

Principal's Report 2014-15

Summarising the happenings in our school this year, I am filled with a sense of pride modified by humility at having the privilege to work as Principal in such a vibrant, caring, progressive, innovative and, most importantly, happy school.

The work and dedication of the staff to the holistic education of the students in our school is truly remarkable. When I say staff I mean everyone that works in this school, teachers, special needs assistants, secretaries, caretakers and cleaners. The way that they work together to provide a culture of helping and caring is equally remarkable.

Teaching and Learning are the cornerstones of our job. As you will see from the outline of the activities undertaken in our school this is not reserved for just the classroom. The willingness of teachers to get involved in extra-curricular activities and professional development is very evident and ensures that the school is a thriving part of the wider community.








The collaboration of parents, teachers and students has manifested itself in many activities this year. To this end I am very thankful to the parents and their association for their active supporting engagement with the school.









Our students never fail to raise my spirits. The good natured and happy way they conduct themselves on a daily basis is, I believe, a manifestation of the pastoral care system in the school. It reflects of the desire of their parents to see their children not only succeed academically but socially as well.






We look forward to expanding and enhancing our facilities next year. The funding provided for additional accommodation will, I hope, further enhance the educational experience for all members of our school community.






Like the conductor of an orchestra I do not produce the wonderful music of success, which can be felt everyday in our school. My role is merely to facilitate and support others in their efforts. It is the players in the orchestra that produce the music. I would like to single out one player, that is, Ms. Lyons our Deputy Principal, who on a daily basis ensures the smooth running of the remarkable community which is St. Louis Community School.








To conclude I wish to thank those who serve on the Board of Management for their help and support throughout the year, the level of knowledge of board members and their openness to innovation allow us all to advance and reach our potential.





Teaching and Learning			
Forbairt Programme team	School has been accepted for the Forbairt Programme. The Principal, Deputy Principal and 2 teachers Ms. Lynn Anderson and Ms. Regina Anderson have taken part in the training. We had a lot more interested in joining this team but we were only permitted to have 4 on the team.	Principal and Deputy in Athlone and Portlaoise, All four in Castlebar. Active research project to improve teaching and learning. Basis will be to create an awareness among a group of students/teachers on the effect of stating learning outcomes, keywords and reflection on learning. Surveys have been conducted with staff and 5th year students. A Focus group of 5th years have been selected and a meeting with the PDST will take place in the school on 21st April	 <p>U-16 Girls Basketball All-Ireland Champions Well done to the Team and Coaches you have done us proud.</p>  <p>Alisha Houlahan (Left) and Adrienne Walsh (Right) Have been chosen to go to the Youth Strategy in Droke Park on Thursday 10th February. These students have been asked to give their views on the 'Governments Five Year Youth Plan'. Alisha is member of the Youth Advisory Committee for Forgive and as part of her role she works with the Youth Participation officer of Forgive. Adrienne is a member of the National Council of Forgive. Well done girls, a great achievement.</p>   <p>Credit Union Art Competition Winners on Left Doodle 4 Google competition entrants on Right</p>  <p>The ZIPIT Stars From the Big Brother Big Sister day out in May</p>  <p>Big Brother Big Sister Special Achievement Award winners.</p>  <p>Western People Table Tennis Sports Star Award Winner 2015. Brian Dunleavy Well done Brian</p>
Leading Learning workshops	Ms. J Ryan, Ms. L. Anderson, Mr. D Concannon, Ms. T. Kenny, Ms. G. Kelly and Ms. D. Haran have attended leading learning courses in Trim and Athlone.	These courses focused on Building learning power and making small changes to significantly effect learning. The idea of these courses is to engage teachers in discourse on learning and learning strategies/methodologies.	
Dyslexia Course	Ms. D. Haran, Ms. S. Ottewell and Ms. Brennan have completed training in this area on Saturdays.	Thanks to these teachers for giving of their time.	
Special Needs Qualifications	Both Ms. L. Dollard and Ms. G. Kelly have almost completed their further studies in SEN and will receive qualifications from St. Angelas College and Trinity College respectively	Thank you to both these teachers for undertaking the programmes, the knowledge gained will undoubtedly help to enhance our already well advanced AEN Department.	





