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Ardgillan CC selected to pilot new Leaving Certificate subject of Drama, Film and Theatre Studies



Mr. Kelly and TY students attending event launch



Past pupil, Daniel O' Driscoll and Principal Nuala Ní Mhurchú

By Mr. D. Kelly

Ardgillan Community College is proud to announce it has been selected as one of the 50 schools nationwide to pilot the new Leaving Certificate subject, Drama, Film, and Theatre Studies, starting in September 2025.

On September 11th, Principal Nuala Ní Mhurchú, drama teacher Daire Kelly, and two Transition Year students attended the official launch event at the Irish Film Institute in Dublin. The event was hosted by Minister for Education, Norma Foley TD, and featured guest speakers including Oscar-nominated filmmakers Colm Bairéad and Cleona Ní Chruailaóí (An Cailín Ciúin), Emmy and IFTA award-winning television director Dearbhla Walsh, and young Irish actress Alisha Weir.

Ms. Ní Mhurchú was welcomed at the event by former pupil Daniel O'Driscoll, who has gone on to pursue a successful career in the arts and now works at the Irish Film Institute. This exciting new subject will be available to 5th-year students at Ardgillan CC as an option from next September.

The Drama, Film, and Theatre Studies course aims to foster creativity, critical thinking, and self-reflection through immersive experiences, encourage appreciation for established practitioners, and promote lifelong engagement with the arts and culture, while helping students understand their role in society and explore opportunities for personal and professional growth in the arts. Minister Foley emphasised that the introduction of Drama, Film, and Theatre Studies provides students with more choices, reflecting their diverse interests while fostering a wide range of talents and skills.

Other Schools from DDLETB that have been selected to pilot new Leaving Certificate subjects are:

List of schools introducing Drama, Film and Theatre Studies:

Grange Community College

List of schools introducing Climate Action and Sustainable Development:

- Kingswood Community College
- Donabate Community College
- Kishoge Community College
- Lusk Community College
- Coláiste Pobail Fóla



Student Murals in Ardgillan College

By Mr. C. Walsh and Mr. P. Daly

They say a picture paints a thousand words, in Ardgillan our murals paint a million.

As you walk around the corridors of Ardgillan College you will see a wide range of murals, completed by different generations of TY students.

These murals tell a story of the history of Ardgillan and are a proud demonstration of the amazing talent of our students. From ethos themed minions to unicorns on motorcycles, our talented students have left a mark on their school.



Ethos Minions



Students going into Transition Year in Ardgillan can choose to do a Murals module, whereby they design and paint murals at different locations around the school campus. Students work with their Art teacher, Mr. Daly, to design the murals. Teachers can even book in students to have murals completed in or outside their classroom. However, these murals are student led, with student voice at centre from design to completion.

As with previous years, Ardgillan was blessed with another talented group during the 2023/24 school year. Already, their murals have become a permanent fixture of our school and have set the bar even higher for this year's TY group.

We can't wait to see what adorns our walls at the end of this year!



AI for Business Leaders

Baldoyle Training Centre had an early start on the August 28th when we hosted our first 'AI for Business Leaders' Breakfast Meeting. Training Centre Manager Aidan Owens opened the meeting by welcoming businesspeople from various sectors: Insurance, Finance, Education, Health, Architect, Aviation, Transport, Hospitality & Entertainment.

Aidan's co-chair on the morning was his very own American Avatar, who it must said, stole the show!

Baldoyle Training Centre's Instructor Katrina McHugh gave an insightful talk on the basics of AI and how AI can impact business processes. Katrina's co-hosts from Ernest & Young, Will Murray & Carol Murphy, followed suit with an informative input on AI security implications and a fascinating glimpse into prompt engineering.

BTC's follow-up Introduction to AI was also launched. The morning was a great success, and a culmination of fantastic teamwork that made it all happen.



Pathways to Apprenticeship

In January 2024 Baldoyle Training Centre launched a Transition Year Programme to introduce TY students to options available in Apprenticeship careers.



From January 2024 to May 2024 the centre welcomed 100 Transition Year students from 7 schools across the Fingal region. This exciting opportunity allows Transition Year students to spend time away from their school in a fun, safe and educational environment, and learn new skills.

This program designed by our own experts helps T.Y students explore various apprenticeship career options, understand the skills and education required for different professions, and make informed decisions about their career paths.

Held onsite in Baldoyle Training Centre the students get the opportunity to avail of state-of-the-art teaching spaces, media studios, workshops and of course the learner's favourite.....our canteen!!

If your school would like to be part of this fantastic opportunity to support your learners in developing new skills through engaging and fun workshops and deliver a perspective on opportunities after post-primary school, contact: sharonmccarthy@ddletb.ie or phone (01)8167400



A Feast for the Senses at Ballydowd Special Care School!



It really was a feast for the senses down at Ballydowd Special Care School over the Summer when a total of 65 guests and staff gathered to unveil a rather special wall mural at their BBQ.

'I am Whatever I Choose to Become' was a Hip Hop, Rap and Street Art collaborative project by the school's talented students. The project synergised the skills of NOISE Music and street artist Shane Ha with the students' creativity and unique perspectives.

