

The Principal's Report

November to December 2023





Welcome to the final edition of the Principal's report for 2023. This school term got off to a great start with two students from the class of 2023 getting recognition for their excellent exam results. Caitlin Henry received an Excellence Scholarship from NUIG in recognition of the outstanding results, 7HIs, that she got in her Leaving Certificate, and Molly Mcloughlin was awarded the DCU Scholar award in recognition of her excellent Leaving Certificate results, 6 HIs.

At the start of November, we got news that the Emergency works application was approved by the Department of Education, this means a substantial amount of money has been allocated to carry out various improvements in our school. On the ground, this will mean new flooring, new doors, refurbishment of the toilets, various automated features, improvements to the school canteen and the resurfacing of some of our paths and walkways. OMD Design have been appointed as the consultants to work on this project, and we will soon be starting the tendering process to hire a building contractor.

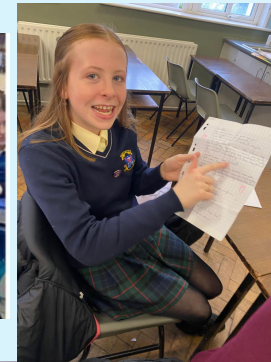
We got more good news this term when our Senior Boys Basketball team qualified for the U-19 Boys Regional Basketball final, and our Senior Girls Gaelic team qualified for the Connaught final. We also won a set of girls Gaelic jerseys in a Lidl competition, thanks to the support of our staff, students and parents.

The last day of this term finished with the Christmas fun day, and it was exactly that, a fun day!

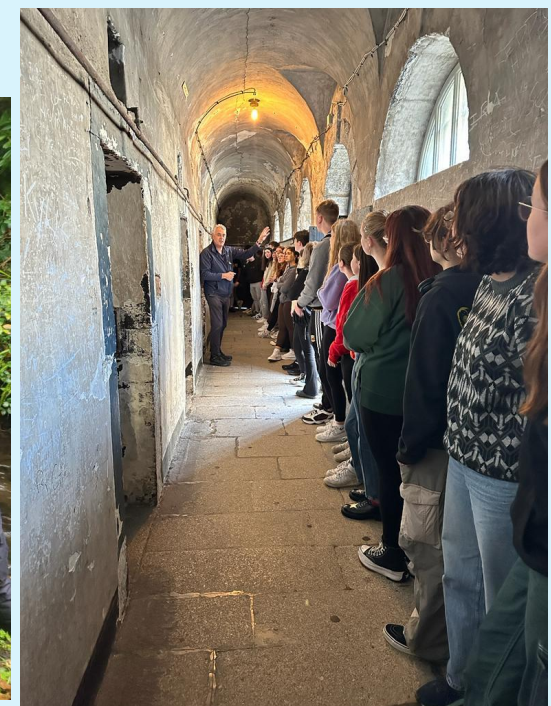
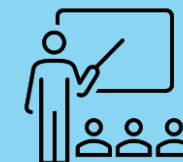
Thank you for taking the time to read this report and I hope you enjoy looking back on a very busy, but productive term.

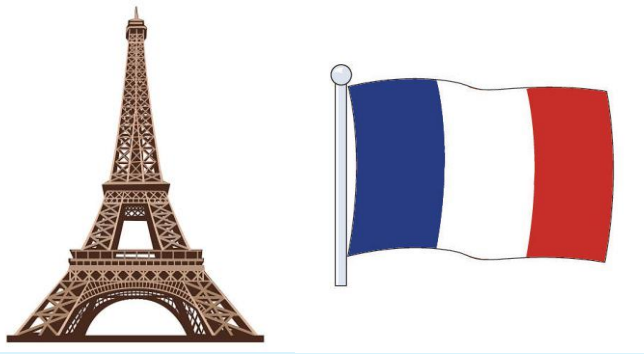
I wish each of our staff, students, parents and guardians a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Ms. Regina Anderson
Principal

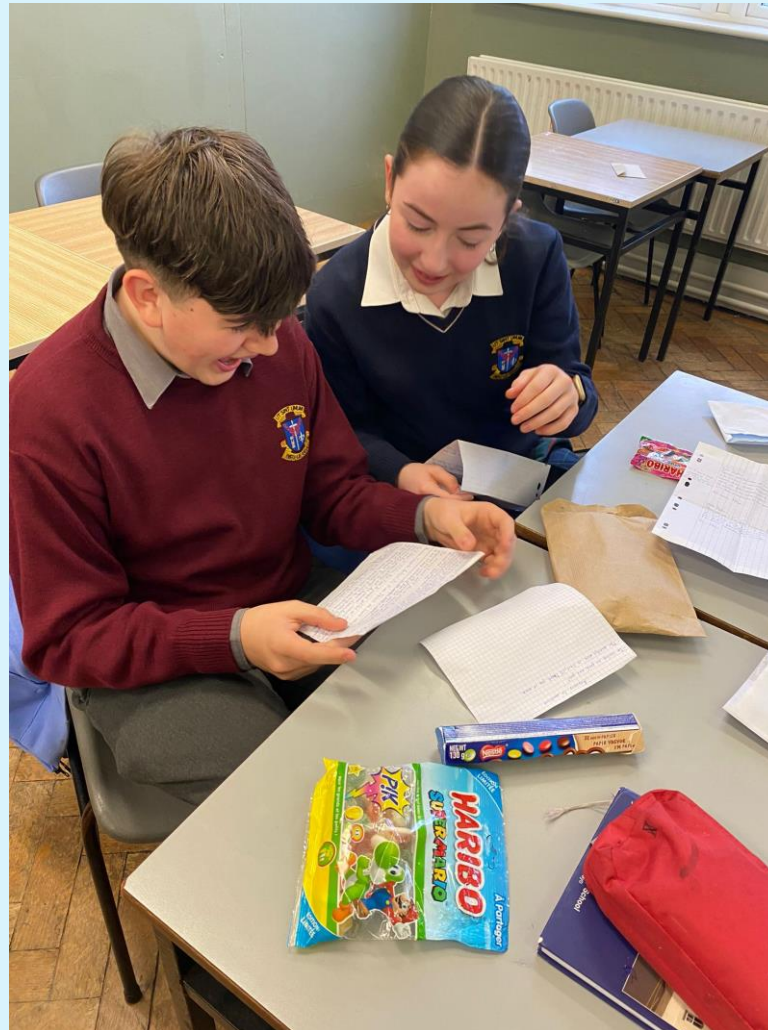
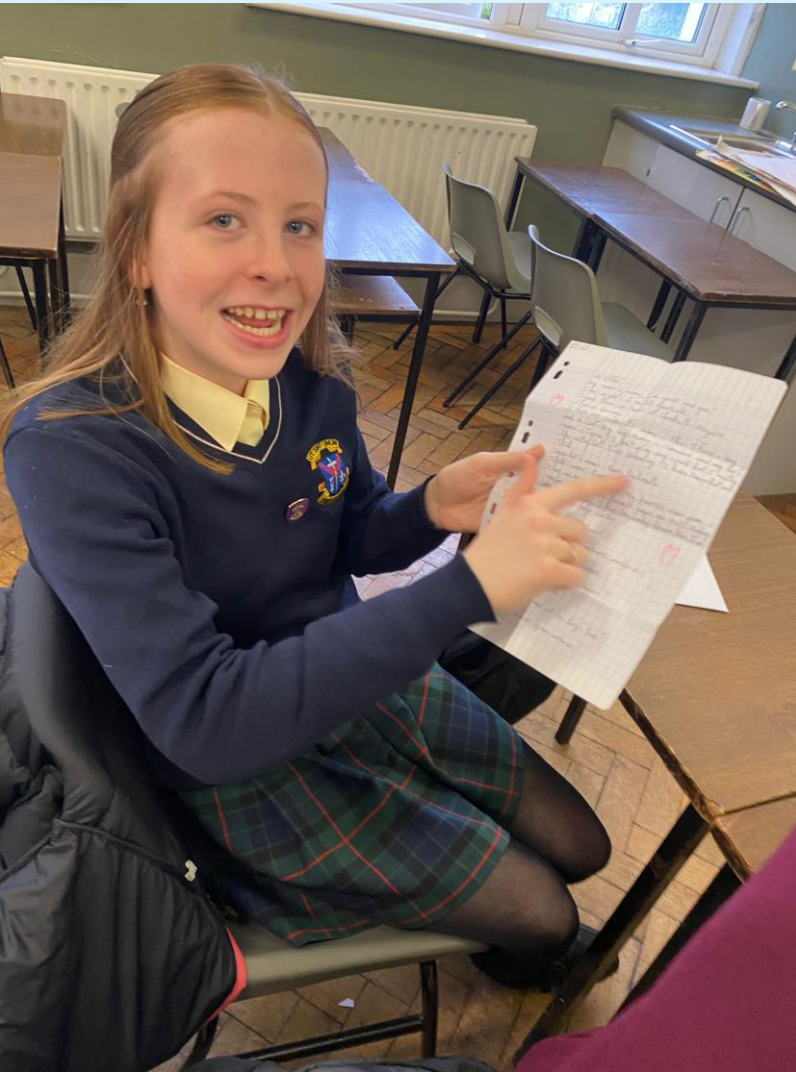
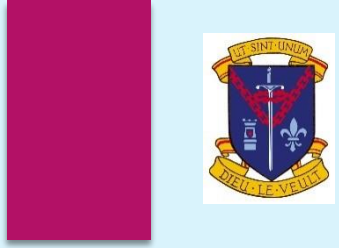
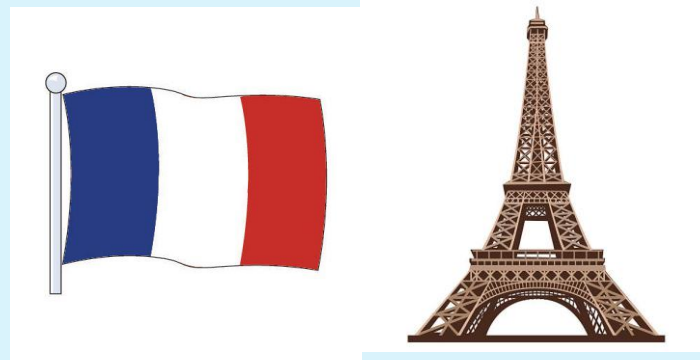


