

# COMERAGH COLLEGE CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

## ANNUAL OPEN NIGHT

Our open night was held on **Nov 29<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 9pm**. It was a hugely successful and very busy event. Primary school students and their parents/guardians were guided around the school by our student council, senior leaders and junior students. We are very proud of how you all represented our school. You showed great initiative, were courteous, friendly and helpful. It couldn't have happened without you! Many exhibitions took place in our science labs, lecture rooms, practical rooms and many more! Thank you all! Mr Langton gave an address and we also had guest speakers on the night.



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## COMERAGH COLLEGE - WELL DONE TO OUR STUDENTS SECTION

Kieran Kirwin  
Knox – Top result  
in Ireland in  
Junior Cert 2017  
Technical  
Graphics -Big  
Wow



Anna Doyle from 1<sup>st</sup>  
yr attended the  
trials for U15  
Waterford Gaynor  
Cup  
Well done Anna

WE ARE SO  
*Proud*  
OF YOU

Irish National Youth  
Championships in  
Ballymoney Co.  
Antrim 2018. Patrick  
O Loughlin won a  
bronze medal in the  
Road Race and a  
silver medal in the  
Criterium Road Race



Congratulations to  
Josh Power –  
winner of the Senior  
Table Quiz Trophy



**Waterford Development Squad U16's** – our own Glenn Cooke and Sergio Iglesias Rodriguez, one of our international students were chosen to be on this team for the current season. Quite an achievement as out of all the teams in Co. Waterford only 18 players were picked. Glenn has been playing with Waterford the past few years and has played against Man. City and Brighton. Very Impressed boys – keep up the hard work. We also have some of our first yr students on the U14's Squad.

## COMERAGH COLLEGE - SPORTS SECTION

### INTERMEDIATE C CAMOGIE MUNSTER QUARTER-FINAL

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November our camogie girls travelled on a long journey to Cork in very wet and windy conditions to face the Presentation Secondary School in what was going to be a tough game.

From throw-in the girls were on top form with goals coming from Leah Maye and Chloe Murphy in the first half. The half time score was 4-3 to 1-0, points coming from Katie Power and Keeley Corbett Barry. The opposition came out fighting in the second half, but our defense proved to be too strong with our goalkeeper

Sadie Haley making spectacular saves. The girls led the whole way finishing on a score of 7-6 to 1-3, goals this time coming from Katie Power and Samantha Moloney, with points from Keeley Corbett Barry and Katie Power.

They are now into a Munster Intermediate semi-final where they will take on either Pallaskenry or Newport College!!! Best of luck girls 😊



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## DIGITAL SCHOOLS CHAMPION

Limerick, Thomond Park, Dec 4<sup>th</sup> our students attended workshops to learn more about App Design, Web Development and Video Editing to assist with their project – *Can we achieve a better understanding of another culture through the use of E-Twinning and Virtual Reality?*

## SCHOOLS ENTREPRISE PROGRAMME

The Student Enterprise Challenge is Ireland's biggest student enterprise competition. The students compete at school level for a place in the Student Enterprise County Final which sees students from Tipperary's 29 Secondary School showcase their respective business ideas. Comeragh college have entered TY students into this initiative.

They are developing products or services that they feel are missing from the school community or local area.

Whole school; all students competed in Christmas markets on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018. The school hosted a Christmas market with participating students setting up their stalls and the school body visited to purchase the goods and services on offer.

It was a fantastic event for the school and allowed students to not only gain enterprising skills but to

undertake real life skills. Also let's not forget, the Christmas spirit!



## COMERAGH COLLEGE - WELL DONE TO OUR STUDENTS SECTION

FLAG DAY - Our TY's raised a decent **€572** for the Irish Wheelchair Association over 2 cold days in November - Good for you guys!



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### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Both Under 16s & 19s girls basketball teams were promoted to Division C this year having both won their respective divisions last year. The under 19s girls made a regional quarter final and lost out to Presentation Clonmel in a competitive match which took place in Monroe on the 15<sup>th</sup> November. Presentation Clonmel ultimately went on and won the Regional Finals.

The season saw some stand out performances from such players as Kaylynn Broxson and Roisin Torpey who lead the line well for the under 16s, along with Katie Power, Kelly Ryan, Jade Hodgkinson, Keeley Corbett Barry and Halannah White showing they were more



than capable of the step up required at this grade. **Well done to all the girls who worked hard over the course of the season and represented Comeragh College with distinction. Thanks girls.**

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Well done to both the under 16s and under 19s boys basketball teams who competed in this year's Division D basketball league. While neither team



progressed past the group stages the boys can look to next season with plenty of optimism as there has been a lot of ground work done

this year breeding some new talent. Stand out performances from the boys who were led by the under 16s Capt. Michael O'Donovan and under 19s Capt. Erin Walsh. Jake Water and Michael Egburonu who had outstanding seasons are now playing club basketball in Clonmel. Best of luck to both boys in the club season.

A group of first year boys attended a Basketball Blitz in St. Ailbe's Secondary School in Tipperary town on the 9th October. For a lot of the boys this was their first time playing in a competitive boy's basketball match. **Keep up the good work lads!**

### FUTSAL

FAI hosted a Futsal Tournament in the Canon Hayes Sport Centre in Tipperary town on 17<sup>th</sup> October. Comeragh College entered a boys and girls first year team.