This project culminated in an exhibition beside the school building within the Special Care campus and centred around the unveiling of a graffiti wall mural, revealed against the backdrop of several songs that were produced as part of the collaborative project.

Director of NOISE Music Gerry Horan said of the project: "One of our main

aims at NOISE Music is to provide hard-to-reach young people with opportunities to participate in our songwriting, music production, and performance programmes. Our project in Ballydowd School enabled us to introduce ourselves to the young people in the school, and to complete a song with a promising young rapper."

"We are planning a second project with that young person over the summer, also supported by the staff in Ballydowd school, and will continue to offer opportunities to any young person that comes into the school who has an interest in song writing and music production."

Speaking about the special day, Ballydowd School Principal Paul Sloan said: “It was truly rewarding to see the students enjoying their time working with a professional street artist. They learned to create their designs using spray paint on a large scale, which was an exciting experience for them. This kind of exposure can boost their confidence and potentially inspire them to pursue a career in the arts in the future.”

Those comments were echoed by South Dublin County Council's Creative Communities Engagement Officer, Eithne Swaine: “It was great to see the artwork, to hear their music and the pride that the young people had in having an audience to appreciate their hard work. Well done to all involved, it was truly inspiring.”

Added Paul: “We would like to extend our thanks to all our guests for contributing to the day's success. A special thank you goes to our superb barbecue chef, Jojo, for cooking for everyone. We are also very grateful to Creative Ireland for providing the funding for this project. Our artist Shane Ha and our own Art teacher Olive Hanratty facilitated the weeklong project in typical Irish weather and were fantastic.”

Guests from Tusla, Suyi Qiu, Liz Donohoe, Julie Connolly, Orna Doyle, Marian Alfred, Dermot O'Callaghan



DDLETB Sports Officers Darren Bruton and James Bowes with Paul Sloan



Bronagh Fagan, Eithne Swain and Liz Smith



New Beginnings at BFEI

Getting To Know You

Induction for all courses took place in BFEI. There is always a busy start to the new academic year as Teachers and students are meeting for the first time, students are learning about what the year ahead will entail and getting a tour of the BFEI award-winning building. It is an exciting time but can also be a nerve-wracking time for students and teachers alike. At BFEI staff do their best to ease students into their new environment.



Induction Law

LIBRARY TO LEARNING CENTRE

What was once a library is now The Learning Centre. Students can come and go here and use their own laptops or the PCs that are available to use. They also have access to the Blackrock Library in the adjoining building. In the BFEI Learning Centre a new suite of computers is getting installed, ready for the new influx of students to start working on their assignments and projects.

There is still availability on some courses in BFEI from Business to Creative Writing to Computers and Interior Design. Log on to www.BFEI.ie to find out more.



Learning Centre 24

Dear Colleagues,

My name is Deirdre Dunne and I have recently joined the DDLETB Development Team as the Digital Development Officer.

DDLETB has a hugely innovative and progressive approach to education and as an organisation has been at the forefront of enhancing the educational experience of all learners through technology. I'm looking forward to exploring further opportunities to continue this journey and best prepare our learners for the future.

I believe that technology, when used effectively, can transform education by making it more accessible, interactive, and personalised.

I will in particular offer support to the ICT/Digital Leaders across the organisation, develop new Digital Connect Projects and strengthen industry links.

I look forward to working with everyone to achieve our shared goals and to make a positive impact on learning and teaching.

Keep an eye out for my emails and our digital updates.



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SEPTEMBER DIGITAL UPDATE



ETBI AI WEBINAR

Register at:
<https://shorturl.at/WByQ>



Technology
in Education

OIDE ONLINE COURSES

Oide's new model of online CPD sessions are available 24/7. Complete the courses in your own time. There are currently 15 courses to choose from. Courses are suitable for primary and post primary teachers and leaders. Two most notable topics include- AI and Leading Digital Learning in the classroom.
<https://www.oidechnologyineducation.ie/onlinecourses/>



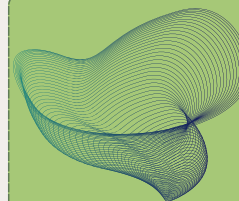
SCOILNET.IE

Useful classroom
resources for primary
and post primary
teachers.



WEBWISE.IE

Useful resources for primary and post primary teachers, parents and learners around internet safety issues and concerns. Acceptable Use Policy template builders available for schools also.



FUTURE OUTLOOK

We will keep you up to date with notable CPD, webinars and opportunities in the coming months.

Get in touch:
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Hello

My name is Priscilla Kirwan, and I am the new Erasmus Development Officer for the DDLETB.

The Erasmus+ programme is an EU initiative that supports education, training, youth, and sport in Europe, offering opportunities for people to study, train, and gain experience abroad. It was established in 1987 and has been enriching lives and opening minds for over 35 years. DDLETB has recognised the importance of this programme to the field of education and yet again is on the frontline with this new role.



The Erasmus+ programme is designed to be inclusive, offering opportunities for both students and staff in schools to participate in various educational activities abroad.

