

# Principal's Report

## Issue Two, Part 1

### November to December 2022



Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome to issue two of the Principal's Report.

As 2022 draws to a close, I can only reflect with pleasure at what has been achieved through teamwork, dedication and commitment by all the stakeholders of St. Louis Community School.

There have been many highlights over the past year, and this report showcases for you the myriad of activities that our students engaged in over the past two months. I take this opportunity at the end of the year, to commend everyone who has given of their time and skills to benefit our students. Every action, no matter how small, adds up to the reality of a happy and successful school.

Christmas is a time of giving and I want to thank all the staff, parents and students who have supported our fundraising for the Christmas Hamper Appeal and Mayo Roscommon Hospice.

Finally, I wish you all a peaceful and happy Christmas.

With best wishes,

Ms. Regina Anderson

Principal





## Additional Accommodation

We are delighted that our request for additional accommodation has been approved, it will help us to meet the needs of our growing school.

The Department of Education is very supportive of the work that goes on in St. Louis Community School, and I am very grateful for all their assistance.

The scope of the building project is outlined below:



Description of Space	No. of spaces	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Total Area
Technology Room	1	149.0 m2	149.0 m2
Engineering Room	1	149.0 m2	149.0 m2
Construction Room	1	149.0 m2	149.0 m2
Technologies Preparation Room	1	58.6 m2	58.6 m2
Science Laboratories	2	88.6 m2	177.2 m2
Preparation Area (shared with pair adjacent laboratories)	1	38.5 m2	38.5 m2
Graphics Room	1	118.6 m2	118.6 m2
Art/Craft Room	1	118.6 m2	118.6 m2
Project Store (1 x Art Project Store & 3 x Technology Project Store)	4	16.4 m2	65.6 m2
SUB-TOTAL			1024.1 m2



	No. of spaces	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Total Area
Student Toilets	8	3.5 m2	29.7 m2
Universal Access Toilet	1	4.5 m2	4.5 m2
Staff Toilets	2	3.5 m2	7.0 m2
Locker Space	180	0.3 m2	54.0 m2
Electrical	1	2.0 m2	2.0 m2
Data Communications Centre	1	5.0 m2	5.0 m2
SUB-TOTAL			1126.3 m2
Circulation area	21.00%		236.5 m2
Internal Partitions	7.00%		78.8 m2
TOTAL			1441.6 m2



Special Needs Accommodation		
	Area (m2)	Total Area
Central Activities Space	80.0 m2	
Classroom - Safe Base	70.0 m2	
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Toilets and Shower Area	20.0 m2	
1 x Toilet / Shower for Assisted Users		
1 x Independent Use		
1 x Ambulant Disabled		
Quiet Space 1	12.0 m2	
Quiet Space 2	12.0 m2	
Multi-Activity Room	20.0 m2	
Practical Activity Room	50.0 m2	
Daily Living Skills	15.0 m2	
Staff Toilets	10.0 m2	
Storage	25.0 m2	
Cleaner Store / Linen / Sluice	5.0 m2	
Office	20.0 m2	
Sub Total	409.0 m2	
Internal Walls & Partitions 7%	28.6 m2	
Circulation 21%	85.9 m2	
Total Special Needs		523.5 m2



				Area (m2)	Total Area
Staircases (assume two storey, 25m2 per stairs per floor)			2	50.0 m2	100.0 m2
Lift (assume two storey, 10m2 per stairs per floor)			1	20.0 m2	20.0 m2
Vertical Circulation to be agreed at Stage 1 if required.					
GROSS FLOOR AREA					2085.1 m2
GROSS FLOOR AREA (Rounded Off)					2085.0 m2
Alterations to Existing Building					
Convert existing Technology Room into Music Room			1	85.0 m2	85.0 m2
Convert existing Music Room to General Classroom			1	54.0 m2	54.0 m2
Convert existing DCG Room to General Classroom			1	58.0 m2	58.0 m2
Convert existing Construction Room to Home Economics Room			1	123.0 m2	123.0 m2
Convert existing Science Lab to 3 x SET Room			1	68.0 m2	68.0 m2
Convert existing Science Lab to General Classroom			1	51.0 m2	51.0 m2
Convert existing Home Economics Room to General Classroom			1	83.0 m2	83.0 m2
Total Alterations to Existing Building					522.0 m2
External					
Secure Soft Play area (accessible from Classroom) 50m² per Class Base				100.0 m2	
Sensory Garden				100.0 m2	
Parking spaces				6	

## Additional Accommodation Progress Report

- 17<sup>th</sup> November – Various architects and engineers met with the Principal to get a summary of the brief and to survey the site.
- 12<sup>th</sup> December – Closing date for the submission of the draft designs.
- We hope to appoint the Design Team in January.





## Emergency Works



Unfortunately, there are a number of small leaks in our school, where the original building joins the 2003 extension. The scope of these works will cost in the region of €200,000.

Thankfully, one of the Emergency Works applications that I submitted to the Department of Education was successful. We are currently working through the terms and conditions and seeking quotations.

I am very hopeful that the second application will be approved very soon.

## Location of the stone barge coping stones that need essential repairs





## Home Economics Equipment

- The Department of Education have been very good attending to our request for additional Home Economics equipment.
- Almost €10,000.00 has been allocated for the purchasing of new equipment, which will be delivered and installed in the New Year.

## PE Equipment



I am delighted to inform you that we have been successful in our application to the Department of Education for the purchasing of new indoor and outdoor PE equipment.

We are currently working through the eTenders and when finalised, we will have a variety of indoor PE equipment as well as indoor treadmills, rowing machines and ten items of outdoor exercise machines.



## New Computers



Our Multi Media room has been equipped with 30 new all in one desktop computers, thanks to an IT grant from the Department of Education.

