



Principal's Page Summer 2019

As we come to the end of a wonderful 2018/2019 school year I would like to reflect on some hi-lights and memorable moments over the last 12 months. Browsing through the School Website and Facebook gallery, we can be reassured that our pupil's journey through OLG C School has been an incredibly eventful and exciting one;

The Fashion Show, the Junior Cycle, the School Tours, the bus trips on social training outings, the Santa Visits, the Aistear Programme, the work experience programmes, Parent's Open Evening, School Mass, Ballincollig Intermediate Hurlers visiting after winning the County final, Birthday Parties, Maths Recovery lessons, Lamh Choir, Jerry's Disco, Yoga, Graduation Ceremony, New Pupil's Induction day, Integration with Scoil Barra, Ballincollig Community School and Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin, Retirement parties, Winning Cooking and Growing Competitions, winning Local and National Credit Union Competitions, participation and medals in Special Olympics' Horse Riding, Gymnastics and Swimming, the Buddy Programme, the Spraoi track, New Babies!, New Shed, Mile a Day, visiting Fire-Brigade, Gardaí, Assistance dogs,... the Summer Holidays!!

The School Facebook account has documented and chronicled the year's events in pictures and videos.

Thank you to the wonderful Parents Association, with your continued support, dedication and encouragement, in partnership with the Board of Management and Staff we strive to create a school environment and atmosphere that promotes learning, friendships and fun!

Thank you to the Board of Management for their tireless voluntary dedication and commitment to the pupils, families and staff of OLG C School. We are very grateful to the Parents Nominees Mary Mulcahy and Kevin Sheehan, who with wisdom, perspective and intuition, served the Board over the last 8 years respectively. We will begin the process of electing new parent's nominees to the Board in September 2019.

Thank you to our wonderful ancillary staff. Tanya and Janice in the Office keep the show on the road daily, and do so with a smile, a kind word and a "no problem" attitude!

Denis and Pauline are the dream team Care-Taker and Cleaner combo! Our School is kept safe, spotlessly clean and well cared for under their watch, and we are very grateful for your hard work.

Thank you to Tim our new Bus-Driver, who assumes many roles when driving our pupils to social training trips. The School Bus features so prominently in the day to day lives of the pupils. It literally is the vehicle in which we access the community to learn, to socialise, to participate and to integrate. Willie Maher drove the new bus to OLG School for the first time in 2006. Willie put up a lot of mileage over the last 13 years, and as he retired over the Easter holidays, thoughts of retiring the bus began to take shape. We are actively looking for a sponsor for a new school bus to take us on more journeys and drive us towards wonderful new experiences in the future!

We are very proud of our 6 graduates, Alexander, Cole, Emma, Jerry, Jordan and Samuel. They have impacted so positively on the entire school community, and OLG School is a better school because of their part in it. We wish you all every happiness as you progress to your adult placements.

We look forward to forging relationships with 6 new families and making new memories together into the future.

A huge thank you to the Teachers, the SNAs and the MDT Team who epitomise everything good about OLG School, what it has achieved and what it aspires to do. Wishing you all a restful, exciting and fun summer holiday!

And lastly, but not least, to the boys and girls of OLG School. You are our inspiration and our motivation. ***Together we learn*** is our School motto, and it accurately depicts the year's achievements. I hope you all have a brilliant summer; swim, run, cycle, dance, play and have so much fun! Remember to do jobs for Mom and Dad...especially Mom!!, and be safe and happy.

Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí

Happy Holidays,
Samhradh Shona Daoibhse go Léir,

Aisling.

