

Principal's Report

Issue Two, Part 2

November to December 2022



1st Year Gaelic



We started training in late September and the boys were dying to get started. Every Tuesday after school we train on the Kiltimagh GAA pitch. We were coached by Mr Regan and Mr Kenny, where we were put through our paces. We practised shooting, soloing and hand passing.

Our first match was against Foxford, we were feeling confident going into it and in the end we won comfortably. We went back into school feeling very pleased with ourselves.

Our next match was against Ballyhaunis, we knew this game was going to be a lot tougher. We were down by 10 points at half time, but we went out in the second half and got 2 goals and a few points, and we were up by a point, but in the last minute, Ballyhaunis got a goal and that put them up by two points and it was the last play of the game. We lost by two points, but we were very happy we came from losing, by 10 to only losing, by 2.

Then we had to play Balla who were very good, and we were well beaten.

2 weeks ago, we played St. Colmans of Claremorris who were another very strong team and had some very good players, we lost by a good few goals and points but enjoyed playing football again after a good few weeks rest.

We've another championship game coming up in February and we are looking forward to that. I would just like to thank Kiltimagh GAA club for letting us use their pitch. I would also like to thank Mr. Regan, Mr. Kenny and the TYs for training us, because without them there would be no training and no matches.

Report by Oisin Sweeney, thank you to Mr. Regan and Mr. Kenny for coaching the 1st year boys.

Volleyball Team



Our Volleyball team played their first game this school year as a home game in the school gym on the 12th of October. They played against Athenry and won 2 sets to 1.

Then they went to Dunmore on the 7th of November and played Colaiste Chiarain and Dunmore Community School. They were narrowly defeated in both games, but it was a good experience, and the students enjoyed the matches.

I was the captain of our team . The full team list was Lucas Hirst (Capt), Dylan Walsh, Ethan Hurley, Riley Davin, George Lally, Aaron Conlon, Alex Walsh, Connor Turtill and Hugh Langan.

Thank you to Mr. Costello for coaching this team.

Report by Lucas Hirst.

Volleyball Team



Senior Gaelic Team

Currently competing in Flanagan Cup.

Game 1 – St Louis CS 1-10 Balla 3-10

Game 2 – Ballyhaunis CS 4-10 St Louis CS 3-14

Game 3 – St Louis CS 5-8 Foxford Sec School 2-9

Game 4 – St Louis CS 8-14 Gortnor Abbey 3-8

Through to Final – to be played in new year.



Competing in Connacht Championship.

Round 1 – St. Muredachs College 1-11 St Louis CS 2-5

Round 2 – St Louis CS v Carrick-on-Shannon – 8/12/22

Round 3 – St Nathys College v St Louis CS - tbc

Both teams participated very well in all the competitions.

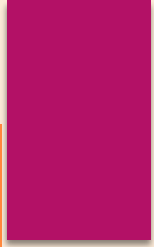
Thank you to Mr. Duffy for coaching this team.

Senior Gaelic Team



National Champion

Congratulations to Ivan Trofymenko who was crowned National Junior Kickboxing Champion, while Arturs Savchenko won a silver medal in the same competition.



Well done to Ivan, Arturs and their coaches at Claremorris Ultimate Kickboxing Club.



Senior Soccer.



Our results are as follows:

- First game out we had a comfortable 3-0 victory over Crossmolina.
 - Second game vs Ballina, we suffered a tough loss in a game that could have gone either way - 2-0.
 - We bounced back well with our most convincing win over Ballyhanuis - 11-2
- We face a strong Summerhill side in a must win game on December 20th. We've prepared well with training every Friday and it should be a game for the ages!

Overall, school soccer this year, as always, has been an extremely positive experience and something I'll certainly miss next year. Mr O'Hara's is one of the best coaches I've had inside and outside of school, and he always tries to teach us lessons that apply off the pitch too.

Report by Tadhg Caulfield, thank you to Mr. O'Hara for working with this team.

Senior Soccer Team





Junior Boys Gaelic Team

- Competed in Connacht 'B' Championship
- Game 1 – St Louis CS 4-18 Strokestown Sec School 3-8
- Game 2 – St Attractas, Tubbercurry 3-11 St Louis CS 1-10
- Game 3 – St Louis CS 1-10 St Nathys College 4-12
- Finished third in group, so didn't make the Connacht semi-final.

