



Rí Eolas

Uimhir 49
2022-2023

CCRí Soccer Team



Heritage
Competition Success



Cork Senior Hurling
County Champions



Centenary Mural
in Turners Cross



Cork Senior Football
County Champions



100 miles in March



Litir ón bPríomhoide

As the 2022/23 school year draws to a close and we look forward to the long and bright evenings, I am delighted to write this update for the Rí Eolas.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members of staff, SNAs and our PME teachers who have settled very well in Críost Rí and have added so much to our school community throughout the year. I would also like to bid a fond farewell and sincerely thank our former art teacher, Siobhán Burke, for all of her hard work over the years in Críost Rí. We wish Siobhán the very best in her new teaching position closer to home.

As with any year, there are many changes and updates that can be seen throughout the corridors of Críost Rí. These range from classroom furniture and technology updates to the continued investment and upgrading of existing facilities as our refurbishment plan continues apace. Over the course of the year I, together with the staff and the Board of Management, have progressed plans for school canteen facilities through the reimagining of existing spaces within the school; plans that will become reality in the next school year.

One particular room of note that has been refurbished and repurposed to cater for students this past year is the former classroom adjacent to the stage in the Sean-Halla. This updated room currently caters for our new ASD class and is now more commonly known as the 'Home Room'. I am thrilled to report that our first ASD class, which caters for six wonderful First Year students, is successfully up and running. The Home Room will move to temporary accommodation over the summer and will then transfer to its permanent home once our new extension is completed. My thanks to all staff who have worked diligently to ensure the success of our new class.

In relation to the continuous evaluation and development of our curriculum, a new and significant addition to life in Críost Rí that is aimed at improving student outcomes and catering for all learners will begin next September with the introduction of the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme. The option of LCA will ensure the best possible outcomes for our student cohort, by complementing and linking with L2LP learners in junior cycle, and I am delighted to see its introduction.

Aside from our regular appraisal and planning in relation to curricular matters, this year Coláiste Chríost Rí underwent a Whole School Evaluation - Management, Leadership and Learning inspection, more commonly known as a WSE-MLL. We welcomed two inspectors

from the Department of Education in February. The last such inspection took place in 2012. The purpose of this in-depth inspection is to evaluate key aspects of the work of the school and promote improvement. During the evaluation, all school stakeholders were consulted and discussed their roles and experiences of life in our school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of our school community for their incredible contribution during this inspection and indeed the exceptional work that is standard practice in our school throughout each year; we are very lucky to have such a talented and dedicated staff.

It came as no surprise that the report was so highly complimentary of our staff. Inspectors frequently used the word 'kind' to describe our school and the positive environment cultivated here; this above all else gives me great satisfaction. Whilst preparing for the WSE-MLL, I had occasion to read Fís, Fás agus Forbairt (Vision, Growth and Development). Updated in 2011, the document discusses our Mission Statement and the underlying approach that we as a school take to education and holistic formation. I was struck by these lines in particular, as they could have been written yesterday, "We acknowledge that we live in times of dynamic changes in education, in the Church and in society. The Coláiste Chríost Rí community is being challenged to respond in a positive and visible manner to these changes being thrust upon us".

Change is perpetual in our lives and this rings true today as we look at a world relentlessly challenged by intractable problems. Currently, it is war in Ukraine, Yemen and Sudan, amidst the looming climate change catastrophe, worldwide inflation, the cost of living crisis and a continuing homeless problem here in Ireland. Every member of our school community is affected by the climate crisis, inflation and the rise in the cost of living and some unfortunately have also been affected by the housing crisis as well as the ongoing unjust war in Ukraine.

The lived experiences of our community have led me to examine what we as a school community can do, what is morally right, in the face of seemingly insurmountable challenges. What difference or contribution can we make as a school community? When faced with uncertainty, it is our core values and our faith that sustains us.

"The most important challenge facing us is to be a centre of educational endeavour committed to the

all-round development of our students. Central to this challenge is our view that excellence in all aspects of education is a basic ingredient of the ethos of our school. We acknowledge the excellent achievement of our students in the past, and view it as a vital outcome for future success in enabling them to play a creative, positive, and constructive role as responsible citizens in the society they enter". (Fís, Fás agus Forbairt, 2011).

In Coláiste Chríost Rí, we strive for academic and sporting excellence and do our very best in all that we do; not for personal vanity or glorification, but so that we can better our communities and the world we live in. Everyone in our school community is respected and given the opportunity to learn, develop and grow

in a safe and welcoming environment. Similar to the WSE-MLL, education in CCRí is a team effort where everyone works to the same end, adhering to the same core values of respect, love, inclusion and hope for the future. These values inform our decision making and this is how we will effect change. Change begins with the decisions that we make today and, as John F. Kennedy once said, "One person can make a difference, and everyone should try".

P Mac An Rí



P Mac an Rí pictured at Dáithí Ó hAodha's recent retirement evening presenting him with a gift from the school. (Painting by former Art teacher Siobhán Burke)

PME Student Teachers

This year we welcomed the following PME student teachers to Críost Rí.



*Ar chúl (ó chlé):
Ciarán Ó Cíosáin, Darragh Ducey, Tomás Ó hÉalaithe,
Ajay Sahani, Conchúr Ó Díomasaigh, Cóilín de Staic.
As láthair: Ian Jennings*

*Chun tosaigh (ó chlé):
Saoirse Ní Aodha, Jessica Ní Loingsigh, Sorcha Ní
Iarlaithe, Aoife Ní Thuama, Rachel de Fuite, Caitríona
Aghas Ní Dhúill*

New Staff

This year we welcomed our new Art teacher, Tara de Burca, to Críost Rí. We also welcomed Intza Motxoteguy, our French Assistante, from Bayonne in the south west of France who has been busy preparing our students for their French Oral Interviews.



