

Achievements & School Projects

Green Schools

In Scoil Cholmcille we take great pride in being a Green School. Our green school committee have worked tirelessly to promote environmental awareness throughout the school on a daily basis. The efforts of all staff and pupils have been rewarded through receiving an incredible five Green Flags to date.

1. **Litter and Waste:** This flag focuses on litter and waste issues, encouraging a sense of responsibility.
2. **Energy:** Energy looks at the steps which can be taken at school to reduce energy consumption and raise awareness of climate change.
3. **Water:** This theme develops awareness around water conservation and how to effectively manage this important resource in schools.
4. **Biodiversity:** Biodiversity looks at increasing awareness in schools of the importance of native plants, animals and habitats.
5. **Travel:** Travel aims to increase the number of pupils walking, cycling, scooting, using public transport or carpooling to school.

Our flags can be seen proudly flying inside the main gate of the school.

Discover Primary Science and Maths

The Discover Primary Science and Maths Programme aims to increase interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) among students, teachers and members of the public.

In Scoil Cholmcille, we look forward to the annual event through organisation of Science Experiments, Engineering Tasks, Maths Challenges and Coding Activities on our school laptops. We also organise a Showcase Day to give our parents and wider school community a chance to come and see all our work.

To date, we have been awarded with an exceptional 15 awards and are already looking forward to taking part in next year's event.

After Schools Club

The After School Club is a club at Scoil Colmcille run by teachers two days a week with the support of the School Completion Programme. The classes are an hour long from 2.30pm to 3.30pm on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Children will be supervised after school for an hour to do their homework free from the distractions of home, while receiving help from teachers. The children, when finished

their homework take part in arts & crafts and P.E/ games and receive a light meal.

The students have worked so hard this year in After School club and we look forward to continuing this next year!

Science Blast

We had a great time exhibiting our project “Does exercise improve your memory?” at the ESB Science Blast in the RDS on the 4th of March.

We loved explaining our results to the other schools and the judges. Our conclusion was that exercise does improve your memory and we have decided to include more of it throughout our school day.

We got to visit all of the other projects on display from the other schools and loads of interesting stands, teaching us lots of different science facts. We also got to watch some great science shows!

We would highly recommend visiting Science Blast, we had an absolute “blast”!

Active Flag

The pupils and staff of Scoil Cholmcille are proud owners of an Active Flag. We have been awarded this flag because we are a school that strives to achieve a physically educated and physically active school community. We take pride in continuing our love of staying active in Scoil

Cholmcille by participating in a range of enjoyable activities regularly, to continue to keep us fit and healthy.

Multicultural Day

Multicultural Day in Scoil Cholmcille is a special day when we celebrate the cultural diversity in our school. It is a day when children with a background from outside of Ireland can proudly display their language, traditions, culture and religion to the whole school community.

It is a colourful and interactive day when children and their families engage with each other in the school hall. Children from each nationality in the school community have a space to decorate and fill with emblems, artefacts and foods from their culture. Some children wear national costumes, while others display clothes and jewellery.

Parents and other family members participate by helping to explain language and traditions. The children involved spend weeks in preparation for the day itself completing projects and designing the displays in their own time.

Multicultural Day is run bi-annually, and on alternative years we celebrate Irish Culture, usually during Seachtain na Gaeilge and close to St. Patrick's Day.

GAA

Commitment was shown by all players through their effort and attitude this year. Unfortunately, we will be without our 6th class for next year, but we hope their example will have laid the foundations for an emerging team based on the work ethic and fairness on the field of play. We wish our 6th class continued success in their future sporting endeavours.

Soccer

Both the girls and boys soccer team trained consistently throughout February of 2020. It was disappointing to not see the boys' hard work rewarded with game time. There is real talent in the school, and hopefully the hard work put in this year will benefit the team in competitions next year. Thankfully, the girls team did have the opportunity to play one game. They made the school proud on that day. Their hard work and skill development was evident over the short period they played together. We hope to see the same children back playing again next year, with some more giving it a go too!

Volleyball

Volleyball was in the spotlight of the schools sporting calendar this year for our 6th class boys and girls teams. The teams dynamic and determination was extraordinary both on and off the court.

The children showed great interest in the sport and trained at every opportunity, committing to early morning sessions, before school and during lunch times.

Both teams took part in the All Ireland Regional Volleyball Competition in the ALSAA Centre in Swords. The students competed and played an exceptionally high standard of volleyball against other teams in Dublin.

The Boys Team were Regional Winners in Dublin coming first place, allowing them to progress to the All Ireland Final in Limerick in April.

The Girls Team came up short at the final hurdle, coming second in the Regional Finals.

The students are applauded by the efforts and achievements displayed throughout the year in the sport.

Due to school closures across the country, our school team could not compete in the All Ireland Final.

However, the young hopefuls next year will aim to replicate such successes and bring back the Cup!