



St. Louis Community School **The Yearbook**

2022-2023



Principal's Address

Welcome to the 2023 edition of our school yearbook, a beautiful publication which has carefully captured the essence and spirit of the past year in St. Louis Community School. It features a vibrant collection of photographs and anecdotes, while showcasing and celebrating the talents and accomplishments of our students and staff. As you browse through the pages, I hope you will enjoy reading about the various milestones that have defined this busy, but very enjoyable, academic year.

I am incredibly proud of the accomplishments that we, as a school community, have achieved together. The school year started with the publication of our excellent Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied results and the class of 2022 earned their places on various college or apprenticeship courses. Some of our students were even recognised for their academic excellence by various universities.

A large number of our students took on various leadership roles throughout the year, serving on the Student Council, Chaplaincy team, Yearbook team, Prefects, Wellbeing team, Big Brother Big Sister, Green School Committee, with each participating student demonstrating leadership skills and the ability to take on responsibilities.

On the sporting fields our students got to demonstrate their exceptional sportsmanship and leadership qualities, while also earning places on various teams, at both local and county level.

Extra-curricular activities play an important role in our school and it is with thanks to our staff who give up their free time that our students get to showcase their talents, interests and skills.

In the world of innovation and entrepreneurship, the year concluded with an All-Ireland title making its way back to St. Louis Community School.

Iwanttoacknowledgetheunwaveringsupportandguidanceofourexceptional deputy principals, teachers, special needs assistants, admin, caretaking and housekeeping staff, their commitment to nurturing and inspiring our students has been instrumental in shaping the many achievements that grace the pages before you.

I extend my gratitude to the dedicated yearbook committee, their English

teachers Ms. Dunne, Ms. Fleming, Ms. Staszczyk, the photographers, writers, and all those involved in bringing this publication to life, their commitment and creative vision have resulted in a lovely digital publication.

To our graduating class of 2023, I hope this yearbook will serve as a poignant reminder of your journey through our school, while marking the closing chapter of your time in St. Louis. May it be a token of nostalgia and a symbol of the countless memories and friendships forged during your time here.

Thank you for your continued support, and I hope you find this edition of our yearbook both enjoyable and enlightening,

Ms. Regina Anderson

PRINCIPAL





St. Louis Community School-Review of the Year

So as the 2022/2023 school year ends and the May flower is in full bloom around the high roads and by-roads of Kiltimagh, it's a nice time to reflect on some of the significant milestones in our year.

Late August and early September, brought a feeling of normality as it was the first return to school for three years that didn't require us all to wear masks or socially distance; it gave everyone a lift to know that we had (hopefully) put the Covid days behind us.

The school has seen a number of improvements this year, examples of which include the new surface on the Astro-turf pitch which was replaced in September and the development of a new sustainable school library.

This year also saw the students of St. Louis returning to the skies as they took part in two international school tours arranged by Mr. Dunleavy. The 5th Year took off to the Netherlands and Belgium in October; while Madrid was the destination for the TYs in February.



On the sporting front, the year was extremely busy for all our teams. Gaelic football, basketball, soccer and volleyball teams competed at very high levels not forgetting the students who took part in the schools' athletics team.

To cover all of the extra-curricular events throughout the year would take pages of this yearbook, but here is a flavour! Odhran's Hen Houses took the honours in Croke Park in the Intellectual Property Award, our TYs were busy developing the local amenity park, there were countless workshops for all students which dealt with many wide-ranging and relevant topics for students and parents.

From a staff point of view, we said a sad goodbye to Ms. Molloy and Mr. Kennelly who retired earlier in the year. We wish them, and Ms. Ottewell who is due to retire at the end of this year, a happy and healthy retirement.

It's impossible to capture the whole year in this piece; however, I hope the above snapshot will trigger good memories of a very busy yet enjoyable year in our school.

Finally, I want to wish all the 3rd Year, LCA 2 students and 6th the best of luck in their upcoming exams.

Enjoy the summer holidays everyone and see you all again in September.