Thank you to Mr. Duffy for coaching this team.

1st Year Rugby Team with TY Coaches



Rugby training takes place on Wednesdays after school.
Thank you to Mr. Ben Miles and our TY coaches for working with our 1st years.

Sponsorship

Special thanks to Senator Windows for sponsoring training tops for the Senior Girls Gaelic Team.

Sinead Fylan is pictured presenting the tops to Lily Begley.



Astro Turf

The carpet has been replaced on the astro turf and our students are enjoying having a good surface to play on.

Members of our local community are welcome to use this facility, out of school hours.



Connaught Medalists

Congratulations to Ronan Clarke and Evan Cosgrove, who were the proud recipients of Connaught medals at the Mayo GAA awards.



World Cup Fever hits St. Louis at Lunch Time



Prefects



- In St Louis CS, the prefect team is a group of Leaving Certificate students who submitted an application and were interviewed by a Selection Committee before being given the position.
- This team of prefects is led by The Head Boy and Head Girl, elected by student vote and liaison teacher Ms. Whelan.
- The group meet about once a month to discuss issues and ideas to improve the school community.
- Each year, the Prefects have designated duties like canteen duty and monitoring the corridors throughout the day. This year the group have also undertaken the organisation of the Social Hub once a week, at lunch time. The group were also involved in Math's week, arranging soccer at lunch time, and bringing student concerns to management.

Report by Eabha Murray, thank you to Ms. Whelan for working with the Prefects.

Student Council



- In St Louis CS the Student Council is made up of 4 or 5 students from each year group who applied and were voted onto the Council by their peers.
- This group is led by the elected officers and the liaison teacher Mrs. O'Brien.
- They meet once a week and discuss school issues and arrange activities and events throughout the academic year.
- So far this year they have been involved in the planning and facilitating STAND UP week, retirements, have attended ISSU training, the introduction of free menstrual products in bathrooms and we have been heavily involved in reviewing school policies.

Report by Eabha Murray, thank you to Ms. O'Brien for working with the Student Council.

Green Schools

Our main focus is Global Citizenship, Litter and Waste and we have begun to address these issues by:

- The election of a 'Green Schools Team' which includes students, teaching staff, auxiliary staff and management. The election of a 'Green Schools Committee' will take place in September 2023 in an effort to achieve our sixth Green Flag.
- A general clean-up of the school building to remove excess books and clothes to designated areas on the 2nd floor.
- Completion of a survey of all of the bins in all of the classrooms and corridors in the school building, the schools surrounding areas, and the local community in an effort to identify specific areas where litter is an obvious problem.
- Delivery of new bins to the school which have been strategically located around the grounds.
- Design of our own 'Global Awareness Survey' which all students will complete online in the coming weeks.
- Preparation of various notice boards on all floors of the main school building, which we will use to communicate all our activities to the wider school community.

Report by Heather Brennan, thank you to Ms. O'Hora for working with this group of students.





International Student Committee



A new initiative of a weekly Language Café began this year. Each Wednesday at lunchtime an International student facilitates a language & Culture Cafe which usually comprises of a presentation about their country, a quiz, home baked food and basic spoken language. Students receive a small budget to pay for ingredients.

This has been a tremendous success with sign up at full capacity each week. We are seeing students from 1st year through to 5th participate. There has been a substantial uptake by Irish students which is very pleasing. Our International students are reaping the benefits of inclusion & respect.

The International Committee are working on a number of initiatives in the school and they are already preparing for St. Patrick's Day. Thank you to Ms. Monaghan for working with this committee.



Year Book Committee Report



- Transition year students are working closely with the Yearbook team this year. Two groups of 4th year students meet once a week to work on the Yearbook.
 - Articles are typed and edited during this time.
 - The Photography Committee gather and add photographs to articles.
 - The Digital Survey Committee analyse and edit gathered information.
 - The Art Committee are working on the design and the front cover.
 - Monthly meeting takes place on Monday from 4-5pm.
- Thank you to Ms. Dunne for working with the Year Book Committee.

