

# Principal's Report

## September to October 2023



27.10.23



Welcome to the first Principal's report for the 2023-2024 academic year, I hope it will give you a flavour of everyday life in St. Louis.

In late August we welcomed our 1st year cohort of students and the students who transferred to St. Louis, they have all been doing great navigating the school and their timetable, while getting to know their new teachers and their peers.

During this first school term, the LC, LCA and JC results were issued. We were delighted with the high standard of results at both junior and senior level, and I congratulate the students, staff and parents on the excellent results.

Throughout this term, our students have engaged in a wide range of academic and extracurricular activities that have allowed them to grow and develop in many ways. I am very grateful to our staff for their dedication and enthusiasm, and for affording our students so many wonderful opportunities.

I am very hopeful that I will soon get approval from the Department of Education for major improvements to our school. Progress with the additional accommodation project is slow but I appreciate that the building unit of the DES are extremely busy. I have no doubt that the required finances will soon be issued, which will enable us to move forward with this project.

I hope you enjoy reading this report,  
Ms. Regina Anderson  
Principal



## Outdoor Equipment



During the month of August ten pieces of outdoor fitness equipment were installed along the walkway around the Astro Turf. I am grateful to the Department of Education who attended to my request for funding of €89,992.14 for the outdoor equipment and the additional PE equipment, which will be arriving very soon.



# Summer Improvements

## Footpaths

*In the midst of the wet month of July, the old footpaths around the chapel and the technology room were dug up and removed, and a damp proof course and new paths were installed.*

*Thankfully, the department granted funding for these works, which were carried out after the tender process was completed.*







# Welcome Ceremony

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August, we welcomed 133 1<sup>st</sup> year students to St. Louis Community School. The day commenced with a welcome ceremony organised by our school Chaplain, Ms. Trish O'Brien and the Chaplaincy team. We hope the students time in St. Louis will be successful and memorable.





# Welcome Ceremony





# Chaplaincy Team



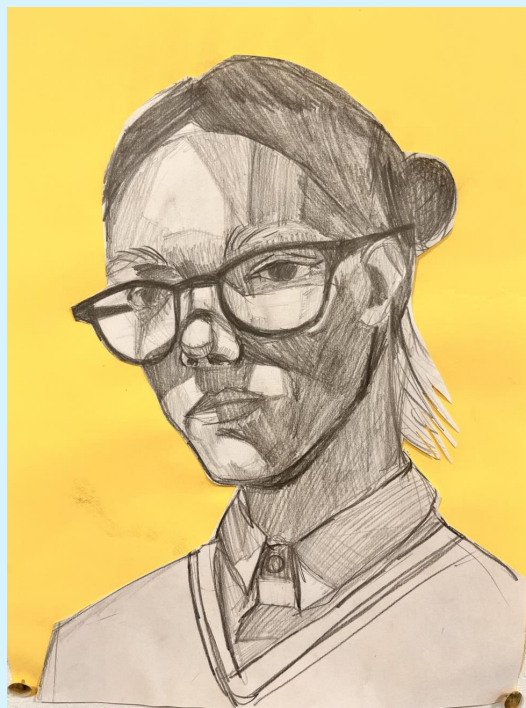
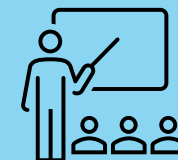
Thank you to Ms. O'Brien and the Chaplaincy team for organising a very thought proving ceremony for our incoming 1st years and their parents.







# Learning and Teaching





## New Staff



I am delighted to welcome;

- *Ms. Grainne Mulligan, a past pupil and a native of Bohola, as a teacher of Science and Biology,*
  - *Ms. Gemma McWalter, a native of Balla and a former teacher of Dominican College in Galway, as a teacher of English and History,*
  - *Mr. Michael Farrell a native of Athenry, as a teacher of DCG and Construction Studies.*
  - *Ms. Katherine McLoughlin, a native of Ballindine, as a teacher of English and Religion.*
  - *Ms. Sandra Connolly, a native of Leitrim, as a teacher of English.*
  - *Mr. Thomas Conway, a native of Westport, as a teacher of Geography.*
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- *I would also like to welcome back;*
  - *Mr. John Harrington as a teacher of DCG and Construction Studies,*
  - *Ms. Mary Horan as a teacher of Visual Art,*
  - *Ms. Una Fleming as a teacher of English and History,*
  - *and Ms. Jackie McNicholas as a part time special needs assistant.*

# School Library



Thank you to everyone involved in the development of our sustainable school library, special thanks to Ms. Flanagan, the Library committee, Mr. Brendan Conlon, Mr. Seamus Cosgrove, Ms. Ueno, Cian Freeman, Kevin Henry and the Wood Technology department, for all their hard work. Thank you to all the students, staff, parents and others from near and far, who donated so many books and thanks to all who joined us for the celebrations. The library is open every break and lunch time, and will be managed by our team of student librarians.