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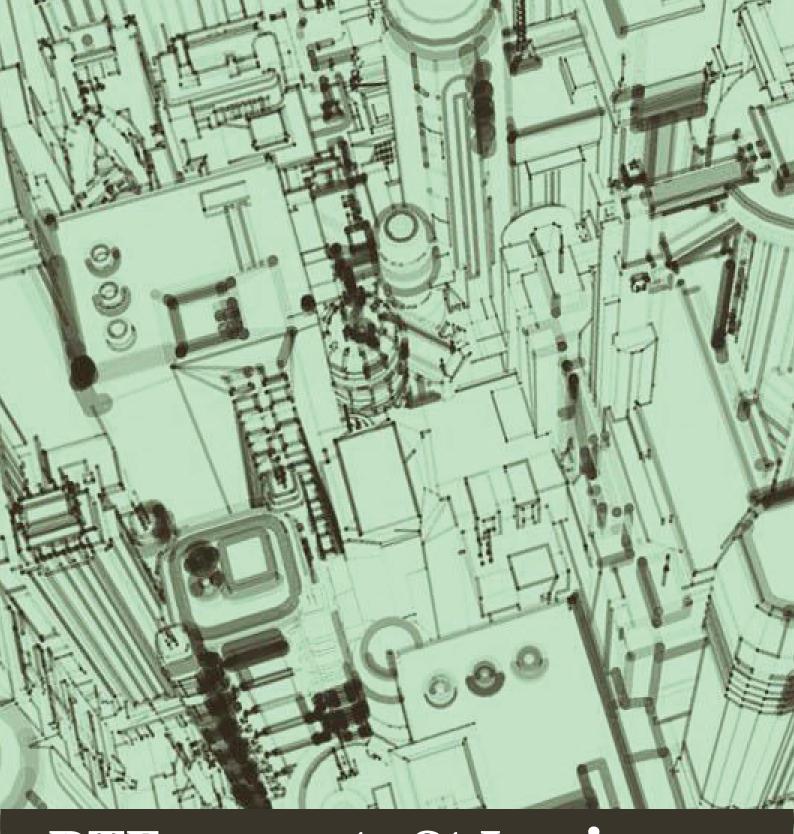
For this year's edition, we wanted to include many snapshots of the fantastic achievements and events that the students took part in. Being part of this Yearbook committee has reminded us that there is great talent and dedication in our school. This can be seen through art work, community involvement and extra-curriculars.

We loved creating this year's edition and hope that you all enjoy reflecting on the memories and achievements that have been made and accomplished this year.

We would like to give special thanks to Natalia Chrzaszcz for creating the digital cover, and to Carmel Williams, our photographer, who was able to capture the precious moments with warmth and kindness.

Enjoy!

From Yearbook Team.



RTE comes to St.Louis

June 2022











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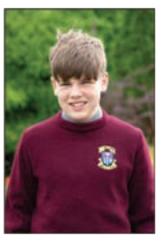
































































































































































3rd Year Photographs





Transition Year Photographs





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Senior Cycle Photographs





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Senior Cycle Photographs

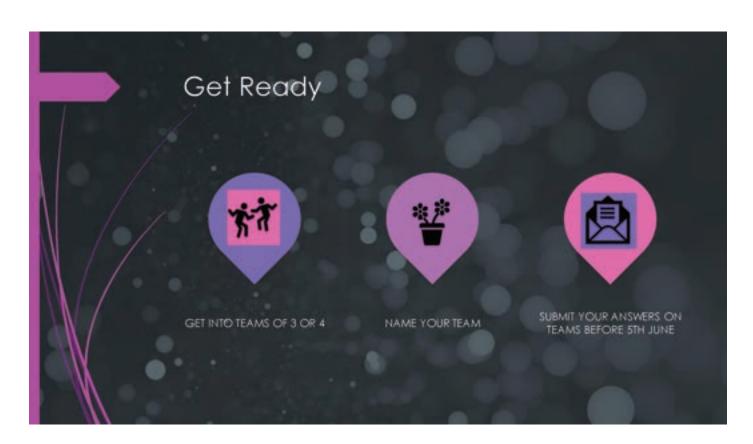












Q1. What was Queen Elizabeth 11's

surname?

Q2. In what year did the Titanic

sink?

Q3. Which team won the Fair Play Award (for least amount of yellow/red cards during the 2022 World Cup

Finals?

Q4. What is the capital city of

Qatar?