Droichead Programme Team	We have been selected again as a pilot school for this programme. The team consists of Ms. A. McAlpine, Ms. J. Ryan, Mr. C. Doherty and Mr. A. Finn	Two teachers have undergone the NQT programme this year, Ms. S. Mahon and Ms. P. McCann. This involved mentoring and supervision from the Droichead team.	 <p>Well done to the 1st year girls and their coach Mr. Kennedy. They had a great run against Mercy Secondary School, Sligo. They now top this group and qualify for a Connacht semi-final.</p>
Teaching Practice	We had students from NUIG, St. Angela's, UL and St. Pats Thurles for their teaching practice this year. Next year we have agreed to accept students from NUIG, UL, St. Pats, St. Angelas, Letterfrack, DCU and Hibernia College. An induction day for these students will take place on 24 th of August.	The Droichead team and other teachers will collaborate with these teachers as mentors and engage in observation of teaching.	 <p>Alisha Houlihan has been awarded a scholarship for the 'Journalism and New Media' course in Griffith College, Dublin. Well done Alisha we are proud of you.</p>
	NUIG Mentoring Programme	Ms. G. Byrnes has attended the programme for mentoring teaching practice students. The Two year PGME will present problems and opportunities for all schools.	 <p>Careers Fair Held in School on Fri 9th and Sat 10th of January</p>  <p>SCIENCE</p> <p>Some students Pictured with their Guidance teachers. Ms. Ruane on Left and Ms. Kenny on Right</p>
Instructional Leadership Team	3 teachers (Mr. C. Doherty, Ms. A. McAlpine and Ms. M. Garvin) have completed this programme in March. There was a lot of demand by teachers to get involved in the next round and as a result 3 more teachers will undertake the instructional leadership programme (Ms. G. Kelly, Ms. J. Ryan and Ms. R. Anderson) Another 3 places can be availed of next year which would allow us to have 9 teachers (20% of staff) trained in Instructional leadership.	Teachers taking part on this programme do so with the understanding that they will try the skills taught and share knowledge gained with staff. The areas covered on the course include learning styles, active teaching methodologies, classroom management, concept formation and attainment, mind mapping and framing questioning to achieve higher order thinking using blooms taxonomy.	
Assessment for learning Team	A group of teachers, Ms. L. Anderson, Ms. A. Ueno, Mr. C. Doherty, Ms. L. Dollard, Ms. S. Ottewell, Ms. A. McAlpine and Ms. P. McCann have met on two occasions since Christmas	The purpose of this group is to explore what Assessment for learning is and to see what strategies could be used across subject areas to enhance learning in this school	 <p>Our School has received Ambassador Status for the 2nd year in a row. Well done to everyone.</p>  <p>Catholic Schools Week 28th January - 30th January.</p> <p>The St. Louis Motto 'Ut sint unum' (that they may be one) 'Dieu le Veult' (God Wills It)</p> 

AEN (Additional Educational Needs)	Our allocation of resource hours has increased by 18hours and we will have an allocation of 4 SNAs, while this is a welcome increase we will be stretched to provide support as our intake of students with AEN has increased considerably. Mr. Concannon has also attended SESS workshop on special needs allocations in St. Angelas College.		 <p>Recently Appointed Chaplaincy Group also shown is the lenten garden they created.</p>
JCSP Programme	The Junior Certificate Schools programme has increased to 50 students. Workshops have been organised by Ms. Kelly, the school is now the only school in Mayo to have a free online book scheme for mobile devices as part of the JCSP programme	Thanks to Ms. Kelly for all her work in this area, the increased numbers will mean an additional 0.25 WTE in allocations next year.	 <p>Computer programming with SCRATCH St. Louis Coding Club starts next Thursday 15-01-15 Club Open to All Years Beginners Level 4pm-6pm (5 week duration)</p>
School Self Evaluation Team	A group of teachers Ms. G. Kelly, Ms. L. Anderson, Ms. R. Anderson and Ms. J. Ryan have met on two occasions and have met with the department inspector Ms. M. Morrison to plan for school self evaluation	The plan for the next few years is attached to the Board minutes. See Appendix A	 <p>Prize winners well done.</p> <p>1. Sean og Flayne, All Ireland Solo na r6g set dancer. He is one of the eight members of the team. 2. Cathal Curry, Adrien O'Connell, Richard Conlon and Glen Charlton came 3rd in North West Region for Cross Country. 3. Aislinn Houlahan, Aidan Conboy, Juliet McGrath qualified for the Crossnaught finals in Cross Country. Teacher Ms. Marie Flanagan</p>
Inspection of School in UK	The principal has attended an Inspection tour of a school in Derby organised by the NAPD	Some food for thought	
Associates	Junior Cycle	Mr. C. Doherty and Ms. A. Ueno have been appointed as National Associates and will deliver training if and when the Junior Cycle developments resume.	 <p>Junior Certificate Students attending a cooking demonstration in the School</p>
	NIPT (National Induction Programme for Teachers)	Ms. A. McAlpine has been appointed as a National Associate and has delivered inservice nationally on teacher induction	
	PDST (professional Development Service for teachers)	Mr. C. Doherty has been appointed as a National Associate, and will be participating in the delivery of leadership training.	 <p>Scholarships 12th Feb @ 7:00pm</p>