Over the past two years, all the computers in the other three computer rooms have been replaced with refurbished computers. Thank you to Ms. Larkin for all the time she spent researching the PCs, before we made the final purchase.

A Joey trolley containing thirty laptops was also purchased.

We are also gradually replacing some of the overhead projectors in the general classrooms, if any local club is interested in our old overhead projectors, please get in touch.



## New Computers in the Multi Media Room



## Junior Cycle Results 2022

Congratulations to all of our students who received their Junior Cycle results on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. I hope they were very proud of their achievements.

The new Junior Cycle grading system is outlined below.





# Junior Cycle Grading System.

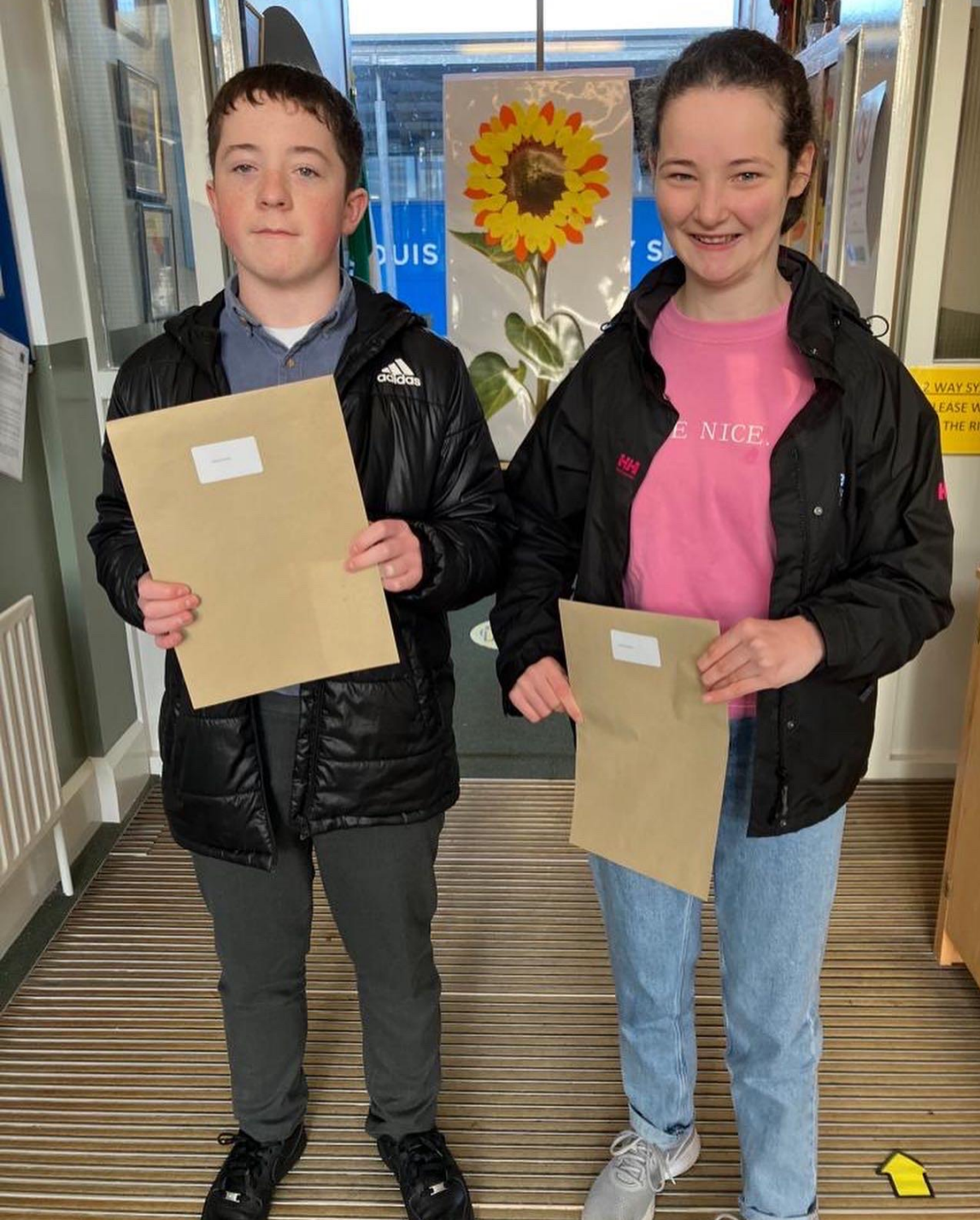


Percentage	Grade Descriptor
$\geq 90$ to 100	Distinction
$\geq 75$ and $< 90$	Higher Merit
$\geq 55$ and $< 75$	Merit
$\geq 40$ and $< 55$	Achieved
$\geq 20$ and $< 40$	Partially Achieved
$\geq 0$ and $< 20$	Not Graded (NG)