Q5. How many balls are on a snooker table at the start of a game?

Q6. What was the most watched series on Netflix in 2022?

Q7. Who directed the film "The Banshees of Inisherin"?

Q8. What show/event was the most watched on RTE in 2022?

Q9. Bressie is the lead singer of what Irish band?

Q10. What Irish group have more UK Number Ones than Take That?

Q11. Who allegedly robbed from the rich and gave to the poor?

Q12. Alphabetically, what star sign follows Pisces?

Q13. What volcanic liquid gives its name to a lamp?

Q14. How many countries are there in Europe? 44, 55 or 66?

Q15. What family was mentioned in the first line of the **first** Harry book?

Q16. "Merry Christmas you filthy animal" is a line from which movie?

Q17. If you get scurvy, what vitamin are you deficient in?

Q18. How many ribs do most humans have?

Q19. What is the lightest metal?

Q20. Who is the current Mayo senior football team manager?



QUICKFIRE **QUESTIONS**

With Ms. Hopkins and Mr. Regan.

- 1. What's your favourite day of the week? Saturday
- 2. What object do you misplace/lose the most? My keys
- 3. What is your go-to karaoke song? Simply the best
- 4. What is your last Google search? (No cheating!) Outlook.live
- 5. What's your favourite pizza topping? Pineapple!! Lots of it
- 6. What subject were you best/worst at in school? Best-PE/German Worst-English-HATEDIT!
- 7. If your pet could talk, what would they say about you? You're the best!
- 8. How do you like your tea? Weak, lots of milk, no sugar. Dip tea bag in and out once.
- 9. If there's a big spider in your house, do you kill it or set it free?

SCREAM!! My biggest fear!! Run 4 my life!

10. What is your favourite dessert? Banoffee pie



- 1. What's your favourite day of the week? Has to be Friday
- 2. What object do you misplace/lose the most? Pens seem to just vanish

MS.HOPKINS

- 3. What is your go-to karaoke song? Nobody deserves to listen to that punishment
- 4. What is your last Google search? (No cheating!) It's probably Done Deal but I'll have to check. Done Deal it is
 - 5. What's your favourite pizza topping? Chorizo
- 6. What subject were you best/worst at in school? Biology best. French worst
- 7. If your pet could talk, what would they say about you? That I should allow them up on the couch
 - 8. How do you like your tea? Strong with a splash of milk
 - 9. If there's a big spider in your house, do you kill it or set it free? Free it
 - 10. What is your favourite dessert? Chocolate Brownie





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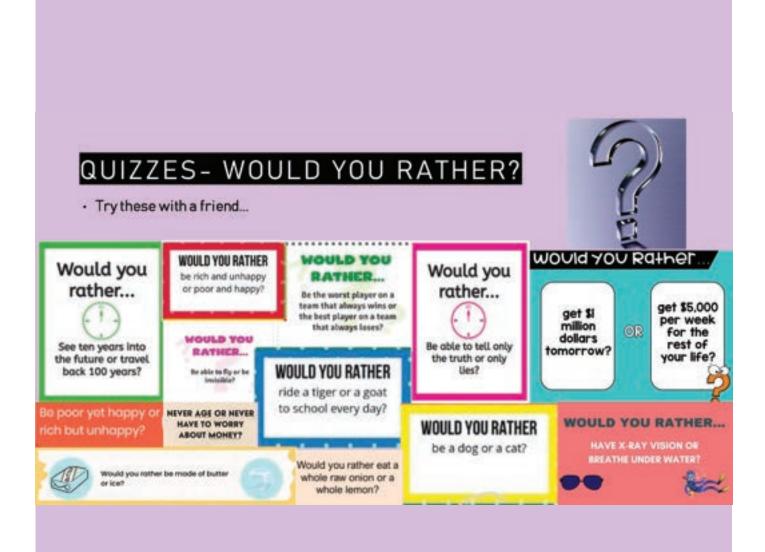
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NETBALL SURFING ATHLETICS KARATE TENNIS CRICKET HOCKEY VOLLEYBALL CANOEING BASKETBALL BOXING BADMINTON HORSE RIDING FOOTBALL GOLF WRESTLING ROWING SWIMMING SNOOKER

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Movies and Series 2022

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SCREAM



The Ploughing. A summary



ARTICLES

The Ploughing Championships

A large group of people, with sleepy heads and tired eyes made their way to the gates of St. Louis Community School on Wednesday the 21st of September 2022.