Cuairt an Árd-Mhéara 2022

First year students welcomed Lord Mayor, Cllr. Deirdre Forde in October. Á failtiú ag P. Mac an Rí agus na buachaillí ón gCéad Blain.



Model Students

Pictured are students Louis Beissel, Rian Ó Cochláin and Swikar Neupane who attended the Model United Nations at the annual NatMUN conference held in UCC in November 2022.

G Uas. Ó Foghlú



Ár mBrón

The whole school community past and present was deeply saddened by the death of Tom O'Connor who for many years maintained the school sports grounds. A successful coach himself, Tom took great interest in the sporting successes of CCRí and was regularly seen on the sideline giving support and advice to both players and mentors. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal.

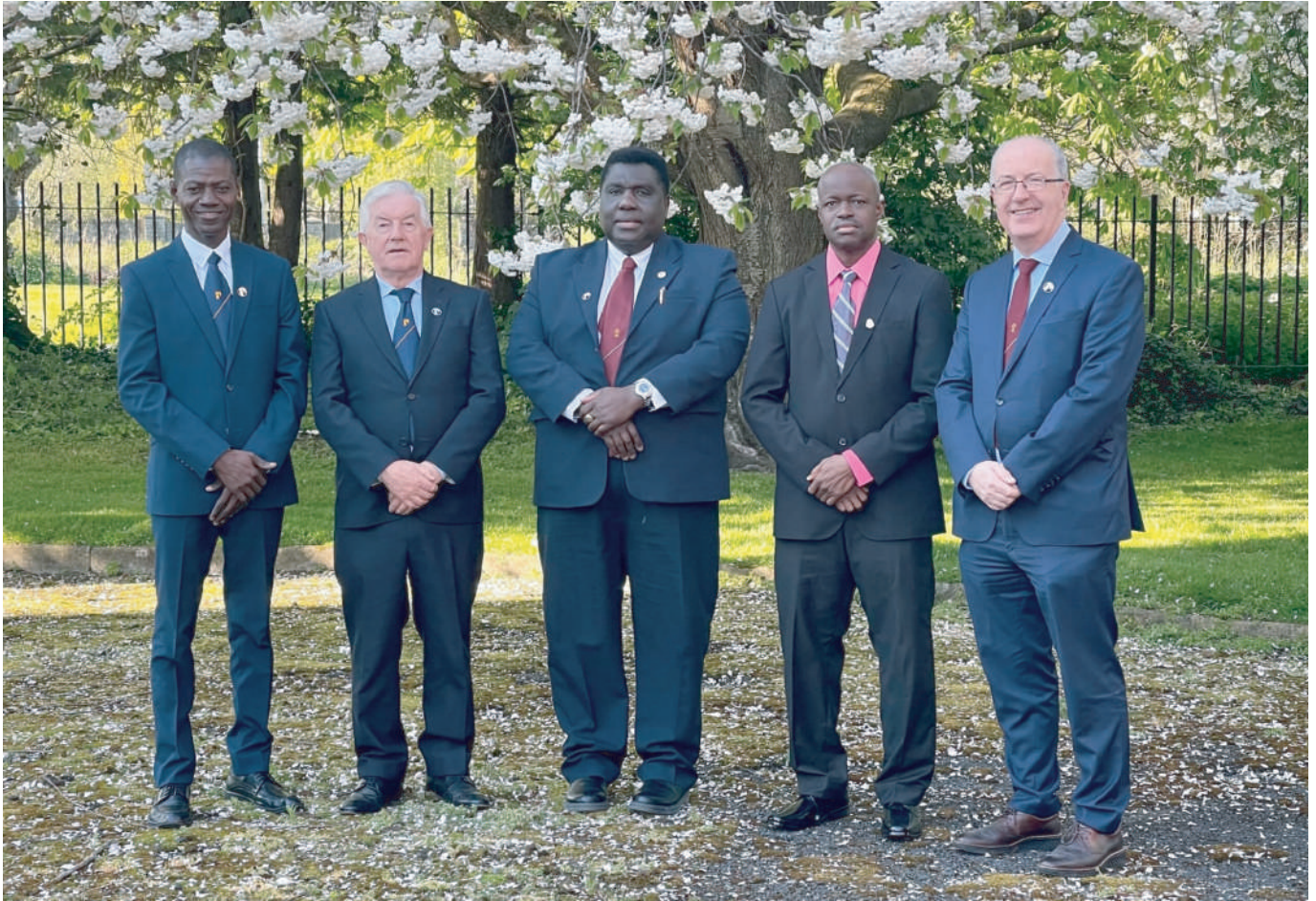


Tom O'Connor RIP



Tom O'Connor pictured with Aidan Moynihan and Mick Evans at the 2004 Corn Uí Mhuirí final

New Congregation Leadership Team



The leadership team is composed of: Br. Barry Noel (Grenada/West Indies/Ireland) Congregation Leader, Br. Joseph Mukasa (Ghana), Br. Martin Kenneally (Ireland), Br. Alban Besigrinee (Ghana), and Br. Rupert O'Sullivan (Ireland)

This April the Congregation Chapter of the Presentation Brothers met to elect a new Congregation Leadership Team. This new CLT will lead the Congregation and the Presentation Family from 2023 - 2029. We wish the team every success in the years ahead and we assure them of our prayers.

Open Night 2022



Féile na Toirbirte

A new venture for the PBST this year was the inaugural 'Féile na Toirbirte'. This celebration of the arts and talent across PBST schools, both primary and secondary, saw entries from our network of schools. It was a great opportunity to develop existing inter-school relationships and a chance to explore future collaborative partnerships. The three categories for entry were: Music, Art, and Written Word.

Críost Rí put forward an entry for each category from our talented student cohort that included: paintings by Ivan Borisov (6 ú Bl.), short stories composed by Adam White O'Connor (1 ú Bl.), and Vuk Maglov (3 ú Bl.) who performed Another Love by Tom Odell.



