



Scoil Chonglais



Halloween

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

Extra-Curricular Activities

Our Extra-Curricular activities are proving very successful. Our sign-up day was a resounding success and I think it is safe to say we have new members to all of our clubs and societies! The sports we currently offer are: athletics, badminton, golf, equestrian, show jumping, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, GAA, football and hurling.

Clubs and Societies we offer are: reading club, chess, games club, student council, trad group, table tennis, German Club, music group, debating, green schools, Gaisce, student PR team and School of Sanctuary society.

If your child wishes to join any of our clubs or would like more information please ask them to speak to Mr Rooney Kane.



Evening Study

Evening Study is open to all students in all year groups. Places for Evening Study are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Attendance is monitored. To help with planning and budgeting for the year ahead, a breakdown of term times and costs is available below.

Term 1: (10 weeks) Monday 6th October to Thursday 18th December. Cost €110

Term 2: (10 weeks) Monday 12th January to Thursday 26th March. Cost €110

Term 3: (6 weeks) Monday 20th of April to Thursday 28th May. Cost €65

For more information please contact Mr. Rooney (paulrooney@kwetb.ie)

School Lotto

Scoil Chonglais Post Primary School

Fundraiser Lotto

Your support makes a real difference
Jackpot increases every week plus a weekly winner prize

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Pick 4 numbers
The same numbers will be played for you each week

Pay

**1 line for €2.50, 2 lines for €4
or 3 lines for €5**
Maximum 3 lines per person

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Match 4 numbers to win the Jackpot

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Upcoming Dates to Note

- **Oct. 24th** Parents Council Quiz and Raffle/ Mid-term Break
- **Nov 25th and Dec 15th** – School Closed to Students (Staff Training)
- **Nov 10th** – 5th Year PTM and Shoebox Appeal Deadline
- **Nov 11th** – Gaeilge 24
- **Nov 18th** – 2nd Year PTM
- **Dec 3rd – 9th** – 1st, 2nd, TY and 5th Year Exams
- **Dec 22nd** – Christmas Holidays

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our Scoil Chonglais School Lotto to date! Your contributions are making a real difference to our school community, helping us to enhance resources and opportunities for our students. If you haven't had a chance to join yet, it's easy to sign up and be part of our fundraiser. Simply visit www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/scoilchonglais/ to get started. Your continued support is greatly appreciated – every ticket helps!



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Enrolment 2026-2027

Applications to the First Year Group 2026/2027 in Scoil Chonglais are currently accepted and the closing date for receipt of applications is 31/10/2025. Applications received after this date will be considered and processed as late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy. Copies of the Annual Admission Notice for 2026-2027, Admissions Policy and Application form for 2026-2027 are all available on our website.



Parents Council Table Quiz and Raffle



Lip Sync



Library

A reminder that our newly refurbished School Library is Open at Lunch every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and offers a quiet space for students.



An Important update for all involved in the Scoil Chonglais X Baltinglass GAA Lip Sync Battle Fundraiser.

Our first rehearsal with the choreographer will be held at the following times:

- Scoil Chonglais Teachers and Students Rehearsal: Friday 7th November, in the school hall from 1:05 - 2:05pm.
- Baltinglass GAA Representative Acts: Friday 7th November, in the school hall from 7:00 - 8:30pm.



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Sports for All

Our wonderful Sports for All coaches were presented with their certificates a couple of weeks ago. These dedicated students gave up their time to coach children with additional needs in the GAA club each week over the summer. This role is incredibly important to the children who participate and we are sure these student coaches had a rewarding experience also. A huge thank to Catherine Fleming for coordinating and to Paula Doyle for presenting the certificates, particularly the morning after the Couty Final!!

The students involved are as follows: Sadhbh Reardon, Henry Byrne, Sarah Doyle, Senan Whelan, Lucy Canavan, Zara Foley, Sarah Breen, Caoimhe Howard and Conor Cullen.



Maths Week

Well done to all our students who assisted with and participated in our Maths Week! It was a huge success!



Chess Tournament

Good Luck to our Chess Team who will be participating in a Tournament in Arklow on Friday!

Home Economics - Spooky Treats

The Home Economics Department has been busy this week whipping up some spook-tacular Halloween treats! Students have been showcasing their creativity and culinary skills by making a range of deliciously scary goodies – from creepy cupcakes and monster cookies to ghostly brownies and pumpkin-inspired bakes. The classrooms have been filled with the sights (and smells!) of Halloween fun as students experimented with spooky decorations and seasonal flavours. It's been a wonderful way to celebrate the festive season while practising important cookery skills.

Well done to all our talented young bakers for their frightfully fantastic creations



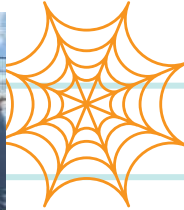


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Meitheal Leaders

Thank you to our fantastic team of Meitheal Leaders. This group of 6th year students dedicated some of their summer holidays to train to become Meitheal Leaders. We are very proud of the support and kindness they have offered to our first years students!



Senior Prefects

At Scoil Chonglais, we are proud of the leadership shown by our students. Each year, our Head Boy, Head Girl, and Senior Prefect Team play an important role in representing the student body, supporting school life, and promoting the values at the heart of our community.

