

Principal's Report Issue Five May 2023



Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome to issue five of the Principal's report, the last issue for the 22-23 academic year.



The month of May is traditionally a very busy period in the school calendar and this May was no different, from the hard work preparing for the state examinations, to the final rites of passage afforded to our Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied students.

Thankfully, this year we have celebrated many joyous events and achievements throughout the year. The broad spectrum of activities including academia, student leadership, sporting, linguistics, scientific and extra-curricular all gave our students the opportunity to excel and enjoy their learning journeys.

We are progressing well through stage one of our additional accommodation project, and we are delighted that our school library is going from strength to strength with many of our students across various year groups taking on leadership roles to help bring it to fruition, hopefully this fabulous resource will be open to all students in September.

During this academic year we said goodbye to four members of staff, Mr. Kennelly, Mrs. Molloy, Ms. Ottewell and Ms. Johnson, we wish them all many years of good health and happiness and we thank each of them for their individual and collective contributions in endless ways to our students and our school.

I am also greatly indebted to all of our staff, students and parents for their diligence, dedication and commitment to our school.

Wishing all of our school community a restful and enjoyable summer break, Ms. Anderson.

The Design Team



The Design Team for the additional accommodation project;

•Architects – Axo Architects.

- •Mechanical and Electrical Engineers
- Heavey Kenny.
- •Quantity Surveyor Leonard Gildea.
- •Civil Structural Engineers CHH
- Consulting Engineers.
- •PDSP Toban Consulting

Engineers.(Project Supervisor Design Process)



Odhran's Hen Houses



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.



Talk on Resilience



Thank you to Mr. Padraig O'Hora, Mayo footballer, who gave a powerful and inspirational talk on resilience to our 5th year students. Special thanks to Ms. Kenny for organising the visit.



A star among our Stars



Mr. Padraig O'Hora is pictured with Conall Breslin, Ronan Clarke and Evan Cosgrove, all members of the Mayo junior panel.



<u>1st Year Well-being Day</u>



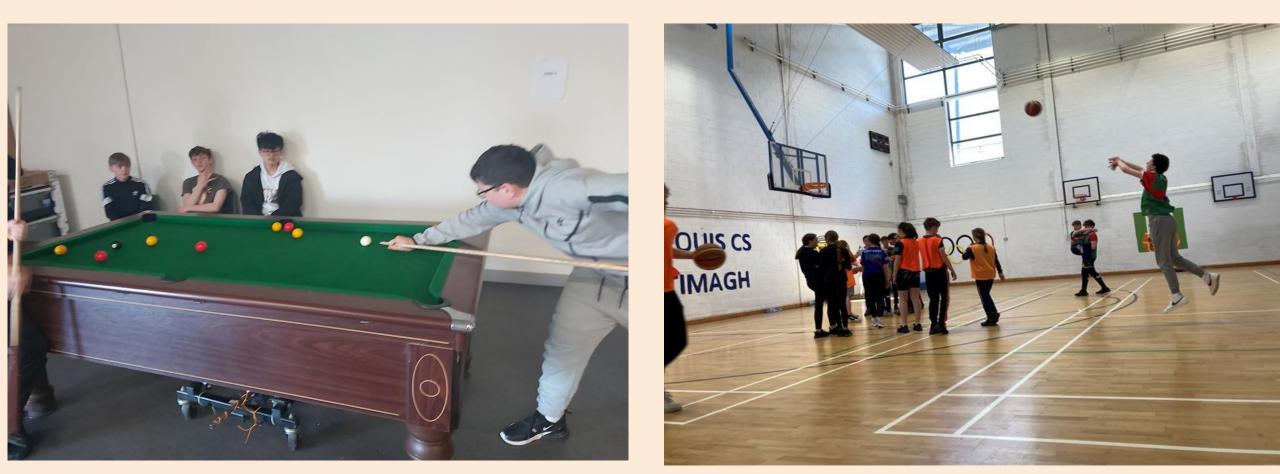


Thank you to Ms. Ruane, the 1st year teachers and the Transition year Leadership team for organising this fun day.





<u>1st Year Wellbeing Day</u>



The Grotto of Our Lady and St. Bernadette





Well done to members of our Chaplaincy team, Transition year students, Ms. O'Brien and Ms. Donoghue who gave a fresh look to the grotto of Our Lady and St. Bernadette during the month of May.

Education Conference





Well done to Thady McDonagh and Kiefer Walsh who presented at the ACCS Education Conference, they are pictured with the ACCS General Secretary, Mr. John Irwin.



Road Safety Workshop







Thank you to Karen from the Road Safety Authority for delivering a powerful talk on road safety to our junior students. Thank you to Ms. O'Brien for organising the talk.



National Champion



Well done Maxwell Marukasonti, one of our 1st year students who was crowned national champion in the U-14 Boys Indoor Shot Putt Competition.