Chaplaincy Team



- We have 39 students on the Team, and we meet weekly, every Tuesday at lunchtime in the chapel.
- We co- ordinate our year with the Liturgical year and the school calendar.
- We are just finishing our "Sunflower of Souls" when we remembered the deceased and also linked in with the Mayo, Roscommon & Galway hospice. This culminated on Friday 16th December with a non-uniform day.
- We worked very hard on this year's Carol Service - providing the readings and reflections to enhance the evening.

Thank you to Ms. O'Brien for working with
The Chaplaincy Team.





LCA Cake Sale



Well done to the LCA 1 and 2 students who organised a cake sale in aid of the St. Louis branch of St. Vincent de Paul. A total of €390.00 was raised.

Thank you to Mr. Concannon, LCA Coordinator, the LCA teachers and the Special Needs Assistants for assisting the students with this initiative.

Study Skills Presentation



Well done to the team of 6th year Prefects who gave a Study Skills presentation to our 5th year students. The presentation is available on the school website in the student section.

<https://stlouiscs.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Prefects-Study-Advice.pdf>

Quiet Room

Thank you to the team of 5th year students who supervise the Quiet room at lunch time, their assistance is greatly appreciated.

The Quiet room is open to any student who wants to enjoy some peace and quiet at lunch time.

Debunking the Myth Workshop

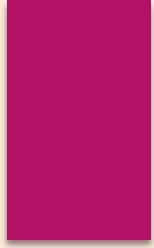
On the 25th November, our 5th year and LCA students attended a Consent workshop that was organised by the Royal College of Surgeons.

The workshop addressed important topics such as consent, body positivity, contraception and Sexually Transmitted Infections. It was followed up with a drama production on the above topics, our 5th, TY and LCA students travelled to Claremorris Town Hall for the production. Thank you to Ms. Kenny and Ms. Whelan for organising this workshop.





Stand Up Week



On the week beginning 14th November we celebrated diversity in our school community. Lots of fun activities were organised including a craft activity at lunch time, a non-uniform day, guest speakers from Outwest, surprise treats and an awareness campaign.

€500.00 was received in donations, half of which was donated to Outwest and the other half will be donated to the Stand Up organisation in January.

Thank you to all the teachers and students involved in the organisation of this week.