With the rain drizzling down, we quickly did a headcount at 5:55am, and boarded the snazzy, comfortable Michael Moran's buses. There was great excitement as everyone awaited with bated breath to see if a large speaker could be successfully smuggled onto the bus without Mr. Costello, Mr. Concannon, Mr. Dunleavy or Ms. Dunne noticing... Success! We were on our way.

The adrenaline could be felt in the air on the bus. Little did we know we were heading to a venue along with 115,500 other people; a record crowd for a single day in the event's history. The National Ploughing Association (NPA) advised visitors to the 2022 event to buy their tickets online, as early indications suggested there would be record crowds passing through the gates. We anxiously checked for our tickets from time to time. There was a massive interest in the ploughing, particularly this year, due to the event having not been on for three years and they were hosting the 67th World Ploughing Contest.

As the bus left Kiltimagh,



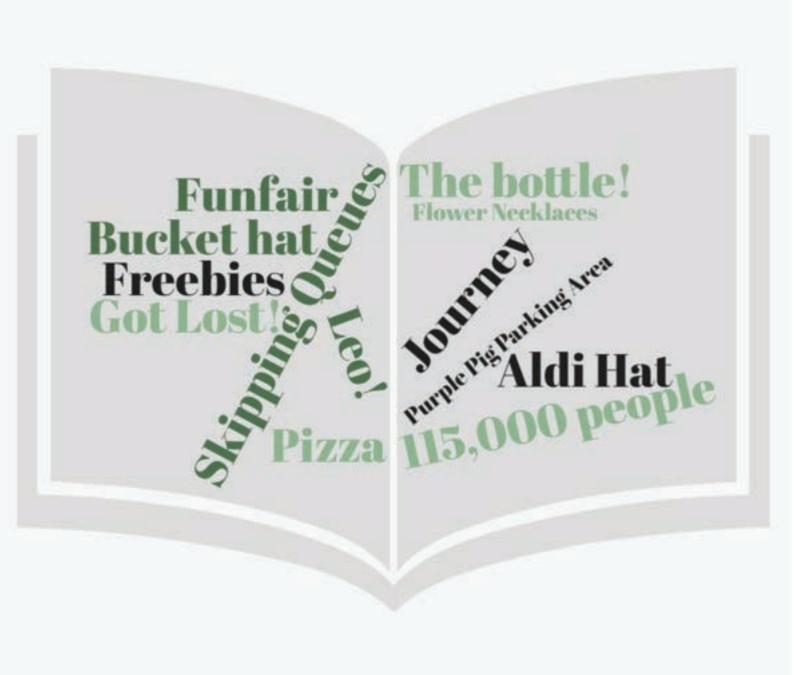
Dylan Dunleavy connected his phone to the speaker and put on Adele's 'Someone Like You', a classic! A cheer made its way up and down like bus like a Mexican wave. The standard was set. The singing continued. By the time we reached Ballindine, some of our voices were already gone, but Jack McLoughlin managed to sing the full way to Ratheniska, Co Laois. For five hours straight he entertained us by singing along to songs such as 'Stay' by Rhianna, 'Yellow' by Coldplay, 'California girls' by Katy Perry and 'Stacy's Mom' by the Fountains of Wayne, which the bus driver found funny as this song was released three years before any of us were born.

When we finally arrived, we quickly parked and got a group photo. We spread our wings and were on our way. Some people got a lift on the back of a trailer and others chose to take the scenic route. You could barely find a gap between people; the place was

that busy. We dispersed ourselves in different directions. Some people made their way immediately to the machinery, others were adamant to sniff out a freebie. It was a day enjoyed by all. All roads lead to The Ploughing!















Retirements!



A message from Mr. Kennelly

Hello to all the staff and students in St. Louis CS. Best wishes to you all and I hope you enjoy the summer holidays. For all you exam students, you just have to wait a little longer, but it will be worth it!

I'm really enjoying my retirement. My days are busy, but I still find time to recall the good times I spent in St Louis CS.