For Students: Erasmus+ provides funding for individual and group mobility projects, allowing students to study or train in another European country. This can include short-term exchanges, long-term study periods, and participation in international projects that promote cultural exchange and learning.

For Staff: Teachers and other school staff can benefit from professional development opportunities such as job shadowing, attending courses, and teaching assignments in schools abroad.

These activities help staff gain new skills, share best practices, and enhance their professional networks.

I look forward to providing support to the Erasmus teams in every school and centre, developing new Erasmus+ projects, and unlocking opportunities for all.

Let's hop on board this Erasmus train/plane/automobile and open doors for our students and staff.



Erasmus+



It was an exciting few days for our ETB community in Clayton Whites, Wexford on September 25th – 26th for the Education and Training Boards Ireland Annual Conference 2024.

Education, Democracy, and Citizenship

Learners are at the centre of what ETBs do, and at this year’s conference ETBs explored how we ensure their voices are heard across all ETB provision.

With an upcoming general election, the current political and social landscape, and the spread of misinformation across a fragmented media landscape, the stakes are higher than ever for learners and educators in Ireland. As one of the largest providers of education in the country, ETBs play a vital role in serving some of our most disadvantaged and marginalized communities. How can we ensure that every voice is heard—not just the loudest?

The content for this conference was designed to be relevant for our Board members and stakeholders as well as key personnel across Schools, Further Education and Training, Organisation Support & Development and Youth Services. Ivan Yates acted as MC, and speakers included Art O’Leary (Chief Executive of the Electoral Committee), Bernie McNally (Secretary General of the Department of Education), Deborah Somorin (Founder of Empower The Family) and Minister Patrick O’Donovan.

There were also various sessions and panel discussions over the course of the two days which centered around Learner Voice, Inclusion, Democracy and Citizenship, Generation Green, The Power of Education, the General Election and the impact it may have on ETBs.

The conference was a great success and a valuable learning experience for all in attendance. It provided lots of opportunity for discussion and reflection and highlighted key issues which impact education in Ireland.

“The Senior Leadership Team of DDLETB were delighted to attend the ETBI Annual Conference 2024. It provides an important opportunity for SLTs and Board Members from across the country, to come together to work, discuss, plan and share best practice. The theme of ‘Hear My Voice. The Learner in Education & Citizenship’, allowed for a lot of discussion and workshops, which were very insightful.” **Mark McDonald DDLETB Director of Schools.**

Dublin and Dún Laoghaire ETB Festival of Music 2025 will take place on Tuesday, March 4th 2025

The DDLETB Festival of Music will yet again take place in the stunning surroundings of The National Concert Hall, Dublin.

Information regarding auditions will be communicated to schools in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye on our DDLETB social media and our website for ticket sales information and links.

You do not want to miss this wonderful opportunity to witness learners from across our 31 Community Colleges showcasing their amazing talents!

A huge thank you to our dedicated organising team, who work tirelessly every year to plan, organise and host our auditions, rehearsals and the Festival of Music itself. Thank you also to our wonderful Music Teachers and talented Students, who always make this, a night to remember.



Promoting Ethos and Encouraging Excellence in Education at Firhouse Community College

By Sarah Barnicoat

As part of our SSE process last year, our Teaching, Learning and Assessment team linked up with our Ethos team to implement strategies to improve the quality of student work whilst promoting ethos in the college. We ran a number of student initiatives including:

- **Junior Cycle individual student competition** – teachers awarded students with tokens for improvement or excellence in their work. Students then wrote their name on the slip and entered in the box displayed in the foyer. The competition between students was wonderful to see, and good fun for everyone. The winning students were awarded with rounds of bowling kindly sponsored by the Leisureplex Tallaght.



Students who won the Junior Cycle competition

- We also implemented a **1st Year Positive Behaviour and Work Initiative**. This promoted our core values of Respect and Excellence in Education. Class teams were awarded with 'no homework' passes and a movie afternoon. We saw fantastic engagement from our First-Year classes.

Greenhills Community College Celebrates the Launch of New AEN Class and Resource Rooms

Greenhills Community College in Walkinstown, Dublin 12, is proud to announce the official launch of its new AEN (Additional Educational Needs) Special Class and resource rooms. The official launch event took place on **Wednesday, 25th September 2024**, with special guest **Minister Hildegarde Naughton TD**, Minister of State for Special Education, in attendance to inaugurate the new facilities.

Greenhills Community College is a leading all-boys post-primary school committed to providing quality education with a special focus on supporting DEIS (Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools) and AEN students. With a long-standing reputation for excellence, the school strives to foster a learning environment rooted in care, equality, and community engagement.

The launch marked an exciting new chapter for the school, which has been a pillar of the local community since its founding in 1970. The newly developed spaces include **three classrooms, a kitchen, a sensory room, a locker room, a reading room, and a games room**, all designed to enhance the learning environment for students with additional educational needs.



Minister Naughton toured the new facilities, met with students, and officially unveiled a plaque to commemorate the occasion. She also delivered a speech celebrating the school's commitment to inclusive education and the well-being of all students.