Practical Examiners	The following teachers were involved in correcting practical tasks/projects Ms. McNulty, Home Economics Ms. McAlpine, LCA Tasks Ms. Ueno, Art practicals Ms. niFhlaithearta Irish Orals	The experience gained by these teachers will add to the learning experience of students in our school. Thanks again to Ms. Lyons for organising the cover to allow teachers to avail of these opportunities.	 <p>Gaioise Silver Award Winners Caomhe Goldrick Ondine Flynn Rosa Maye With Teacher Ms. Marie O'Meara Well done to all!</p>
Work Experience	Transition year have completed 3 weeks work experience.	Thanks to Mr. Dunleavy for organising this.	 <p>St. Louis An Ambassador School for Mental Health Attend Cycle against Suicide Annual Congress in RDS Jan 2015</p>
	PLC have completed one week Work Experience for Childcare, Nursing, Communications, Childcare, Business and business and a Dance Workshop. All other courses in PLC complete work experience on a weekly basis!	Thanks to Ms. Ottewell for organising these.	 <p>Congratulations to Ailbhin English (2nd yr) who was selected as one of the semi finalists in this years "Doodle 4 Google" Competition</p>
	Dermatological Training course and Dermatological Marketing Workshop have taken place in the school for Beauty Therapy Students	Thanks to Ms. Ottewell for organising these events.	
	5th year Students are on work experience as part of their LCVP programme	Thanks to Mr. Dunleavy for organising this.	
PLC Assessments	This year we have introduced assessments at Christmas. This has had a great impact on retention levels and the informal advice from the authenticator is..... <i>VERY positive. She thinks we are a centre of excellence and believes the investment in putting together the assessment briefs at the beginning of the year has made a BIG difference to the transparency of the marking.</i>	Thanks to Suzi and the PLC tutors for their support in this matter. A Results approval meeting took place on 9th Feb. And on 29 th May.	
Senior Cycle English	The senior cycle English classes have attended the play in Ballaghaderreen. They have also attended a production of Othello in Sligo	The school reported how happy they were with the behaviour of our students. Thanks to the LC English teachers for organising these trips.	 <p>Congratulations to TY students Catherine Cunnane, Stephen Mc Nicholas and their teacher Mr. Andrew Finn on achieving 3rd place in the Mayo Enterprise Final</p>

Mental Health	<p>A very successful week of activities took place in January, workshops in Meditation, yoga and reflexology were organised for students and teachers. Mr. Niall Dunne, GAA ambassador for mental health spoke to students</p> <p>A date has been set for Mental health week next week and speakers have already been booked.</p>	<p>Thanks to Ms. M. Garvin for organising all the activities during this week, for the advanced planning for next year and the ongoing attention to mental health matters in the school.</p>	<div><p>Mr. Gary Smyth Heneghan's Pharmacy Presenting a new Basketball kit to the U-16 All-Ireland winning team. This team will compete in the All-Ireland League Final in the coming weeks.</p></div> <div><p>Home and Away star Andrew Morley AKA Spencer speaks to over 400 students on the topic of Mental Health. Well done ye were a credit to the school</p></div> <div><p>Green Schools Coretta 2015-16</p></div> <div><p>TY students involved in the leadership programme cycle 35 KM of the green way.</p></div> <div><p>Winners St. Louis Claim League and Cup Double</p><p>All-Ireland Champions Again</p></div> <div><p>Mental Health Week 19th January - 23rd January. "It's okay not to feel okay and more than okay to ask for help" Click screen for more information</p></div>
	<p>Cycle Against Suicide Ambassador School, We have been chosen as an Ambassador school again this year.</p> <p>A group of students including the student council attended the Cycle against Suicide, Student Leaders Congress in the RDS in January, C. Leetch a 5th year student addressed the congress. The St. Louis Mental health video was played throughout the conference on the big screen.</p> <p>Student from our school was chosen to give the keynote address at the conference in September. A very successful School spin took place in May, a collaboration between parents, students and teachers.</p>	<p>Thanks to Ms. Garvin, Ms. Ruane and their team for all the work that goes into promoting our school as an ambassador school.</p>	
	<p>Talk given by Alan Quinlan</p> <p>A group of students attended a talk in Ballaghaderreen given by Rugby International Alan Quinlan</p>	<p>Thanks to Mr. R. McGreal and Ms. M. Garvin for organising this.</p> <p>Framed signed jersey along with the framed signed jersey from Mr. C. Cusack are on display in the school</p>	
SOAR Workshop	<p>A very successful workshop for TY students took place in the school, the workshop was based on Mental health promotion</p>	<p>Thanks to Ms. O'Brien for organising this</p>	
Retreat	<p>2 groups of 1st years have gone on retreat to Knock, Retreats have already been scheduled for 1st and 2nd Year students next year.</p>	<p>Thanks to Ms. O'Brien for organising this.</p>	