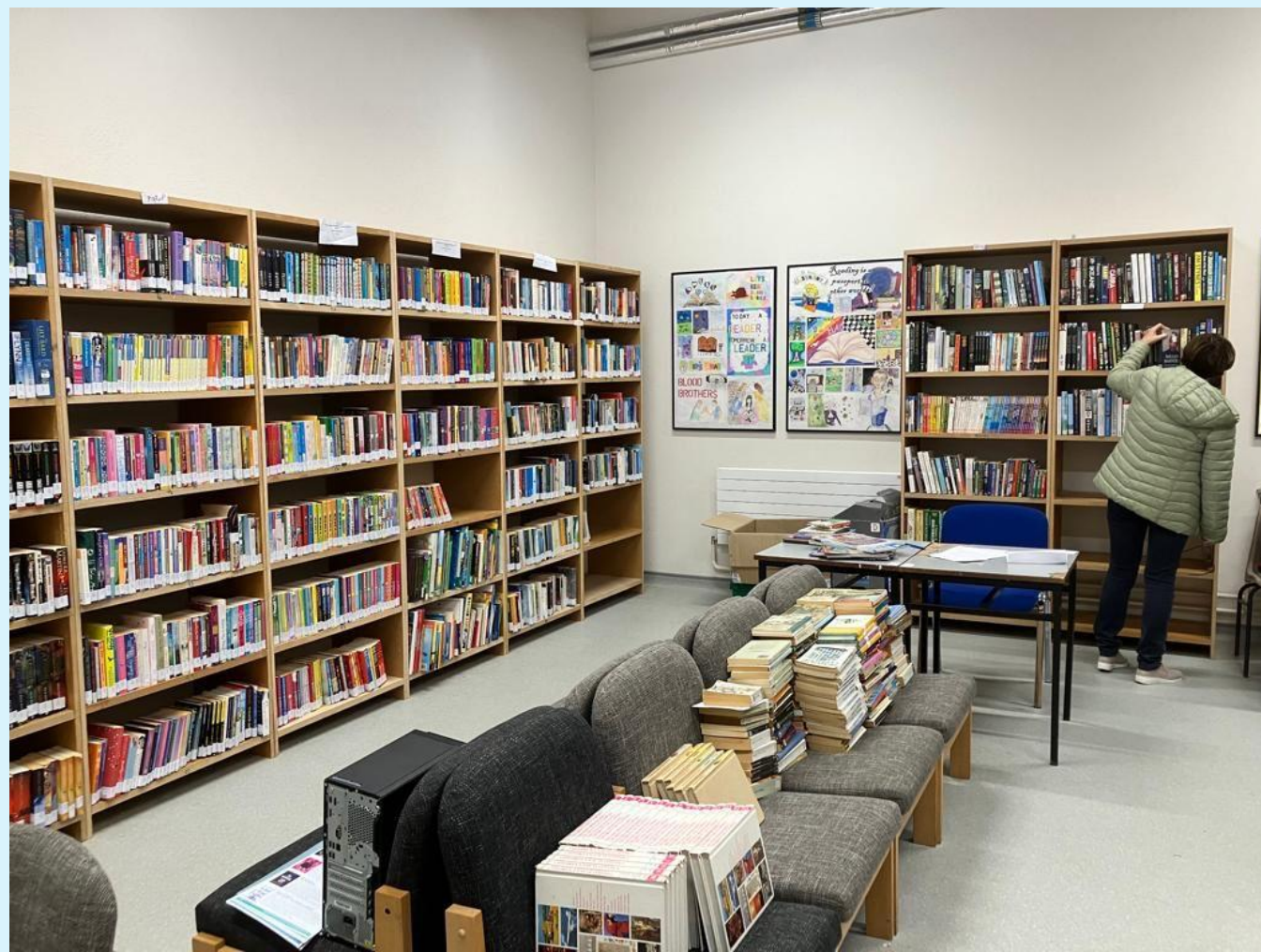


Thank you to our local poet, Mr. Terry McDonagh for officially opening the library





Thank you to our staff, parents, students and members of the local community who collectively donated 4,000 books to our library.





# Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied Exam Results



Congratulations to the class of 2023 on their excellent exam results, we are all very proud of their achievements and we wish them every success in their future endeavours.





# 2nd Year English

## Blackberry-Picking

BY SEAMUS HEANEY

Late August, given heavy rain and sun  
For a full week, the blackberries would ripen.  
At first, just one, a glossy purple clot  
Among others, red, green, hard as a knot.  
You ate that first one and its flesh was sweet  
Like thickened wine: summer's blood was in it  
Leaving stains upon the tongue and lust for  
Picking. Then red ones inked up and that hunger  
Sent us out with milk cans, pea tins, jam-pots  
Where briars scratched and wet grass bleached our boots.  
Round hayfields, cornfields and potato-drills  
We trekked and picked until the cans were full,  
Until the tinkling bottom had been covered  
With green ones, and on top big dark blobs burned  
Like a plate of eyes. Our hands were peppered  
With thorn pricks, our palms sticky as Bluebeard's.

We hoarded the fresh berries in the byre.  
But when the bath was filled we found a fur,  
A rat-grey fungus, glutting on our cache.  
The juice was stinking too. Once off the bush  
The fruit fermented, the sweet flesh would turn sour.  
I always felt like crying. It wasn't fair  
That all the lovely canfuls smelt of rot.  
Each year I hoped they'd keep, knew they would not.

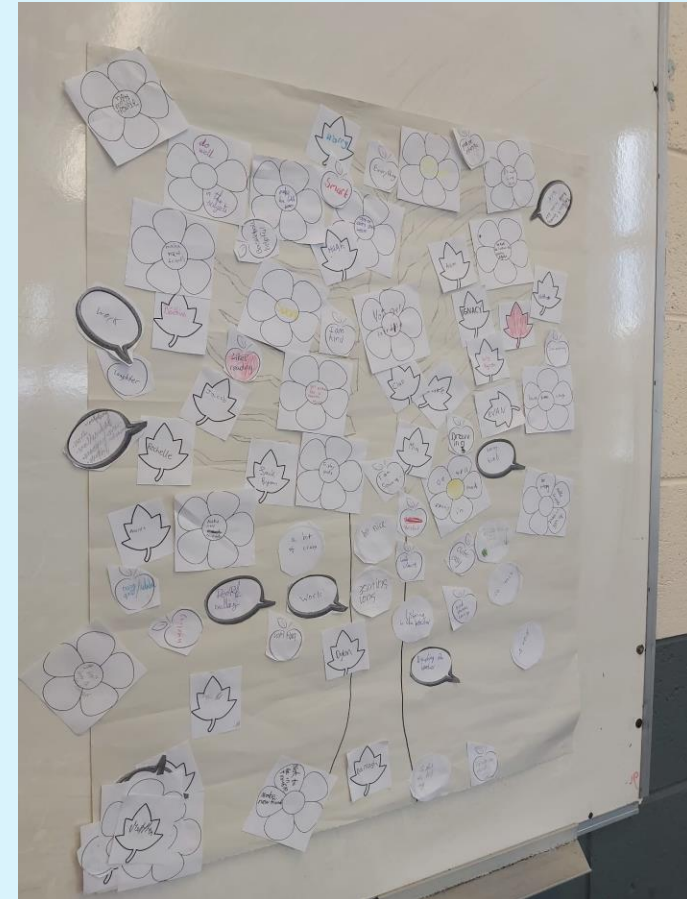


2nd year English students pictured bringing  
Seamus Heaney's poem to life





# S.P.H.E.

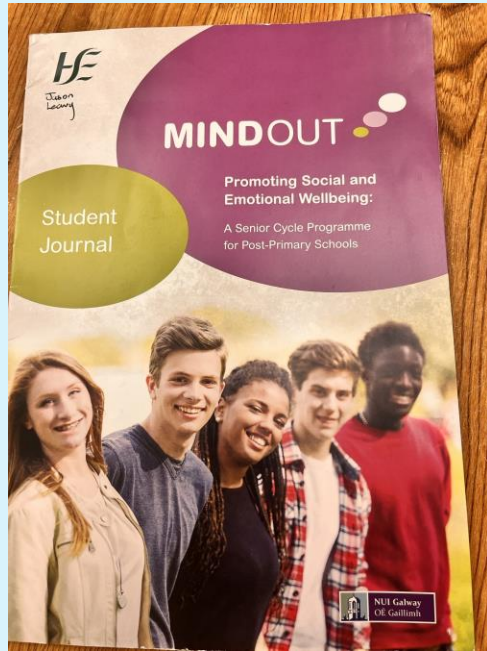


Hugh and Darragh pictured presenting their hopes and dreams in SPHE.