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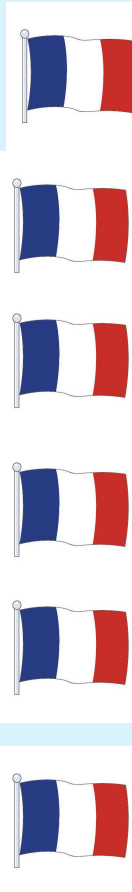
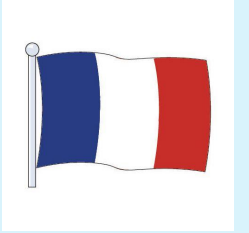
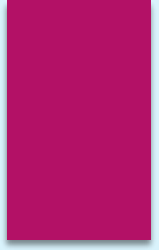




2nd Year French



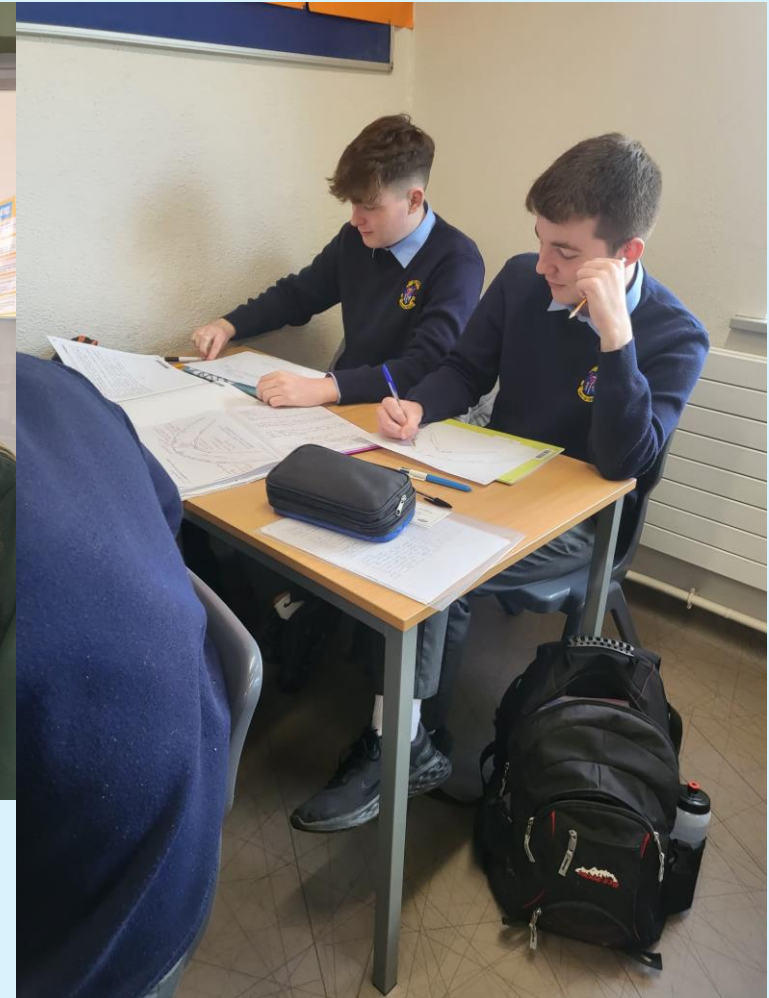
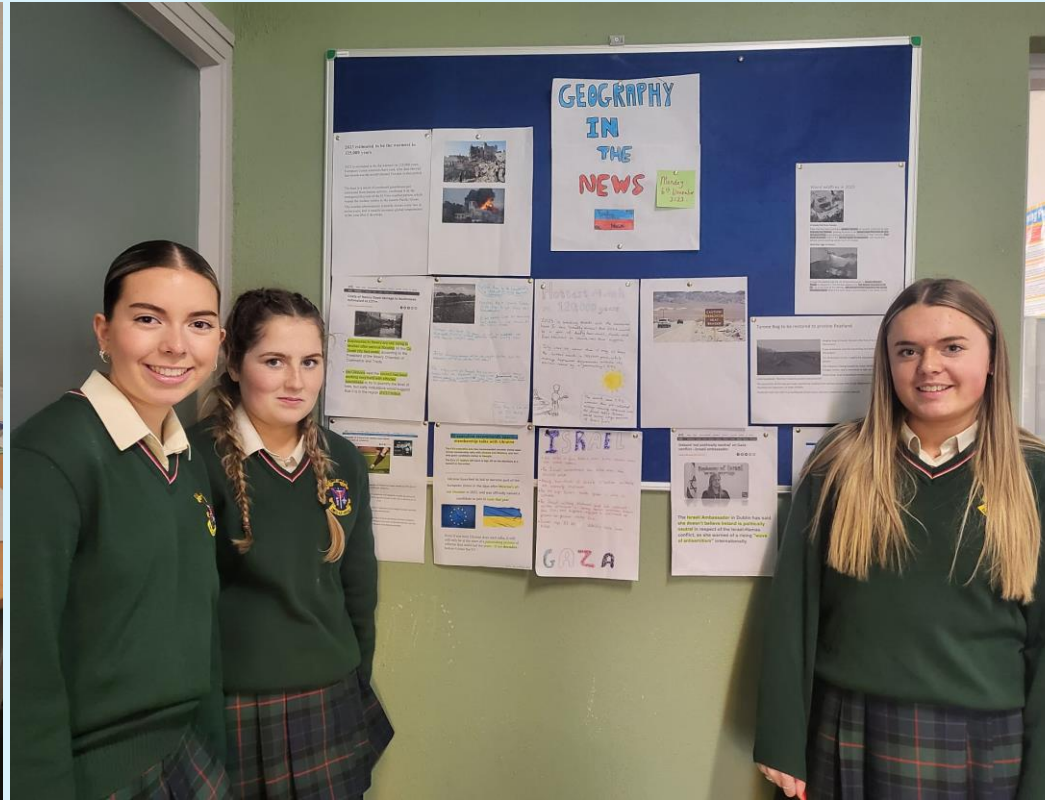
There was great excitement when our 2nd year students received letters from their French pen pals at Collège Denfert Rochereau in St Maixent l'Ecole, France. Thank you to their French teacher, Ms. McNamara for organising this initiative.



Geography in the News Noticeboard



Ms. Byrnes and her TY students are enjoying updating the school community on all the latest geographical matters, including rewetting the land, wildfires and various climate change topics.



Geography Field Study

Our Leaving Certificate Geography students enjoyed a trip to Glencar as part of their field study, which is worth 20% of their final result. Thank you to Ms. Byrnes and Ms. Garvin for organising this trip for our students.



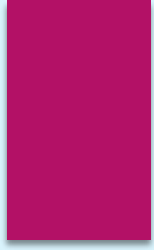
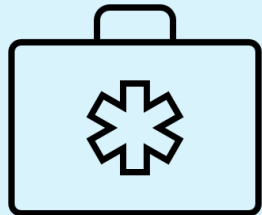
1st Year Art

Ms. Horan's 1st year Art students were busy working on some special effects in the lead up to Halloween.