Chaplaincy Team	A chaplaincy team has been set up in the school, this team has prepared a Lenten garden, Set up a grotto containing the statues of our lady and St. Bernadette and held prayer services in the school. This team consisted of 1 st year students and will expand to include 1 st and 2 nd year next year.	Thanks to Ms. O'Brien for organising this.	
1st year Mass	The 1 st year Mass took place in the school Chapel during November.	Thanks to all the teachers in the religion department for organising this.	
Careers Fair	The Guidance department and Senior Cycle students organised a careers fair in the school to create an awareness of career paths for students. A careers fair has already been scheduled for	Thanks to Ms. Ruane and Ms. Kenny for organising this.	<p>Another Successful Continental Tour. Well done your behaviour was exemplary. Thanks to all the teachers involved.</p>
Guidance talks	Talks have been given by Ms. Ruane to all senior students regarding scholarships for 2015, CAO entry, and RACE and DARE applications. A talk for 1 st year parents on "Supporting Your Childs Education" took place in November.	Thanks to Ms. Ruane for organising and delivering these talks.	
Prefects	The prefects have been monitoring the canteen, helping with the lift, monitoring students, mentoring younger students and have helped with the open night in the school.	Thanks to Ms. N. Whelan for co-ordinating the prefects	
Parent Teacher Meetings	Parent teacher meetings have taken place for all year groups		
Christmas Tests and Mock exams	There were formal examinations for all students at Christmas.	Thanks to Ms. Flanagan for organising all the supervision and timetabling of these exams	





Mock Examinations	Pre Junior and Leaving exams took place before and after the midterm. In future we will have to consider Hpat examinations as it is counterproductive to have students doing pre exams in the same week as the Hpat.	Thanks to Mr. Concannon and Ms. Gormally for organising the ordering of papers and corrections for the exams. The centrally sourcing of this reduces the cost to parents in the order of 50%. Thanks to Ms. Flanagan for organising the cover for the examinations. Thanks also to the Language departments for organising mock orals.	 <p>Students with their teacher Mr. Joyce at Robert's game Ireland Rally.</p>
Open Evening	An open evening has taken place for students entering Senior Cycle. 84 students have applied for 5th year 84 students have opted for Transition Year 5 students have opted for Leaving Certificate Applied,	Thanks to Mr. Dunleavy, Ms. Ruane, Ms. Kenny for organising the open evening and to Ms. Ottewell and Ms. Lyons for working on the timetable to accommodate the needs of the students.	
French Theatre	Senior cycle students attend a French theatre production in the school	Thanks to Ms. O'Dwyer for organising this	
Spanish Afternoon	Juniour Spanish students held Spanish afternoons in the school	Thanks to Ms. Monaghan and Ms. Gilmartin for organising this.	
Creative Writing Workshops	TY and JCSP students have attended creative writing workshops with Mr. Terry McDonagh	Thanks to Ms. Kelly for organising this.	
TIMSS Assessment	The school were asked to take part in the TIMSS Study(Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study). This took place in the second term	Thanks to Ms. Ryan for agreeing to organise this.	
Organisation Group	Organisation group run for second year students who need additional support to help them develop responsibility and become more organised running since October every Monday at lunch time	Thanks to Ms. McAlpine and Ms. Ottewell for organising and running this programme.	 <p>Congratulations to Dayna Finn and Maggie Byrne who have been selected to play on the Irish U-16 Basketball team.</p>







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Le Cheile Middle Leaders Course	Ran over six evenings throughout the year in Claremorris.	Thanks to the teachers: Ms D. Haran, Ms G Kelly, Ms M Garvin and Ms R Anderson for giving of their time to attend and complete this course.	
ICT	A thorough analysis and gathering of data re passwords and operation of the ICT infrastructure has taken place this year. The system is not 12 years old and quite a deal of updating will be required in the short term. The development of a proper WIFI infrastructure must be considered in order to allow teachers use the full potential of ICT.	Thanks to Ms. Margaret O' Dowd for all her work in this area.	 <p>An Information Evening on Scholarships, Access Programmes & SUSI grants Will take place Thursday 12th of February for 6th year parents @ 7.00 pm</p>
Gardening	A group of students under the guidance of Mr. Brendan Conlon have put together the hanging baskets and flower pots around the school. These students have learned valuable numeracy and literacy skills in the process.	Thanks to Mr. Conlon for his work in this area and for the work he puts into maintaining the grounds of the school. Thanks to Ms. R. Anderson for organising this initiative.	
LCA Space	A beautiful Mural, flower tubs and hanging baskets have been added to an outdoor space at the LCA room.	Thanks to Ms. R. Donoghue (SNA) for her initiative in setting this up, all done in her own time.	
Homework Club	The homework club has taken place each evening after school, sandwiches and drinks are provided for all students. This provides a chance for students to get help with homework.	Thanks to Ms. Gormally for her tireless service to these students and for making sure that the club is run effectively each evening. Thanks also to the SNAs (Ms. M.Waters, Ms. L. Gill, Ms. M. Durcan and Ms. R. Donoghue for giving of their time each evening to provide assistance to the students.	
Evening Study	Evening study takes place each evening after school.	Thanks to Mr. R. Vahey for organising and monitoring the running of this very valuable resource for students.	