Presentation Day 2022



Pictured with Br Raymond Dwyer and Catherine Malone (SNA) at a visit to Mardyke House on Presentation Day 2022 are Second Year students Junior Adeshina, David Lopez and Caoimhín Ó hIocháin.

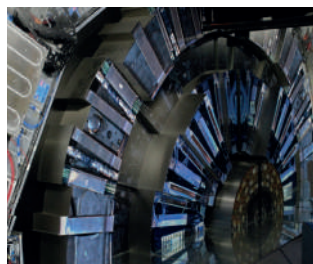
Physics Tour to Cern

From September 15th - 18th 2022, a group of our 5th and 6th Year students travelled to Geneva, Switzerland to tour the Large Hadron Supercollider in "CERN".

The purpose of this machine is to accelerate protons through large voltages within a vacuum in order for the particles to collide with one another, the result of which creates new "exotic" particles from which scientists can learn more about our wider universe. It was in this facility that the Higgs - Boson or "God" particle was recently detected and heavily added to the storyline of the Big Bang Theory TV series.

Students also enjoyed additional tours such as an excellent and well researched Guided Walking Tour of Geneva, a tour of the Edmund Rice Brothers' offices by Brother Kevin (CCR being an Edmund Rice school), photos of the UNOG, a tour of the old Roman ruins near the city and a mini Train Tour of the Great Lake of Geneva among other things.

W Uas. Ó Mathúna



Giving thanks to God

This year for Easter the students wrote prayers of thanksgiving to God on coloured card and my First Year Art club created a beautiful Holy Cross. The colours of the card are the Coláiste Chríost Rí colours; green, black and white. Students from all year groups contributed prayers of thanksgiving. It was a beautiful way for the school to join together in giving thanks to God and presenting all our prayers of thanksgiving on a Holy Cross. The Holy Cross represents the immense love of God; Jesus turned death into love when He was crucified on the cross. God gave us everything when He gave us His Son Jesus; He is a very generous God who holds nothing back from us. Jesus died to save us from our sins; by His death on the cross He conquered sin and death. By His death on the cross He opened up the gates of Heaven for us. He died for us so that we could share in His love, joy and happiness for all eternity.

Caitriona Aghas Ní Dhuill
Art Teacher (PME)



Student Rosary Group in Coláiste Chríost Rí



The Coláiste Chríost Rí Student Rosary Group started in September 2022. It is a special time of prayer when students from different year groups lead the Rosary. Our Lord Jesus said "where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:19-20). Students have certainly encountered the peace that only God can give during the recitation of the Rosary.

A Senior Rosary Group commenced on the 2nd of March during the senior break and a Junior Rosary Group commenced on the 8th of March during the junior break; the Rosary is now being recited three times a week in the school.

I was motivated to start a Senior Rosary Group when I learned that many students across Cork were attending school Rosary groups. The feedback from senior students in Críost Rí has been incredibly positive; there is certainly a thirst for God which is undoubtedly a response to God's thirst for the students. "Jesus thirsts; His asking arises from the depths of God's desire for us. Whether we realise it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours" (Catechism 2560).

I accredit the extraordinary success of the Rosary Groups to the special grace that can be obtained through praying the Holy Rosary. During the Rosary we hold all our needs in our hearts and present them to Our Heavenly Mother with confidence that she is listening to us, we pray for all the staff and students and their

Souls, we pray for Our Lady's intentions and we say a decade in thanksgiving to God.

"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary" (Sr Lucia of Fatima)

C Ní Eadhra

Our new special class

Late last August we were delighted to welcome six students to our new special class for Autistic students. We are currently in temporary accommodation which we call our 'Home Room'. After successfully transitioning from primary school the students have now settled into our school. They are integrated into our mainstream classes and are enjoying their new subjects. The boys also have had some great days out with the other first years and the Meitheal team. Very recently, the students and the Home Room staff had a wonderful day out in Fota Wildlife Park, where they took a deep interest in the various animals.



We would like to say a big thank you to Tony O'Mahony who took on a challenge to 'Walk one hundred miles in March' and raised over €3,000 for our special class. We must also thank the Bons Secours Health System Community Initiative Programme who donated money to be used in our special class too. And finally, we must thank our local First South Credit Union for donating €1,000 for our class. All of these funds will be used for various activities to enhance the learning experiences of our students. These activities include yoga, cooking and swimming, as well as bigger projects like designing and outfitting our sensory room. Looking ahead, we are very much looking forward to moving into our new temporary accommodation before the new school year begins in late August.

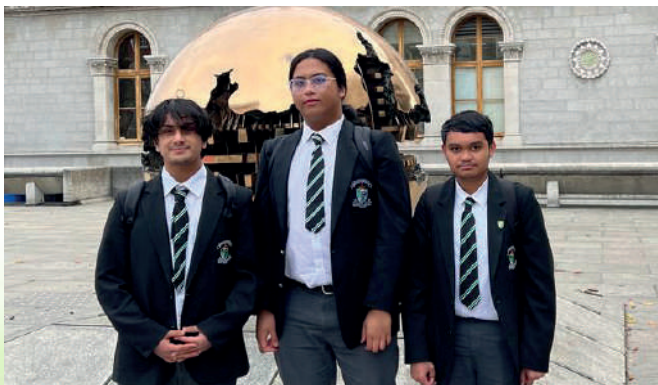
H Uí Chróinín

Senior Science Quiz

Congratulations to Rahul Nath, Patrick Aloc and Iftikhaar Haque who represented Coláiste Chríost Rí in the Senior Science Quiz - winning the regional quiz in November. The boys were highly placed in the National Final in Trinity last December. We wish them continued success in their future studies.

S Ní Riain

F McGillicuddy



Kahoot Quiz



Congratulations to TY student Ben Ó Suilleabháin who won first place in the Kahoot Quiz at the Science Convention in City Hall.