1st Year Art

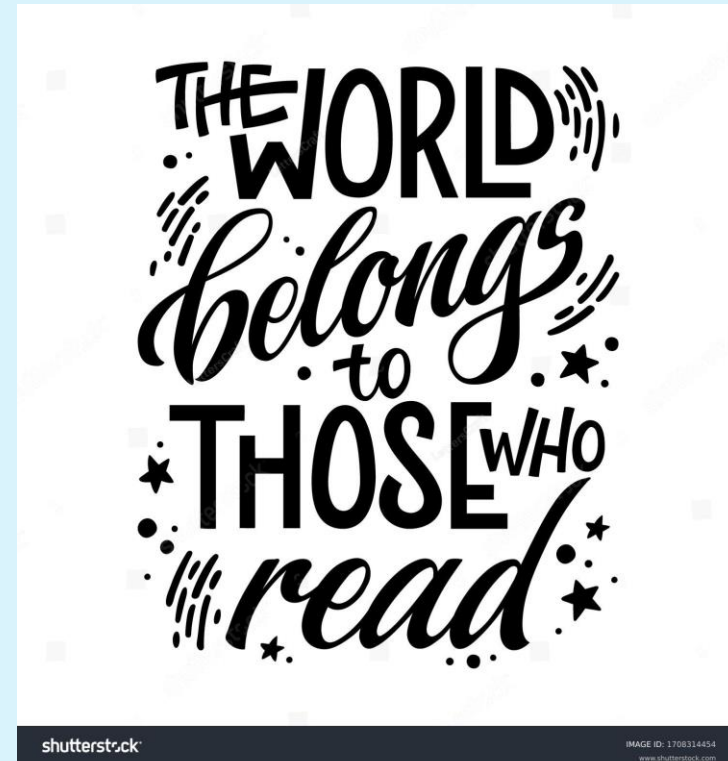




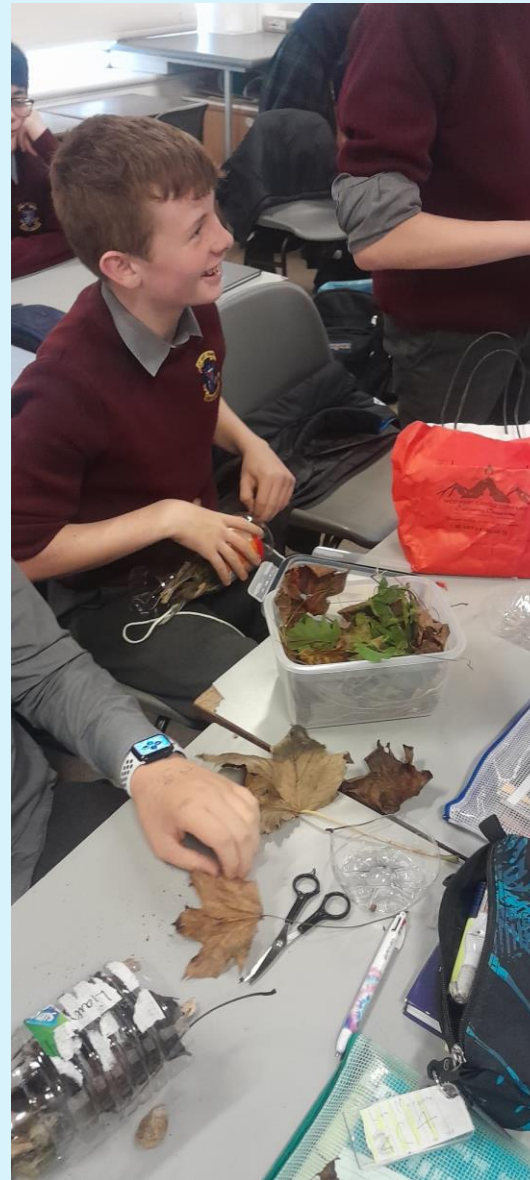
School Library



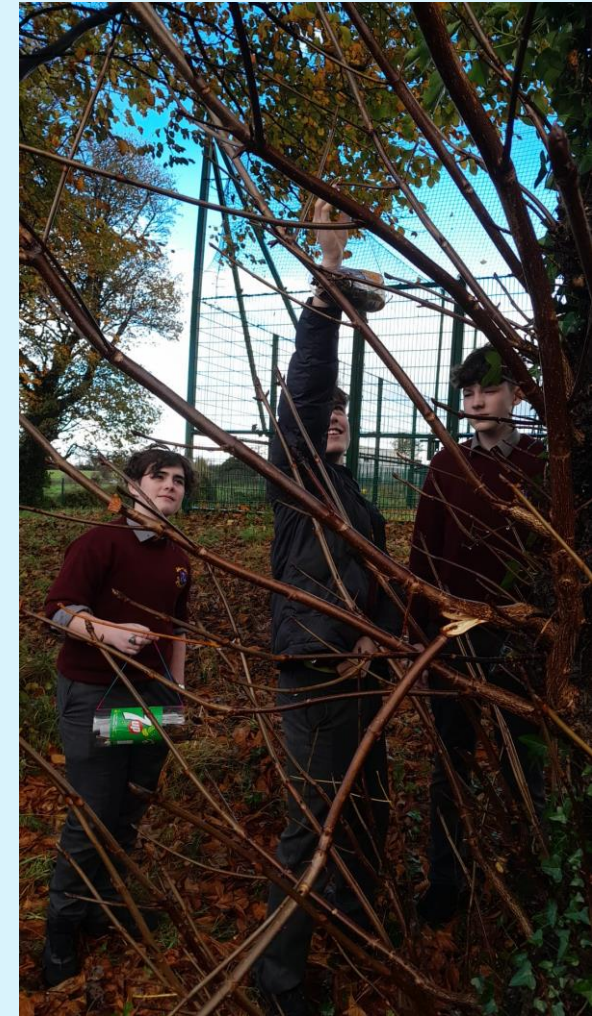
Our students enjoy spending time in our school library reading books of their choice. Ms. McLoughlin's 1st year English class are pictured after paying a visit.



2C4 CSPE Biodiversity Project.



Our students enjoyed learning about the importance of biodiversity, and providing pollinators for our local birds. Thank you to Ms. Monaghan for working on this important initiative.



3rd Year Art









TY Enterprise Talk

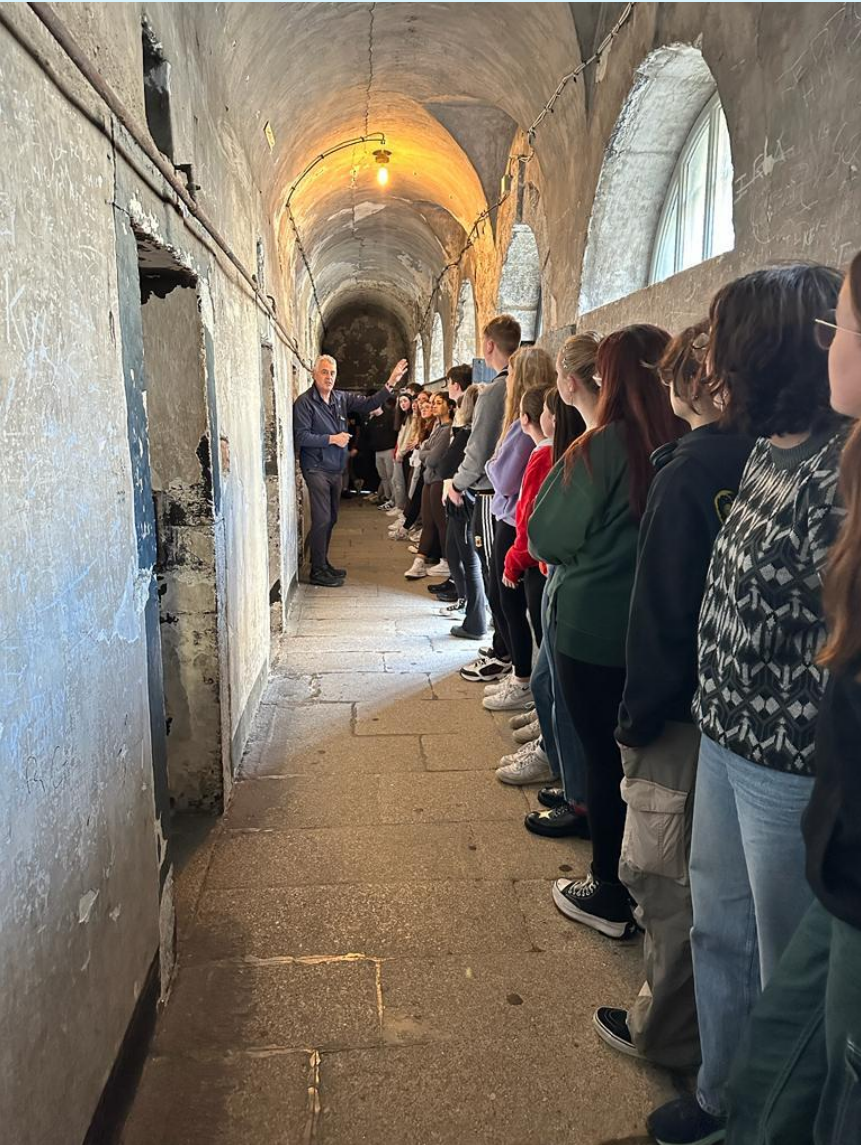
Thank you to Mr. Gallagher for organising an Enterprise workshop for our TY students.

Business is timetabled as a core subject for all TY students.



History Trip

Thank you to Ms. Haran for organising a trip to Kilmainham Jail and Collin's Barracks in Dublin for our senior History students. A great day was enjoyed by all.