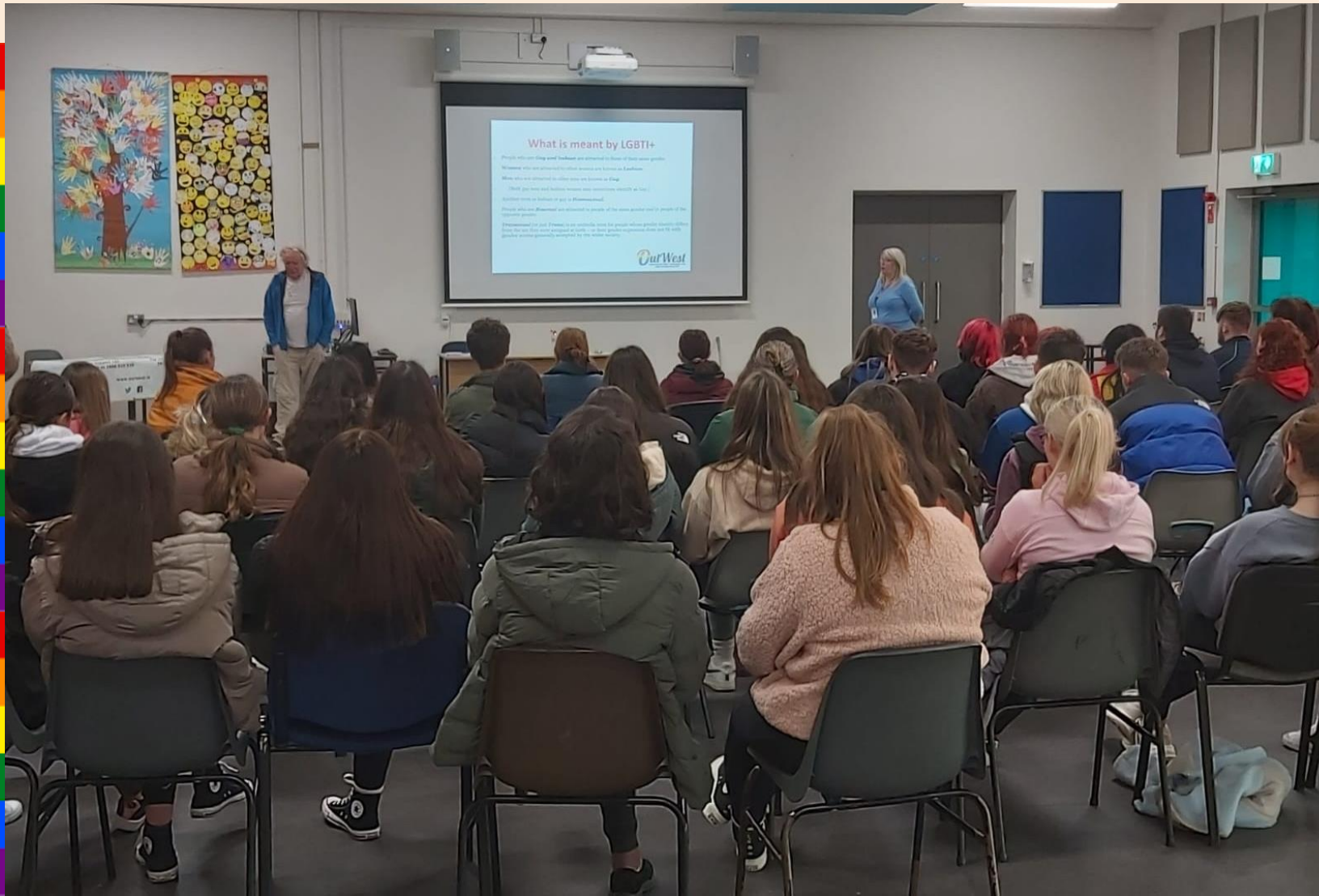


Stand Up Week 2022

Cake sale
Rainbow Day
Talks
Craft Day

Outwest

Thank you to Outwest, a support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people, for speaking to our senior students during Stand Up week.



Drugs and Bullying Drama Production

Mike from Humour Fit Theatre joined us on Wednesday 7th December to deliver drama productions to our Junior cycle groups on the topics of drugs and bullying.

Thank you to Ms. Kenny for organising this workshop.



Board of Management



The Board of Management held two meetings since the last Principal's Report.

Agreed Report of the Board of Management Meeting 11th October 2022

Prior to the board meeting, Ms. O'Brien and the Chaplaincy team organised a prayer service for the Board of Management. After the service, they made a presentation to the board on their roles and responsibilities.

- The Minutes and Agreed Report for the meeting of 6th September were adopted.
- All correspondence was addressed.
- The Child Protection Oversight report was presented, the Child Safeguarding Statement, Checklist and Risk Assessment was ratified.
- The Anti Bullying report was presented, the Anti Bullying checklist was completed and the policy was ratified.
- The Mobile Phone policy was ratified.
- The ICT Acceptable Usage policy was amended and ratified by the board.
- An update was given on the pitch development, school development and teaching and learning.
- A financial report was presented.

SEN Presentation to the Board of Management



At the Board of Management meeting on the 14th December, the Special Educational Needs team made a presentation on their roles and responsibilities in St. Louis.

Our SEN Team are;

- Ms. Tracey Kenny, Ms. Heather Coleman and Ms. Mary Dunne.

The Board of Management acknowledged the trojan work that these ladies do to cater for the additional needs of our students.

Parents' Association Meeting



A meeting of the Parents Association of St. Louis Community School was held on 17th November 2022.

Updates were given on;

- The additional accommodation project
- Teaching and learning
- School improvements
- The Child Protection Inspection Report.

As a group we brainstormed ideas for the School Development Plan.

After the meeting, all present enjoyed a cup of tea and some treats.

Policy Updates



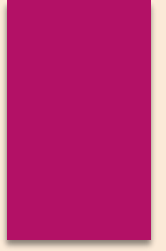
The following policies were reviewed by the stakeholders and ratified by the Board of Management during this past term.