Fundraising and Community Engagement

Each year Coláiste Chríost Rí holds fundraising activities for Marymount University Hospital and Hospice. This year we worked with the East Cork Choral Society who ran a large scale concert in Cork City Hall on Saturday the 25th of March in aid of Marymount.

We supported the fundraiser by holding a staff coffee morning in March, a 6th year Coffee Morning organised by A Ní Mhurchú, as well as a school non-uniform day. In total we donated €734.50 to Marymount Hospice. The non-uniform day fell during national Anti-Bullying Week where students were asked to wear red in order to show support against bullying in our society. Pictured below are a selection of images from the day in Críost Rí.

W Uas. Ó Mathúna



Incredible SVP Collections

Well done to all involved in the events, raffle and food collection at Christmas time for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, organised by D Uas. Ó Mathúna.



Pictured here are students presenting their fundraising cheque to SVP and the three winners of the raffle. (ó chlé: Tejas Veer Singh, Zarif Safari, Angelo Omovbude).

Top of the class!



Well done to our First and Second Year students who were recognised for their exceptional academic performance this year, led by our Junior Cycle Monitor of Academic Performance S Ó Broin. Also pictured here are year heads M de Faoite and F Ó Dubhgáin.



An Cultúr Gaelach

Cuireadh an Ghaeilge chun cinn i mbliana le himeachtaí éagsúla ar nós Gaelge 24, speed dating as Gaeilge, céilithe, ceolchoirmeacha, tráth na gceist agus seachtain na Gaeilge. Tá an Ghaeilge beo i gColáiste Chríost Rí.



Labhairt na Gaeilge

Buachaillí an Chumainn Ghaelach a bhuaileann le chéile gach Aoine chun caint is comhrá as Gaeilge. Tá obair na gcapall á dhéanamh ag na buachaillí chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn i gColáiste Chríost Rí, ag eagrú ócáidí ag am lóin le cluichí, soláistí agus a leithéid. Míle buíochas le hIníon Ní Iarlaithe agus Máistir Ó Meachair a thugann cabhair dóibh.



Biodiversity in Coláiste Chríost Rí

"We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children"

On May the 9th, 2019, Dáil Éireann declared a biodiversity crisis in our country. Biodiversity is essential if we are to provide viable and sustainable natural habitats for our native flora and fauna, both marine and land based. There is a hill area at the northern edge of the school field and over the decades it had become overgrown with bindweed and scutch grass. The Green Schools Committee decided that it was ideal for rehabilitation and in doing so, it would become a far more biodiverse area. In September of 2019 we brought in a herd of goats to attack the weeds. It proved to be a great success on many fronts and featured in the Irish Examiner and on Nuacht TG4.

However, our progress was stymied by lockdowns. We did get the goats back again in 2022, but we eventually had to bring in a tractor mower. Further work by past pupil, Jamie Meskell, had the desired effect of reducing the grass and weeds down to soil level. The Green Schools committee, along with many student volunteers, is currently in the process of planting a variety of native plants with an emphasis on pollinators on the hill. We will use large sheets of cardboard that will decompose over time as weed barriers. These have been kindly supplied by Alfie Sherlock in 'Capwell Cycles' and by Cillian Reid of 'The Bike Shed'. It is a great way of recycling material. We plan to supplement our planting with various herbs and bee friendly shrubs and in doing so create sensory areas and possibly outdoor classrooms. It will take time and it will require ongoing maintenance, but management, staff and students are fully behind the project.

A special word of thanks also to past pupil and local Green Party City Councillor, Mr. Dan Boyle, who has provided us with great support from the very beginning. The project is proving to be a great, hands-on, learning experience for all concerned.

Eamonn Ó Riordáin
(Green Schools Coordinator)



Athletics 2022/23



Mark O'Connor, Stephen O'Shea, Ben O'Connor; awarded the Eoin Deasy Cup for outstanding contribution to athletics



2022 successful Junior relay team of: Josh O' Mahony, Chinwendu Oji, Darragh Lynch, Justice Ikechukwu



Cross Country squad 2023



2023 Junior Cross Country team



Minor Cross Country team 2023



B Ó Ceallaigh coaching the relay teams on hand overs

County Senior Hurling

Congratulations to the Barrs Hurling team, which included several of our past pupils, who won the Cork Senior Hurling County this year.



P2 County Champions!



Congratulations to our students who were part of the Barrs team who won the P2 County Football Championship. Pictured here with P Mac an Rí.

ó chl : Se n   Dolainn, S amus Cinif c, Se n   Cadhla, Cian   S illeabh in, Seac   Laoire, Aaron   Cinn ide.

Basketball in CCRí

Both of our junior basketball teams reached the county semi-finals this year.



1st year basketball team



2nd year basketball team



u16 basketball team



u19 basketball team

Peil agus Iománaíocht sa Choláiste

As with every year, 2022/23 has been a very active school year for our GAA teams in Coláiste Chríost Rí.

U15 Footballers competed in the Munster B competition, losing to eventual winners Midleton CBS, while our U16 footballers were beaten by Pobalscoil na Tríonóide in a very tight affair in Páirc Choilm.

Our U16.5 hurlers travelled to Tipperary and lost out to Ballygarry Presentation School, while our footballers had a trip down to Waterford and had a tough battle against DLS Waterford.

The young U16 hurlers had a very successful year, playing matches against Douglas CS, Coláiste an Phiarsaigh and Carrigaline CS, where they reached the quarter final and lost to a very good Blarney SMGS team by just a few points. Some fine performances from Jack Shine, Evan Malone and Kyle Cronin.

The U14 Footballers were on a winning rampage all year, beating strong teams such as Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh and Mt Saint Michaels Rosscarbery. In the u14 Cork competition, the lads won all three of their group matches, beating DLS Macroom, Dunmanway MICC and Ballincollig CS. They are awaiting their well-deserved semi-final. Star performances all year from 2nd year students David Clarke-O'Mahony, Michéal Fleming Forde, Evan Naughton and Lee O'Donovan as well as some very talented 1st year students Josh McGorry, Dara Corcoran and Morgan Corkery.