Well done also to Maxwell's club, Claremorris Athletics Club.

John Paul II Team





This fabulous group of TY students enjoyed working with Fr. Michael, Fr. Pat and Deacon Martin working on various parish initiatives throughout the year.

Junior Athletics







TY Overnight Trip

Our TY students enjoying an overnight trip to Tannagh Outdoor Activities Centre.







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.

Kiltimagh Amenity Park







Our Transition year students are delighted to be assisting with the laying of new paths in our local amenity park.







Ms. Nagle's first year English class enjoyed exploring the poetry trail in Kiltimagh.







LCA Day Trip





Our Leaving Certificate Applied students enjoyed climbing Croagh Patrick as part of their Vocational Preparation task, thank you to Mr. O'Hara, Mr. Concannon and Ms. Durkan for organising the trip.

Our Rugby Captain





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

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





Our TY students enjoyed a host of outdoor activities at Tannagh Outdoor Adventure Centre.







Art work for the Library



Thank you to Ms. Ueno and her Junior Cycle Art students for the beautiful art work they produced for the school library.





TY Graduation 2023





Thank you to Mr. Dunleavy for all the time and energy he puts into organising the TY programme.

BBBS Trip to Emerald Park





Our 1st year students and their 5th year BBBS mentors enjoyed a fun day out at Emerald Park. They were a pleasure to bring away on a day trip and their many sing songs kept us all entertained on the bus journey.

Special thanks to Ms. O' Brien for coordinating the BBBS programme and this day out.

Special thanks also to all the BBBS teachers who work with our students throughout the year; Ms. Byrnes, Mr. Dunleavy, Ms. Whelan, Mr. Costello, Ms. Ruane and

Bodywhys Talk



Many thanks to Shauna McGroarty Regional Youth Development Officer Bodywhys - The Eating Disorders Association of Ireland, for delivering a presentation to our 2nd Year students.

The Bodywhys contact details are as follows; Email: info@bodywhy.ie Tel: 01 2834963



John Paul II Awards



Congratulations to the JPII award recipients who received their medals and certificates for their community led work. Thank you to Ms. O'Brien and Mr. Dunleavy for working with these students.



Big Brothers and Big Sisters

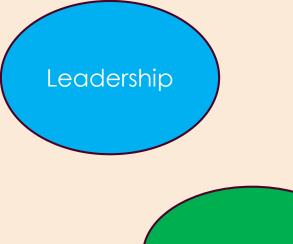
Our Big Brothers, Big Sisters, and our 1st year students enjoyed a few treats during their last class of the term.





Mentoring





Friendships



All Ireland Runner Up



Congratulations to James Duffy, one of 1st year students and a member of Swinford Athletic Club, who won silver in the shot putt at the All-Ireland Track and Field event.

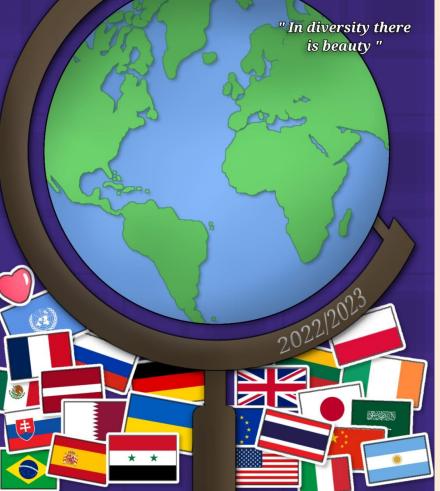
This is a fantastic achievement for this young man and we are delighted for him.

Yearbook 2023

Thank you to Ms. Dunne and the TY English teachers for working on the 22-23 Yearbook, it is a lovely production.

Thank you to Natalia Chrzaszcz, one of our 5th year students, who designed the front cover of the Yearbook.

ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY SCHOOL **YEARBOOOK** "In diversity there is beauty"







Student Council

Our Student Council members have been collaborating with the local Men's Shed to design and manufacture benches for our school corridors.

Special thanks to Mr. Seamus Swift for working with the students on this project.

Student Council







Congratulations





Congratulations to Ms. Hopkins who was the proud recipient of the CPR for Schools Hereos award.

Multicultural Day





Thank you to Ms. Monaghan, Ms. Gilmartin and all the students involved in the organisation of this fabulous event.















Amber Flag 2023



Congratulations to Ms. Ruane and the Wellbeing team on being awarded the 2022/2023 Pieta Amber Flag for their commitment to promoting positive mental health.









Our Prefect team enjoyed an afternoon of bowling as a small token of our appreciation for all their assistance throughout the year.

Thank you to Ms. Whelan for working with this team.

1st Years 2023 taking a break from the cognitive ability tests.