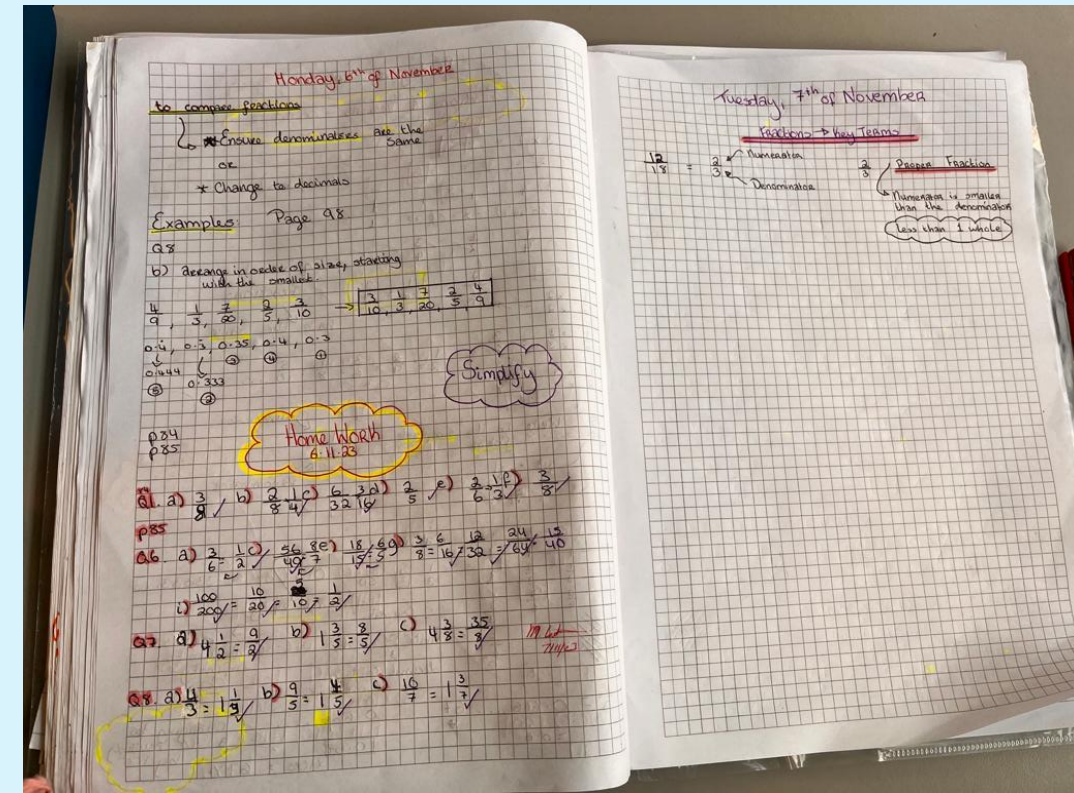
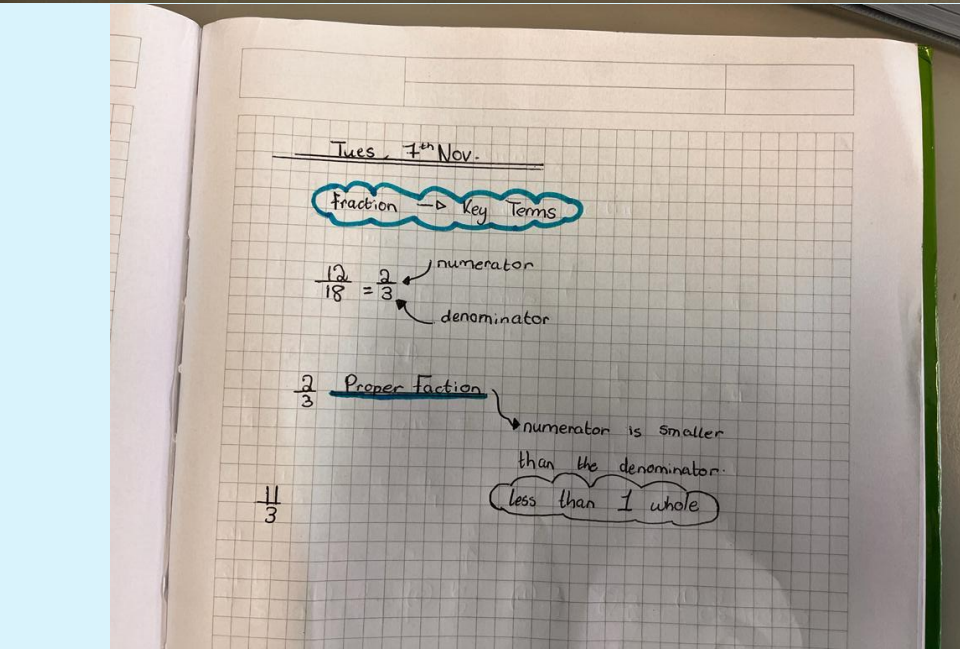
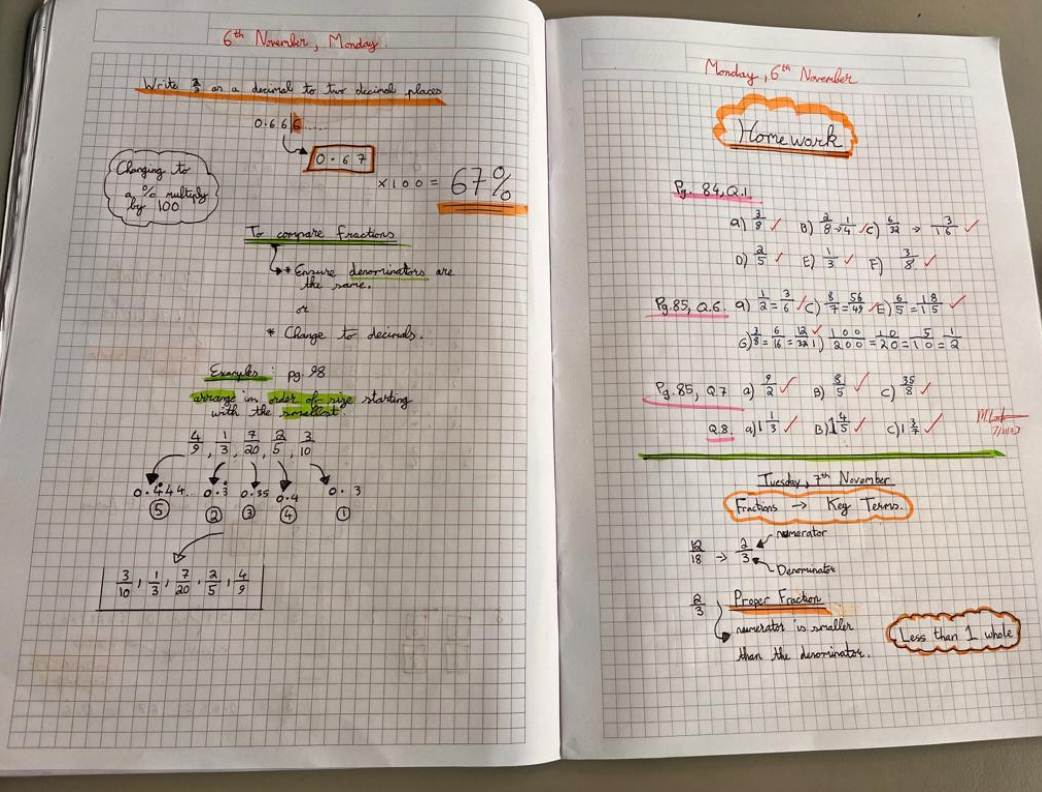






1st Year Maths

Ms. Ryan's 1st year Maths' students are following in her footsteps with their very neat copies.



Science Week 2023

Thank you to Ms. Mulligan for organising the puzzles for Science week.



Science Week 2023

Monday's Puzzle

What did the Scientist say when he found two atoms of Helium?



Use the QR to fill in your answer on Microsoft Forms. All correct answers will be put in a draw for a prize.



Science Week 2023

Tuesday's Puzzle

I am God, I am a planet, and I can measure heat.

What am I?



Use the QR to fill in your answer on Microsoft Forms. All correct answers will be put in a draw for a prize.



Science Week 2023

Wednesday's Puzzle

How can you throw a ball as hard as you can, and have it come back to you even if it does not hit anything?

There is nothing attached to the ball and no one else catches/throws it.



Use the QR to fill in your answer on Microsoft Forms. All correct answers will be put in a draw for a prize.



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Thursday's Puzzle

There are two buckets of water. Bucket A contains water with a temperature of 25°C . Bucket B contains water with a temperature of 25°F .

You drop a coin into each bucket from the same height and they hit the water at the same time.

Which coin touches the bottom first?



Use the QR to fill in your answer on Microsoft Forms. All correct answers will be put in a draw for a prize.



Science Week 2023

Friday's Puzzle

Many have heard it, but nobody has ever seen it. It will not speak unless spoken to.

What is it?



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Science Week 2023



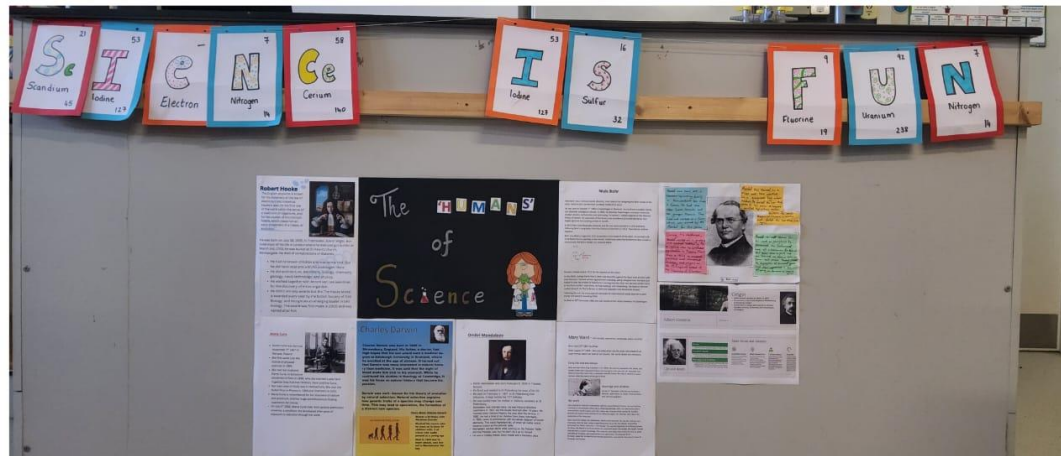
Thank you to Ms. Mulligan, Ms. O'Hora, Mr. Regan and Mr. Duffy for organising a fun and engaging Science week.



TY Science

Ms. Mulligan and her TY Science class enjoyed researching some well-known Scientists;

- Mr. Robert Hooke,
- Mr. Charles Darwin,
- Ms. Marie Curie,
- Mr. Gregor Mendel
- Mr. Albert Einstein



Mendel was born into a German-speaking family in Heinzendorf bei Opatowitz, Czech. He had one older sister, Veronika and one younger, Theresia. They lived and worked on a farm which was owned by the Mendels for 130 years.