To all you Manchester supporters, I just can't wait to see City complete the treble \mathfrak{P}

Best wishes,

Chris Kennelly.









RETIREMENTS!

A special message from Ms. Molloy.

Hello all.

I'm sure ye have forgotten me at this stage!

Hope you all have a lovely Summer and enjoy the holidays.

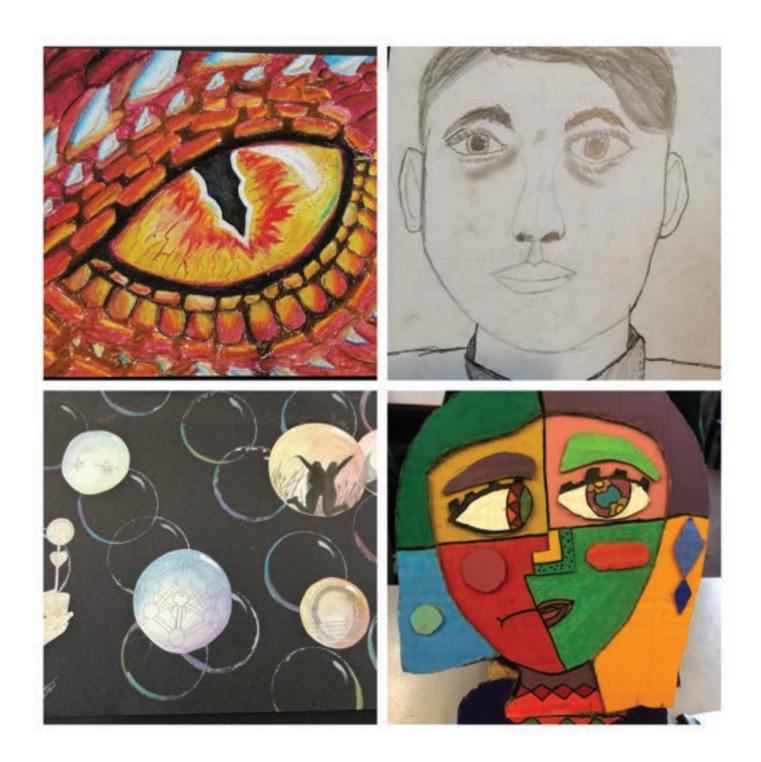
I want to wish everyone doing exams the very best of luck. Best wishes to the Leaving Cert and Leaving Cert Applied students as you embark on the next stage of life's journey.

I'm enjoying my retirement and taking it easy, but I have fond memories of St Louis and the wonderful students I've encountered over the years. Wishing you all the very best for the future. Believe in your abilities and follow your dreams!

Ms Molloy.























































WRITTEN WORK

TRANSITION YEAR- AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' PERSPECTIVE

This year, several international students came from all over Europe to spend nine months in Ireland as part of an education programme. Some of us came from Germany, Hungary and others from Spain.

We arrived at the end of August, so we only had a couple of days to acclimatise before school started. We remember how

strange we found it to wear a uniform in school, but slowly got used to it as we didn't have to spend hours getting ready in the morning. We spent the first week walking around hopelessly trying to find the classes in the maze of the school corridors. We finally managed to arrive in classes on time and suddenly out of nowhere, we got a new timetable, and we were absolutely lost again. We found out how different this year is because we had to go on work experience, something that we have never heard about before. It was strange for us that we were going to have weeks of work instead of school.

After the first month, not only did we start to make new friendships, but we also managed to pronounce the famously difficult Irish names. (The written part can still cause some difficulties. Slowly, we've come to terms with Sour-sha,(Saoirse) or Day-Ra (Daire) and, in return, we became Gorti and Jofi instead of Goretti and Zsofi. As TY-students, our favorite moments were undoubtedly the trips and all the workshops. There have been quite a few funny moments in classes as well, such as fervent debates in religion, when we bought ice-creams when it was warm and when we bought a cake for Mr. McNicholas to say goodbye before he left.



WRITTEN WORK



How I made it through tryouts

A Blog by Naoise Heffernan.

Mayo Gaelic and Soccer team

I've played on both of the teams for two to three years now. Honestly, I think it's luck of the draw if you get through the trials because there are other people trying out for the same position. I play in goals, by the way.