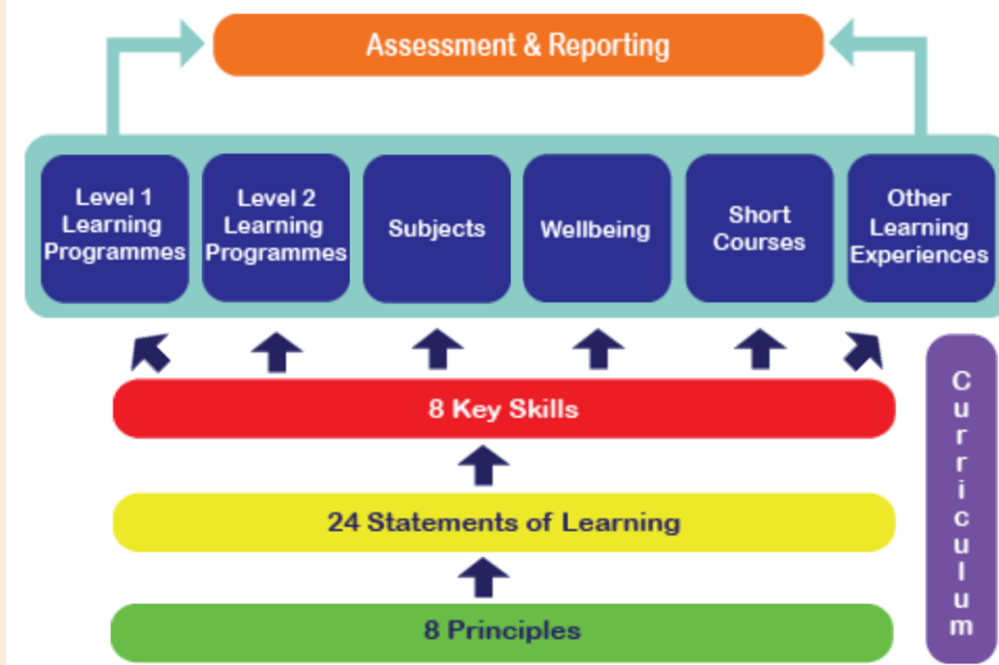


## Junior Cycle Webinar



Thank you to Ms. O'Hora and Ms. Kelly for preparing and delivering a Junior Cycle webinar on 1st December, the recording is available in the files section of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd year group team.

A copy of the powerpoint presentation and the Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement are available in the Parent's section of the school website.



# Geography Field Trip



Thank you to Ms. Byrnes and Ms. Garvin for organising a Leaving Certificate Geography Field trip to Glencar waterfall. The field study is worth 20% of the overall Leaving Cert Geography result.





## E.T.T.A. Award Winner

Congratulations to Eugene Henry, from the LC class of 2022, who received an award from the Engineering Technology Teacher's Association for his excellent Leaving Certificate Engineering project. Congratulations are also extended to Eugene's teacher, Mr. Luke Kilduff, his parents, Marie and Eugene, and his siblings.





## Writing Workshop

Our Leaving Certificate students got to participate in a writing workshop with poet Mr. William Keohane, and on the 9<sup>th</sup> November they attended a professional abridged version of Shakespeare's famous play Macbeth.

Thank you to the English teachers for giving our LC students these opportunities.





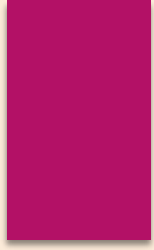
## Art

Our 1<sup>st</sup> year Art students enjoyed drawing their self portraits.

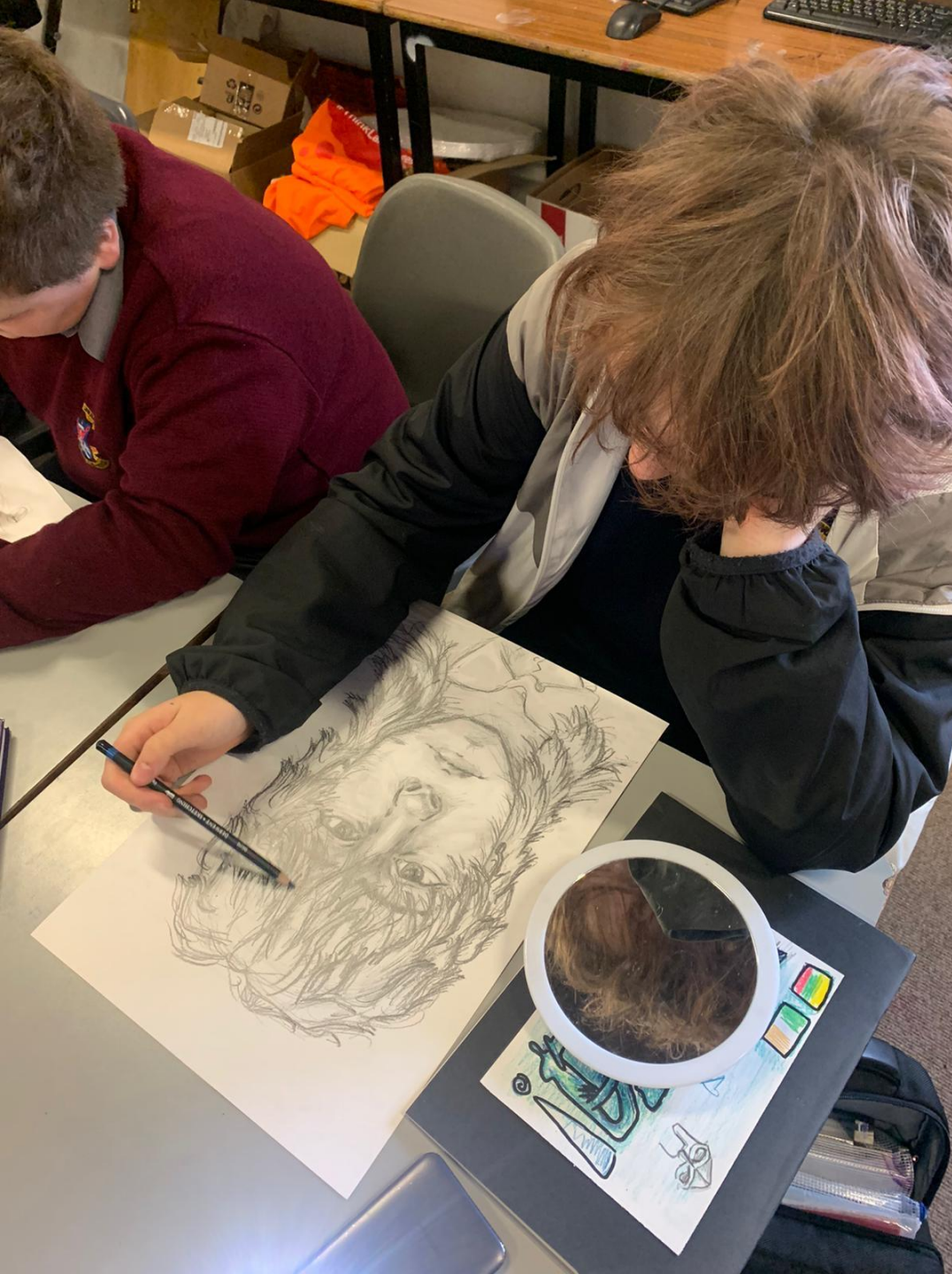
Thank you to Ms. Ueno and Ms. Horan for encouraging and supporting their students through the drawing process.