This year, our Head Girl, Emily Canavan and Head Boy, Dylan Byrne, lead by example through their commitment, responsibility, and enthusiasm. Dylan and Emily represent the student voice at official school functions, welcome guests to the school, and act as role models for younger students. They work closely with staff to encourage a positive school atmosphere and ensure that the student voice is always heard and respected.



Student Council

At Scoil Chonglais, we believe that every student should have a voice in shaping school life. Our Student Council plays an important role in representing the views of the student body and helping to make our school an even better place to learn, grow, and belong.

The Council is made up of elected representatives from each year group who work together with teachers and school management to discuss ideas, raise concerns, and plan initiatives that benefit the whole school community. Meetings are held regularly throughout the year, providing students with the opportunity to share their opinions and contribute to decision-making on issues that matter to them.

We are very proud of our Student Council and the contribution they make to the Scoil Chonglais community. Their enthusiasm and commitment reflect the values at the heart of our school: respect, responsibility, and participation.



Ethos Ambassadors

Our Ethos Ambassadors will be very busy in the coming months promoting our core values and organising Ethos Week, fundraising events, Amber Flag events and various other wellbeing activities.





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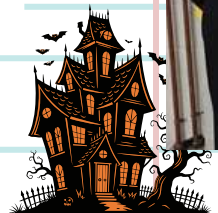
Study and College Visits

- 6th Years participated in a Brain Box Study workshop at the start of September. It was very beneficial.
- 6th Years travelled to World Skills and Higher Options last Thursday. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to gain an insight into colleges and apprenticeships.
- 5th and 6th Years attended UL Open Day Oct 17th
- The SETU Carlow Open Day will take place on Thursday 23rd October.



Empathy Award

Recently our school was awarded the Empathy Schools Award by the international charity Narrative 4. This award celebrates schools that actively promote empathy, kindness, and connection among students and staff. As part of the program, our students and teachers took part in Narrative 4's Story Exchange, a unique experience where we shared and retold each other's stories. Through this, we learned to see the world through someone else's eyes — building understanding, respect, and emotional intelligence.



Attendance Drive

Are you ready for an Attendance Competition!!

Running for the month of **NOVEMBER**



Every base class will compete against each other in their Year group for the **highest attendance rate!**



Screens will display weekly results and what base class is currently winning!



At the end of November the Base class with the highest attendance wins!!



WHO WILL BE CROWNED CHAMPIONS?



Dress Up Day - Fri 24th Oct





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Transition Year News

The Transition Year (TY) students at Scoil Chonglais have had a busy and exciting start to the year, participating in a wide variety of educational, creative, and outdoor activities designed to develop skills, resilience, and leadership.

- TY students took part in the EISHT Emotional and Mental Self-Defence workshop over two days. Using Lego Serious Play and other interactive resources, students explored self-awareness, personal development, and strategies to build resilience.
- A representative from the No Name Club visited Scoil Chonglais to introduce students to their organisation and encourage new memberships, inspiring students to engage in community service.
- Work Experience – TY students began their work experience placements in a wide variety of local businesses, gaining practical skills and insight into different career paths.
- Camping Trip to Graiguenamanagh – Thirty-six TY students enjoyed two action-packed days camping in Graiguenamanagh. Activities included canoeing and hydrocycles on the River Barrow, as well as a scenic hike. The trip provided an opportunity for teamwork, outdoor adventure, and fun.
- National Ploughing Match Championship – Twenty-nine TY students attended the National Ploughing Championships in Scraggan, Tullamore. With over 2,000 stalls, live demonstrations, and career information, the students had the chance to explore agriculture, rural enterprise, and new technologies.
- Future Leaders GAA Programme – Students began the Future Leaders GAA programme, gaining hands-on experience in coaching, refereeing, event management, and promoting health and wellbeing. Five students refereed their first matches at a local GAA pitch, demonstrating their leadership skills.
- TY students participated in a number of Enterprise Talks in preparation for our Annual Christmas Fair.
- The Climate Fresk
- Sara from Waggle Learning delivered a Climate Fresk Workshop to TY students on Tuesday 14th October. After the first half of the workshop looking at climate change, the groups focused on how to lower their carbon footprint and finished off with an activity building a more sustainable Baltinglass (out of Lego). This really opened up the student's creativity. The last group will complete this workshop on Thursday 23rd October.
- First Aid Training – Our TY students completed First Aid training which was very beneficial to them all. They even learned how to use our onsite defibrillator.
- Home Economic classes have been very busy at Tearmann Community Garden.
- TY Geography students had the opportunity to busy The Lord's Wood to complete a Field Study! These activities reflect the broad and dynamic Transition Year experience at Scoil Chonglais, helping students develop skills, independence, and confidence while having fun and engaging with their community.





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School Lotto Halloween Giveaway!



SCOIL CHONGLAIS POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

HALLOWEEN GIVEAWAY COMPETITION

OCTOBER **23** 2025

This nationwide competition is open to all participants who have a ticket in a fundraiser run by our service provider 'Our Fundraiser'.



€2,000 SHOP TILL
CASH PRIZE YOU DROP!



€500 AMAZON
GIFT CARD IRELAND



CONCERT THE
TICKETS X 2 WEEKEND

TO WIN

Answer a call from 'Our Fundraiser' after 7pm and answer the question correctly:

What vegetable is traditionally used to carve a lantern at Halloween?

(a) Cabbage (b) Onion (c) Pumpkin

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