Our U14 hurlers participated in a hurling tournament in Páirc Uí Chaoimh Astro where they brought home our first hurling trophy in 10 years! Stand out players on the day were Matthew O'Leary, Callum McCarthy-Donovan, Conor Cunningham and Alex O'Herlihy. The lads are still in contention for the u14 C Cork hurling competition and are awaiting their next match.

C Uas. Ó Meachair



U14 Football



U14 Hurling



U15 Football



U16 Football



U16 Hurling

U14 Football and Hurling

Player profiles: Micheál Fleming Forde and David Clarke O'Mahony

What was the highlight of the year so far playing for the school?

Micheál: "The best moment this year was coming from 11 points down to beat DLS Macroom by a point in the last group game of the championship to qualify for the knockout stages. Everyone worked hard in the second half and we deserved the victory. I was very proud as a captain that we dug out the win."

David: "Another great memory this year was winning our first hurling trophy in 10 years. It was great feeling being the captain and holding the trophy. We won every game in the blitz and we trained every week so it was nice to succeed."

What was it like playing hurling and football for the school this year?

Micheál: "It was a great experience to play with friends in my class from different clubs. It's a great honour to wear the Críost Rí colours, with all the history and trophies won. It's nice to represent the school and win matches."

What are your goals for the rest of the year?

David: "We've won one trophy already this year and we want to win the three more competitions we're in. We want to keep winning for the school and play in the top competitions."

What was your proudest moment playing this year?

Micheál: "Being top scorer in the football championship, scoring 6-6 in three games."

David: "Being the first winning captain in our hurling blitz in 10 years."



Micheál Fleming Forde and David Clarke O'Mahony

Senior GAA

Peil

Our senior football team began the year training hard under senior football and hurling coaches B Ó Cochláin, S Ó Broin and C Ó Meachair in preparation for the Simcox clash with Bantry. After a tough sixty minutes vs Bantry, CCRí came up just short suffering a two point loss to a strong Bantry outfit. The team trained extremely hard and put the head down to try and challenge the Corn Uí Mhuirí after a quarter final exit last year in Kerry. We faced Clonmel in our first game but came up short against a very tough side, High School Clonmel 2-12 Coláiste Chríost Rí 0-7. The next group game was against a strong Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh side who contested the semi-final later in the competition. A tough game in Páirc Uí Chaoimh saw another draining loss; Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh 2-13 Coláiste Chríost Rí 0-6. The final game, with nothing to lose, was against a strong Hamilton High team who reached the final the year before. Despite a heroic performance by CCRí it was not meant to be and we bowed out of the Corn Uí Mhuirí: Hamilton High School, Bandon 5-15 Coláiste Chríost Rí 1-4.

Iománaíocht

The 2022/2023 hurling campaign began vs Brogans in the Cork championship. Great training was done for this game and the hurling campaign in general, thanks to the coaches. The game vs Brogans was a tight affair and unfortunately CCRí came up short suffering a narrow loss. We bounced back from this defeat and began training hard to prepare for Munster Championship hurling. The first game was a narrow defeat to Borrisokane in Croom. The second group game was another well fought but narrow defeat to Ballingarry. The final game was our most impressive performance but unfortunately another loss against group leaders Scarriff ended the CCRí season.

(Captains: Oisín de Faoite (Peil), Eoghan Varian (Iománaíocht))

Colin Ó Maolmhuaidh (6 ú bl.)



Congratulations to CCRí teacher and guidance counsellor Séamus Ó hAodha (second from the left) who joined the UCC Fresher A Football Management Team for 2022/23

Setting Goals



Well done to Críost Rí student Alex Ó hIarlaithe who joined the Cork City FC Academy for the 2023 season!

Inspiring Íar-Scolairí

This year we welcomed íar-scolairí Cian Coleman and Uniss Kargbo to Críost Rí with the First Division League of Ireland trophy. Our past pupils gave freely and generously of their time; addressing many current students who love soccer and CCFC! Pictured here with former teachers F Ó Dubhgháin and P Mac Aindriú.



Soccer



The beautiful game came to Críost Rí this year to the delight of many students. With a rich history of former students making a name for themselves in the world of soccer, Denis Irwin, Damien Delaney and more recently Chiedozie Ogbene to name a few, this year has provided current students with a chance of donning the school colours and who knows, maybe emulating some of those distinguished past pupils in the future. With many clubs represented in the school, the enthusiasm was clear to see from the very first training session with over thirty first year students toging out.



Our historic first outing was with the under 16 team in the Cork Cup against Ashton College. The confidence and talent of our boys was clear to see and despite an Irish international on the opposition, within two minutes we had our first goal through Darragh Lynch, who would go on to bag a hat trick in a 5-1 victory, with further goals from Ryan Gahan and captain Billy Higgins. It was a day that I'm sure will live long in the memory of all those involved. Students arrived back to a school humming with excitement and pride at a first win on our first day out. Another 5-1 victory was to follow over St. Colman's CC Midleton, which included another Darragh Lynch hat trick, that set up a quarter final tie with St. Colman's Fermoy.

First Years were next to tog out in the Cork Cup in their maiden campaign against our near neighbours Éamann Rís. A dominant display, led by our captain Darragh Corcoran, saw us run out comfortable winners with Mark O'Keeffe putting on an exhibition in finishing. For their first day out, it was great to see how well this group clicked and worked together as a team throughout. This victory set up a round of 16 tie against Christians College which would be played in atrocious weather conditions. Regardless of the weather, a blistering start was made by Críost Rí and within three minutes Mark O'Keeffe was played through on goal and slotted home to put us in front. A very close encounter followed and as the weather deteriorated in the second half, but not through the lack of effort, we weren't able to hold out and were unfortunate to lose on a 3-1 score line.