Greenhills Community College's forward-thinking approach includes integrating AEN students into mainstream classes while providing comprehensive support tailored to individual needs. The school's initiatives, such as the innovative "Cooking for Life" programme, showcase its dedication to both academic achievement and life skills development.

Principal **Noirín Lannon** commented, *"We are thrilled to expand our AEN offerings with these state-of-the-art rooms. This initiative reinforces our ethos of care, respect, and equality, ensuring that all our students thrive in an inclusive and supportive environment."*

The event was also attended by our **DDLETB Director of Schools Mark McDonald**, representatives from the Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board, parents, students, and local community members.



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Twitter: [@GreenhillsColl](https://twitter.com/GreenhillsColl)

Instagram: [greenhillscollege_d12](https://www.instagram.com/greenhillscollege_d12)

A very proud day for Greenhills CC

The opening of their third Autism Class, sensory room and educational spaces, showcased Greenhills CC and brought the school, DDLETB and wider community together to celebrate their achievements.

It was a day that recognised the great vision, foresight, hard work and can-do-attitude that Greenhills CC Leadership Team, SENCO, teachers and SNAs exude. The school are truly living out our ETB 5 core values of Excellence in Education, Care, Equality, Community and Respect. It is evident equality of access is top of the agenda at Greenhills CC as all learners with diverse needs and strengths are welcomed.

There was a great sense of pride and belonging as delegates walked through the school corridors. Students showcased with pride their accomplishments over the years. They presented their new school facilities - reading room, games room, kitchen, multisensory room and third Autism Class, which are all a great addition to the two existing Autism classes.

The dedicated reading room in Greenhills CC provides a crucial opportunity for all students to foster a love of reading and improve their literacy skills, giving students access to the world of books. This supports increased motivation and confidence around reading and in turn fosters a positive attitude to learning.



No barrier is too big to make things happen in Greenhills CC. Transforming a store room into a fully equipped multisensory room shows great foresight and determination to improve school life for students with the highest level of needs. This now provides a space for students to regulate their sensory input, reduce anxiety and stress, improve concentration, attention and alertness.

On the day, SEN Co-Ordinator Ciaran Stone displayed a cook book and work book designed to support students to access the Junior Cycle L2LP curriculum. Ciaran demonstrated how these map the JC L2LP learning outcomes in a very practical way, and students demonstrated cooking beef burgers using the recipe from their cook book in their kitchen area.

The event was a huge success and was enjoyed by all who attended, including Minister Naughton who commented that Greenhills CC are leading the way in excellence in education for all learners including those with SEN and disabilities.

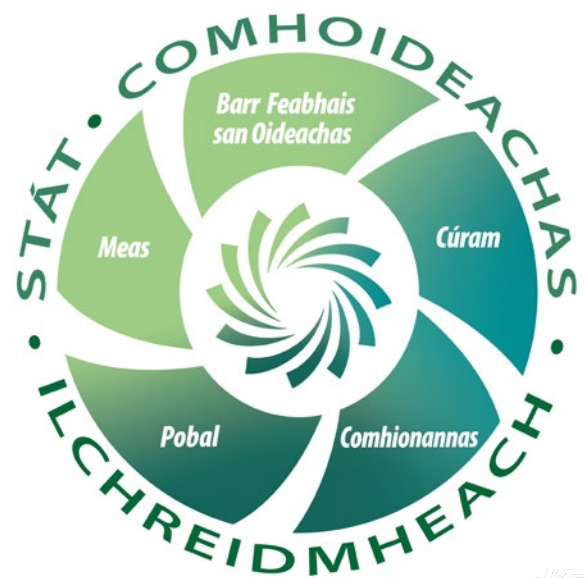
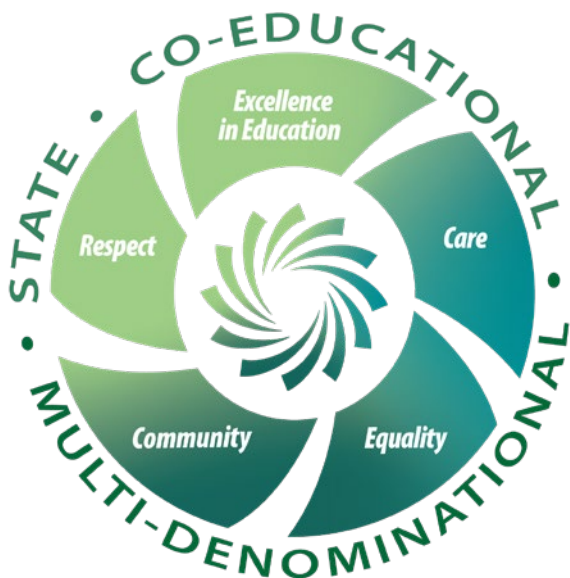
“Congratulations to Principal Noirin Lannon, Deputy Principal Geraldine Leahy, SENCO Ciaran Stone, special education teachers, subject teachers and SNAs on all that you do in Greenhills CC. Your care and commitment to providing excellence in education to all students with diverse needs and strengths in their local community, is truly commendable.” Frances Shannon, DDLETB Development Officer and SAEN Co-ordinator.