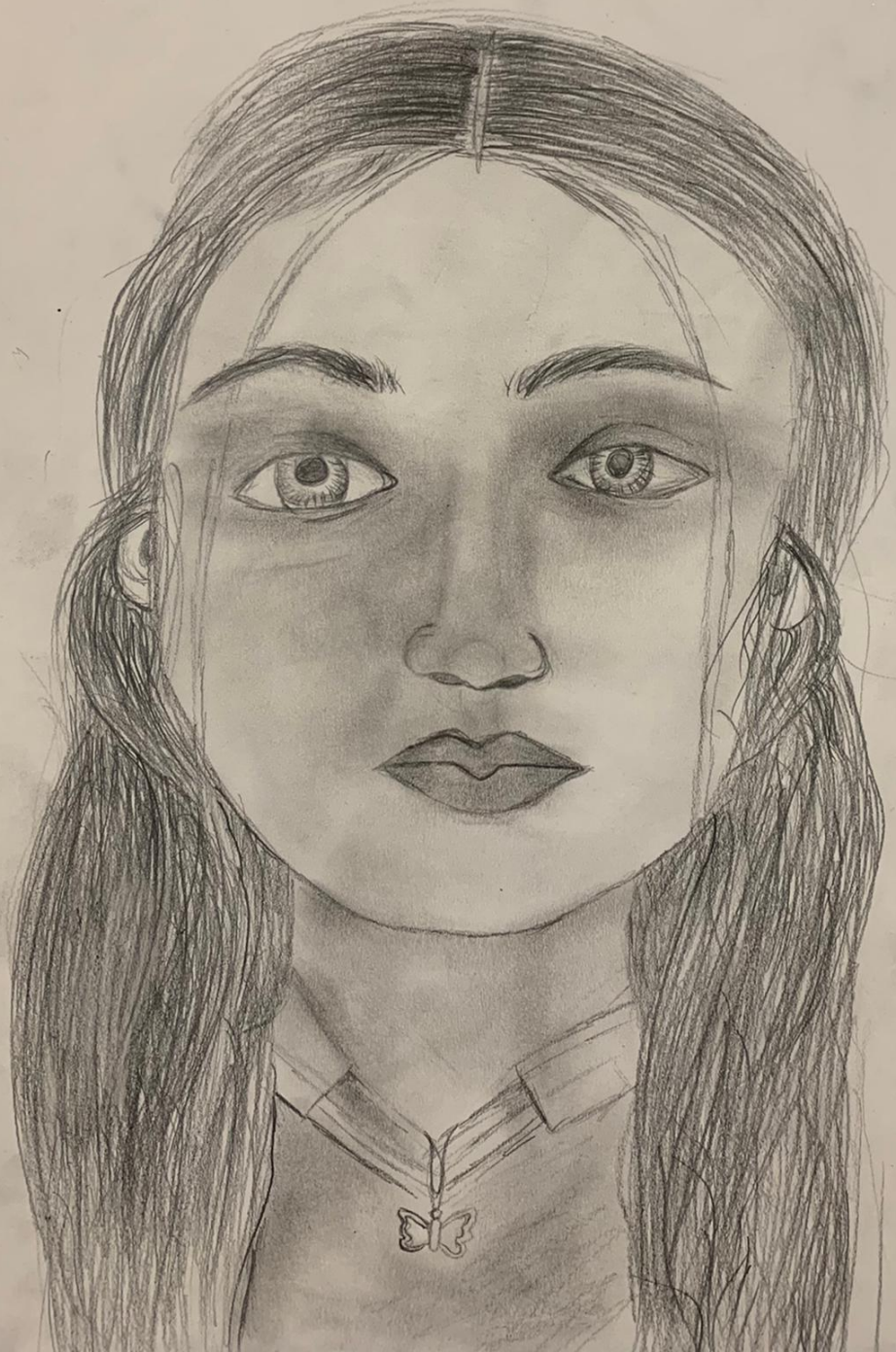












Portraits  
by  
our  
1<sup>st</sup>  
Year  
Art  
Students





# Maths Week



Kristiana Peterhofa,  
one of the winners of  
the Maths riddle  
competition.

Stephen Hirst, senior winner of the  
Maths Eyes competition during  
Maths week.