# Mindout Programme



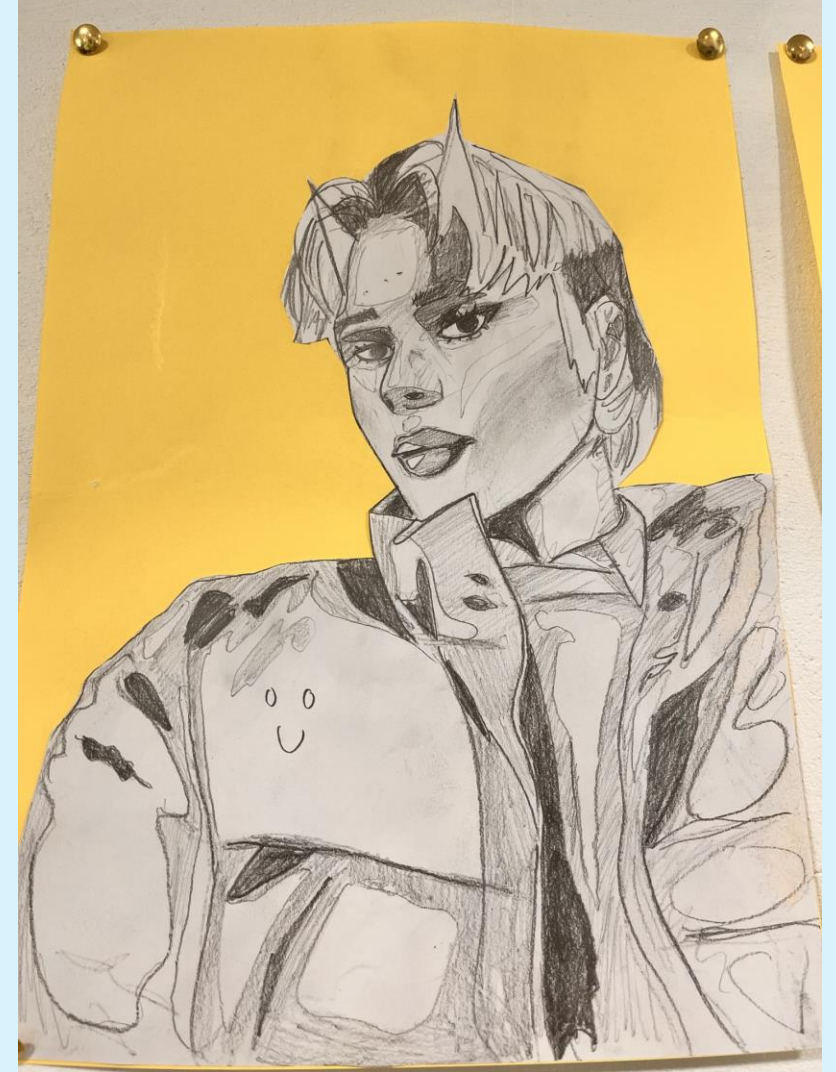
The Mindout programme promotes social and emotional wellbeing in young people. Thank you to Ms. Callaghan for completing the training with the HSE and for delivering this programme to our 5th year students.



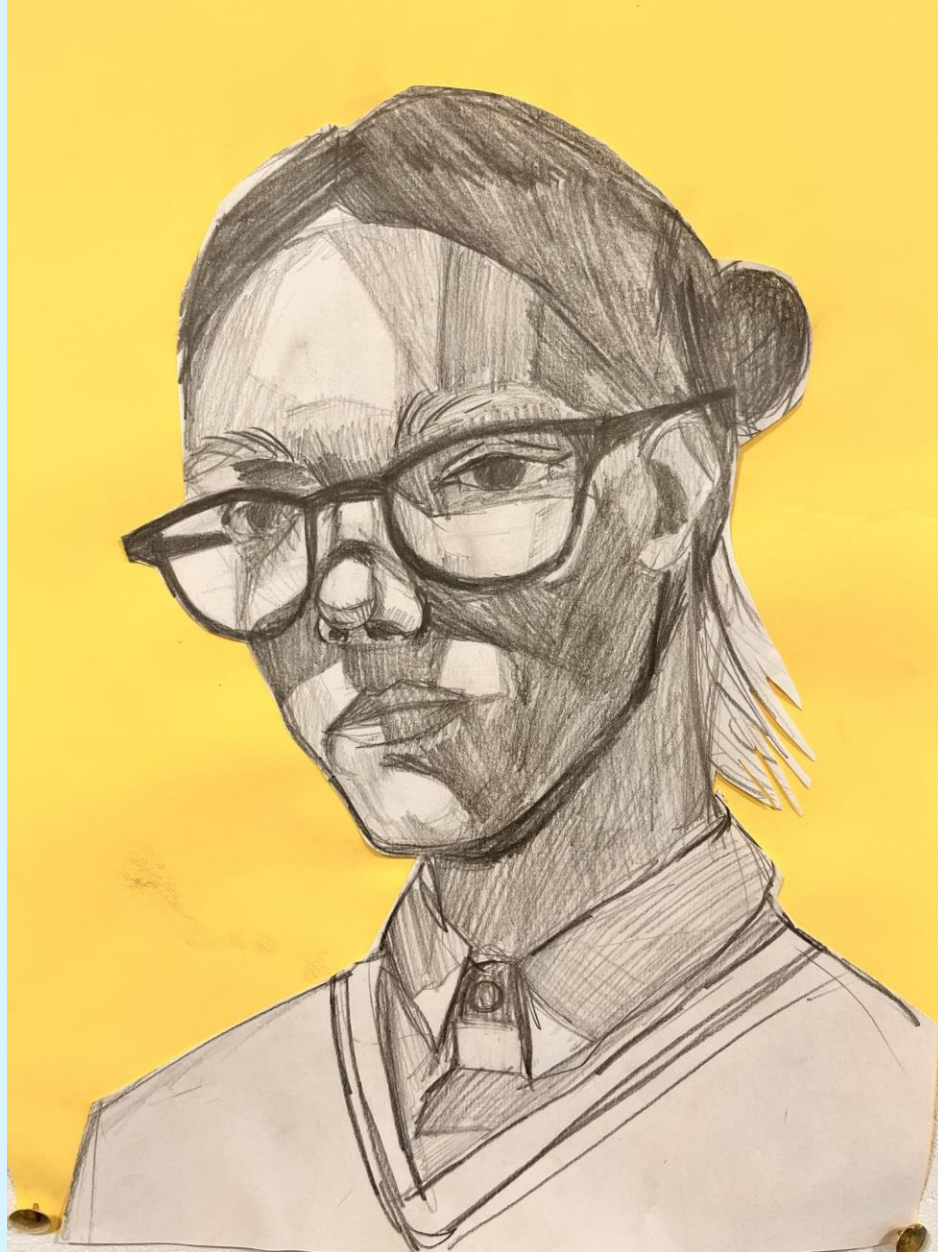


## TY Art

Well done to Ms. Horan and her Art students who produced these beautiful portraits.









## Junior Cycle Results

Congratulations to all our students who received their Junior Cycle results on 18th October, they were excellent.







## Junior Cycle Results

We were delighted with the JC results for 2023, well done to the students for their hard work and dedication to their studies. Thank you also to the staff of St. Louis and our parents for supporting the students through their studies.