Identity, Multi-Belief & Values Lead Education at DDLETB

On Thursday 26th September the IMBVE network of teachers from DDLETB and CDETb came together in our Head Office to collaborate and work on plans for the year for teaching this new curricular expression of ETB Ethos.

An input was given by Claire Geoghegan, Grange CC, and Damien Lee, Greenhills CC, on what lessons have worked well for their learners. Following this, Nadja Friemuth-Cassidy, the Ethos Coordinator of CTETB gave an input on the newly developed Teacher Resource Booklet which she has developed with her colleague in CTETB Ella Rogers- Brown.

Thank you to Claire, Damien and Nadja for their valuable input and to all the teachers who attended and engaged with this collaborative workshop.



Faoi SPRAOI'24



Tá sé mar aidhm ag SPRAOI'24 scoláirí iarbhunscoile na tíre a chur ag gabháil do ghníomhaíochtaí spráíúla agus comórtais trí mheán na Gaeilge agus grá don Ghaeilge agus don chultúr a chothú agus go mór, mór féachaint ar an nGaeilge mar theanga bheo seacha mar rud atá i bhfolach i dtéacsleabhar i mála scoile!

Tá clár spreagúil imeachtaí deartha ag Boird Oideachais agus Oiliúna Éireann le go spreagfaidh sé scoláirí spraoi a bheith acu leis an nGaeilge. Tá an clár oscailte do dhaltaí in iarbhunscoileanna lán-Ghaeilge agus lán-Bhéarla, agus bronnfar duaiseanna flaithiúla ar bhuaiteoirí ó scoileanna lán-Ghaeilge agus lán-Bhéarla chomh maith.

Toisc Boird Oideachais agus Oiliúna Éireann tiomanta don oideachas lán-Ghaeilge agus don teanga, tá cinneadh déanta againn go mbeidh SPRAOI'24 oscailte do gach dalta i nGACH iarbhunscoil, agus ní do hiarbhunscoileanna na mBord Oideachais agus Oiliúna amháin. Is é an réasúnaíocht atá againn ná go bhfuil an Ghaeilge ann do chách; agus ba chóir go mbeadh spraoi ag gach duine le Gaeilge agus leas a bhaint as rannpháirtíocht in SPRAOI'24. Tá an-áthas orainn tabhairt faoin tionscnamh seo.

#Spraoi24 #SpraoiLeGaeilge
#SpraoiSanETB

Má tá ceist agat nó tuilleadh eolais ag teastáil, cuir ríomhphost chugainn ag gean.gilger@etbi.ie

19 Meán Fómhair–4 Nollaig'24

*The aim of **SPRAOI'24** is to engage the country's post-primary students in fun activities and competitions through the medium of Irish and to foster a love for Irish and culture and very much to see Irish as a living language rather than something that is hidden in a textbook in a school bag!*

The Education and Training Board Ireland has designed an exciting program of events to encourage students to have fun with the Irish language. The program is open to students in all-Irish and all-English post-primary schools, and generous prizes will be awarded to winners from all-Irish and all-English schools as well.

Because the Boards of Education and Training Ireland are committed to all-Irish education and the language, we have decided that SPRAOI'24 will be open to all students in ALL post-primary schools, and not just to the post-primary schools of the Boards of Education and Training. Our reasoning is that the Irish language is there for everyone; and everyone should have fun with Irish and benefit from participation in SPRAOI'24. We are very excited to undertake this initiative.

<https://events.etbi.ie/SPRAOI24#/?day=1&lang=ga>



St. Finian's Community College Leads the Way with Phone-Free Initiative for 2024-2025 Academic Year

by the Staff of St. Finian's Community College, Swords

St. Finian's Community College is once again at the forefront of educational innovation, as it embarks on an exciting new initiative for the 2024-2025 academic year by becoming a mobile phone-free school.

This groundbreaking initiative, which came into effect on the very first day of the new school year, is being spearheaded by Principal Patricia Knightly and has the full backing of the entire staff at St. Finian's. The move has also garnered overwhelming support from parents, who see it as a positive step toward enhancing their children's focus and academic performance.

At the heart of the initiative is the introduction of Locker Fix pouches in classrooms. Each student begins their school day by placing their mobile phone into a lockable pouch, which is securely stored for the duration of the school day. Students only regain access to their devices once they leave the school premises. This policy is designed to create phone-free zones within classrooms, reducing distractions and enabling students to fully engage with their studies.

Senior students in 4th, 5th, and 6th years also experience a change during lunchtime, as they are required to go without their phones even when off-campus. This encourages them to focus on face-to-face interactions and rely on cash or a physical bank card for purchases at local shops.

Research strongly supports this initiative, showing that limiting access to personal devices during school hours can lead to improved academic performance, increased attention spans and better overall student well-being.

By creating an atmosphere that fosters greater focus, St. Finian's aims to help students thrive academically and personally. Parents and guardians are encouraged to discuss this new policy with their children and highlight the benefits of a distraction-free learning environment. Their ongoing support is essential to the success of the initiative.

St. Finian's Community College is committed to providing the best possible educational experience for all its students. The introduction of Locker Fix pouches, with the leadership of Principal Patricia Knightly and the unwavering dedication of the staff, will significantly contribute to achieving this goal.