Mendel has trained as a priest and has worked as a substitute high school teacher. He failed the last three parts of his exam to become a certified high school teacher.

In 1854 he returned to become a monk and failed the last part again.

Mendel is well-known for his work on pea plants. He discovered the fundamental laws of inheritance. He said that genes come in pairs and are inherited as discrete units from each parent. Mendel's segregation of parental traits and their appearance in the offspring as dominant or recessive.

During his childhood, Mendel worked as a gardener and studied bookkeeping. As a young man he attended gymnasium in Troppau. From 1840 to 1843 he studied natural and theoretical philosophy and physics at the Philosophical Institute of the University of Olomouc.

By: Beth Mubik

Albert Einstein

Albert Einstein was born on March 14, 1879. He was born in Ulm, in the Kingdom of Württemberg in the German Empire. Einstein lived in various places during his lifetime, including Germany, Switzerland, the United States, and Belgium.

Origin

Death:

• Albert Einstein passed away on April 18, 1955.

Cause of Death:

• The cause of his death was internal bleeding to the nature of an accidental perforated ulcer.

Marriage and Children:

• Einstein was married twice. His first wife was Mileva Marić and they had two sons, Hans Albert and Eduard. His second wife was Elsa Einstein.

Scientific Focus:

Einstein made significant contributions to theoretical physics with his theory of relativity and his theory of quantum mechanics.

Well-Known For:

He is best known for his theory of relativity, which revolutionized the understanding of space, time, and gravity.

Collaboration:

While Einstein is often associated with his collaboration with Max Planck, he also worked closely with other scientists throughout his career.

Main focus and awards

Robert Hooke

The English physicist is known for his discovery of the law of elasticity (also known as Hooke's law), for his first use of the word cell in the sense of a basic unit of organisms, and for his studies of microscopic fossils, which made him an early proponent of a theory of evolution.

He was born on July 18, 1635, in Freshwater, Isle of Wight. He lived most of his life in London where he died and got buried. On March 3rd, 1703, he was buried at St Helen's church, Bishopsgate. He died of complications of diabetes.

- He had no known children and was unmarried. But he did have relations with his underaged niece.
- He did architecture, astronomy, biology, chemistry, geology, naval technology, and physics.
- He worked together with Antoni van Leeuwenhoek for the discovery of micro organism.
- He didn't win any awards but the The Hooke Medal is awarded every year by the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

Marie Curie

- Marie Curie was born on November 7th 1867 in Warsaw, Poland.
- She first came into the license of physical sciences in 1893.
- She met her husband, Pierre Curie, in Sorbonne University in Paris in 1894, who she married a year later. Together they had two children, Irene and Eve Curie.
- Her main area of study was in radioactivity. She won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1903 and Chemistry in 1911.
- Marie Curie is remembered for her discovery of radium and polonium, and her huge contributions to finding treatments for cancer.
- On July 4th 1934, Marie Curie died from aplastic pernicious anaemia, a condition she developed after years of exposure to radiation through her work.

Charles Darwin

Charles Darwin was born in 1809 in Shrewsbury, England. His father, a doctor, had high hopes that his son would earn a medical degree at Edinburgh University in Scotland, where he enrolled at the age of sixteen. It turned out that Darwin was more interested in natural history than medicine, it was said that the sight of blood made him sick to his stomach. While he continued his studies in theology at Cambridge, it was his focus on natural history that became his passion.

Darwin was well-known for his theory of evolution by natural selection. Natural selection explains how genetic traits of a species may change over time. This may lead to speciation, the formation of a distinct new species.

Facts about Charles Darwin

- Shares a birthday with Abraham Lincoln
- Married his cousin who he went on to have 10 children with. 3 of whom who sadly passed at a young age

THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION

Junior Cycle Science

Our 2nd year Science students are pictured dissecting the hearts of lambs, to add an extra dimension to understanding the structure and function of the heart.





Trip to Newgrange

Thank you to Ms. Ueno for organising an Art trip to the Neolithic burial mound at Newgrange, in the Boyne Valley for her 5th and 6th year students. Newgrange which is 5000 years old is one of Ireland's three UNESCO designated World Heritage sites. It was great to enter the mound and stand where our ancestors stood 5000 years ago! 60 % of all European Art from the Neolithic period is found in the Boyne Valley. Thank you to Rena for accompanying Ms. Ueno.



Thank you to our past pupil and local pharmacist, Mr Gary Smyth for speaking to our 2C4 CSPE class about local sustainability, biodiversity and beekeeping. Thank you also to Ms. Monaghan for organising this informative workshop. 🐝



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NUIG Excellence Scholarship



Congratulations to Caitlin Henry who received an Excellence Scholarship from NUIG on 23rd November. Caitlin got 7H1s in her Leaving Certificate and NUIG awarded the scholarship in recognition of her fantastic LC results.

Congratulations are also extended to Caitlin's family. She is pictured with Mr. Cleary, one of our Deputy Principals.



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Hygiene Hub



The Transition Year Life Skills ran a very successful campaign in conjunction with Hygienehub Ireland. They reached out to the student body for hygiene products in an effort to combat hygiene poverty at a local level. All products have been divided between the local Family Resource Centres in Claremorris & Ballyhaunis. A number of mini hygiene packs were also made for the possible needs of our student body. Well done to TY Life Skills class and their teacher, Ms. Monaghan for working on this very worthy campaign.



6th Year Engineering





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.



6th Year English

Our 6th year English students enjoyed a trip to the Dean Crowe Theatre on 7th November to watch Hamlet, one of the plays on the Leaving Certificate English course. Thank you to the English teachers for organising this trip.



National ETTA Awards



Congratulations to Tomos Stone, Abdaalh Al Swindani and Aaron Conlon who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Engineering and Technology Teachers Association awards for their Junior Cycle Applied Technology projects. Congratulations are also extended to Mr. Dunleavy and Mr. Kilduff.



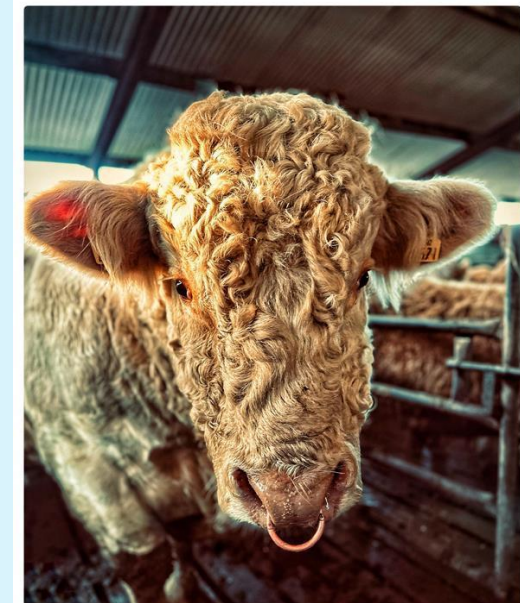
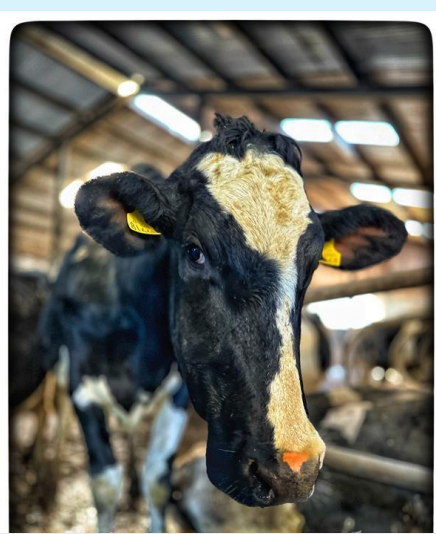
Dublin City University Scholar Awards



Congratulations to Molly McLoughlin, who was recently awarded the prestigious DCU Scholar award in recognition of her outstanding Leaving Certificate results, a whopping 6 H1s.

Congratulations are also extended to Molly's parents Grace and Peter McLoughlin, her siblings, and her teachers.

Agricultural Trip



Thank you to Mr. Gallagher for organising an educational trip to a dairy farm, a beef finishing unit and Ballina Mart for our Leaving Certificate Applied students as part of their Agriculture/Horticulture module.

Junior Spanish

Our Spanish students enjoyed cooking their own homemade churros batter with their teacher Ms. Monaghan.



Fire Safety Workshop



Thank you to the members of our local Fire Brigade, Mr. Michael Moran and Mr. Kevin Judge, for delivering a fire safety workshop to our TY students on 11th December. Thank you to Mr. Dunleavy for organising this workshop.

Enterprise Day



On Thursday 14th December the school community got to enjoy our Enterprise day. Thank you to Ms. Larkin, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. O'Hara, Aiden, Brendan and Eileen for organising the day. Well done to all our entrepreneurs, and thank you to our parents and members of the community for joining us.





School Self Evaluation



School Self Evaluation, or SSE for short is a process of carrying out an internal school review, which involves gathering information from a range of sources about teaching and learning in the school.

The SSE team members are Ms. Regina Anderson, Mr. Grahame Cleary, Ms. Marie Flanagan, Ms. Aideen Ueno and Ms. Louise Kelly.

During this term, the SSE team met with students and discussed the use of success criteria in the classroom. While the term success criteria is not widely used, students were able to provide several examples of success criteria in all of their subjects, and they could see the benefits of using the criteria.

Answers to the Science Puzzles



Monday's Puzzle
Answer = HeHe

Tuesday's Puzzle
Answer = Mercury

Wednesday's Puzzle.
Answer = 'throw the
ball straight up in the air'.