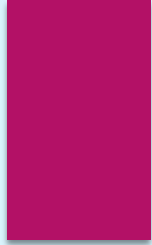


# JC Results Day 2023





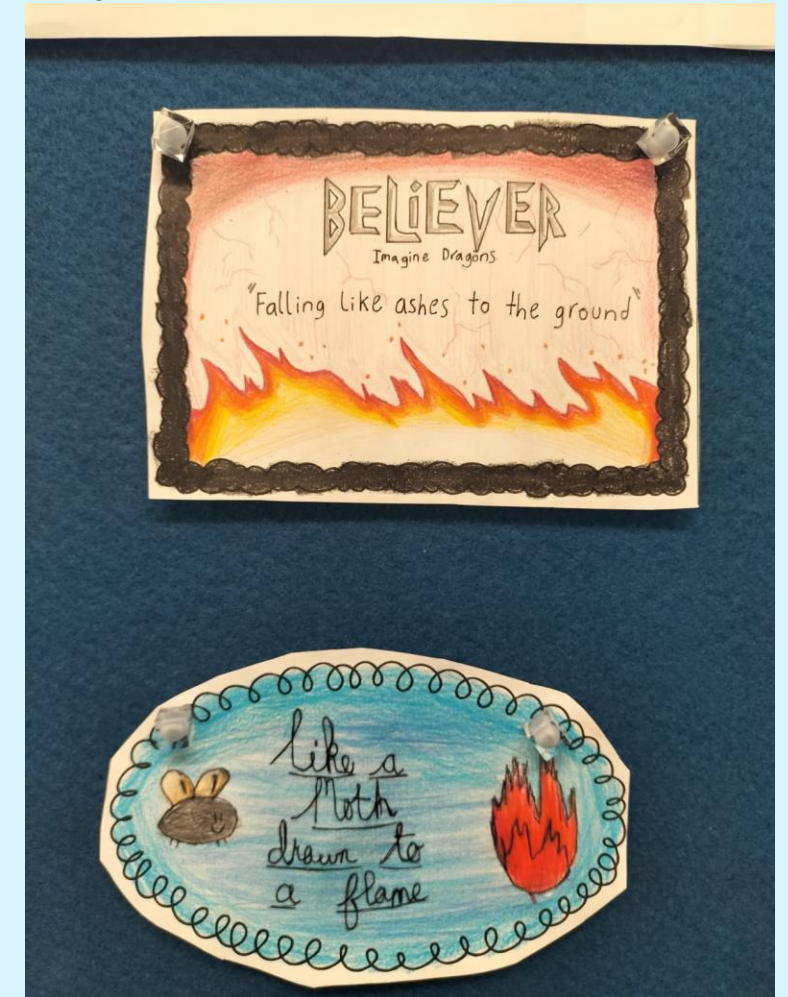
We were delighted with the 2023 JC results.



Junior Cycle	
Percentage	Grade Descriptor
≥ 90 to 100	Distinction
≥ 75 and < 90	Higher Merit
≥ 55 and < 75	Merit
≥ 40 and < 55	Achieved
≥ 20 and < 40	Partially Achieved
≥ 0 and < 20	Not Graded (NG)





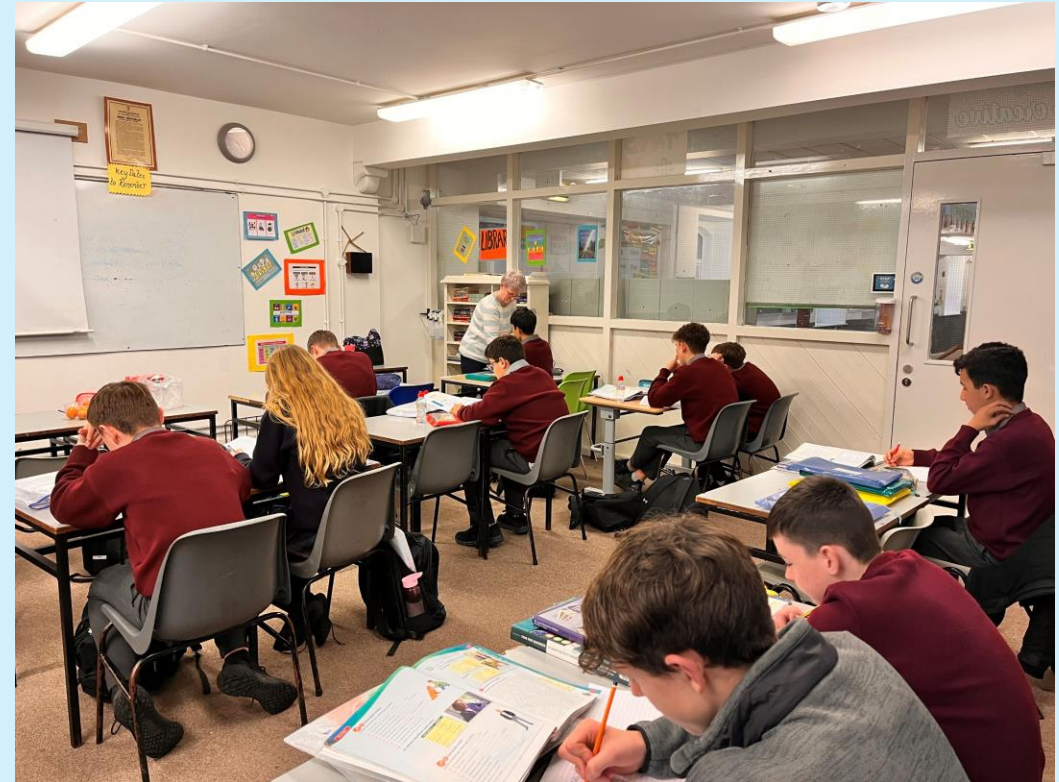
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## Homework Club.

The Homework Club takes place from Monday to Thursday from 4.15pm to 5.30pm. The coordinator is Ms. Florence Devane, and she is ably assisted by our Special Needs Assistants and Transition year students.

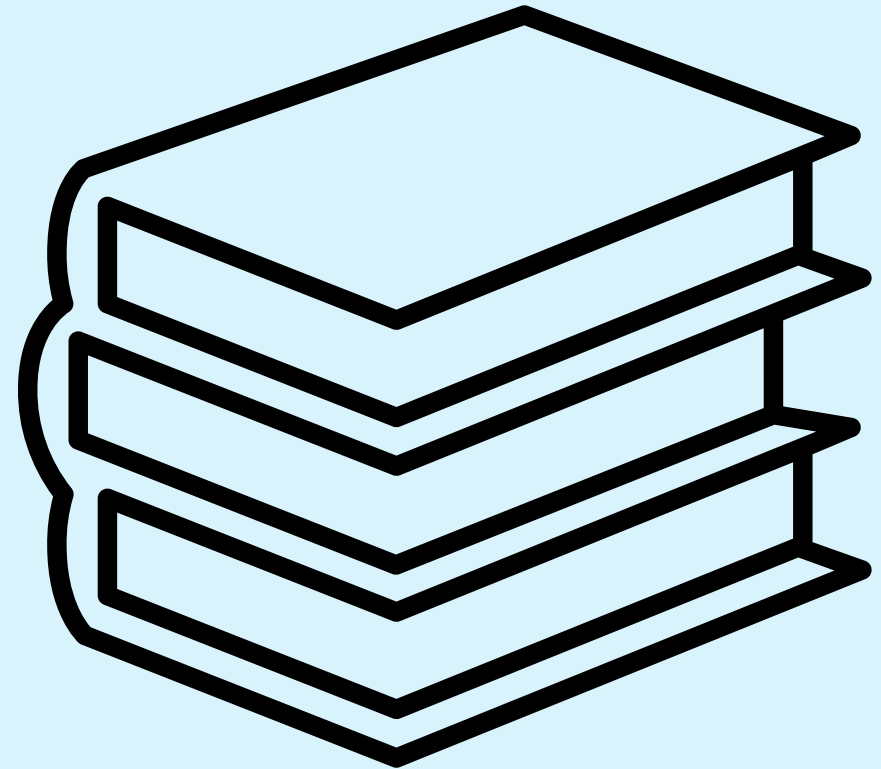




## Evening Study

Evening Study commenced on Monday 4th September and takes place on Monday to Thursday from 4.20pm to 6.20pm, and on Fridays from 2pm to 4pm.