When do I practice?

I practice/train nearly every day. When I was younger, I would grab a football and a pair of gloves. I would always kick the ball against the wall and try to figure out the easiest set position for different angled shots.

Now that I'm older, I practice by myself or with the Mayo Gaelic goalkeeper coach. In order to practice kickouts, I get a football that my dog can easily pick up (this is very important). I aim for trees or bushes, and I kick the ball at them, using them as my target. Personally, I think it's efficient because my dog is getting exercise and I'm practicing my target, so it's a win-win situation.



What have I won?

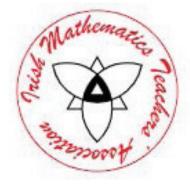
When I played on the Under 14 Mayo Gaelic team, we won the Connacht final against Galway (we hammered them). We would have been in an All-Ireland quarter final but sadly Covid got in the way. Last year with the soccer we lost the All-Ireland Semi Final. I saved a penalty but unfortunately two of the players hit it over the crossbar.

- In soccer we won the semi-final and then went to win the final against Kerry on the 20th May 2023.
- In Gaelic, we've played all four matches and won all four! I saved a penalty against Galway and we're in the final in five weeks. Wish me luck!



WRITTEN WORK

Peter's Problem





Following some enquiries, sponsorship was obtained from Engineers Ireland through their STEPS program promoting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). One of the aims of the competition is to have a 'real-life' problem which connects with a typical engineering problem. It is also designed so that computer resources may be used in its solution, including use of the Internet to access data required for the problem. The problem is set at the level of Junior Cycle Ordinary level.





Thank you to Ms. Ryan for supporting us with this.



MEMORIES

Ballinrobe Nursing Home

Visit 20/12/22



A group of singers and musicians from St. Louis Community School travelled to Ballinrobe Nursing Home to perform for the residents. Christmas carols were sung along with some traditional music and dancing. Ms. McEvaddy accompanied the students on the piano while Mr. Dunleavy and Ms. O' Brien got the party started. A great day was had by all!



MEMORIES



Congratulations to Owen, Odhran and Kiefer who were crowned All Ireland Champions in the Intellectual Property Award at the All Ireland Enterprise Awards in Croke Park. Congratulations are also extended to their teacher Mr. Gallagher and their families





Leaving Cert Mass









Leaving Cert Mass























Mayo Minor LGFA Team

We are very proud to have not one, not two, not three, not four but FIVE of our students playing with the Mayo Minor Team. Congratulations and good luck to Caitlin Henry, Cara Hession, Sarah Carney, Niamh Mooney and Ellie McGuire. The future is bright for Gaelic Football



A star among our stars





Ballina had Joe Biden but St. Louis had Padraig O'Hora, who gave a powerful and inspirational talk on resilience to our 5th year students. Special thanks to Ms. Kenny for organising the visit. Oh, and one more thing

MAYO FOR SAM

Mayo Mental Health Association







1st Year Well-being Day 2023 Thank you to Ms. Ruane, the 1st year teachers and the Transition year Leadership team for organising this fun day.



Some more photos from our 1st year Wellbeing day







Our Transition year students are delighted to be heling to lay new paths in our local amenity park.









Our Transition year students







Well done to members of our Chaplaincy team, Transition year students, Ms. O'Brien and Ms. Donoghue who have been busy revamping our grotto of Our Lady and St. Bernadette for the month of May.





























Captain Sammy Miles and some of our incoming 1st years pictured bringing the Challenge Cup from the North Wales Rugby Festival back to Mayo.

#RugbySaints

Special thanks to Ben Miles and our Transition year students for coaching our students.





Well done <u>Maxwell Marukasonti</u>, one of our 1st year students who was crowned national champion in the U 14 Boys Indoor Shot Putt Competition recently. Well done also to Maxwell's club, Claremorris Athletics Club.































Congratulations to Emma McNicholas 3rd year and Dylan Keane 1st year who have been accepted to Comhairle na nOg.

This is a fantastic achievement.





