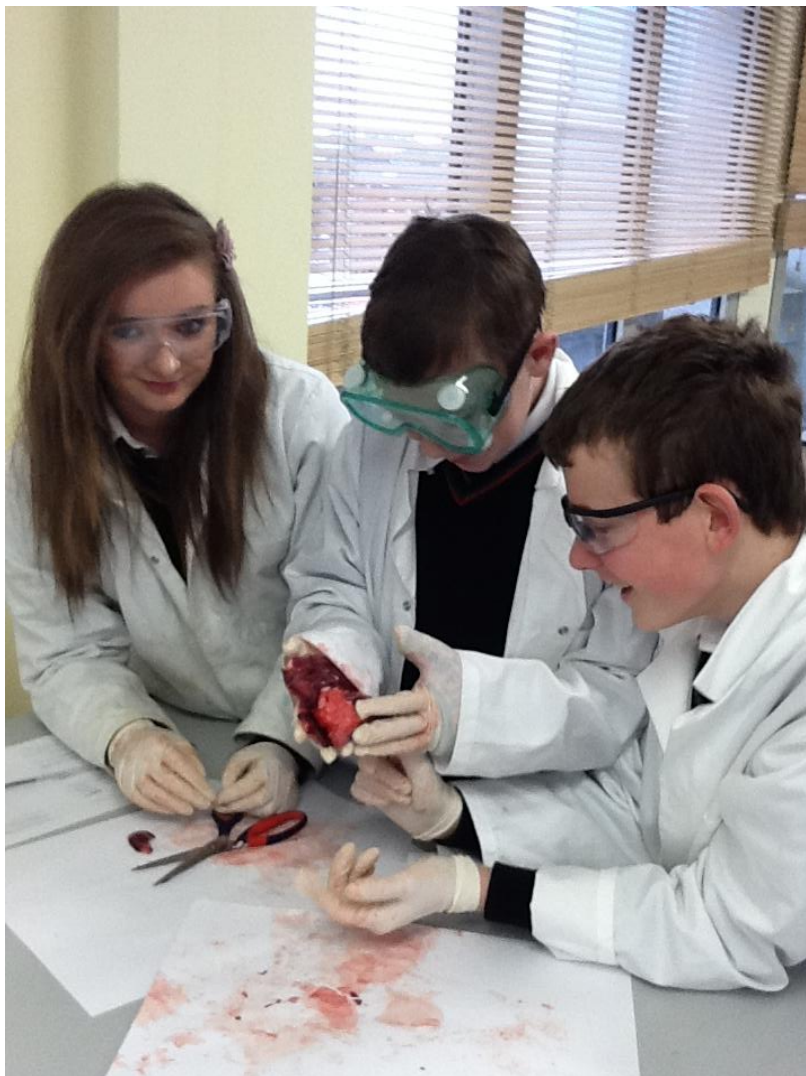
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## Seachtain Eolaíochta 2011

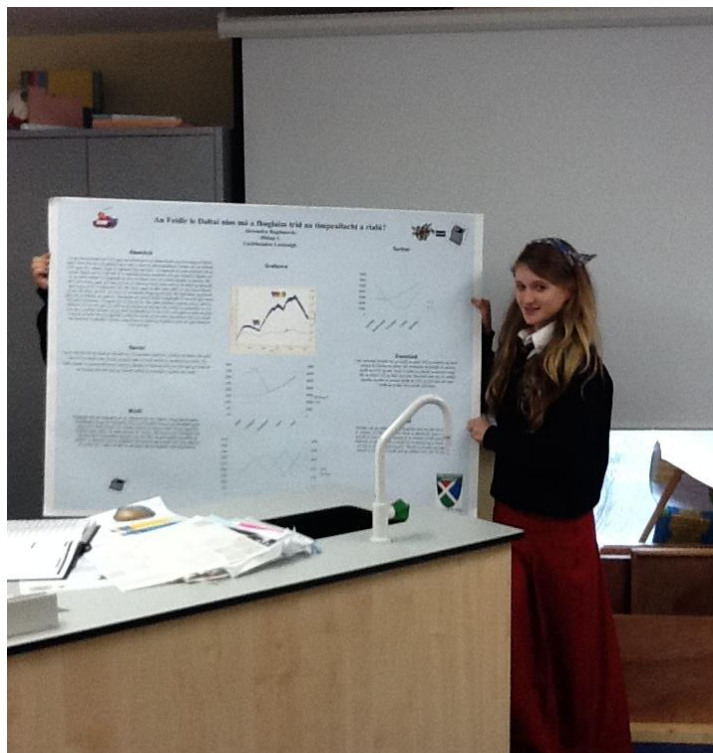
Once a year we have a science week encouraging science in the school. Everyone from first and second year do a project for the Eolaí na Bliana competition! I did my project on “Can students learn more if you change the environment of a classroom?” Everyone puts a lot of effort into these projects. We show the projects to our class and teachers and later on in the week we have an awards ceremony. There is a first and second place from each class and there is Eolaí na Bliana. I won Eolaí na bliana this year and I was thrilled about it! I got a trophy and I got my picture taken with my prize! We had a physics workshop during the week and it was great! We were shown fun and easy experiments to try ourselves and we learnt lots of interesting things about physics. We carry out lots of experiments in class. My class dissected lamb hearts recently and instead of sitting down we got to see the different parts of the heart and see their differences. Even though some people felt sick afterwards everyone really enjoyed it!