As first seasons go, all our students can be very proud of how well they represented the school and the quality of their performances. The future looks bright with even more students getting the opportunity to wear the Críost Rí crest with pride and honour on the soccer front next year.

A new era awaits.

G Uas. Ó Callanáin

Class of 2023



Ar chúl (ó chlé): Ivan Borisov, Patrick Aloc, Lucás Ó Dalaigh, Brendain Ó Donnchú, Rian Ó Déisigh.

I lár (ó chlé): Gabhan Ó Murchú, Ismael Laidí, Zach Junior Adeshina, Mohamed Moutassim, Seac Ó Cathaláin.

Chun tosaigh (ó chlé): Seán Lin, Daithí Bongcayao, Jake Ó Mathúna, Andrias de Butléir, Bobby Walker.

(As láthair: Samuel Ekpemogu, Ethan Ó Coiléain, Giovanni Chijindum Odabi, Jordan Ó Gealbháin, Adam Ó Muirithle-Ó Maidín)



Ar chúl (ó chlé): Alex Ademola, Ethan Ó Donnabháin, Oisín de Faoite, Sean Mac Dailbhí, Pádraig de Paor, Roy Ó Muilteoir.

I lár (ó chlé): Rian Ó Cearnaigh-Ginnifer, Rian Ó Neill, Seán Mac Annaidh, Rian Ó Suilleabháin, Billy Fhiannchaidh Ó Broin, Adam Abbada.

Chun tosaigh (ó chlé): Seosamh Ó hUallacháin, Ruairí Ó hÓgáin, Adam Ó Cionnaith, Jordan Ó hAnnagáin, Louis Mc Auliffe.

(As láthair: Kelvin Owuzo)



Ar chúl (ó chlé): Seán Mac Ambróis, Maitiú Ó hAnnracháin, Isaiah Momo, Franciszek Sobolewski, Eoghan Varian, Tomás Ó hAoláin, Darragh Merritt, Seac Ó Brennáin.

I lár (ó chlé): Wahid Iqbal, Fionn Ó hÓgáin, Ben Heffernan, Seán Ó hÉigreartaigh, Daithí Jioshvilli, Luka Nadirashvili, Eoghan Breathnach.

Chun tosaigh (ó chlé): Jay Glancy, Nathan Breathnach, Iftikhaar Haque, Lorenzo Tadeo, Rahul Nath, Cathal Ó Fuaráin, Gabhan Ó Mordha.

(As láthair: Craig Dunne Ó Suilleabháin, Ciarán Dunne Ó Suilleabháin, Domas Jonaitis, Adam Ó Briain, Séamus Ó Ceallacháin, Séamus Ó hÓgáin, Kyle Ó Sé-Holton, Calvin Senkus, Senzo Shabanhu, Raqeeb Zafar)

Past Pupil Profile – Joe Curtin

I was born in Turners cross, just up the road from my future secondary school, in St Finbarr's Hospital in March 1991. Spent my first 10 years of living on Friar street (near Barrack Street) very close to the city centre. As I was living on Friar street, I attended South Press Primary school (now Nano Nagle Place). That school only took boys up to first class. A decision had to be made then – go to Sullivan's Quay Primary School or Scoil Chríost Rí (now Bunscoil Chríost Rí). It was decided I was to go to Scoil Chríost Rí, moved house to Derrynane Road, and then in 6th class, I made the natural move to Coláiste Chríost Rí.

I was a very shy and quiet young person in CCRí. I would avoid any form of situation where attention would be put on me. Room 26 was the main room for Naomh Caoimhín, my Junior Cert class group. I enjoyed school in general and enjoyed my first three years in particular. It was the subjects of Geography, History and CSPE/SPHE that I liked most. I was always very interested in the stories and situations that my history teacher, Colm O'Connor, told us about. He always brought history alive and spoke about global issues in many countries – be it wars, social issues, Fair Trade, etc. This may have been the start of my interest in social justice issues as I remember wanting to act to change the 'bad' things that were happening to people around the world. CCRí also allowed me travel out of the country for the first time. In 2004 I travelled to Munich, in 2005 we went to Rome and my last trip was to Interlaken in Switzerland in 2006. The trips were planned by Mr Desmond and Mr Jim Cremin. These trips gave me the travel bug – and I have travelled to twenty five countries since.

In Transition Year I worked in the school 'Tuc Shop' which was a great way to get out of class. But, on a serious note, working in the shop gave me some great soft skills like communication, team work, dealing with customers and it built my confidence in relation to speaking to people. Before leaving school, I joined the Turners Cross Community Association and the Turners Cross Youth Club. Mixing my interest in global social justice issues with the local community inspired me to go down this road as a career. For the Leaving Cert, I didn't do as well as expected so I repeated and then went on to do Community Development in MTU, and a Postgraduate Diploma in Youth Work in UCC.

Today, I'm the project Coordinator of The Hut UBU Youth Project in Gurrabraher (CDYS Youth Work Ireland). My job as a youth worker is great fun and I love it. I provide opportunities for young people to engage in afterschool opportunities where they will develop values, skills and gain new experiences. At the youth project we run Music and Rap groups, Soccer Groups and Tournaments as well as Youth Cafés and Youth Groups. We also support young people on a one to one level around getting their Safe Pass Certificate, CVs, and even Theory Tests. Young People also get support around Mental Health concerns, Drugs/Alcohol issue, Sexual Health, Eating Disorders, Sexuality – basically everything and anything.

I also brought my love of travel that started in CCRí to my job. I started organising Erasmus+ youth exchanges and have participated in approximately seven European trainings and completed four youth exchanges. A youth exchange is when a group of young people travel to meet other groups of young people in a different country to work on a shared project for about a week. Recently I have been involved in the setting up of the Northside Youth Forum with the aim of getting the voice of Northside young people heard, and increasing citizenship among the young people. I enjoy getting involved in projects that look at social justice



Joe Curtin

issues – supporting young people and creating opportunities for young people that they otherwise may not get. Volunteering is also very important, not only for your CV, but it makes you feel good too. I'm currently Chairperson of the Turners Cross Community Association and we run events throughout the year and try our best to advocate and provide groups, classes and opportunities for the local area. We also run the Turners Cross Community Centre. We would love some young volunteers to join us if you have any interest.