- Admissions Policy
- Mobile Phone Policy
- Internet Acceptable Usage policy

The following policies are currently being reviewed;

- Whole School Guidance
- Health and Safety policy
- LCA policy

TY Think Languages Event



This year was a very successful student-lead event. 18 language & Culture workshops were facilitated by international students across the student body; from 1st year to 6th year incorporating Japanese, Ukrainian, German, Lithuanian, Spanish, Slovakian, Hungarian, Arabic, Italian, Irish Sign Language, Polish & Portuguese.

St. Louis CS was commended for past language events by Leargas, Languages Connect & Post Primary Languages Initiative. As a result, we were chosen as a leading Languages school to be photographed during our event this year. This footage will be used as promotional material for 2023 in Ireland.

Well done to Ms. Monaghan, Ms. Gilmartin, Ms. McNamara and all the students involved in this magnificent event.



Team Hope Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to Briana, Wiktorja and Siobhan who took on the task of collecting shoeboxes for Team Hope this year.

Thank you also to Ms. Maloney for working with these students.



TY Enterprise Projects



Eclipse Candles
by
Anna Kelly

Zsam Jewels
by
Allanah O'Dea,
Meabh Reilly,
Saoirse Henry
and Zsofi Szetmar.



Christmas Crafts
by
Junior Mbatha, John
Forde McCarthy
and Benas Gudas



Cups for a Cause
by
Cara Higgins and Aisling
Rabbitt
in aid of the Irish Guide
Dogs for the Blind.



Nicky Tarpey and Conor
Prendergast serving refreshments in
aid of **Mayo Roscommon Hospice**



Enterprise Showcase



Thady's Treats
by
Thady
McDonagh



AJ Wristbands
by
TJ McNicholas and Amy
Breslin



Allanah Horan,
Sweeney Coen
and Max Bennett
selling the school
calendars.

Sniff Candles
by Ella Gallagher and
Isabella Jennings.



Matthew Grill
selling crested
shorts.





Tasty Treats

By

Briana Quinn, Wiktorja
and Siobhan Raftery

Well done to all the students involved in showcasing their products and thank you to Ms. Larkin, Mr. O'Hara and Mr. Gallagher for organising this event.

Jewels for You by Rachel Gallagher



Christmas Party



Thank you to Alisha, Rachel, Ciara and the LCA students for organising a lunch time Christmas party for the staff of St. Louis.

Visit to Nursing Home



Thank you to Mr. Dunleavy, Ms. McEvaddy and our TY students, who arranged a visit to Sonas Nursing Home in Knock to entertain the residents.



1st Year Art

Our 1st year Art students enjoyed making these winter wonderlands with their teacher Ms. Ueno.





1st Year Winter Wonderlands



Christmas Carol Service

On the 8th of December, our school chapel was packed to capacity, and alive with music, song and spiritual reflections for our annual Christmas Carol Service.

Thank you to Ms. McEvaddy, Ms. Morrison, Ms. O'Brien, Mr. Dunleavy and Ms. Donoghue, and all the students, for all the time and effort they put into the preparations, it was a very special occasion.



Christmas Fun Day



Special thanks to all involved in the organisation of our Christmas Fun Day, we had a great time.



Rock the Boat
Karaoke
The Cube
Quiz
Art Activity
Film

FUN



LCA Fundraiser



Well done to the LCA students who purchased food hampers for local families, with the proceeds raised at their recent bake sale. Thank you to Ms. Durcan, Mr. Concannon and Ms. Donoghue for helping the students to organise this initiative.

Midwest Radio Performance



Well done to Rachel, Louise, Niamh, Laura, Niamh, Holly and Martin on their great performance on the Tommy Marren show on 20th December.

Thank you to their teachers, Ms. Morrison and Ms. McEvaddy, for preparing the students for this event.



1st Year Wood Technology Christmas Projects



Thank you to Mr. Costello for inspiring and motivating the students in their learning.

Retirement Wishes

Congratulations to Mrs. Geraldine Molloy on her retirement from St. Louis Community School, after 24 years service. On behalf of the entire school community, I wish her good health and happiness for the next chapter of her life.



1st Year Open Night

- 19th January 2023
- School Chapel
- 6.30pm
- All are welcome to attend