Geography Trip	Senior students travelled to Fermanagh to complete the practical component of their studies.	Thanks to Ms. Byrnes, Ms. Garvin and Ms. Keane for organising this	
			<small>Transition Year and 5th Year students embark on their tour to Paris during the Mid-Term. Thanks to Mr. Dunleavy and his brave team for accompanying them!</small>
La Gaeilge	La Gaeilge took place in November all students and teachers were encouraged to speak Irish for the day.	Thanks to Ms. Molloy and the Irish Dept for organising this.	
Adult Education	A very successful programme of adult education in the form of night classes has taken place again this year in the school.	Thanks to Ms. Maloney for all her work in this area.	
Extra-Curricular			
TY	All TY students travelled to the National Ploughing Championships in September	Thanks to Mr. Dunleavy for organising this trip.	
	Road Safety, A road safety talk took place in the school and students have attended the road safety roadshow in castlebar.		
	Youth gathering in Knock; all TYs attended this gathering in Knock in October.		
	Heritage Workshops, all students took part in 3 workshops in the school during Oct/Nov		
	Comedy Roadshow; all students attended the comedy roadshow in Castlebar in October.		
	Tannagh outdoor pursuits centre; TY students availed of a 3 day trip to Tannagh Outdoor Education Centre		
St. Patricks Day Parade	The Transition year students participated in the St. Patrick's Day parade and received 2nd place	Thanks to Ms. Kelly for organising this.	
John Paul II awards	This programme continues to be successful and growing in numbers. They recently participated in the Tobhar Padraig walk	Thanks to Mr. Dunleavy and Ms. O'Brien and Ms. McAlpine for organising this.	

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Reading in St. Louis

The school now offers Kindle Fires which are loaded with the latest best sellers in Young Adult fiction as audiobooks or ebooks. We also are delighted to offer an online library on overdrive of popular best sellers that students can access all year round on Kindle Fires or their mobile phones.









School Spin
Students gearing up for the school spin on 23rd of May. The spin is part of mental health awareness. Good luck to all.










Sculpture park competition winners receive their prizes. Well done to all.



TY History Trips	3 groups of TY students have gone on a trip to the Dail and Glasnevin	Thanks to Ms. Walsh for organising this.	
	The history classes have also visited the Michael Davitt Museum	Thanks to Ms. McAlpine and Ms. Walsh for organising this.	
Young Social Innovators	All of our Transition year students have attended the YSI speak out in Castelbar and the National Finals in May	Thanks to Mr. Dunleavy, Ms. O'Brien, and Ms. McCann organising this.	
Soccer	1st year boys team have taken part in Connaght Competition	Thanks to Mr. O'Hara for organising these matches and training the teams	
	U-15 Boys reached the Connaght A Final	Thanks to Mr. O'Hara for organising these matches and training the teams	
	U-17 Boys have taken part in the Connaght Competition	Thanks to Mr. O'Hara for organising these matches and training the teams	
	U-16 Boys have taken part in the Connaght Competition	Thanks to Mr. O'Hara for organising these matches and training the teams	
	Senior Boys reached the Connaght A Semi-Final	Thanks to Mr. O'Hara for organising these matches and training the teams	
	1st year girls have taken part in Connaght Competition	Thanks to Mr. Kennelly for organising these matches and training the teams	
Basketball	U-16 Girls have won both the All-Ireland B Cup and league competitions. A feat achieved by no other school.	Thanks to Ms. Mahon and the parents Mr. Tom Byrne and Ms. Clodha Howard for organising these matches and training the team.	






Gaelic Football	Juvenile boys have taken part in the Connaght competition	Thanks to Mr.Caulfield for organising these matches and training the teams	 <p>Senior Cycle Students and their teachers. Winners of Regional Spanish Quiz</p>
	The Junior Girls football team have taken part in Connacht competitions	Thanks to Mr. Dunleavy for organising these matches and training the teams	
	Senior Boys are in the Connacht league final	Thanks to Mr.Duffy for organising these matches and training the team	
	1st Year boys Gaelic have taken part in Connaght competitions	Thanks to Mr. Joyce for organising these matches and training the team	
	Junior Boys football team have reached 2 Connaght finals.	Thanks to Mr. Finn for organising these matches and training the team	
	Ms. D. Haran completed the GAA foundation coaching course and will be taking the 1st year girls to a second blitz in May	Thanks to Ms. Haran for organising these matches and training the team	 <p>St. Louis Students take Bronze in the seniors 200 meters freestyle relay at Connacht senior swimming championships. The swimmers were (from the back right side of the picture) Eoin Morkan,Finian Waldron,Cain Breslin and Jayke Morris,missing from the photo was Ronan waldron (sub). All swimmers took part in individual events and did themselves and Saint Louis proud.</p>
Athletics	Students competed in the regional, cross country competition at local and Regional Level. Students have also competed in the track and field competitions at Regional, Provincial and National level	Thanks to Ms. Flanagan for organising this.	
Table Tennis	Brian Dunleavy has received a western people sports star award for table tennis		
	3 teams; Senior boys, U15 Girls and U13 Girls have reached the All-Ireland Finals	Thanks to Ms. Flanagan and Mr. E. Ditchburn for organising this.	
Swimming	Senior Boys received bronze medal in the regional schools competition.		 <p>TY Musical 2014/2015: The Wizard of Odds Pantomime. On 28th, 29th and 30th of January 2015. Town Hall Kiltimagh @ 8:00PM. Tickets: €10 for Adults €5 for Students</p>