Special thanks to Ms. Andrea Maloney for coordinating Evening Study and thank you also to all the teachers who supervise it.







### Monday's Riddle

Which 4-digit number multiplied by 4 gives the same number in reverse?

## Riddles for Maths Week

### Wednesday's Riddle

$$\begin{array}{l} 12 \times 12 = 9 \\ 23 \times 23 = 16 \\ 34 \times 34 = ? \end{array}$$

### Tuesday's Riddle

$$\begin{array}{r} 20583 \\ 07445 \\ 18391 \\ \hline 1547? \end{array}$$

Which number should replace the question mark?

### Thursday's Riddle

What is the smallest number which when divided by 35 leaves remainder 30, when divided by 45 leaves remainder 40 and when divided by 55 leaves remainder 50?



# Solutions to maths week riddles

## Monday: 2178

*When multiplied by 4, the number 2178 is 8712.*

## Tuesday: 3

The numbers under the line are the average of the three numbers in the column above.

## Wednesday: 13

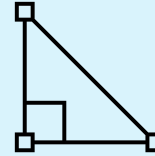
*If  $12 \times 12 = 144$ , then  $1 + 4 + 4 = 9$*

*If  $23 \times 23 = 529$ , then  $5 + 2 + 9 = 16$*

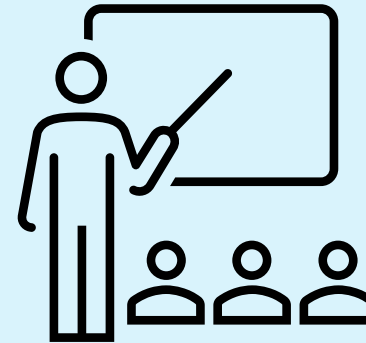
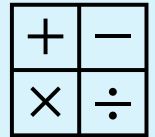
*If  $34 \times 34 = 1156$ , then  $1 + 1 + 5 + 6 = 13$*

## Thursday: 3460

The easiest way is to find the Least Common Multiple of 35, 45 and 55 subtract 5 from it. The LCM of 35, 45 and 55 is 3465. Hence, the required number is 3460.



Thank you to Ms. Kelly for organising the riddles for Maths week.





# Maths Week



Congratulations to Caoimhe Hughes in Transition year for getting the closest guess to the number of sweets in the Jar, there were 79 sweets.



Congratulations to Aoibhinn Keadin, Ava Caulfield, Aisling Biesty, Sinéad Houlihan and Riley Davin who got the correct answers to the Maths riddles during Maths week.



The Junior Cycle School Programme is a programme which offers extra opportunities to students to encourage and motivate them to do better at school.

We now have access to a JCSP online library which has lots of books and magazines for students to enjoy. Students who were selected for the JCSP programme will automatically receive passwords for the online library once they return to school, the password will be posted on their Microsoft Teams account. If your son or daughter was not invited into the JCSP programme and you would like them to have access to this online library, please email one of the coordinators Ms. Andrea Maloney or Mr. Sean Costello.



# Lego Robotics



Thank you to Mr.  
Harrington for working  
with the JCSP students on  
this fun and engaging  
initiative.





# 1st Year Poetry



## St. Louis: Together as one

Blue and yellow colours stand tall among the crowd.  
Perky bubbles of life scattered like daisies in a field,  
Young and old, together as one.  
Subjects are like choices in a sweet shop too many to choose from  
Caring principal wise and aware with her knight and poet, tall and fair.  
The school is like a giant, standing tall and proud.  
Green grass green pitch full of life beneath the clouds.  
Together all different but all so alike  
Together as one, soaring like a kite.  
Creating stories, sharing laughs turning our days into night.  
All can agree when I say,  
I hope it lasts and stays this way.



Well done to Ms. Kenny's first year English class who produced some lovely poems in their classes.



# School Self-Evaluation



## SSE Team

- Ms. Regina Anderson
- Mr. Grahame Cleary
- Ms. Marie Flanagan
- Ms. Louise Kelly
- Ms. Aideen Ueno

The SSE team have held discussions with staff and students on teaching and learning, and they are currently analysing that data to determine the SSE focus for 23-24.

Thank you to Mr. Jason Kelly, Department of Education Inspector for supporting us through the process.

# Student Transfer eBooks



Thank you to Dan Upohlav, Martina Casagrande and Francesco Grillo who are busy translating the student transfer e book into Italian, Spanish and Slovakian.



## St. Louis Community School



Information eBook for Students transferring into  
2nd, 3rd, TY, 5th, 6th Year or LCA.





Year Group	Year Heads
1 <sup>st</sup> Year	Ms. Ruth McNamara
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	Ms. Denise Nagle
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Ms. Aideen Ueno
TY	Mr. Murt Dunleavy
5 <sup>th</sup> Year	Ms. Nuala Whelan
6 <sup>th</sup> Year	Ms. Lynn Anderson
LCA	Mr. Declan Concannon



## Year Heads 2023-2024

# Critical Incident Team



## Team

- Ms. Regina Anderson
- Mr. Grahame Cleary
- Ms. Marie Flanagan
- Ms. Trish O'Brien
- Ms. Maresa Larkin
- Ms. Tracey Kenny
- Ms. Lynn Anderson

The Critical Incident team have completed the NEPS training and they are currently considering best practices to follow in the event of a serious incident.



# Curriculum Review



## Team

- Ms. Regina Anderson
- Mr. Grahame Cleary
- Ms. Marie Flanagan
- Ms. Aideen Ueno
- Ms. Denise Haran
- Ms. Louise Kelly
- Ms. Louise O'Hora



We are currently reviewing our Junior Cycle curriculum to establish how well our students are managing studying ten exam subjects. Staff and students were recently afforded the opportunity to discuss the current Junior Cycle, and the parents who attended the PA meeting on 26th October also got the opportunity to give their views on Junior Cycle. The next step is to survey the remaining student and parent body.

## RE Teacher's Conference

Well done to our Chaplain, Ms. O'Brien who presented at the Le Cheile Religion teachers conference on 12th October.





## Parent Teacher Meetings.

Thank you to all our parents and guardians who attended the Leaving Certificate and the Leaving Certificate Applied parent teacher meeting on 18th October. The remaining parent teacher meetings take place on the following dates.

- 16th November 2023 - 3rd years
- 28th November 2023 – 5th years and LCA 1
- 6th December 2023 - 1st years
- 23rd January 2024 - 2nd years
- 22nd February 2024 - Transition years

School will finish at 3.45pm on the days of the meetings and the school buses will be notified of the earlier finish times.

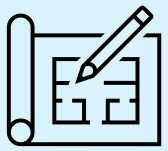
All meetings will take place in the new building, in the Louis Bautain hall and the classrooms upstairs.