Uair amháin gach bliain bíonn Seachtain Eolaíochta sa scoil. Bíonn ar gach duine ón gcéad agus ón dara bliain tionscnamh a dhéanamh le hagaidh comórtas Eolaí na Bliana . Rinne mé mo thionscnamh ar “An féidir le daltaí níos mó a fhoghlaim tríd an timpeallacht a rialú?.” Cuireann gach duine a lán oibre isteach sna tionscnaimh seo. Taispeánaimid ár dtionscnamh d’ár rang agus do na múinteoirí agus bíonn bronnadh na nduaiseanna againn ag deireadh na seachtaine. Bronntar duais don chéad agus dara áit ar gach rang chomh maith le ar Eolaí na Bliana. Bhuaigh mé Eolaí na bliana i mblíana agus bhí mé ar bís! Fuair mé corn agus thóg siad mo phictiúr le mo dhuais! Bhí céardlann Fisice againn agus bhí sé an taitneamhach! Taispeánadh turgnaimh spraoiúla dúinn agus d’fhoghlaim muid an-chuid rudaí mar gheall ar an bhFisic. Bímid ag déanamh a lán turgnamh sna ranganna eolaíochta. Bhí díoscadh croí á dhéanamh ag mo rang le deanaí agus bhíomar ábalta na difríochtaí idir gach rud a fheiscint ann. Bhí cúpla duine ag breathnú tinn ina dhiaidh ach bhaineamar an-taitneamh as!



Le **Alexandra Bogdanovic.**



## Ceol

The musicians, singers, dancers and music students of Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh have been busy entertaining the school community, Limerick city and beyond over the past few months. Each Tuesday ag am lóin, bualann an Club Rock ‘n’ Roll chun ceol a sheinm le céile, on Wednesdays at lunchtime, an Club Traid meet to listen to traditional music and play and learn a few tunes together. Yasmin McGarvey, a first year student has given an account of the Club Traidisiúnta:

*“Bíonn an Club Traidisiúnta ar siúl ar an gCéadaoin ag am lóin. Éistimid le ceol traidisiúnta agus ithimid ár lón ar feadh cúpla nóiméid ar dtús. Ina dhiaidh sin seinnimid ceol traidisiúnta, Tá Britches Full of Stitches, Johnny O’ Leary’s agus The Kerry Polka ar eolas again agus anois, táimid ag déanamh an ríl, Christmas Eve.*”

*The Traditional Music Club meets on Wednesdays during lunchtime. When we get in, we listen to traditional music and eat our lunch. When we have eaten, we play traditional music. Over the last few weeks, we did Britches Full of Stitches, Johnny O’ Leary’s and The Kerry Polka. At the moment we are learning the reel, Christmas Eve.”*

Tar éis scoile ar an gCéadaoin, buaileann an Cór le céile. I mbliana tá na clubanna seo ag dul ó neart go neart toisc go bhfuil an-chabhair á sholáthair ag daltaí na hIdirbhliana. Seo píosa a scríobh Cayleigh Dunworth mar gheall ar an gCór i mbliana.

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*“I mbliana, tá grúpa mór ag glacadh páirte sa chór agus tá sé ag fás gach lá. Thosaíomar amach ag tús na bliana ag cleachtadh don tseirbhís agus leanamar ar aghaidh le hamhráin a phiocamar le chéile, cosúil le ‘Make You Feel My Love’ ó Adele. Ansin, i mí na Samhna, thosaíomar ag obair ar amhráin don Nollaig. Fanaimid siar gach Ceadaoin tar éis scoile leis an Máistreás Ní Mhuiríosa ag obair ar na hamhráin agus bíonn sé i gcónaí an-taitneamhach.*

*Tá gach duine tar éis forbairt sa chór agus réitíonn na guthanna go maith le chéile. Tá armóin againn do bheagnach gach amhrán agus cruthaimíd fuaim álainn dá bharr. Tá gach duine ag baint taitnimh as agus táimid go léir ag súil leis an gcéad leibhéal eile dár gcuid amhránaíochta agus le forbairt mar chór.”*