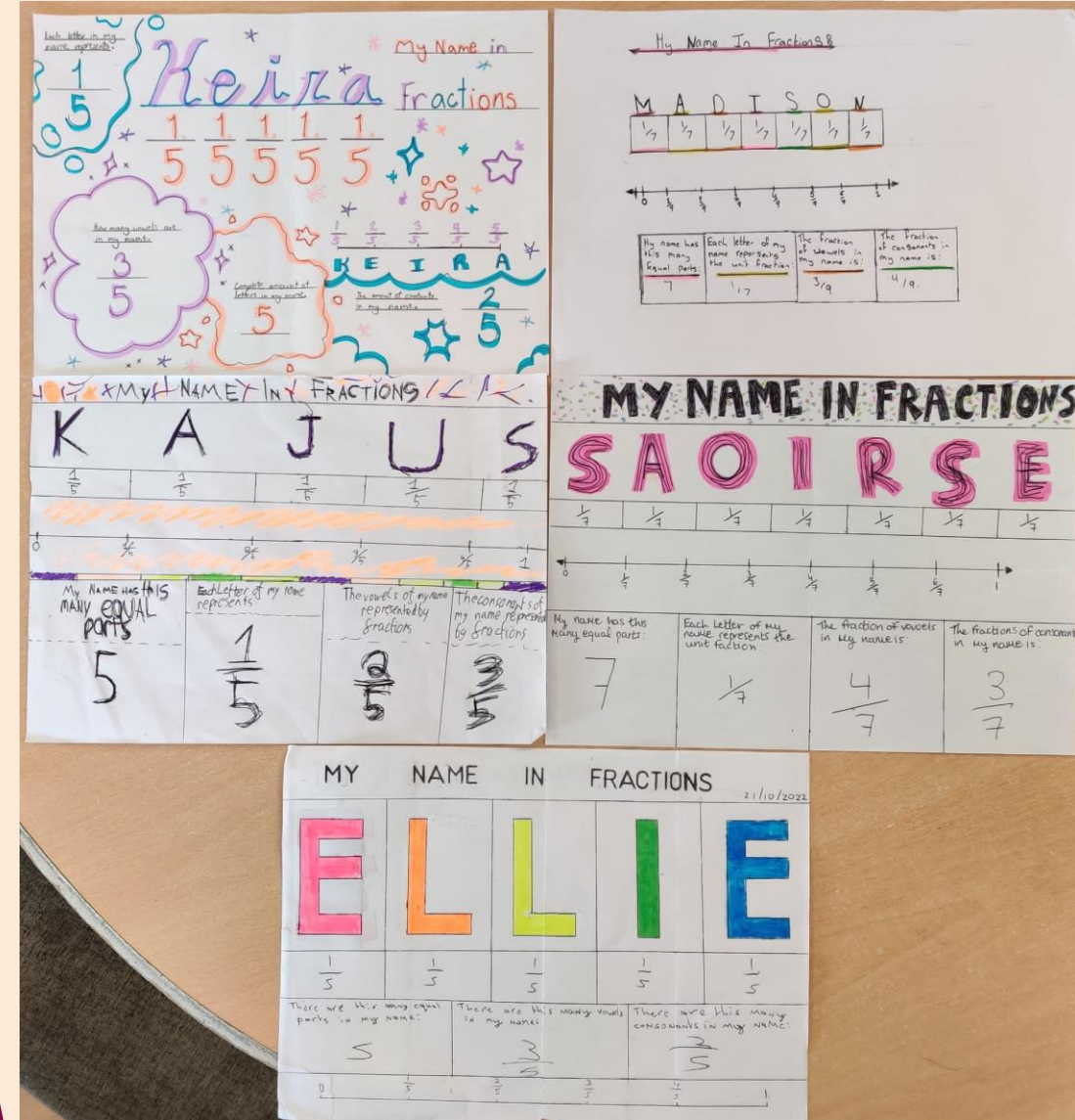
**Thank you all the Maths teachers for organising these activities.**



## First Year Maths posters



Saoirse Jennings who correctly guessed the number of sweets in the jar.



## Instructional Leadership Course



Mr. Fearghal O'Hara, Ms. Cathriona McLoughlin and Ms. Patricia Murtagh recently attended the Instructional Leadership course with Professor Barry Bennett. This course assists teachers in modifying their instructional actions to maximise student learning.

Thank you to Fearghal, Patricia and Cathriona for sharing their learning with their peers at the staff meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> November.



# Gaeilge

2nd year Gaeilge students  
learning about Raifteiri and the  
use of Irish around Kiltimagh, with  
their teacher Ms. Garvin.





## Foreign Exchange

Preparations are underway for a school exchange with a Spanish Secondary school in Castilla La Mancha. After Christmas, parents of 5th year Spanish students will be invited to an information evening. Expressions of interest will be sought after this, and the selection process will commence.

We aim to receive our Spanish exchange students & their teachers Monday 13th March for a week. St. Louis aims to travel to Spain on Saturday 15th April for a week. Dates to be confirmed subject to flight availability.

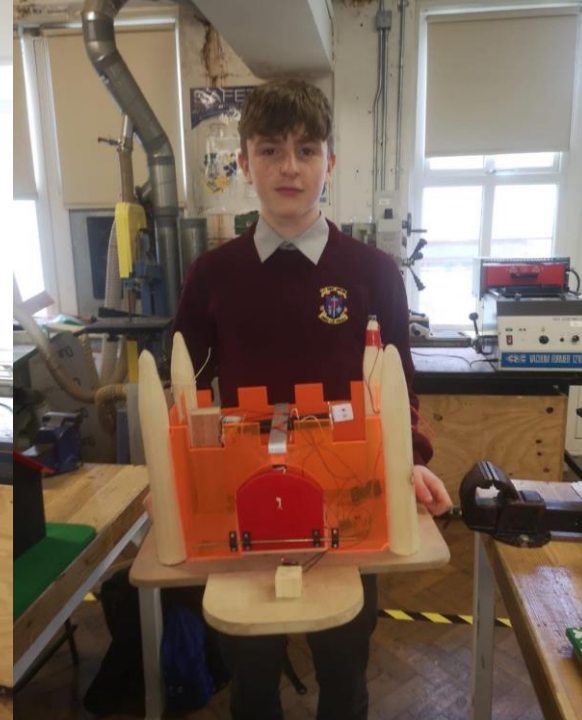
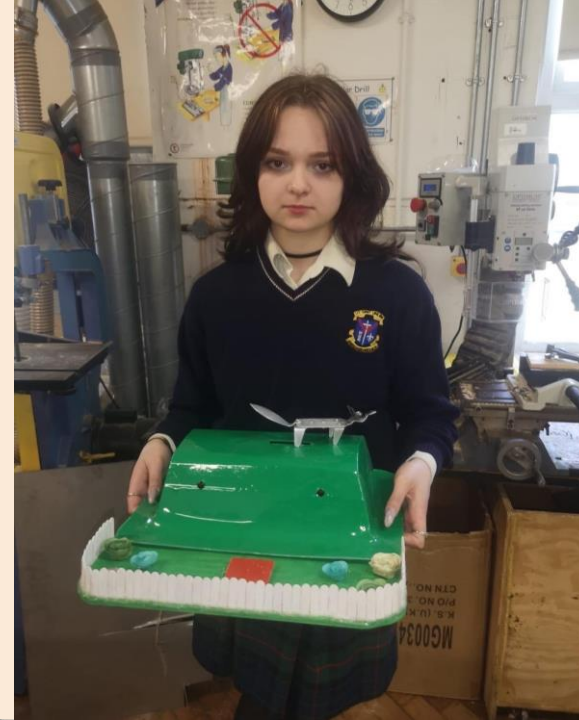
St. Louis was awarded a grant of €5,000 to aid this exchange. This funding was the result of 2 years preparation in advance of a lengthy application process. 10 schools in Ireland were chosen to receive this funding. We are very grateful to Languages Connect for this support and thank you to Ms. Monaghan and Ms. Gilmartin for organising this exchange.