# Transition Year Report

By Aoibhinn McDonagh







Although the Transition Year students of St. Louis might only be two months in to the 2023-24 school year, they have certainly been nothing short of busy over the first term. The school offers such a wide array of committees, projects and competitions to get involved in that there is definitely something that caters for everybody.

To kick off the year, TY students took a trip to Petersburg Outdoor Education Centre. This gave everyone a chance to get to know people they might not have spent much time with at Junior Cycle, while partaking in water activities like canoeing and kayaking and team bonding games on land. The day was a hit with everybody and helped students settle in with their new class groups quickly.

In the Business classes, students have been busy setting up their Mini Companies. This year's line-up of new businesses will be selling jewellery, board games, Croc charms and much more! Students have already had several talks on how to properly run their businesses, including one on Intellectual Property. In language classes, work has already begun on preparing for the Leaving Cert orals and in English some pupils have begun shooting short films with a variety of themes and plots! In rotation classes such as Life Skills and Safety, Transition Year's have been learning about road safety, the rules of the road and have also taken some practice Driver Theory tests.





Outside of class, students have been busy working in their various committees. Those on the Student Council were quick to get representation from each of the first-year classes as they worked on their public speaking skills by giving each class a presentation on what the Student Council is about. The school also celebrated the opening of our new library which many TY students were involved in establishing. Six of the Library Committee members also did an interview with Midwest Radio's Stephen Grealis on the sustainability of our library and sustainability in our school.

Those involved in the John Paul II Awards have been proudly representing our school every week at mass in the Church of the Holy Family Kiltimagh and are heavily involved in the Calendar Committee. The Calendar Committee have visited businesses in Kiltimagh and the surrounding towns looking for sponsorship for this year's school calendar. This year's committee has raised around €3,000, more money than any year prior. All profits from the calendar's sold will go to Saint Vincent De Paul, the Donal Walsh LiveLife Foundation and Trócaire. To help their community further, students have begun their volunteer work for Gaisce – The President's Award and in the Leadership for Life Programme.



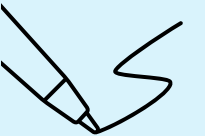




An early start was had as TY students made their way to the National Ploughing Championships in Co. Laois, in the second outing of the year. Despite the near five hour journey there and the unfortunate weather, the feedback from students was very positive as they returned home with lots of free merchandise and memories to last a lifetime! Some students will be hoping to represent the school next year at the ploughing, if all goes well with their entries in the Certified Irish Angus School Competition.

In a third outing, Transition Year's travelled to Zip-it at Lough Key Forest Park. Thankfully, the weather stayed good for this day and pupils overcame their fears and zip lined through the trees for hours of fun. This was a very popular day out with many people having already gone before and even more wanting to go again!

Many Transition Years have commenced work on their Junk Kouture designs. They will be hoping to create beautiful pieces of fashion from recycling and upcycling junk, with the chance to represent their school on the national and international stage.



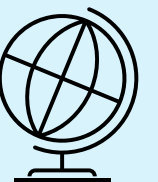


Towards the end of the term, students had a forensics workshop where they tried to figure out exactly what happened in the assassination of JFK. This offered a hands-on approach to see if students would potentially like to pursue a career in forensics. Everybody finished with a variety of theories as to what they thought happened and who they thought were involved in the assassination of JFK.

To top off the term, last year's third years received their Junior Cycle results and the mood overall was very happy with many receiving distinctions in their respected subjects.

Needless to say, it's been a busy couple of months for the Transition Years of St. Louis and everybody will be looking forward to continuing with their various projects in the next term. Many will also be looking forward to the two-week block for work experience at the end of November.

Thank you to Aoibhinn McDonagh, one of our TY students, for this comprehensive report.





# Forensics Workshop





Thank you to Mr. Dunleavy for organising this workshop.





## Leadership for Life

Our TY students are enjoying the Leadership for Life programme which is run in conjunction with NUIG. Thank you to Ms. Ruane for working with these young leaders.



# TY Career Guidance



Dylan and Andrea are pictured presenting their career investigations to their classmates as part of the eight week Carer Guidance rotation. Thank you to Ms. Ruane for facilitating this.





## Enterprise Projects

Good luck to Eve, Aisling, Regina and Megan who are busy taking orders for their custom plates enterprise.



# TY LIFT Module



## Leading Ireland's Future Together

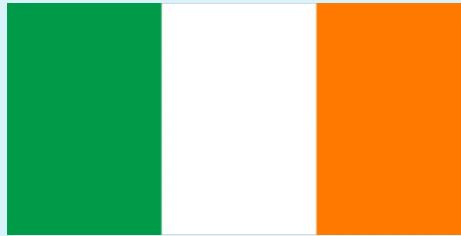


This leadership learning process provides students with the foundation to become leaders in their own lives by improving their listening skills, increasing their confidence and becoming more empathetic, understanding and positive.



# LIFT

## Leading Ireland's Future Together



# St. Louis LIFT Facilitators



Some of our Transition Years receiving their certificates as LIFT facilitators. Well done to all those who participated and thank you to Ms. Kelly for facilitating this programme.



# National Ploughing Championships



Thank you to Mr. Dunleavy for organising a trip to the National Ploughing Championships in Co. Laois, and thank you to Mr. Kilduff, Ms. Dunne and Mr. Gallagher for accompanying them. The students and staff had a long day, departing Kiltimagh at 5am and returning at 9pm.

## Murals



Thank you to Dylan and Ruta, who are busy painting inspirational murals on the walls of the school corridors.





## Getting Prepared

Ms. Donoghue, Daniel, Michael and Tadhg are busy preparing the polytunnel for the planting season.



# Midwest Radio Interview



## Midwest Radio Podcast

### Ours to protect - Episode 19

• Friday, October 20, 2023

Listen back to Midwest Radio's Ours to protect and the 19th episode, this week we took a trip to St Louis Secondary School in Kiltimagh to take a look at their new school library, where everything is has been recycled. For this and more check out [www.ourstoprotect.ie](http://www.ourstoprotect.ie)

Well done to Aaron, Isla, Aoibhinn, Alex, Caoimhe and Charlotte who promoted our sustainable library during their interview with Midwest radio on 20th October.





# Extra-curricular Activities.



Thank you to our staff who give freely of their time to organise extra-curricular activities for the students.





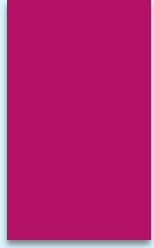
## TY Librarians

Elle and Caoimhe,  
two of our TY librarians  
on duty at lunch time  
in the school library.





# Relaxing at Lunchtime





## Leaving Certificate Applied

Our Leaving Certificate Applied students enjoyed an overnight trip to Shannon Adventure Centre. Thank you to Ms. Concannon for organising the trip and thank you to Mr. Kilduff and Ms. Dunleavy for accompanying the students.





# St. Louis Community School



## Prefect Team 2023-2024

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

## Prefects

Thank you to all the students who applied for the role of Prefect, Head Boy / Girl. Unfortunately, we can only offer a limited number of positions. All of our students have a special place in St. Louis and they all have important roles in many different ways.