Once again, St. Finian's demonstrates its commitment to focus, excellence, and innovation, making this an exciting and progressive start to the new school year.



Adult Education Service students create an International Cookbook!

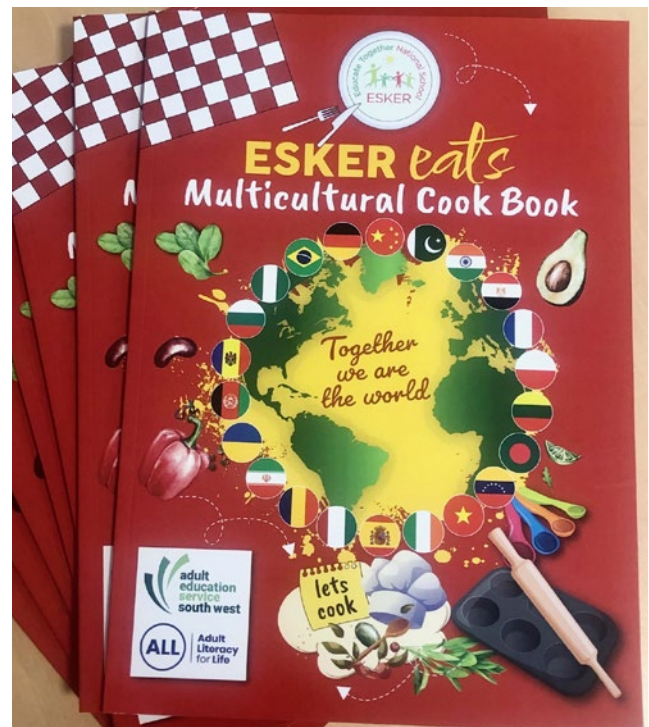
A Family Learning group in Lucan recently launched an amazing International Cookbook. This project was a collaboration between the Adult Education Services in the Southwest and Esker Educate Together National School. The cookbook was funded by the Adult Literacy for Life fund.

Diversity and Inclusion in practice

Esker Educate Together N.S. has a wonderfully diverse student population, with over 30 different nationalities. The group of parents who participated in our course were a good representation of this diversity, with very different backgrounds and needs. Family learning courses take an inclusive and learner-centred approach. Following discussions, they found a common interest in food and cooking.

The group set to work, writing recipes, sharing shopping tips and organising food tastings. They had an idea that they could create a cookbook. We made a successful application to the Adult Literacy for Life fund to work with a printer and create a cookbook. The students had the opportunity to learn about book layout and design and eventually got to take home the finished books.

This Summer (8th of June 2024) we celebrated the group's achievements when they launched their book at the Esker Summer Fete! The parents set a wonderful example for their children and the whole school community by demonstrating the value and joy of lifelong learning.



What is Family Learning?

Family Learning courses are designed for parents, grandparents, guardians and carers. These courses recognise the importance of supporting children to learn both in school and at home. Family learning courses place a particular value on the role of parents and guardians who teach and support children.

Courses are planned and delivered in partnership with local schools and Family Resource Centres, through the support of school Principals, local managers and Home School Community Liaison Teachers.

Family learning courses work best with small groups (approx. 8 students). The tutor incorporates the students' needs and interests into classes where they work on various literacy skills, like writing and computers for example.

Learner quotes;

"I liked being together with a group of parents. Everyone was so friendly and helpful in the family room"

"The course had so much variety and was great fun. We were reading, writing, shopping, taking photos and having food tastings. We collected over 40 recipes for our book!"

"When you are a parent, it can be difficult to do a course; there is a lot of juggling. I'm glad I took the time as I have learned so much".

Next Steps...

Participants on Family learning courses explore various ways to support their children's learning while working on their own skills. Topics covered can include (but are not limited to);

- Help with homework – Literacy, Maths and Digital literacy
- Digital Literacy for Parents – Computers, Smartphone and/or school Apps,
- Literacy Skills for Parents
- Cooking and healthy eating
- Story sacks and story telling
- Learning through play
- QQI Level 2 General Learning modules
- QQI Level 3 Learning to support children in Primary School.



Helen Cleary, Adult Literacy Organiser.

For more information please call: 01 4627127

www.dublinadulthoodeducation.ie/familylearning/



Professional Development at DDLETB

Thank you to our 110 new colleagues from our Community National Schools, Community Colleges and FET centres that attended our DDLETB Induction Session on Thursday, September 12th.

Whether you are new to teaching, a PME or an experienced teacher joining DDLETB, it was an interesting and beneficial evening, and it was great to meet you all.

We will be in touch with additional pop-up support sessions through-out the academic year, so keep an eye out for emails from the Development Team.

We wish you all the very best of luck in your new roles and careers and we look forward to working with you closely in the future.