The girls team captained on the day by Rebecca Baron Walsh gave a good account of themselves and showed great improvements as the tournament went on.

The boys futsal team had a more successful day and were overall winners of the tournament in Tipperary town. Stand out performances on the day were Eoin Barry in goals, Flynn Doyle who controlled the line well at centre back and a dynamite partnership between Patrick Ormond and Calum Costello produced some cracking goals. All the boys played their part and it was a great team performance and great achievement for the school to reach the County finals.

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## SPECIAL EVENTS AT COMERAGH COLLEGE



### VOLCANOES IN ACTION

One of the key skills in the new Geography Junior Cycle specifications is Learning Creatively. With this in mind Mrs. Blackmore's first year Geography class demonstrated their creative skills by creating papier-mâché versions of volcanoes. We had an exploding volcano and even a volcano made of chocolate which did not last too long.

Several students produced excellent group projects on volcanoes. Great work & well done.



### CAREERS DAY NOV 28TH

Colleges WIT, Maynooth University, UL, Mary I, Kildalton, Tipperary ETB (apprenticeships), UCC.

Careers Army, Gardai, Foróige, Glanbia, Crystal Valley Tech (information on all tech companies in the south east).



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## GAEILGE 24 Speak Irish for a day

seachtain. Tá súil againn gur chuir an dúshlán le muinín na ndaltaí as a gcuid Gaeilge labhartha féin. An bhliain seo chugainn tá súil againn go mbeidh níos mó daltaí agus baill na foirne ag glacadh páirte.

Each pupil who participated received a pack to help them on the day; including a t-shirt, a wristband and a leaflet with useful phrases and ideas for the day as well as receiving a certificate shortly. We hope that the challenge will help build students confidence in their oral Irish. Next year we hope that even more staff and students will participate.

Seo an chéad uair a ghlac **Coláiste an Chomaraigh**



pupils from 300 schools across the country took part. 58 students took part along with the Irish teachers and spoke Irish for the day. A quiz was organised for the first years which we all really enjoyed.

### SHOE BOX APPEAL



Donations were collected in Nov. and boxes will be sent for Christmas. "Your Christmas **Shoebox** gifts go right into the hands of some of the world's most vulnerable children". A "Feel Good Factor" this time of the year. Búladh Bós.



páirt in **Gaeilge24** ar an Máirt 13ú Mí na Samhna. Is dúshlán é **Gaeilge24** chun daltaí scoile a spreagadh chun labhairt as Gaeilge amháin ar feadh 24 uair a' chloig: sa bhaile, ar scoil agus gach aon áit eile. Bhí 30,000 dalta ó 300 scoil páirteach sa dúshlán ar fud fad na tíre i mbliana. Bhí 58 daltaí agus na múinteoirí Gaeilge ag labhairt as Gaeilge don lá ar fad. Bhí tráth na gceist ar siúl don daltaí sa chéad bhliain agus bhain muid taitneamh as.

This is the first year that Comeragh College have participated in Gaeilge24 on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. It is a challenge to speak in Irish exclusively for 24 hours: at home, in school and everywhere else. This year, more than 30,000

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## COMERAGH COLLEGE AUTUMN/WINTER WEAR 2018



Some Ag Science LC students who availed of the Farmers Journals offer of purchasing the paper for the duration of the school year and getting a beautiful pair of Dunlop Wellies to wear with pride. Looking fabulous lads!



## BT YOUNG SCIENTIST & TECHNOLOGY COMPETITION



For the third year in a row we have qualified for this amazing experience, for not only students but teachers and the general public. Students from TY and the Science Club were given the opportunity to enter this wonderful competition; luckily our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> yr group were successful in their submission to display their projects at the RDS in January.

This exhibition allows students to grow and develop a real passion for science and the ability for them to think for themselves along with developing a curiosity about the world around them. It also builds their confidence in presenting as they learn how to articulate their ideas as they need to explain their project to judges. This hands-on approach to science can benefit students and help them in all areas of their learning and life.

More details on this competition will be reported as they emerge – watch this space...



## BAKE SALE SUCCESS



We raised a very impressive **€1297** at our recent Bake Sale in aid of Youth Suicide Prevention Ireland. Good Job to all involved



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## PRIMARY SCHOOL CLASSES

Following on from the success of previous years classes we commenced our Junior Classes (open to 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class students) on Nov 7<sup>th</sup> and they ran for 4 weeks.



Junior Scientists - By the looks of it they seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

Concentration levels were high with the Girls while trying to create "Elephant Toothpaste"

Boys were happy with their result!



The Junior Chefs with some of their creations - mini frittatas and a fruit smoothie and a fab looking Swiss roll.

The TY's who helped with the classes were Nicole, Xia and Roisín. Thanks Girls!

Receiving their well-earned certificates



## TY TRIP TO WIT FOR THE APPRENTICE CHEF TALK

Brandon and Darragh both volunteered to help the chefs with the presentation (Right)



A very interesting and informative day was had in WIT in December by our TY class both listening to and participating with experts in culinary skills. (Left)



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