Head Boy: Michael Smyth

Head Girl: Niamh Grego



## Lunch Time in St. Louis



Thank you to all the staff who supervise lunch time soccer on the astro pitch.





# 1st Year Retreats



Our 1st year students attended a retreat at Knock Shrine where they enjoyed some time out, while exploring their relationship with God. Thank you to Ms. O'Brien for organising this event.





## BBBS Bonding Day 2023

Thank you to Ms. O'Brien for organising this brilliant day out, and thank you to the BBBS teachers and SNAs, Ms. Whelan, Ms. Byrnes, Mr. Dunleavy, Mr. Costello, Ms. Ruane, Ms. McLoughlin, Ms. Durcan and Ms. Cox for all their assistance.







Well done to our fantastic 5th year big brothers and big sisters, they are a credit to their families and their school.





# Barbeque

Thank you to Mr. Dunleavy and his team of assistants for the fabulous barbeque







Toasting  
marshmallows





# Alcohol and Drug Awareness



Thank you to Garda Karen Weymouth and Ms. Gillian Conway, from the Western Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force, for speaking to our TY students on 12th September, ahead of the release of the Junior Cycle results. Thank you also to Mr. Dunleavy for organising this talk.





# Hospice Coffee Morning

Special thanks to Aiden, our caretaker and all involved in the organisation of our coffee morning in aid of Mayo Roscommon Hospice, a whopping €2,000.00 was raised.

We want to acknowledge our past pupils who generously sponsored catering materials, food and drinks for the event, Gilmartins Catering, Kiltimagh, O'Hara's Bakery, Foxford, Cill Aodain Court Hotel and our local SuperValu.

Special thanks also to our staff, students and parents who baked or donated delicious treats, their support as always is greatly appreciated.



# Our new school library features in Le Cheile Connects



## A new Sustainable Library in St Louis CS, Kiltimagh



St Louis CS, Kiltimagh have been busy over the past few months setting up a new sustainable library for their school community.

All the books, furniture and shelving are second hand. Endless hours have been put into sourcing, organising, cataloguing, labelling and covering books.

They are hoping to open it for use in the next couple of weeks and are now looking for a name for it. 'Ag léamh le Chéile' is one of the possibilities.

Well done to all involved in this venture, what an amazing resource it will be for the school community. In particular well done to Ms Marie Flanagan, Deputy Principal, who has led the project and has contributed endless hours into making it become a reality! We look forward to visiting the new library and wish you every success with it.







## Careers Fair

Thank you to Ms. Kenny and Ms. Ruane for organising a trip for our Leaving Certificate students to the Careers Fair in Galway.

# Sign Language



Well done to Katie and Sinead who are busy teaching sign language to our 1st and 5th year BBBS students. Thank you to Ms. O'Brien and Mr. Dunleavy for organising these workshops.



## International Visit



We were delighted to welcome Education First representatives to St. Louis to meet with Leo, Francesco and Martina who are studying in St. Louis. Thank you to Mr. Cleary and Ms. L. Anderson for organising the visit.



## An Triail

Rang Ardleibheal Gaeilge ag freastal ar dráma An Triail i nGaillimh



Thank you to  
Ms. Garvin  
and Ms.  
Murtagh for  
organising  
this day trip.



# Thank You



Special thanks to  
Brendan, Kevin and  
Cian for all their  
hard work  
assembling the  
book shelves in the  
library.

## Comhairle na nOg



Thank you to Ms. Ruane for accompanying students from various year groups to the Mayo Comhairle na nOg meeting in Castlebar. The students discussed various issues relevant to young people.





# Bake Sale



Thank you to Ms. Dunne and the Yearbook committee for the lovely treats served at their bake sale before the mid-term break.



# Hygiene Bank

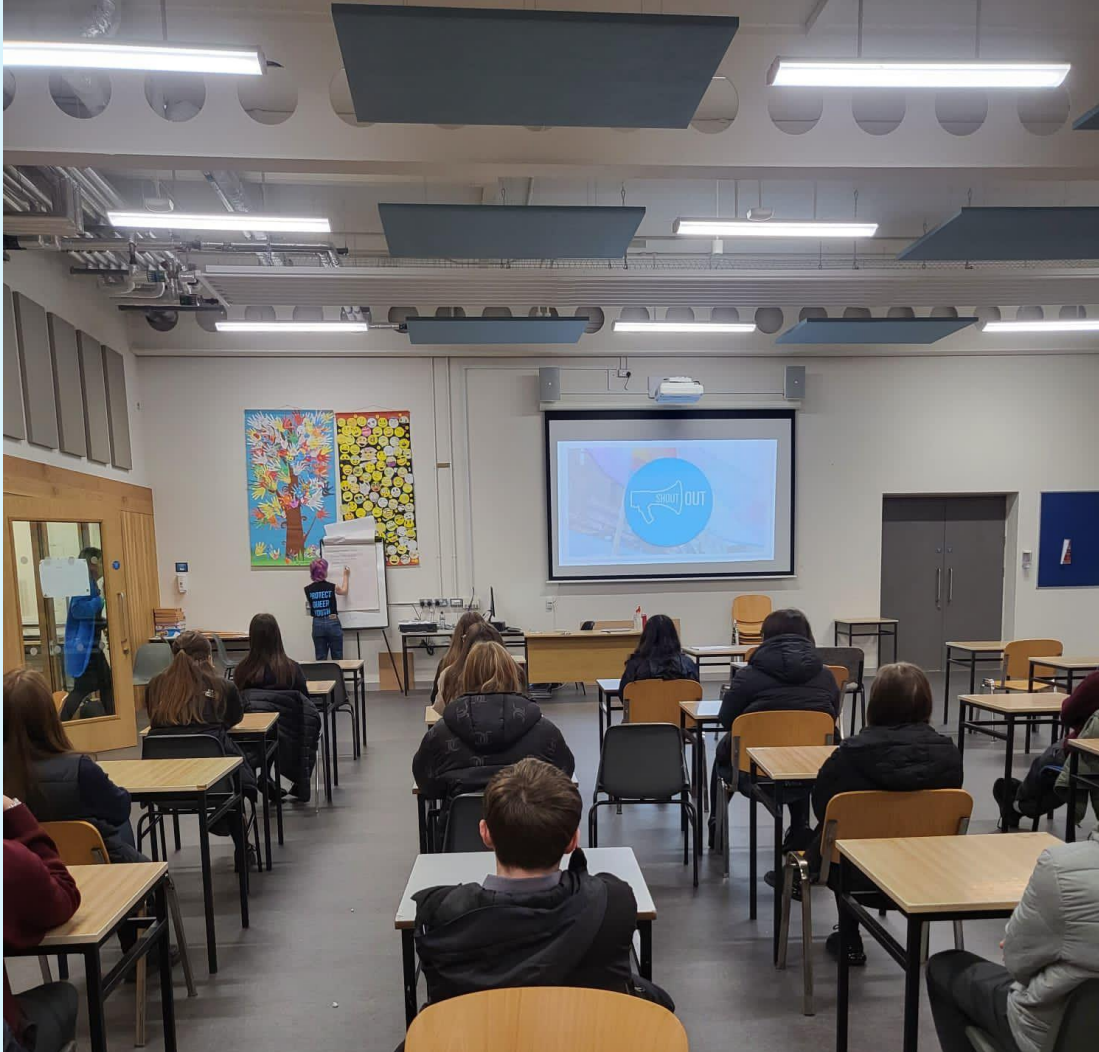


Thank you to Ms. Monaghan and the TY students who are organising a collection of hygiene products.