Volleyball	U-16 Boys have taken part in National competition	Thanks to Mr. Costello for organising these matches and training the team	
	2nd year girls have taken part in National competition	Thanks to Ms. Flanagan for organising these matches and training the team	
	U-16 Girls Volleyball have taken part in National Competitions.	Thanks to Ms. O'Hora for organising these matches and training the team	
	Senior Boys have taken part in National competitions	Thanks to Mr. Costello for organising these matches and training the team	
	2nd year Boys have taken part in national competitions	Thanks to Mr. Costello for organising these matches and training the team	
	Senior Girls reached All -Ireland semi final Junior Girls (2nd yr) volleyball team have qualified for the All- Ireland quarter final. Irish women's volleyball team trained in our school on Easter Saturday and their trainers coached our students afterwards.	Thanks to Ms. Flanagan for organising these matches and training the team	
Spikeball	2nd year Girls have taken part in a spikeball tournament	Thanks to Ms. Flanagan for organising these matches and training the team	 
Western People women's mini marathon	Teachers and students have taken part in the marathon.	Thanks to Ms. O'Hara and Ms. Haran for giving of their time to train students for this.	
Public Speaking/ Debating	Students competed in the Mayo Final of the soroptimist public speaking competition	Thanks to Ms. Kelly and Ms. Haran for working with these students.	
	12 students have participated in the regional heats of the concern debates.	Thanks to Ms. Kelly, Ms. Dollard, Ms. Kenny and Ms. Haran for working with the students	





Quizzes	Maicre na Feirme : A group of students took part in the regional rounds of this competition	Thanks to Mr. Dunleavy and Ms. Kelly for organising this.	
	Science Quiz	3 senior teams took part in the regional rounds of this competition, one team represented the region in the National final in Trinity College. Thanks to Mr. Kennelly, Ms. O'Hora, and Ms. Gormally for organising this and accompanying the teams to the competitions.	
	Spanish Quiz, Ms. Monaghan and Ms. Gilmartin organised a very successful quiz for schools from this region in the Park Hotel. Our Senior Cycle students won the Quiz	Thank you to Both teachers for the work that they put into organising this.	
Cooking Demonstration	JCSP students attending a cooking demonstration in the school	Thank to Ms. Whelan, Ms. Anderson, Ms. McNulty and Ms. Kelly for organising this.	
Young Scientist Competition	All 2nd year students attended the young scientist competition in the RDS this year	Thanks to Ms.O'Hora, Ms. Ottewell, for organising this.	 <p>Post Leaving Certificate Graduates from Biology Therapy Centre Well done to all</p>
Defibrillator Training	Margaret O' Dowd, Marie Waters, Tom Caulfield, Denise Harran; Aine McAlpine, Declan Concannon, Brian Joyce, Michelle Duncan & Richard Vahey undertook training this year. Next year Chris Kennelly, Murt Dunleavy and Tony Duffy have agreed to do the training	Thanks to the teachers for giving of their time to undertake this course, which was half in and half out of school, also thanks to Ms. L. Anderson for giving the course.	
Student Council	Student Council; meet on a regular basis to discuss matters of importance to the student body.	Thanks to Ms. M. Garvin for working with this group.	 <p>Post Leaving Certificate Graduates from Biology Centre Well done to all</p>
Albert Schweitzer Leadership programme	5th year students under the direction of Ms. W. Ruane have completed this programme.	They will be conferred with their certificates for this programme in UCG next September. Thanks to Ms. Ruane for giving her time to work with these students.	