Thursday's Puzzle
Answer = 'The
coin in bucket A
touches the
bottom first'
(Explanation:
water at 25
degrees Celsius is
liquid and water
at 25 degrees
Fahrenheit is
solid).

Friday's Puzzle
Answer = Echo

Well done to Luke
Commons, one of our
1st year students
who was the lucky
winner of a gift
voucher for getting
the correct answers to
the Science puzzles.



School Website



The school website, www.stlouiscs.com has been updated to include a Ukrainian and a Portuguese section. The school ebook, Child Protection documents and the Anti-Bullying policy have been translated into those two languages and are now available to view.



O site da escola, www.stlouiscs.com, foi atualizado para incluir uma seção em ucraniano e outra em português. O e-book escolar, os documentos de proteção infantil e a política antibullying foram traduzidos para esses dois idiomas e agora estão disponíveis para visualização.



Веб-сайт школи www.stlouiscs.com оновлено, додавши український та португальський розділи. Шкільну електронну книгу, документи про захист дітей і політику протидії булінгу перекладено цими двома мовами, і тепер вони доступні для перегляду.

100% Attendance



During the month of November, we organised a draw for all the students who had 100% attendance since the start of this academic year. The ten lucky winners of the €30. Elvery's vouchers were;

1. Peter Conroy – 3rd year
2. Klym Bohatrov – LCA1
3. Roberts Petershof – 1st year
4. Amy Barrett – 1st year
5. Sean Mullen – 2nd year
6. Jack Mooney – 2nd year
7. Dara McNicholas – 1st year
8. Leo Dursteler Picilli– 6th year
9. Francesco Grillo – 5th year



Transition Year Report

By Aoibhinn McDonagh



It has been a busy couple of months for the Transition Year students of St. Louis Community School. Everybody has well and truly settled into TY life and they have been very busy working with all their various committees, classes and projects.

At the start of the term, the Pope John Paul II Award students, with the help of school caretaker Aidan Kelly, ran a coffee morning in aid of the Mayo Roscommon Hospice Foundation. The event was a huge success and raised a wonderful €2,067. The 'Students of St. Louis C.S. Kiltimagh Charity Calendar' also went on sale this December. Many of the Pope John Paul II Award students are heavily involved in this committee and have already raised over €3,000 through advertisements for the calendar. All of the profits made from the calendar sales will go to Saint Vincent De Paul, Trocaire and the Donal Walsh LiveLife Foundation.

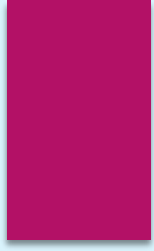
Another very successful fundraiser that several Transition Year pupils were involved in was the Student Council 'Candy Cane Charity Fundraiser' for the Simon Community. The sale raised €550 worth of food vouchers for the homeless charity, which were delivered to the Simon Community in Galway by the Student Council members.

Transition Year students had several workshops and talks this term including a very beneficial talk on public speaking which aimed to build confidence and teach students how to keep the attention of their audience.

Members of the Mayo Mental Health Association also visited the school to give students information, and spread awareness around mental health.

Towards the end of the term, two members of the fire brigade came to the school to educate the students on potential future careers related to the fire brigade and about fire safety. The visit went down a hit and definitely left some people considering careers they might not have otherwise thought of.

The two-week gap for work experience in November was met with welcome arms by those looking to get out and get a taste of working life for the first time. A lot of potential careers were explored from doctors to lawyers to vets to journalists. The future is looking very bright!



Those thinking they were going to have an easy few weeks up to Christmas following their work placement couldn't have been more wrong, with the rush now on to have everything ready for the student enterprise day and Christmas markets.



Everyone has been busy working on their TY mini companies over the last few months coming up with a product/service and business plan for the Student Enterprise Programme. Many TYs had stalls at the Kiltimagh Christmas market and the markets in the surrounding towns. These were then followed by a student enterprise day in the school Bautain room to showcase all of the businesses set up by both Transition Years and a few younger students also. The day was a huge success with students selling to both fellow pupils and members of the community who visited. All the students are now working to ensure all of the company's business plans will be ready for submission to the competition in early 2024.

The more musical members of the year welcomed the school's Christmas carol service as a chance to showcase their talents and sing in the school choir. It was a beautiful evening that welcomed the Christmas spirit into the school and also allowed for some more charity work to be done with school calendars being sold and a food collection by the Student Council.

All of the TYs are definitely welcoming the Christmas break after a busy couple of months, and will be well rested and ready for more exciting TY adventures in January.

Art



1st year Art students
pictured with their Christmas
wonderlands.



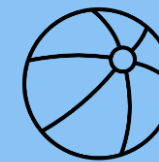
Wood Technology

Mr. Harrington's 2nd year Wood Technology students proudly displaying their Christmas projects.





Extra Curricular Activities



Thank you to all of our staff and parents who are involved in the organisation of extra-curricular activities for our students.





Mayo Mental Health Association

Thank you to Jenna and Lauren from Mayo Mental Health Association for delivering The Breath Programme to all our TY, 5th Year and LCA students. Thank you to Ms. Kenny for arranging this visit.





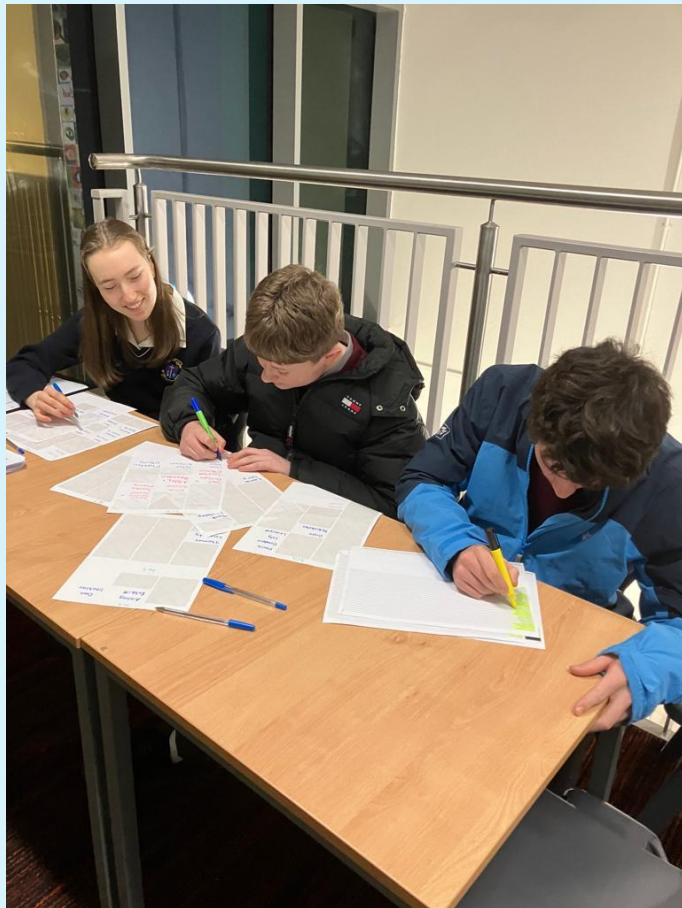
Treats for our Admin Staff

Thank you to Saoirse Kelly and Annie Curry from the 1C5 CSPE class who presented home-baked muffins and a thank you card to Rena, Imelda and Yvonne in recognition of all their hard work, and kindness towards the students of St. Louis CS.

5th Year Parent Teacher Meeting



Thank you to Emma, Peter, Rowen, Ella, Sophie and Maisie for helping out at the 5th year parent teacher meeting.



Bowling Trip



Thank you to the team of Prefects who assist with the management of St. Louis on a daily basis, they enjoyed a trip to Mayo Bowling Alley as a small token of our appreciation.
Thank you to their coordinator, Ms. Whelan for organising the trip.

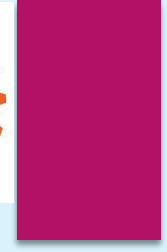
Keeping Kiltimagh Clean and Green



Our IC1 CSPE class and their teacher, Ms. Monaghan enjoyed spending some time litter picking in the town of Kiltimagh.



10th Cycle against Suicide Award for St. Louis CS



Congratulations to Ms. Ruane, Niamh Grego, Wellbeing Ambassador and the Wellbeing team on being awarded their 10th Cycle against Suicide award for their work in the area of promoting positive mental health.



Guess the Teacher



Well done to Katie, Laura, Leah and Dearbhla who were the winners of the 'Guess the Teacher' competition.

The Student Council



Thank you to Isla, Aoibhinn, Kate and the Student Council who are leading a review of our school uniform. All the stakeholders will be consulted during the review process.



Hospice Coffee Morning



Well done to our caretaker Aiden, the TY students and all involved in the organisation of the Hospice Coffee morning, a whopping €2067.00 was raised.



Regina Anderson
St Louis Community School
Kiltimagh
Co Mayo

17/11/2023

Dear Regina

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of €2,067 proceeds from your recent coffee morning in conjunction with National Coffee morning Social for hospice. It was a great amount to raise and we thank you and all at your school most sincerely for your willingness to help our cause in this special way. It is greatly appreciated.

All funds we receive go directly to funding palliative care services in our community and in our Hospices. The service enables patients to live life to the full in comfort and dignity. Thanks to the support of people like you we can continue to provide this service free of charge to all who need it. The funds we receive will be used to provide:

- specialist palliative home care nursing and social work services
- hospice care workers /sitter service and extra home help
- counselling and psychological support to patients & families
- financial support and advice for families who experience hardship due to illness
- night nursing in conjunction with the ICS and the IHF
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Both our Mayo & Roscommon Hospices are now open to patients. The cost of both Hospices was over €15m, all coming from fundraised income. We will continue to fund services within the Hospices, in partnership with the HSE.