Our Library Committee enjoyed a trip to Galway yesterday to source lots of second hand books for our library with all second hand books and resources. Thank you to Ms. Flanagan for organising this trip

















Congratulations to Rachel Gallagher who was the winner of the Social Media Category at the Mayo Enterprise Awards today. Congratulations also to Rachel's Teacher, Mr. Gallagher



Congratulations to Holly Groarke and Tara Ward who came 2nd overall at the Mayo Enterprise Awards today. The girls designed a game to promote positive mental health, an important resource for all ages. Thank you to their teacher Mr. Gallagher for working with these students.



















Thank you to Ms. McEvaddy and our trad group who entertained the crowds at the Kiltimagh Variety Concert.

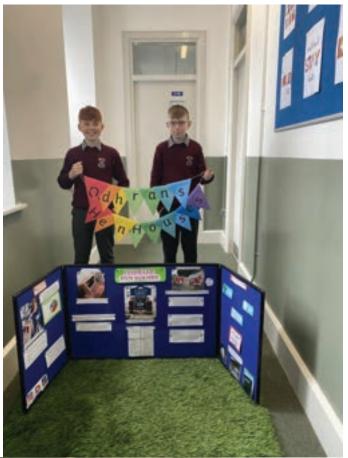




Well done to this group of First Year students who competed in the Junior Mathematics Competition, they are pictured after receiving their certificates from their Math's teacher, Ms. McEvaddy.









Congratulations to Odhran Freeman and his Board of Directors, Thad, Owen, Keifer and Ryan who were awarded 1st Place at the Mayo Enterprise Awards today for his little business, Odhran's Henhouses. Congratulations also to their teacher Mr. Gallagher





Congratulations to our past pupil, Laura Rosney who was honoured to receive an Entrance Exhibition award from Trinity College, Dublin in recognition of her outstanding Leaving Certificate results. Laura is currently studying Pharmacy and all in St. Louis wish her the very best with her studies.





Well done and thank you to Tom, Maxwell, Conor and John Paul who are putting their excellent spatial awareness skills to good use by designing new maps of our school for our incoming first years. Thank you to Ms. Kenny and Mr. Harrington for working with these young gentlemen.















Congratulations to Lauren Conroy who was invited to speak at the Le Cheile Symposium in Knock.

















Congratulations to Sarah Gallagher and Shauna Connor, from the Leaving Cert Class of '22, who were awarded the UCD Entrance award. This award is presented to students who got over 560 points in their Leaving Cert.





Our School Community enjoyed Le Cheile Day on Friday with live entertainment, random acts of kindness and treats. Thank you to Ms. O'Brien and Ms McEvaddy for organising it.











Thank you to Rina, Aoife, Kayla and Cillian for being our independent observers for the student Easter Egg draw today.







Thank you and well done to all involved in yesterday's charity cycle in aid of Pieta House and the Cycle against Suicide Charity. The rain didn't dampen our spirits. Special thanks to Ms. Ruane for organising this event.



















Our Transition Year Students are delighted to be helping to lay new paths in our local amenity park



















9th Cycle against Suicide Award

We are honoured to have received our 9 th Cycle against Suicide award for our work in the area of positive mental health and wellbeing.

Thank you to Ms. Ruane and the Wellbeing team for all their hard work.





TY Enterprise Projects

TY students have started working on their Enterprise projects and some great business ideas are being explored. Stephen, Nathan, Simon and Danielius are pictured after pitching the ideas to the Principal.





Congratulations Ivan

Congratulations to Ivan, who was awarded Student of the Month from the Claremorris Ultimate Kickboxing club





Careers Talk

NUIG delivered a career talk to our Leaving Certificate students, thank you to Ms. Ruane and Ms. Kenny for organising.





School Tour

Sincere thanks to Mr. Dunleavy for organising Border Hopper school tour to Brussels, Holland and Germany for our 5 th year students.

Thank you also to Ms. Ryan, Mr. Costello, Ms. Mahon, Ms. Haran, Ms. Murtagh and Ms. Cox for accompanying the students.

A great time was had by all.

















1st Year Enrolment Night

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open Night and thank you to our students and staff for doing such a great job showcasing our wonderful school.