*“This year there is a big group in the choir and it is growing every day. We started at the beginning of the year rehearsing and choosing songs for the seirbhís. We continued then with songs we picked ourselves, such as Adele’s ‘Make You Feel My Love’ and then started to work on songs for Christmas. We stay back after school every Wednesday with an Mháistreás Ní Mhuiríosa to work on the songs. Everyone has grown in the choir and the voices go well together. We have harmonies for almost every song we practise. Everyone is enjoying it and we are all excited to step up to the next level in singing and in growing as a choir.*

*Ag tús na bliana, bhí an grúpa ceoil agus an cór an-ghnóthach ag eagrú do Sheirbhís Thús na Bliana, a bhí ar siúl in Eaglais Naomh Mhuire, mar is gnách. Ghlac na ceoltóirí agus na hamhránaithe ó gach bliain sa scoil páirt, le daltaí ag seinm le chéile i ngrúpaí móra, grúpaí beaga & ag déanamh aonréad álainn. Our next event, the annual Oíche Oscailte, afforded the students of the music department the opportunity to perform both in the school and at the Absolute Hotel to our many visitors. All students put in a lot of practice in the days and weeks leading up to these events and performed brilliantly on both occasions. “*



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I mí Dheireadh Fómhair, bhí an t-ádh linn go raibh an deis ag an Idirbhliain dul chuig an Amharclann an Chanáil Mhóir chun Mamma Mia a fheiceáil. Seo an tuairisc a scríobh Hannah Gough faoin turas:

*“Chuamar go dtí Mamma Mia in Amharclann an Chanáil Mhóir ar an gCéadaoin, 12ú Deireadh Fómhair. Bhí sé ar fheabhas ar fad. Bhíomar inár suí ar an dara balcón agus bhí an amharclann plódaithe. Mhair an seó timpeall dhá uair a chloig agus bhí sé thar bharr. Bhí guthanna áille acu go léir agus bhí an slua ag canadh gach amhrán leo. Bhí sé an-ghreannmhar freisin.”*

In November, the second and third year music students took a trip to Dublin to the National Concert Hall for the concert, ‘Music In The Classroom’. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to see and hear all the orchestral instruments up close and to experience a live performance by the RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra.

Each year is brought to a close with the Fachtóir X. Students from each year take part, singing, dancing or playing music. It is a very enjoyable concert and allows students the opportunity to display their talents in front of the school community. This year the event took place in the Strand Hotel on Tuesday 13th December was presented by Nathan Brereton and Eoin MacFinn. It featured students from every year, along with performances by buaiteoirí ó bhliana eile, Seamus Hogan, Cathy Kerbey & Conor de Bhailís agus Ciarán Sheahan ina measc.

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Tar éis na Nollag beimid ag ullmhú do Scléip! agus ag taifead dlúthdhiosca scoile. Ba mhaith linn ádh mór a ghuí ar gach dalta a bheidh ag glacadh páirte sna himeachtaí seo.



Sinéad Twomey, buaiteoir 'An Fachtóir X' 2011



## Bonn John Hooper

Anuraidh d'oibrigh mé féin agus mo chara Shane Kelly ar thionscadal staitisticí inár gcuid ranganna mata feidhmí. Bhí an tionscadal bunaithe ar fhiosrúchán a dhéanamh ar chleachtaí cainte dhéagóirí an lae inniu.

D'oibríomar ar an tionscadal seo ar feadh roinnt seachtainí. Rinneamar postaer den tionscadal agus seoladh é go Baile Átha Cliath. Faoi dheireadh, dúradh linn gur tháingamar sa tríú háit in Éirinn. Bhíomar ar bís toisc nach rabhamar ag tnúth le toradh mar sin ar chor ar bith. Rinne an príomhoide fógra an lá dár gcionn ag déanamh comóraidh ar ár n-éacht iontach. D'éirigh le dhá ghrúpa eile ón scoil ardmholadh a bhaint amach as 101 iontráil freisin.

Chuamar go Baile Átha Cliath ar an 18ú Deireadh Fómhair chun ár nduaiseanna a bhailiú. Bhuamar roinnt mhaith airgid don scoil, chomh maith le teastais agus cúpla euro d'ár bpócaí féin. Tháinig ár muinteoir mata feidhmí linn agus bhí lá den scoth againn ann. Bhuaileamar leis an leas-aire oideachais, Sean Sherlock, in oifig an Roinn Oideachais chomh maith le ceannaire ón CSO agus stiúrthóir an Tionscadail Mhata.

Bhí lá iontach again sa “Deatach Mór” agus rud a chuir gliondar ar mo chroí ná gur foilsíodh pictiúr dúinn le halt beag sa ‘Limerick Post’ an mhí dár gcionn.

Aidan O'Mahoney





***NOLLAIG SHONA!***



***Ó Ghaelcholáiste Luimnigh***

*Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi shonas is faoi rath!*

***Merry Christmas & A Happy and Prosperous new year to you and Yours***