Please express our thanks to all who helped make the event such a great success. We are most grateful to you and to all who give so generously to the cause of hospice. Rest assured this vital palliative care service would not exist without them and people like you who support our hospice teams in the work they do for patients and families in their time of need.

Our sincere thanks once again. On behalf of all who will be helped as a direct result of your support, we thank you sincerely and look forward to your continued support.

Kind Regards

Martina Jennings

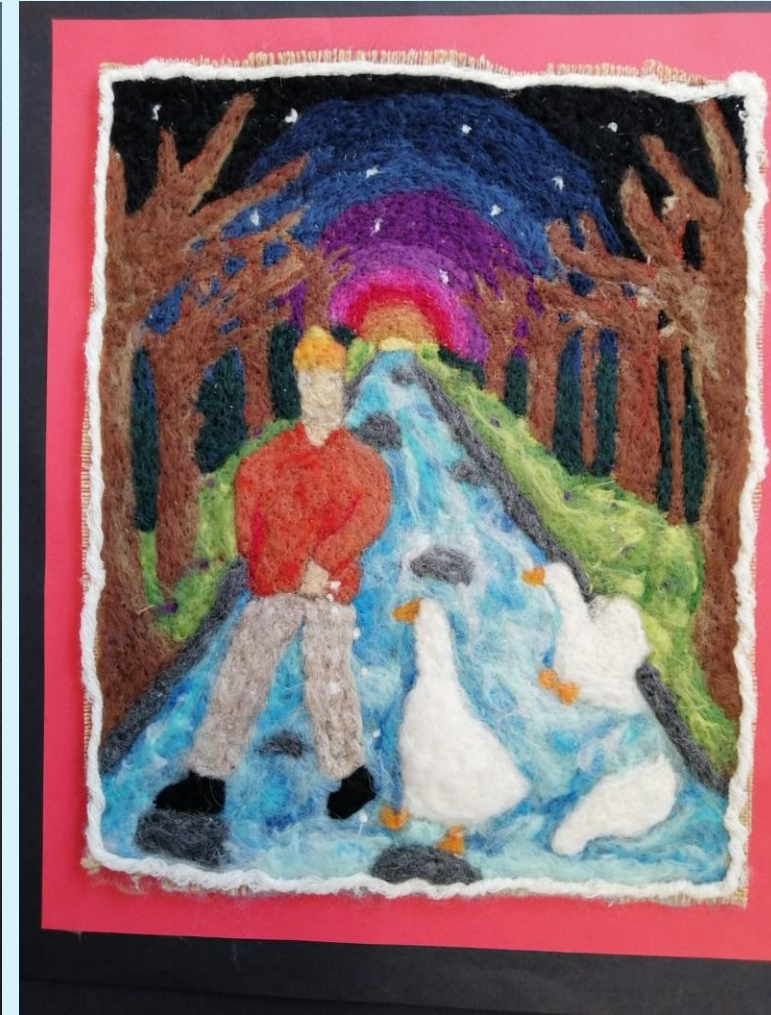
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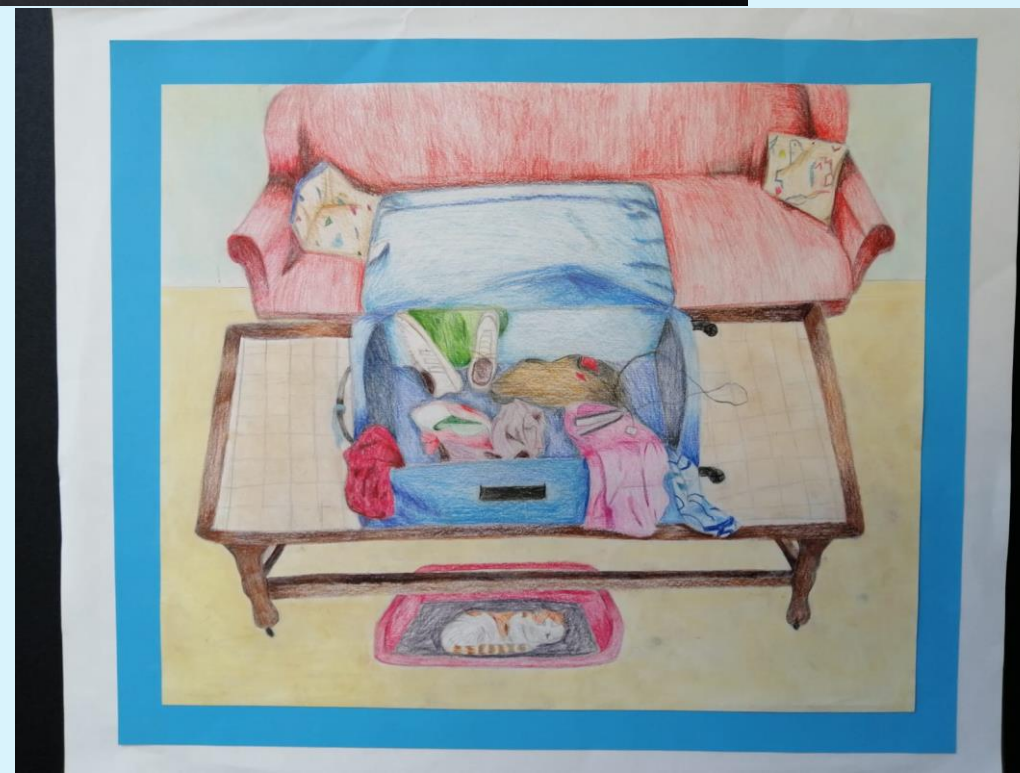
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Art

Some of the finished artefacts from the 2023 Junior Cycle Art classes.









Thank you



Thank you to our Caoimhe, Ella, Louise, Ella, Roisin and Clodagh who served light refreshments at the 3rd year parent teacher meeting.

In November we remember



Thank you to Chloe, Cillian, Hugh, Nathan, Cian, Roberts and the members of the Chaplaincy team for organising the November remembrance service.

Happy Baking



Roisin, Conn and Sinead enjoyed an afternoon of baking with their Special Needs Assistant Marie.



BBBS Treasure Hunt



Hayley, Orlaith and Eabha enjoyed the BBBS treasure hunt that was organised by Ms. O'Brien and the BBBS teachers.



1st Year CPR

As part of CSPE Active Citizenship, the 1C1 and 1C5 class groups were trained and certified in CPR through the CPR in Schools Initiative with the Irish Heart Foundation. A number of our teaching staff are qualified facilitators. Thank you to Ms. Monaghan for delivering this valuable program to our students.



Hygiene Bank



22 kilos of hygiene products were delivered to Claremorris & Ballyhaunis Family Resource Centres recently.

A number of student hygiene packs are also available within our school community via our Chaplain.

Thank you the TY Lifeskills class and their teacher Ms. Monaghan.

Congratulations Sandra



Our BBBS teachers and students were delighted to give Sandra Ganley, our jiving teacher a great send off ahead of her upcoming wedding.



Team Hope



Well done to our 5th year Link Modules class and their teacher, Ms. Maloney for organising a collection of shoeboxes for Team Hope.

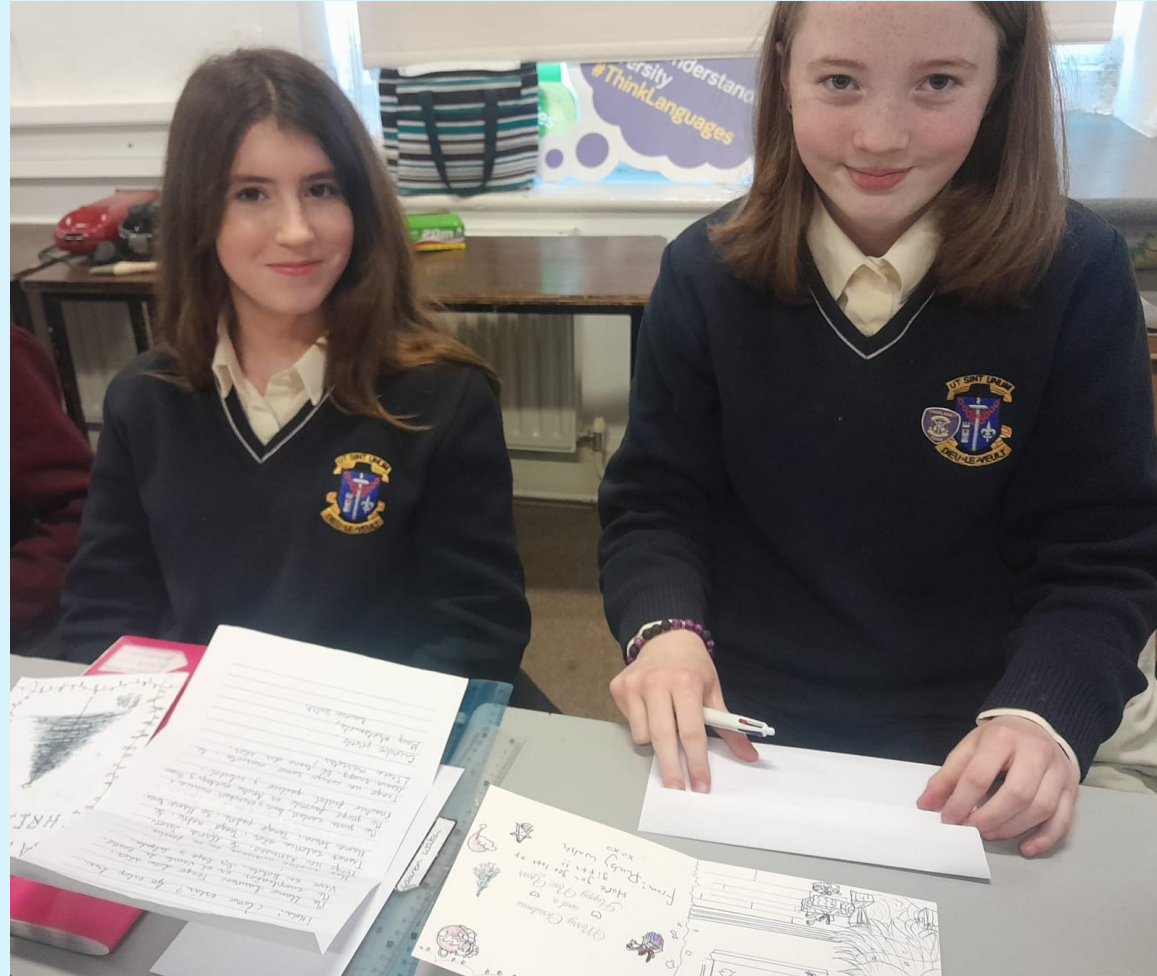
The class and their teacher would like to thank the school community and local businesses for their support in helping them to achieve their target.