If any current student is interested in getting into a career helping people like social work or youth work my advice is to go for it! There are so many paths to the job you want to do. Don't settle for a job, do what you love. I'm able to bring my own interests like soccer, travel and global issues into my work on a weekly basis. Like the saying goes, when you love what you do, you will never work a day in your life. I would like to thank Coláiste Chríost Rí for laying the strong foundation that has helped me achieve all that I have so far. I would love for people to check out some of the work we do at the youth centre. You can follow on Instagram or Facebook: [@joeyouthwork](#) & [@cdys_TheHut](#).

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[Leaving Certificate class of 2009]

First Year History Projects

Congratulations to Emmett O'Donovan and Isaiah Patricio from First Year (Naomh Fiachra) who had great success in a recent city-wide history competition. Emmett and Isaiah came first place in the Junior Cycle group category in the Cork Schools' Heritage Competition. This was a highly impressive achievement as the competition is entered by hundreds of secondary school students throughout the city.

The topic chosen by the two boys was 'A Guide to The Mardyke' and it included a fantastic model to go along with their research. They were awarded their prizes by the Lord Mayor at a recent ceremony. A special mention also to the rest of Naomh Fiachra who completed some excellent research when entering the competition.

B Uas. Ó Ceallaigh



(ó chlé): B Uas. Ó Ceallaigh, Emmett Ó Donnabháin, Isaiah Patricio, P Mac an Rí (Príomhoide)

New Centenary Mural launched by Turners Cross Community Association.

April 1st, 2023 – Former Coláiste Chríost Rí student, An Tánaiste Micheál Martin TD unveiled a new mural in Turners Cross - 'Graff' by artist Peter Martin. Commissioned by the Turners Cross Community Association with support from the Centenary Commemoration Fund of Cork City Council. The mural depicts two workers who were working on the construction of Capwell Road in the 1920s. After the burning of Cork, compensation was paid to Cork City and part of this money was used to build some of the first social housing in the city – including Capwell Road. The background of the mural depicts life on the road at the time – the families and children.



Speaking at the unveiling was Cllr. Dan Boyle (Deputising for the Lord Mayor), and Chairperson of Turners Cross Community Association Joe Curtin; both former students of Coláiste Chríost Rí. The profiles of two current CCRí students were used by artist Peter Martin for this art piece which is situated at the side of the Turners Cross Community Centre on Curragh Road. After initial research into the theme of the potential mural, the Turners Cross Community Association chose to go with the link between the burning of Cork and the building of Capwell Road. The theme of this mural was inspired by the Centenary Celebrations that took place all across the city since 2020. Turners Cross Community Association has urged any young person or student in CCRí interested in their local community and wanting to get involved in projects like this to reach out to their Facebook page: **@Turners Cross CA** or email: **turnerscrossinfo@gmail.com**

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Community First with First South

A big thank you to First South Credit Union who partnered with our TY programme this year to deliver a programme of weekly financial planning workshops, tailored to the needs of students. First South have also been very generous through sponsorship of school sports gear and our teams in general. Pictured here are TY students with TY co-ordinator S Ó Luinneacháin and First South Youth and Marketing Officer Georgie Cantwell, accepting a donation of €1,000 from First South for our new ASD class.



Special Recognition Award

Congratulations to Séamus Ó Buachalla (5 ú Bl.) who was presented with the Garda Special Recognition Award this year. His citation in receipt of the award stated that "Jamie was just 15 when he saw a man in distress. He stayed by his side while waiting for emergency services. Jamie's compassionate intervention led the man to the expert services that were required".



Global Citizenship Education

This April our First, Third and Transition Year students participated in workshops delivered by Arran Towers from the Global Citizenship Education Programme, in association with Self Help Africa. Workshop themes included fair trade, sustainability, globalisation and the environment.

W Uas. Ó Mathúna



Tidy Towns



National Spring Clean 2023
Coláiste Chríost Rí
Thursday 20th & 27th April
1.25pm – 3.25pm
Ballyphehane Park & Surroundings
ALL WELCOME

UCC Hub



Pictured are second year students at the launch of UCC's Hub in Active European Citizenship @HubEuropCitizen

Southside Youth Forum

Coláiste Chríost Rí was once again delighted to be involved in the Southside Youth Forum this year. The Forum was established in 2018 following a Positive Health & Well Being event for local young people in November 2017.

The aim of the forum is to give a voice to young people from the Ballyphehane, Togher, Greenmount and Turners Cross suburbs of the city. The young people in the Forum want to change the way they are viewed in their communities and they hope to create a positive impact in their local areas. They also want to foster community initiatives and generate a system where young people's voices can be heard at a local community and citywide level.

This year four Transition Year students represented Coláiste Chríost Rí on the Forum: Jamie McNamara, Ryan Coughlan, Seán O'Brien and Billy Higgins. The Forum decided to organise an Intergeneration Bingo afternoon in Ballyphehane Community Centre, Tory Top Road. The event is being hosted by the young people with the aim of bringing the community together for an afternoon full of fun, connections and new friendships. The Southside Youth Forum ambition for this event is to highlight the importance of fostering opportunities for young people to have a voice and occasions to showcase youth in a positive way within their communities, while promoting intergenerational connectivity.

In previous years the Forum has planted trees, raised funds for a memorial bench and designed a mural promoting positive mental health. The work of the Forum has been recognised by the IPB Pride of Place Awards, where it received the runner up spot in the 'Community Youth Led Initiative' in 2020. The success of the Forum is such that youth workers and schools are looking to replicate it for young people living on the Northside of the city too! We look forward to working with the Forum and the wider community again next year. Pictured above are three of the current members of the Forum.