Congratulations to the teachers and students on winning the National award at Stonehaven park. We are very proud of your achievement. Missing from picture Mary Walsh, Michaela Webb and Mrs. Aileen Lyons

Pastoral Care	Pastoral Care team made up of Ms. F. Lyons, Mr. C. Doherty, Mr. D Concannon, Ms. W. Ruane, Ms. T. O'Brien, Ms. C. Gormally, Ms. A. Ueno, Ms. L. Dollard, Ms. R. Anderson, Mr. M. Dunleavy and Ms. T. Kenny have met each Tuesday at class 4.	All teachers do this on a voluntary basis to discuss how the school can best meet the needs of vulnerable children in our school. Thank you to all the teachers involved.	 <small>Graduates from Post Learning Certificate Handicrafting Course. Well done to all</small>
	Social Hub; this takes place each Friday at lunch time to provide a place for students to interact, play games and socialise.	This initiative is led by a group of student leaders in 5th year under the direction of Ms. R. Anderson.	 <small>Post Learning Certificate Graduates from Sports and Recreation Course. Well done to all</small>
	Big Brother Big Sister programme is continuing in the school. Interviews for Leaders during the next school have taken place and team of leaders is in place for next year. They have received leadership training in May.. All 1 st years and their 5 th years, with the teacher mentors went on a trip to Lough Key in May, a great day was had by all.	Thanks to Ms. Ottewell for co-ordinating the activities of this group and to Ms. R. Anderson, Mr. C. Kennelly, Mr. S. Costello, Ms. W. Ruane, Ms. A. McAlpine and Mr. B. Joyce for working with each of the groups on a voluntary basis.	 <small>Post Learning Certificate Graduates from Childrens Course. Well done to all</small>
	1st year and fifth year students attended a workshop on the "Importance of Activity". It is considered to be an umbrella topic that will enable the students to find the skills within themselves to overcome adversity, get the best out of themselves, practice visualisation and steer clear of comparing themselves to others.	Thanks to Ms. O'Brien for organising this.	
	Bishop Brendan Kelly visited the school in November and had an open forum discussion in the chapel with Senior Cycle students.		
CBT Training	Ms. Ruane has attended 2 courses on Cognitive behavioural Therapy training.		
LCA Students win County Council Award	Ms. Gormally, Ms. Molloy and the LCA class were presented with an award in recognition of the work done on recycling in the school.	Thank you to Ms. Gormally and Ms. Molloy for the work that they have put into this initiative.	

Green Flag/Environmental Awareness	<p>Ms. Gormally and Ms. Molloy have attended an Eco-Unesco Learning to Change Workshop. Also attended Worldwide global conference. The school has received its 3rd green flag in the area of water conservation. We received an award from Mayo County Council in recognition of our commitment to protecting the Environment. Our students Launched the Eco-Unesco Young Environmentalists Awards 2015. We were Nominated for a Repak Recycling award. We were selected as the best Educational establishment, for recycling, across all sectors. Ms. Gormally and Ms. Molloy were invited to present the work done in the school in this area at a National Conference. Well done to them, an great acknowledgement of all the work that they do in this area.</p>	<p>Thanks to Ms. Gormally, Ms. Molloy and the green schools committee for all their work in this area.</p>	   
Walk for Water	<p>As part of the environmental awareness programme in the school a group of students and their teachers walked in solidarity with those in Africa that have to walk long distances each day for water.</p>	<p>Thanks to all the teachers and students that were involved in this event.</p>	
Worldwise	<p>A team of teachers have come together to participate in work with worldwide projects next year and to maintain links with our sister school in Nigeria.</p>	<p>Thanks to Ms. Molloy, Ms. Gormally and Ms. O' Brien for working on this project.</p>	
School Musical	<p>The Pantomime "The Wizard of Oddz" took place in town hall theatre over 3 nights and 3 matinees. Next years Musical "Hairspray" has already been scheduled.</p>	<p>Thanks to Ms. Kelly, Ms. Haran, Ms. Brennan, Ms. Kenny, Ms. Dollard and the TY students for all their work in producing this very successful pantomime.</p>	
Musical Evening	<p>As part of our fundraising a very successful musical evening was held in the school in May.</p>	<p>Thanks to the Music teachers and all that were involved in the organising of this event.</p>	
Carol Service	<p>A very successful Carol service took place in the school before the Christmas break</p>	<p>Thanks to Ms. O'Brien, Ms. Glavey and Ms. Brennan for organising this very special occasion</p>	

Parents Association	<p>The parents association have met on 7 occasions this year</p>	<p>the parents association are involved Initiatives with the teachers and students.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) School Bags 2) Cycle against suicide 3) Healthy Eating school 4) School Pantomime 5) Fundraising event 6) Book Rental <p>Thank you to the committee for their tireless and unwavering support of the school.</p>	   
Health promoting school	<p>The school has a very proactive approach to Mental Health to add to this we are now embarking on becoming a healthy eating school and looking to promote the school as a physically healthy school also.</p>	<p>In the area of healthy eating school the staff students and parents have been surveyed on their attitudes to health promotion. Ms. R. Anderson has met with the Health promotion unit on this development and a team of parents, students and teachers has been formed to progress this matter. A policy on healthy eating has been drafted and is awaiting adoption by all the education partners.</p>	
School Website	<p>The school website is updated on an almost daily basis. Teachers have written subject descriptors, students have been encouraged to add to the site. Extra curricular activities are highlighted. Online applications for PLC, Mock examinations, Enrolment (1st year) and survey forms are all helping to advance the profile of the school as a centre for ICT and Innovation</p>	<p>Thanks to Ms. R. Anderson for co-ordinating and gathering information for the website and for maintaining the facebook and twitter sections of the website.</p>	