# Junior Cycle Technology Projects

Well done to the students and  
their teacher Mr. Costello.







## Maternity Leave

We wish Ms. Cathriona McLoughlin, Ms. Heather Coleman and Ms. Chloe Regan, all the best as they commence their maternity leaves. We look forward to hearing news of their new arrivals in the New Year.

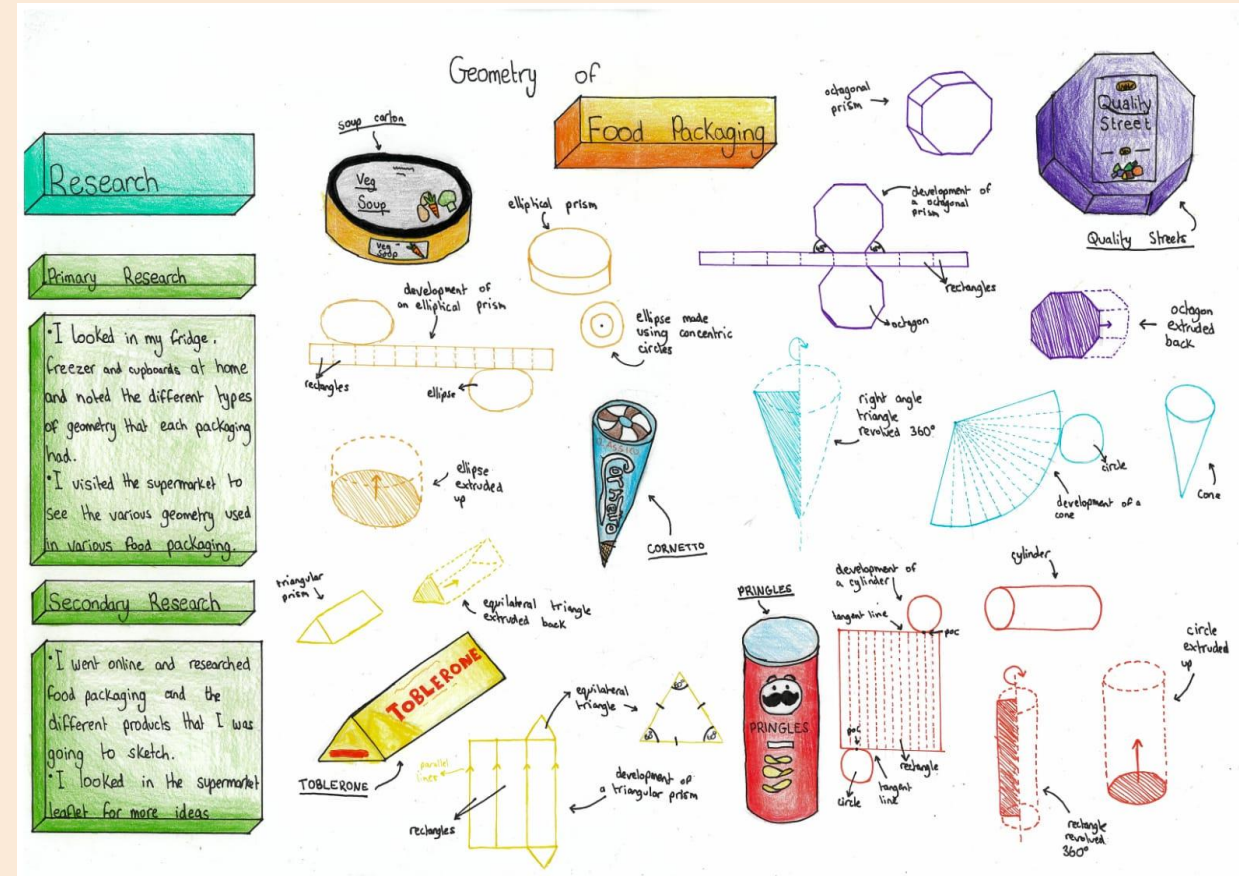
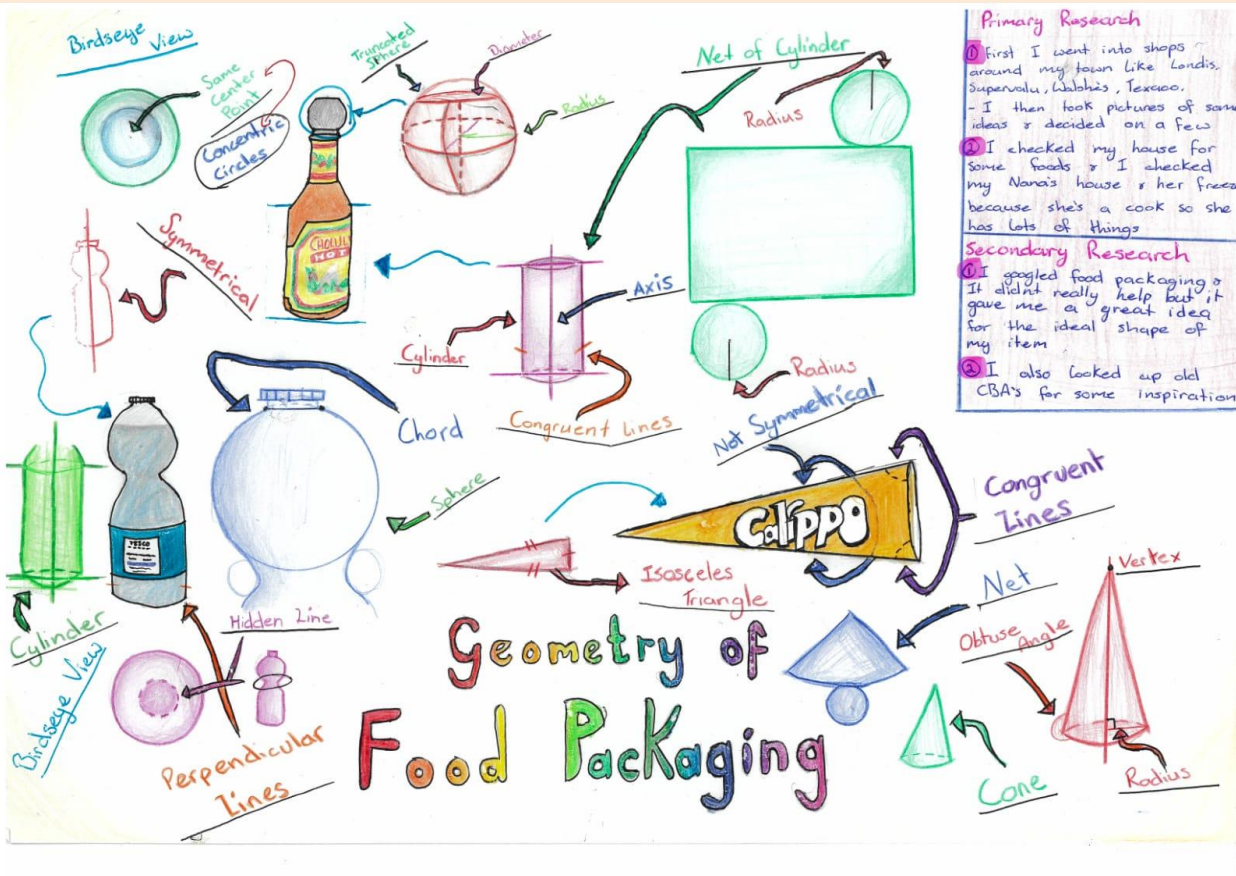
We welcome;