<u>1st Year Enrolment Night 2023</u>









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Student Council

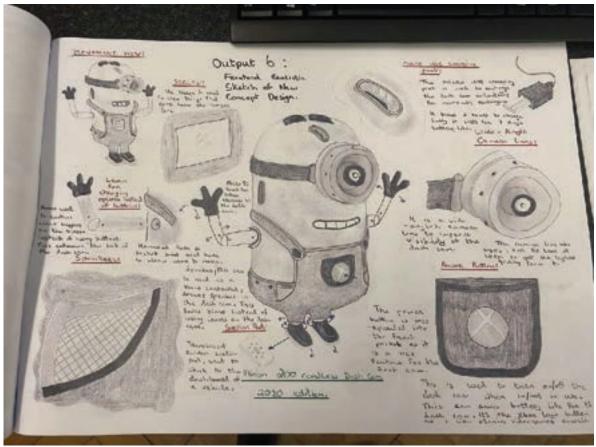


Chaplaincy Team



Design Communication Graphics







Prefects



Our brilliant team of Prefects, who assist with the management of St. Louis, are a pleasure to work with. Thank you to Ms. Whelan for coordinating this group of students.



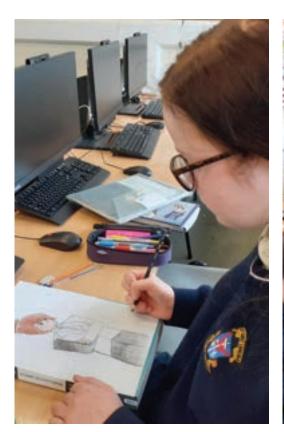
LCA Art





Our LCA students proudly displaying their General Education task, thank you to their teacher Ms. Horan for working with these students.









1st Year Business Studies

Ms. Larkin's Business students are busy working on learning outcome 1.2, identify and classify sources of income and expenditure.







LCVP Trip to Hollister

Thank you to Mr. Gallagher for organising an educational trip to Hollister in Ballina for our LCVP students.



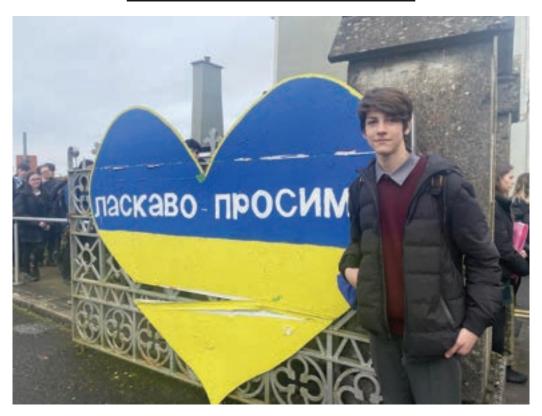
Safer Internet Day 2023



Mr. O'Hara's 1st year ICT class who participated in Safer Internet day 2023. The students are learning all about the important topic of online safety.



Best Wishes to Alexei





The staff and students of St. Louis wished Alexei the best of luck as he travelled back to the Ukraine, his home country. Alexei was a pleasure to have in St. Louis and he will be missed by all in our school community. We were delighted to hear he arrived home safely.



LCA trip to Mountbellow





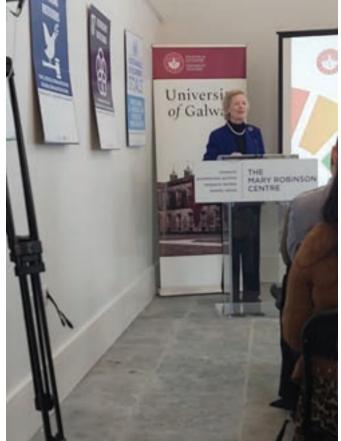


Thank you to Mr. Gallagher for bringing our LCA students to the Open day in Mountbellow Agricultural college as part of their Agriculture Horticulture studies.



Sustainability Workshop





John, Maeve, Ella, were delighted to get the opportunity to attend the sustainability workshop in the Mary Robinson Centre in Ballina.

Thank you to Ms. Ruane for organising this trip.



Personal Safety



Thank you to Mr. Alex Walsh from Personal Safety Ireland for delivering workshops to our TY students on important issues such as consent, personal space and making students aware of the dangersthe materials young people are exposed to on their mobile devices. Special thanks to Mr. Dunleavy for organsing this important talk for our students and their parents.