National Schools	The Principal and Guidance Counsellor have visited the local National Schools	The feedback from local schools is that the school is held in very high esteem locally. Thank you to all the staff in the school for their extremely high level of initiative, innovation and caring shown to the students in our school.	
Catholic Schools week	Service was held for 6th year students and Meditation for students and teachers throughout the week. An awareness of catholic schools engendered.		
Coding Club	A very successful coding club takes place each week after school.	Thanks to Ms. McCann for organising this.	
Strokestown Sculpture competition	Our AEN department are again working on a project for this year. they have a few training days in sculpture	Thanks to Ms. Dollard, Mr. Concannon and all the teachers involved.	
First Aid/Defibrillator	All TY students have attended a two day training in First Aid and Defibrillator	Thanks to Mr. Dunleavy for organising this	
Pay It Forward Day	Student Le Chéile reps (with some TYs & Chaplaincy Team) encouraged all students to complete a random act of kindness. Balloons and memes were put up Some received a complimentary soft drink at the canteen. All students and staff received a compliment on a "post it" before the end of the school day.	Thanks to Ms. O'Brien, the Le Cheile reps and the chaplaincy team for organising this.	
Enterprise Award	St. Louis Students entered projects in the Mayo enterprise competition and Catherina Cunnane and Stepen McNicholas took third place overall for their entry	Thanks to Mr. Finn for working with the students on this and for giving of his time .	
Science Talk	All 1 st years attended a talk on Nano Science in the National Museum of Ireland.	Thanks to the Science teachers for organising this.	
Ecology Trip	All 1 st year Science went on an ecology trip to old head.	Thanks to the science teachers for organising this trip.	

PLC Graduation	The PLC programme is thriving under the stewardship of Ms. Ottewell and the team of teachers involved. This year we held examinations on 2 occasions. This has had a tremendous effect on completion rates, over 100 of the PLC students graduated from the programme at the end of May.	Thanks to all the teachers involved in the programme. This adds another dimension to the service that this school provides for the community.	
Fundraising	In an effort to enhance our ICT capacity and provide seamless WIFI we held a very successful fundraising campaign. Over €10,000 was raised by the students, teachers and parents of the school. Events included the Musical evening, rummage sale and tractor run.	Thanks in particular to Ms. O'Hora for the overall organising of events and driving the initiative. Thanks also to all that got involved or participated in any way.	
LCVP	Enterprise - Bake Sale for Pieta house raised €150 Enterprise - Christmas Raffle raised €1045 for the Roisin Tansey Trust fund Enterprise - Christmas cards for Irish Kidney Association raised €430 5th years attended Baxter & Genfitt enterprise visits 5th years attended a presentation from IRD Kiltimagh and a second one from Moy Valley Resources on community development 6th years had a talk from Youth Connect 6th years did an interview preparation workshop	Thanks to Ms. Maloney and all the teachers involved in LCVP for all their work in this area	
School Walk	To finish of the fundraising drive in the school all staff and students took part in a very successful 13K walk around the local environs.	Thanks to all the staff, students and parents that help to make this such a special place to work in.	

Appendix A

A plan for implementation over the next 5 years

2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Starting on Numeracy Year 1 Estimation with 1 st years. Baseline data was gained at start and end of year.	Year 2 Continue with Estimation. Make staff aware of possible strategies Test 2 nd years in Dec/Jan and again in May. Communicate the information more regularly Using the measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distance • Width • Height • Length • Time • Volume • Speed Encourage teachers to make a point of finding numeracy moments to enhance Estimation Target: To determine if there was a measurable improvement or not. (Note targets do not need to be specific %) Also maths week would be a whole school approach and the effect of this on students attitude to Numeracy should be checked.	Year 3 Interpretation of Graphs using SALT Applied to 3 rd years in 2015 A specific strategy for interpreting graphs to be used across subjects. Test in September and test again in May to see effect.	Year 4 Continue with strategies that work and expand to the whole school	Year 5 Continue with strategies that work and expand to the whole school
	Begin with Literacy Year 1 Current 1 st years Keywords Reading programme with JCSP to see the effect of reading regularly	Year 2 To be decided 2 nd years in 2015-16	Year 3 to be decided 3 rd years in 2016-17	Year 4 Continue with strategies that work and expand to the whole school
		Begin 3rd Theme Year 1 1 st years in 2015-16	Year 2 to be decided 2 nd years in 2016-17	Year 3 to be decided 3 rd years in 2016-17

Work to be done

Convey information to staff (information and consultation), adopt strategies for Numeracy and Literacy this year, Decide on a 3rd theme for next year (get all staff involvement here) Must be related to Learning.