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Ms. Marlena Staszczk, as teacher of English and Religious Education

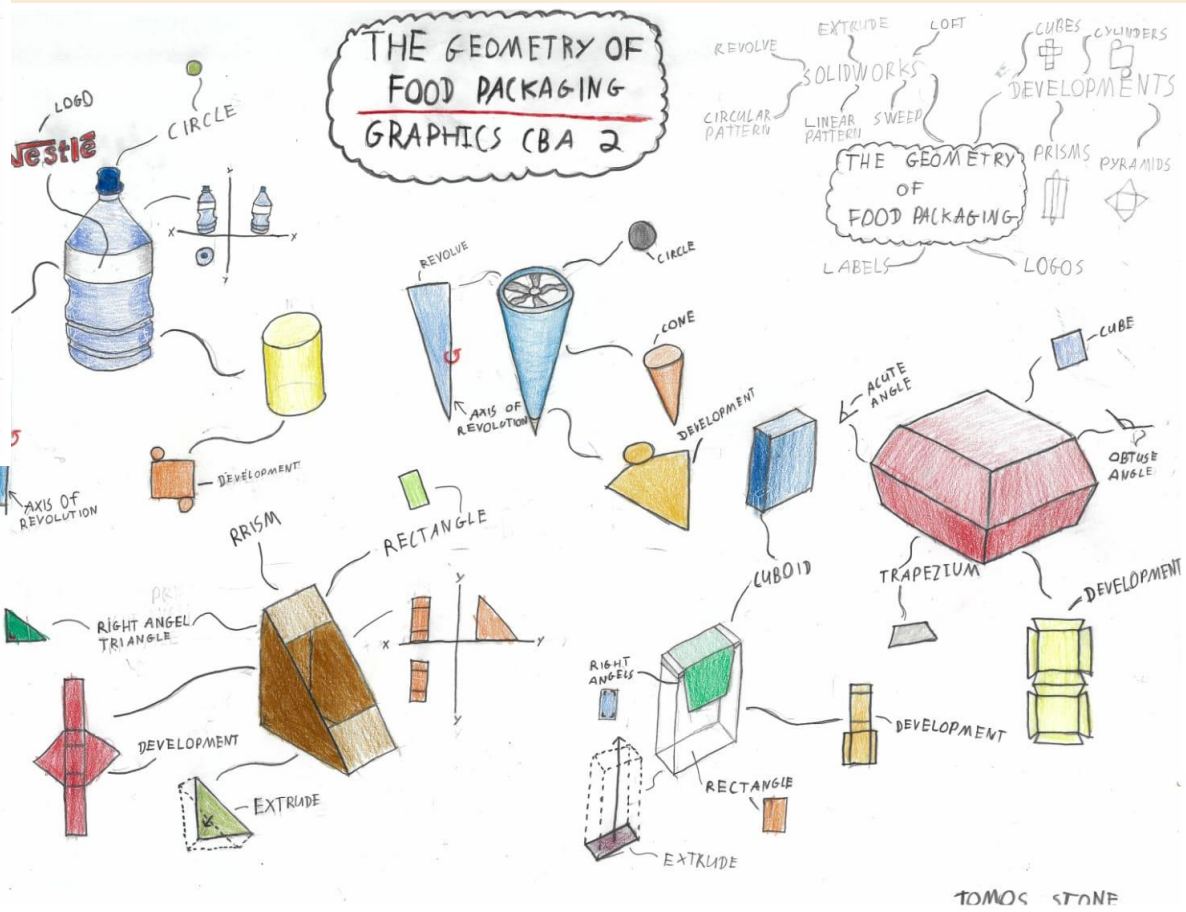
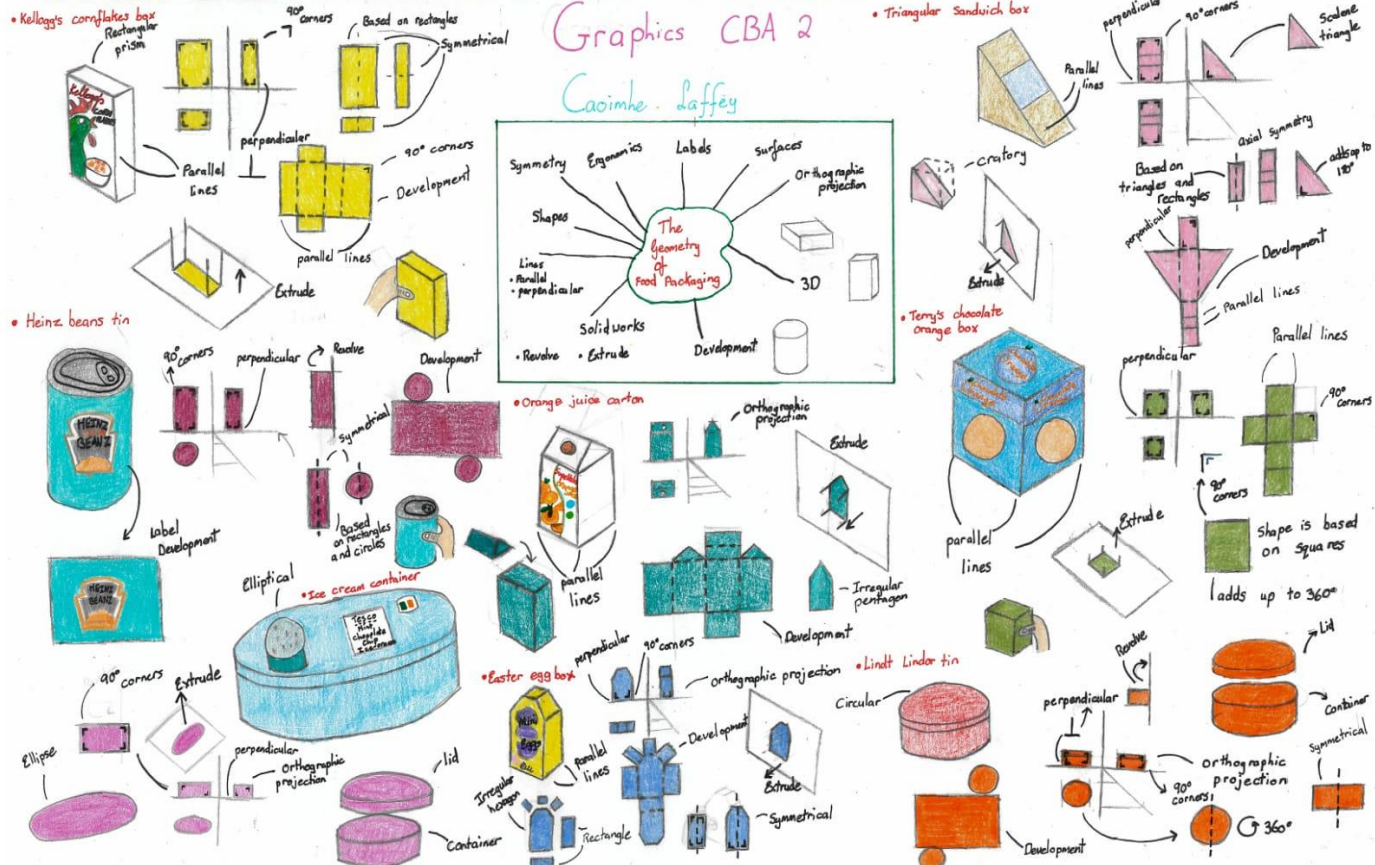
Ms. Una Fleming, as teacher of English and History

# 3rd Year Graphics Classroom Based Assessments





# THE GEOMETRY OF FOOD PACKAGING



Well done to the 3<sup>rd</sup> year Graphics students and their teacher Mr. Costello.

## LC History Trip to Derry



Our Leaving Certificate History students enjoyed a visit to the Museum of Free Derry and a walking tour of the Bogside.

Thank you to Ms. Haran for organising this educational tour for our students.



## Foundation Certificate from NUIG

Congratulations to the Leadership students who graduated from NUIG with a Foundation Certificate in Youth Leadership and Community Action. Thank you to Ms. Ruane for working with these students.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Year Open Night

- 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023
- School Chapel
- 6.30pm
- All are welcome to attend