Welcome to #Teamddletb

A few dates for the Diary:

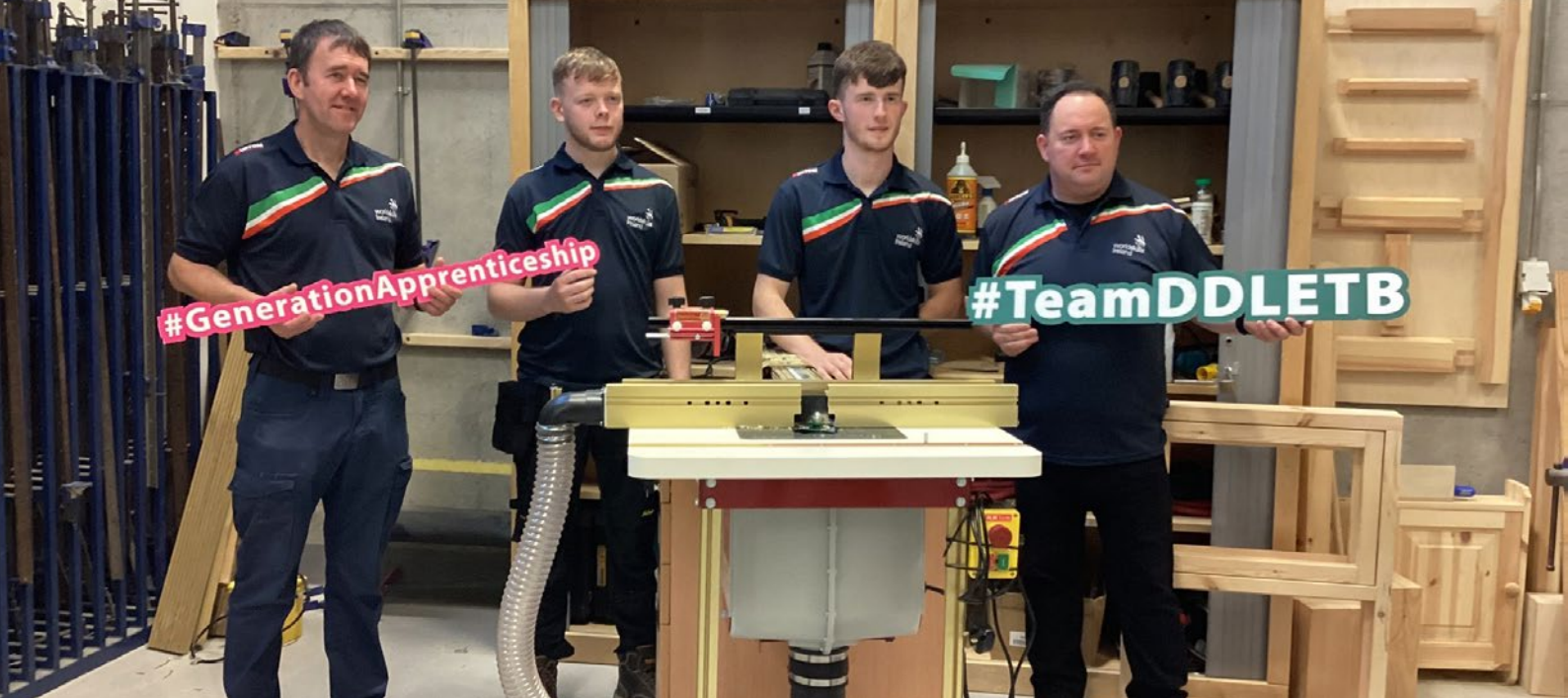
October 22nd Child Protection Training for Designated Liaison Persons (DLPs)

November 12th Child Protection Webinar for school staff

November 14th Child Protection Webinar for school staff

November 25th SC RSE training for Teachers

There are various dates for CPD and network sessions for DEIS, SAEN, Digital, Digital Media, Leadership Connect, Inter-Schools Competitions, ETHOS and more scheduled over the coming months. Please check emails and Teams for further details.



DDLETB at Higher Options and WorldSkills 2024

From September 25th to 27th, the RDS played host to both the Higher Options and WorldSkills Ireland 2024, and DDLETB was proud to be a participant at both events. The events brought together thousands of students from across Ireland who were eager to explore their future study and career paths.

At the Higher Options exhibition, our Further Education and Training team, comprised of staff from different areas of education and training, were on hand to offer guidance. It was fantastic to engage with so many students curious about the range of opportunities available within DDLETB.

Whether students were interested in apprenticeships, post leaving cert courses, or reskilling options, our team was there to answer all questions and provide direction. A special shout-out to our Travel & Tourism students from Stillorgan College of Further Education who supported Fáilte Ireland during the event and took the time to stop by and say hello. Your involvement and professionalism were greatly appreciated!



Meanwhile, the WorldSkills Ireland 2024 competition showcased the exceptional talents of students and apprentices in various fields. Huge congratulations to Aaron, Sean, and Ciarán for their remarkable achievements at the event! Aaron and Seán proudly represented Tallaght Training Centre, while Ciarán took home the victory in the Carpentry section for Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute.

We also extend congratulations to the apprentices from Baldoyle Training Centre, who shared their inspiring journeys into apprenticeship. A big thanks goes out to the instructors, teachers, and staff who supported all participants throughout their journey.