# Shoutout



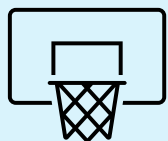
Thank you to Ms. Kenny for organising the Shout Out workshops for our 3rd year students.

Shoutout provides educational programmes for teenagers in the area of LGBT

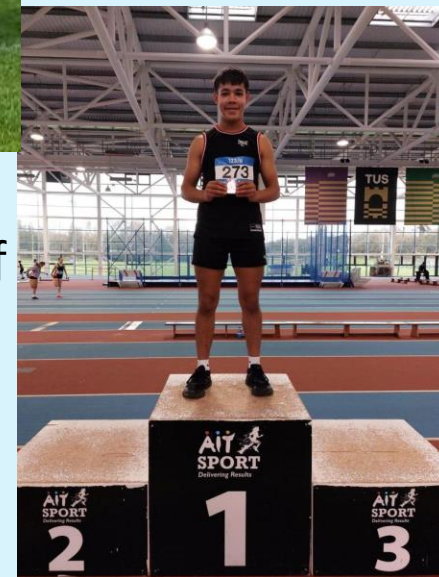




# Sport



Thank you to our staff and parents who train various sports teams.





# Zip-it



Thank you to Ms. Hopkins and Ms. Ryan for accompanying our TY students to zipit in Boyle.



## All Ireland Chess



Congratulations to Christopher Woods, one of our second year students who represented Ireland at the 9th Chessmates International competition in Rotterdam on 21st October.



# U-22 National Volleyball Team



Congratulations to Hugh Langan, one of our 5th year students who was selected for the Irish U22 volleyball team.

Everyone in St. Louis wishes Hugh the very best.



## U-22 National Rugby Team

Congratulations to Oisin McNicholas , one of our 5th year students who was selected for the Irish U Rugby team.

Everyone in St. Louis wishes Oisin the very best.





# British & Irish Junior Hill Running Championships



Congratulations to Caitlin Hughes, one of our 6th year students and a member of Swinford Athletic club who participated at the British and Irish Junior Hill Running event in the hills of Scotland on 10th September.

Caitlin finished in an impressive 11th position, and she was the first Irish athlete across the line after completing the 5.9 km race.



## Connacht Champion

Congratulations to James Duffy, one of our 2nd year students who was the overall winner after competing in five events at the Connacht Athletics finals in Athlone on 12th October.







## Our St. Louis Golf Pro

Congratulations to Ruairi Freeman, one of our 1st year students who finished in 16th place out of 68 competitors in the Connacht Post Primary Schools Golf event at Castlebar Golf Club on 15th October. Ruairi, who is a member of Ballyhaunis Golf Club was representing St. Louis CS and he did all of us proud.



## Senior girls Gaelic

Well done to Ms. Hopkins and the Senior girls Gaelic team who defeated Foxford 8-26 to 4-9 in the first round of championship in mid September.







## Local GAA News

Well done to Ronan and Conall, who were members of the Straide & Foxford team that won the Division 1 league final in Foxford earlier in September.



# Student Council



## **Officers**

- Niamh Grego – Chairperson
- Isla Murray – Secretary
- Aoibhinn McDonagh - PRO
- Harry Mulvanny – Treasurer
- (assisted by Dylan Keane when collecting and counting money)
- Talina Fillipova – ISSU

Isla volunteered to be vice chair on the occasion of Niamh's absence from the group as they will be working closely re. setting agenda for the group.

The Student Council meet every Monday lunch time.



# Board of Management



- The current BOM will be in place until the end of its term, which is August 2025.
- The board consists of ten members; 3 Le Cheile nominees, 3 ETB nominees, 2 parent nominees and 2 staff nominees
- The Board has the overall responsibility for the management of the school.
- The Principal is Secretary to the BOM and is responsible for the day-to-day management of St. Louis Community School.
- Ms. Grahame Cleary and Ms. Marie Flanagan act as Recording Secretary to the Board.

## Le Cheile Nominees

Ms. Mary Mullarkey  
Sr. Mary O'Connor  
Mr. Michael Brett

## Teacher Nominees

Mr. Brian Joyce  
Ms. Christina Gormalley

## ETB Nominees

Mr. Pat Forde  
Ms. Mary Madden  
Ms. Bernie Rowland

## Parent Nominees

Ms. Liesel Ward  
Mr. John Conlon



## Principal

Ms. Regina Anderson

## Deputy Principals

Ms. Marie Flanagan

Mr. Grahame Cleary

## Assistant Principals Grade I

Mr. Murt Dunleavy

Ms. Nuala Whelan

Ms. Aideen Ueno

Ms. Andrea Maloney

MS. Lynn Anderson

Mr. Declan Concannon

Ms. Tracey Kenny

## Assistant Principals Grade II

Ms. Trish O'Brien

Mr. Sean Costello

Ms. Denise Haran

Ms. Denise Nagle

Ms. Ruth McNamara

Ms. Louise O'Hora

Ms. Maresa Larkin

Ms. Christina Gormally



# Policies



The following policies were ratified by the Board of Management at the meeting on 21st September 2023;

- Intimate Care policy
  - Child Safeguarding and Risk Assessment
  - Anti-Bullying policy.
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- All policies that are under review will be posted on the policies 'under review' section of the school website, they will also be sent out on the school app to all parents, and posted on the Student Council and Staff team.

# Agreed Report

Board of Management Meeting  
5th July 2023

- The Minutes and Agreed Report for the meeting of 3rd May 2023 were adopted.
- All correspondence was addressed.
- The Child Protection and Anti Bullying reports were presented.
- The four teaching positions and the SNA position were ratified.
- A financial report was provided.
- An update was given on teaching and learning and school developments.







## Child Protection

The school is fulfilling its Child Protection obligations, the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Ms. Regina Anderson and the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLDP) is Mr. Grahame Cleary. The Child Protection and Safeguarding Inspection that was carried out last year, found that we were fully compliant in all areas of Child Protection.

The annual review of the Child Protection procedures was carried out by the Board of Management after consultation with the stakeholders and the 2023 procedures were adopted by the Board of Management.

Staff are reminded of their Child Protection obligation and students are reminded of the supports that are available to them.

Notice boards relating to Child Protection, forms of abuse etc are mounted on a number of the school corridors. The Principal has liaised with Tusla when deemed appropriate.

The school is also allocating the required number of hours to the teaching of SPHE and RSE at junior and senior level. A review of the RSE policy was carried out last year.



## Anti-Bullying.

At the start of this academic year, the school reviewed its Anti-Bullying procedures in line with Department of Education Circulars.

Staff are regularly reminded of their anti-bullying obligations and students are regularly reminded of their right to feel happy and safe, and to report any form of bullying.

The school is also working with the FUSE project facilitated by Dublin City University and we have availed of their teaching resources.





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