Leaving Certificate Applied



Well done to the LCA 1 and 2 students, their coordinator, Mr. Concannon and their Special Needs Assistants for organising very generous food hampers.

1st Year Spanish

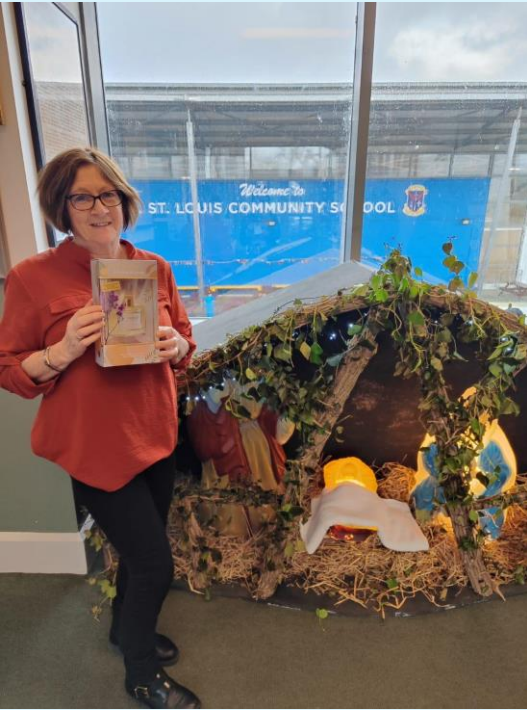


1st Year Spanish Pen-Pal letters will be making their way to Campo de Criptana this Christmas



Christmas Raffle

Well done to 4T4 and Ms. Jordan who organised a Christmas raffle and raised €299. for the local St. Vincent de Paul.





Christmas Carol Service

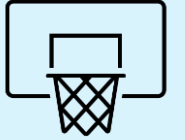


The community of St. Louis got to enjoy our annual Christmas Carol Service, thanks to the hard work of a team of students, Ms. McEvaddy, Ms. Morrison, Ms. O'Brien, Ms. Donoghue and Mr. Dunleavy. The livestream is available to view on the school Facebook page.





Sport

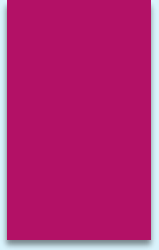


Thank you to our staff and parents who give freely of their time to train our sports teams.





All Ireland Final



Congratulations to James Duffy, one of our 2nd year students who finished 5th in the All-Ireland minor boys combined athletics event in Athlone on Sunday 19th November.



Connacht Indoor Athletics in Athlone.

Representing St. Louis on 7th December were Darach Higgins 1st yr (came 1st in the 600m and 2nd in the relay), Caoimhe Hughes TY (1st in the Shot putt), 2nd yrs- James Duffy (6th in Shot putt, 2nd in 600m and 2nd in relay), Maxwell Marakusonti (1st in 60m, 1st in Long jump and 2nd in relay), Tom Gostick (2nd in relay, long jump result unknown), Peadar McLoughlin (long jump result unknown), Megan Byrne (5th in 60m, long jump result unknown). Well done to all these athletes.



Senior Girls Gaelic Team



1st Year Soccer

Our 1st year soccer team enjoyed their first game against St. Gerald's College on 22nd November, a win wasn't on the cards that day. Thank you to Mr. O'Hara for training this team.



U19 Boys Basketball Team



Well done to our U19 Boys Basketball team who defeated Gortnor Abbey in a thrilling game on Friday 10th November on a scoreline of 37-33. The team have now qualified for the North West Regional Final next Tuesday in St Gerald's.

Junior Boys Rugby



The St. Louis rugby team continued their rugby journey with a trip to County Galway on Wednesday 22nd November to play Dunmore Community School. With 10 of our boys making their rugby debut for the school, it was always going to be a tough match against a well drilled Dunmore team.

Thank you to Mr. Williams Ganley, Ms. Fallon, Mr. Ben Miles and Conor, Daniel and Simon for being part of the coaching team on the day.

Senior Girls Gaelic



Well done to the Senior girls Gaelic team and Ms. Hopkins who defeated Balla in Rd 3 of Championship on Friday 20th October. The final score was 2-14 to 2-6. The girls have now won 3/3 fixtures with one game remaining against St Mary's Ballina on November 6th.

U-17 Boys Soccer



Well done to Mr. O'Hara and the Boys U-17 Soccer team on their great win against Sancta Maria College, Louisburgh on 14th November.

Senior Boys Volleyball team



Senior Boys Volleyball Team



Back row, Ethan Hurley, George Lally, Danielius Jagminas, Stephen Hirst, Dylan Walsh, Ivan Trofymenko, Hugh Langan.

Front row left to right: Riley Davin, Alex Walsh, Connor Turtill, Lucas Hirst, Aaron Conlon. Thank you to Mr. Costello for training this team.



The St. Louis Community School Senior Boys Volleyball team welcomed teams from Colaiste an Eachreidh (Athenry) and Elphin Community College on Tuesday 21st November.

St. Louis kicked off the first of three games, taking on the Athenry team. The boys had a relatively easy time and took the game after two sets.

Their next match proved more of a challenge with both teams being very evenly matched. St. Louis won the first set but just missed out on the second. With both teams neck and neck, the winner of the third and final set would evidently go home winners. After a great battle, the St. Louis boys missed out by just two points.

Congratulations to all the boys on a great season so far and best of luck to those playing in the under 16 match later in the year.

TY Referees

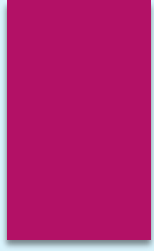


Thank you to our TY referees and scorekeepers for the volleyball match, Isla Murray, Amy Breslin, Abdaalh Al Swidani, Caoimhe Hughes, Aoibhinn McDonagh and Clara Brennan.

Regional Finalists

Congratulations to our U-19 Boys Basketball team and their coach, Ms. Hopkins on winning the U19 'A' North West Regional Finals on Tuesday 21st November. The final score was St Louis CS 48-40 St Gerald's. Well done to all involved





Rugby

The Saints Rugby Team had a busy, but enjoyable term. Thank you to the team coach, Mr. Ben Miles, Mr. Williams Ganley and Claremorris Colts RFC for their work and support with the Junior Rugby team.

Board of Management



Board of Management Agreed Report



21st September 2023

- An attendance roll was taken.
- Ms. Mary Mullarkey was elected as Chairperson.
- The Checklist for the Board of Management and Board meetings was completed.
- The Appendix to School Self-Evaluation Report, including the legislative and regulatory checklist will be completed by Ms. Mary Mullarkey and Ms. Regina Anderson.
- All correspondence was addressed.
- The Child Protection Oversight report and the Anti Bullying report was presented.
- An update was provided on teaching and learning, the Leaving Certificate and the Leaving Certificate Applied results, additional accommodation, the Emergency Works applications and the development of the pitches.
- The Intimate Care policy was ratified by the board.
- A financial report was presented and adopted.

LCA Presentation

Thank you to our LCA 1 and 2 students, Mr. Concannon and Mr. Kilduff for presenting an excellent overview of the LCA programme to our Board of Management on Tuesday 28th November.



Policies



The Admissions Policy was ratified by the Board of Management at the meeting on 21st September 2023;

- 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.
- The Code of Behaviour is currently a working document. Staff, students and parents were invited to contribute to the review.

Supports outside of School

Support	Phone Number	Email
Mindspace Mayo Market Square Castlebar Co. Mayo F23 Y427	094 90 67001	info@mindspacemayo.ie
ISPCC	01 234 2000	info@ispcc.ie
Samaritans Samaritans, 4-5 Usher's Court, Usher's Quay Dublin 8	01 6710071	
The Family Centre Chapel Street Castlebar Co. Mayo F23 PH39	094 90 25900	info@thefamilycentre.com
Knock Counselling Centre Knock Shrine Knock Co. Mayo	094 93 75032	counsellingoffice@knockshrine.ie
Childline	1800 66 66 66	You can chat with someone live online
Pieta House (Connacht) Family Resource Centre Abbey Street Ballina Co. Mayo F26 C6P6	093 25586 0818 111 126 1800 247 247 (24/7 helpline)	info@pieta.ie



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