Our DDLETB Training Centers were also actively present in the Further Education and Training Village, offering expert advice on future training and apprenticeship opportunities, as well as our Bicycle Maintenance course which gave a hands-on look at the skills and opportunities available in this growing field, highlighting yet another exciting pathway within DDLETB's training offerings.

DDLETB greatly appreciates the exceptional support from our staff at both events, who provided invaluable guidance to both parents and learners, expertly advising them on all available options for their future studies. The events were a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the hard work and skills of our students and apprentices, while also providing a platform for future learners to explore the many pathways available through DDLETB.





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Teacher Leadership

The Teacher Leadership Programme 2024- 2025 kicked off with the first Facilitators training day taking place in Head Office. There were 22 facilitators representing their schools and preparing to lead their TLP teams.

The group were given some expert advice from previous Facilitators and TLP project winners. Mairin Brady, Deputy Principal in Firhouse CC whose TLP team won in 2022 for their project which focused on developing independent learners and Robert Mahon who led the winning Skerries CC team in 2023 for their project which worked on empowering students to take ownership of their learning. Thank you to both Mairin and Robert for sharing their experiences.

We are excited to work with our new Teacher Leadership Teams and we are looking forward to seeing the results of their hard work and how these projects will support learning and teaching in our schools.

Year Head Support and Development Programme

Thank you to those who took part in the pilot for this new programme during last academic year 2023-2024. 31-year heads from our schools supported our pilot and gave invaluable feedback and input on the programme.

The aim of this programme is to provide support and professional development to Post-Primary Year Heads in various areas, and to also provide an opportunity for collaboration and peer support.

The programme will officially launch this term and the Development Team will be in touch with school leaders in the coming weeks with programme and registration details.

Where are they now?

We're always excited to see how our DDLETB learners progress after completing their educational journey with us. Discover what some of our past learners have been up to and where their paths have taken them!



Eoin Doyle **Firhouse Community** **College**

Eoin Doyle was in 6th year in 2020, the school closed in March because of Covid, and he never went back to finish school, graduate or do his Leaving Cert.

Eoin then completed a two-year apprenticeship working and attending Ballsbridge College of Further Education studying Auctioneering and Property Services. He graduated in June 2022 as an estate agent and auctioneer.

He is now furthering his career while going into 3rd year in TUD Bolton Street studying Property Economics and working part time in a Real Estate Advisor company.



Ryan Doyle **Firhouse Community** **College**

Ryan Doyle graduated in June 2023.

He is going into 2nd year in TUD Tallaght studying Mechanical Engineering. Ryan is a member of the Taekwondo Ireland Team and competes Worldwide, because of this he was awarded a place on the TU Dublin Athlete Support Programme, which offers support to elite athletes.



Peter Cao, Class of 2024, Grange Community College

Peter received an amazing 601 points in his Leaving Cert, guaranteeing him a place in his number one choice on his CAO of Computer Science in Trinity College Dublin.

Peter had an early interest in Science and Technology, choosing to study and excel in Biology, Physics and DCG for his Leaving Cert. Grange Community College leaders and staff are beyond proud of Peter and his wonderful achievements during his six years in school.



Rebeka Rozsa, Class of 2024, Grange Community College

Rebeka was delighted with her Leaving Cert results, as were entire Grange CC Community. Rebeka has begun a new adventure to Grange Community College of Further Education to study Airport Business and staff at GCC are delighted to see Rebeka walk back through the doors as a college student.

Rebeka has always had a keen interest in Business and has studied this subject since first year. She hopes to use this degree and carry it to Dublin City University to study Business in the next academic year.



Séanda O'Hara Coláiste Pobail Setanta

Séanda attended Coláiste Pobail Setanta for five Years (Sep 2014 to June 2019). Séadna was a student in the Croí Autism class where he successfully completed 16 QQI level 2 modules over his five years in Coláiste Pobail Setanta.

After graduating in June 2019, he transitioned to the National Learning Network for three years.

In more recent Years (2022-2024) Séadna undertook and completed a 2-year Certificate in Arts, Science and Inclusive Applied Practice at the Trinity Centre for people with Intellectual Disabilities in Trinity College Dublin. Graduation for the course will be in February 2025.

Séadna on 30th September 2024, started a Trinity College Dublin assisted internship with Mr Price, Blanchardstown Shopping Centre as a salesperson. Well done Séanda on all your academic achievements and for securing an internship with Mr Price.



Darren Mc Grath Adamstown CC

Since completing his education at Adamstown Community College, Darren has embarked on a remarkable journey at Maynooth University, where he studied Accounting and Finance. Despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, he persevered and graduated with first-class honours. Darren's academic experience was further enriched by a year-long internship with KPMG Ireland, specifically within the Consumer Industrial Markets (CIM) audit team, during his third year. This invaluable opportunity led to an offer for a place on their prestigious graduate programme.

For the past three years, Darren has been honing his skills at KPMG, working with both multinational corporations and domestic clients. His dedication has paid off as He recently completed the ACA (Chartered Accountant) exams and is preparing to apply for membership upon concluding his training contract. While the future holds various possibilities—whether continuing his journey with KPMG or venturing into industry—Darren is filled with excitement for the next step in his career and the Adamstown CC community is very proud of his achievements.

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