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Pictured at Davitt College during the visit by the Mayor of Hochstadt were, from left: Dr Martin Oberle, Mayor Gerald Brehm, Ian O' Riordan (Student of German), sculptor Cathal McCarthy, German teacher Ailish Mc Donagh, Owen Patten (Student of German), German teacher Annette Newell, Davitt College principal Conor O'Reilly.

Castlebar school takes part in novel initiative

On Friday, April 1, the Mayor of the German town of Hochstadt, Gerald Brehm, and local sculptor Cathal McCarthy were welcomed to Davitt College by principal Conor O'Reilly. Mr McCarthy gave an interesting presentation to Mayor Brehm, outlining his ideas for his sculpture of Peace for Höchstadt.

This sculpture will be a celebration of the Freundschaft (Friendship) and Partnerschaft (Partnership) that has existed between Castlebar and Höchstadt, twin towns since September 24, 2000.

Mayor Brehm also met with German teachers Annette Newell, Linda Monaghan and Ailish McDonagh, as well as German language

learners.

This sculpture project is in collaboration with students from Realschule Höchstadt and Davitt College in Castlebar, sister schools since 2002.

German language learners in Davitt College and English language learners in Realschule Höchstadt will be given an opportunity to create short poems (Elfchen) on the theme of peace, which will then be recorded by the artist and installed into the sculpture in Höchstadt.

Since 2000, there have been several fruitful collaborations and exchanges between Castlebar and Höchstadt an der Aisch in Bavaria.

Following submissions from Castlebar-based artists, a deputation from Höchstadt arrived in

Castlebar to visit Mr McCarthy's studio and went to see some of his public works.

Mr McCarthy travelled to Höchstadt in late 2019 for a meeting with the Mayor Brehm, council representative Dr Eberhard Ranger, Johanna Blum and Tanya Fischer, an English teacher from Realschule Höchstadt.

It was decided by the Höchstadt Council to commission the artist to create a contemporary artwork exploring the theme of 'Peace' for their town park in collaboration with the young language learners of sister schools Realschule Höchstadt and Davitt College Castlebar.

The theme of Peace is a particularly important one for Europe. Now more than ever with the

current crisis in the Ukraine is the voice of young people writing and sharing their thoughts and ideas about peace an important and invaluable initiative.

2022 is also the European Year of Youth. This sculpture will celebrate the twinning of Höchstadt and Castlebar and bring an important focus to the theme of peace.

The completed sculpture will take pride of place in the 'Park of the Cultural Mile' in Höchstadt. Student voices from Davitt College and Realschule Höchstadt will be heard in the park as people come close to the sound-activated sculpture.

Davitt College German Department is looking forward to being part of this collaborative project.

Cyclist received 'glancing blow' after lorry driver misjudged traffic calming measures

A lorry driver involved in a minor collision with a cyclist has been fined. Brian Callaghan, aged 57, of Chancery, Turlough, Castlebar pleaded guilty at the local district court to a charge of careless driving. Insp Senan Wall said gardai received a report from a cyclist who had been struck by a lorry while cycling on the N5 between Turlough and Ballyvary on May 27 last. Insp Wall explained that Callaghan was driving a lorry at Ballyvary when he saw two cyclists on the left-hand side of the road and sounded the horn

as he drove up behind them. He sounded the horn a second time while overtaking the cyclists. One of the cyclists received a 'glancing blow' from the lorry. "The cyclist was not badly injured but called to the gardai station afterwards to report the incident," explained the gardai inspector. Solicitor Tom Walsh said Callaghan was conscious of cyclists wearing earplugs and blew his horn twice to warn them he was approaching. There were traffic calming measures on the road and the defendant mis-

judged them. The collision occurred after the cyclist veered out onto the road to avoid the traffic calming measures.

"He hit off an arm protruding from the truck for a canopy. The fact is, my client drove too close to the cyclist," said Mr Walsh, adding that Callaghan is a professional driver who has no previous convictions. Imposing a fine of €250, Judge Marie Keane said cyclists can sometimes take exception to drivers blowing their horns when, in fact, it is nothing but a warning.

Funding provided for upgrade of community playground in popular seaside resort

Mayo TD Michael Ring has welcomed the announcement that funding of €15,852 is being provided to Mayo Co Council under the Play and Recreation Grant Scheme 2022. The funding is for the upgrade of the Community Playground in the popular seaside resort of Keel on Achill Island.

"The purpose of the 2022 DCEDIY Play and Recreation Capital Funding Scheme is to support refurbishment of play and recreation amenities for

children and young people," explained Deputy Ring., "to include the provision of new equipment, the refurbishment of existing play facilities, with an emphasis on natural play areas." Deputy Ring explained that a key criteria of the scheme is that proposed projects must be accessible and inclusive for all children; other criteria measured included the added value of each project to young people and assurances regarding the safety of fa-

cilities comprising the proposed projects.

"I am pleased that funding has been allocated to upgrade the playground in Keel as this an essential facility for local children and for the high number of tourist families and children visiting Achill, particularly during the summer months," concluded Deputy Ring. Fine Gael Deputy Alan Dillon and Fianna Fáil Senator Lisa Chambers have also welcomed the funding announcement.

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