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Creative Schools 2022/23

This year Coláiste Chríost Rí is privileged to be taking part in the Creative Schools' Programme. The initiative looks at putting the arts and creativity at the heart of children's and young people's lives and, most importantly, giving the students of Coláiste Chríost Rí the opportunity to celebrate and showcase our creative gifts among peers in an inclusive whole school environment.

As a school we have organised talks from fellow creatives around Ireland, events, outings and workshops for our students in order to build their creative skills. This is achieved by providing students with collaborative opportunities that stimulate their imaginations and harness their curiosity.



Pictured are three of our forum members, ó chlé: Rian Ó Cochláin, Séamus Mac Conmara, Liam Ó hUigín.



This year students have immersed themselves in Oil Pastel workshops with Declan O'Meara, Bodhrán Making workshops with Michael Vignoles, several Photography and Printmaking workshops, and we have engaged with many other creative forms such as illustration, music and film; celebrating the creative interests of our students.

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Drumming Ahead!

Proud Pipers



Adam Duggan, a member of Ballyphehane Pipe Band, visited the school in January 2023, at the invitation of E Ó Ríordáin, and gave some of our Second Year students a chance to play the bag pipes.

Pictured are Third Year students Fiachra Ó Murchú and Lucás Ó Laoire who attended a Bodhrán making workshop as part of the Creative Schools Programme this year.

Meitheal 2022/23

Here in Coláiste Chríost Rí we have an initiative called the Meitheal Team. We are a group of students in 5th year, tasked with helping the incoming First Years settle into secondary school. The leap from primary school to secondary school can be quite daunting for many because everything changes, from timetables to lockers to moving to new rooms for each class. To support the First Years students as they transitioned to secondary school, we organised activities so that our newcomers would have fun, socialise and get used to an otherwise unfamiliar environment. Throughout the year we planned an induction period for the students, organised parties at Halloween and Christmas, planned outings to the Gate Cinema and we held many other events throughout the year.

Being part of the Meitheal team has shown us that it is vital for First Year students to regularly socialise with others in the same year. This helps the students to grow in confidence and have fun while doing so - an essential part of school life. We have helped and watched these students become part of our community and it is quite wholesome and nice to know that we had a part to play in their journeys. One of the most rewarding aspects of being a Meitheal Team member is being part of the story of a new generation of Críost Rí students.

Our main duties were to plan and organise events but that is not all we did. It was important to do the seemingly trivial things well too, such as talking to the first years in the hallways, keeping an eye out for them at lunchtime, having a laugh with them during and outside events, and support them as best we could during the move to secondary school. We were all well aware of what our relationship with the First Years would be; knowing they would look up to us as the mature, older students. However, what we did not expect was the friendships that would emerge from the mentoring of a year group. The Meitheal team are there to be a friend and to support, but more often than not we are like older brothers to the First Years.

Being a part of the Meitheal Team throughout 5th year was quite the rollercoaster, and the first-year students were not the only students who learned a lot this year. For many of us, this was the first time in



our lives that we were given full responsibility for an initiative. With that responsibility came hurdles and challenges that challenged us and broadened our skills as individuals, team members and role models. Learning how to plan events, balance discipline and fun, and working within a team are vital and transferrable skills and aptitudes for life in general. We were able to build these skills as a member of the Meitheal Team. There were many times where unforeseen circumstances marred our plans but these problems taught us how to adapt and overcome, to ensure the first years had a wonderful time. Overall, this experience benefited all involved, teachers and students.

Finally, we would like to thank the legend himself, Mr. Duggan, for giving all of us the opportunity to develop as young adults. Without him none of this would have been possible. As much as he gave us freedom, he critiqued and helped us learn from our mistakes. Not only that, he was the man pulling the strings, getting us permission, giving us ideas and the push we needed to get back on track. If anything, Mr. Duggan is the most important team member of us all!

Farhan Fahim Alam (5 ú Bl.)

Meitheal team members: Farhan Fahim Alam, Luis Patrick Miranda, Joshia McKenzie Limansag, Evan O'Callaghan, Nikolay Lynch, Sean O'Callaghan, Conor O'Brien, Hubert Dzik, Luke Brennan, Adam Lynch, Karol Malecki.



LIFT Roundtable Facilitator Programme

This is the second year we rolled out the LIFT Roundtable Facilitator Programme with our student council members and a number of second year students. LIFT stands for Leading Ireland's Future Together. The programme is designed to make every one of us into a better leader. Central to this concept is the LIFT Leadership Roundtable process. This involves 3-4 participants meeting for approximately 30-45 minutes each week for eight weeks, to reflect on a particular Leadership Theme. The eight core leadership themes identified are: Listening, Positive Attitude, Respect, Resilience, Determination, Empathy & Understanding, Innovation & Adaptability, Honesty & Integrity.



There are four additional themes such as Trust, Embracing Difference, Cyberpositivity, and Sustainability. The LIFT roundtables give each participant a voice and the opportunity to improve and grow. LIFT believes that by developing personal leadership qualities and abilities within each individual, we can develop a generation of stronger and better leaders. Inspiring young minds.

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Tree Planting

First Year students planting new trees on the school grounds with M de Faoite.



Luke Sweetman, Marwan Hamad, Tomislav Runtic, Addison Ó Cruaif



Denis Marcu, Séan Bannon, Leon Ó Suilleabháin



Emmet Ó Donnabháin, Rian Crean



Kevin Tom, Alex Heffernan, Romeo Sounou, Noris-Luca Iurisniti

Transition Year 2022-23





European Tour to Barcelona

October last saw sixty-five eager students and five teachers head off to Barcelona. Tours of the city, cultural exchanges and a visit to some of the most famous tourist spots were just some of the highlights. We are already looking forward to Munich next year!