<u>Art Trip</u>





Our 6th year Art students enjoyed a trip to the National Gallery of Ireland in Dublin. Thank you to their teachers Ms. Ueno and Ms. Horan for organising this trip.



<u>Mayo Team</u>

Congratulations to Fionnan, Darragh and Conall who are all members of the Mayo U-17 team.



School Library





Thank you to all involved in the development of our school library, it is progressing very well.



Head Boy and Head Girl



Congratulations to Michael Smith and Niamh Grego who were elected as Head Boy and Head Girl by the staff and 6th year students of St. Louis.

The management team are looking forward to working with these two excellent students during the next academic year.

Prefects 2023-2024



Congratulations to the team of prefects who lead various initiatives for the next academic year.

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1	Aisling	Biesty		
2	Heather	Brennan		
3	Aoife	Conlon		
4	Saoirse	Eduwaye		
5	Niamh	Grego		
6	Cara	Hession		
7	Caitlin	Hughes		
8	Caoimhe	Hughes		
9	Chloe	Hughes		
10	James	Lenehan		
11	Andrew	Maloney		
12	Niamh	Mooney		
13	Siobhan	Redmond		
14	Stephen	Reilly		
15	Sarah	Rosney		
16	Michael	Smyth		

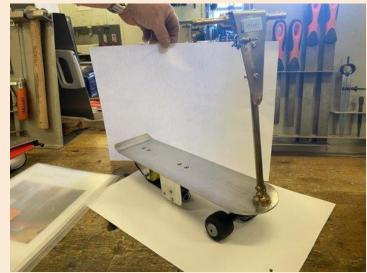


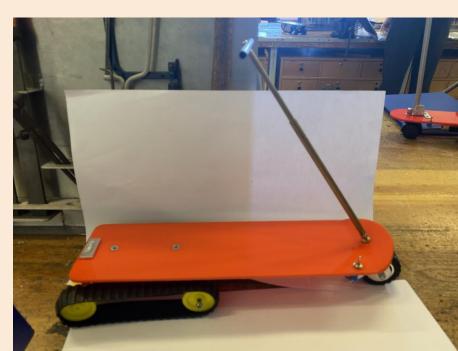
Leaving Certificate Engineering Projects.





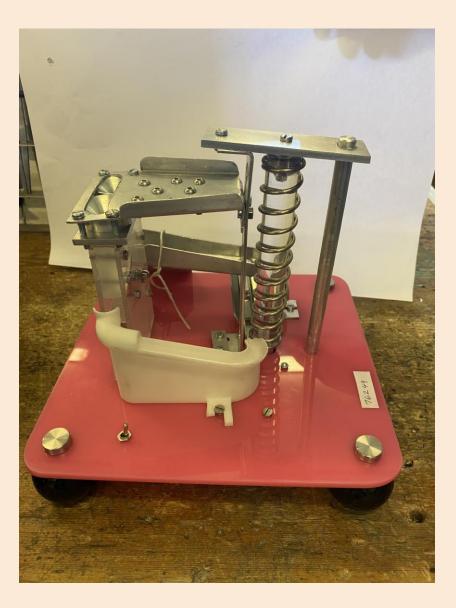






Junior Cycle Engineering Projects





The practical component of Engineering at Junior Cycle level is worth 70% of the overall mark.



<u>Spanish</u>

2nd year students cooking some homemade Spanish treats with their teacher Ms. Monaghan.







Feeling Proud





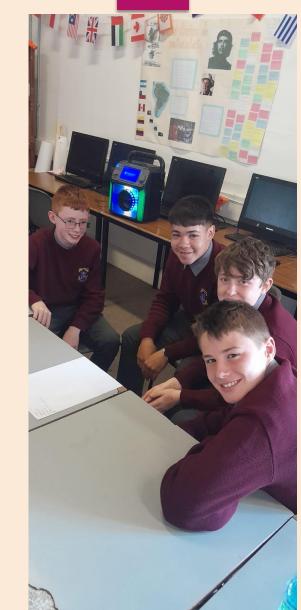
Mohammed Sadeq proudly displays the book his father wrote on the History of Ireland.



Think Languages Day 2023









Thank you to Ms. Monaghan and Ms. Gilmartin for making Spanish so much fun and engaging.











Fun with Fruit in Home Economics











Leaving Cert Graduation Ceremony



Thank you to all involved in the organisation of this very special occasion, we wish the class of 2023 every success, good health and happiness.



Graduation 2023

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Retirement Wishes

Congratulations to Ms. Mary Johnson on her retirement from the Homework Club. After working with our students for two decades, Mary leaves a void that will be difficult to fill. We wish her a fun filled retirement.





Retirement Wishes



Congratulations to Ms. Ottewell on her retirement from St. Louis Community School after 20 years of dedicated service. On behalf of the entire school community, I wish her good health and happiness for the next chapter of her life.