

Board of Management Meeting
10th December 2024

Principal's Report

- 09/10/24** Our 1st year boys travelled to Kilrush along with their coach, Mr Kinery, to take part in a football blitz. Our boys won against Ennis CC and St Joseph's Kilkee and lost to Kilrush Community College.
- Our U17 boys hurling team travelled to Askeaton to take on Coláiste Mhuire Askeaton. The team were accompanied by Mr Gregan and they claimed victory over Askeaton on the day.
- Our Transition Year students took part in a drama workshop hosted by comedian Bernard Casey.
- Students who completed their Junior Cycle examinations in June received their provisional results. Students gathered in room 6 to receive their results while later moving to the GP area to enjoy treats organised by members of our Dáil na Scoile.
- 11/10/24** We hosted a non-uniform day in aid of Missionvale South Africa. A total of €510 was raised on the day.
- 14/10/24** Our Junior Girls football team travelled to Spanish Point to take on St Joseph's Secondary School. The team were accompanied by their coach Ms O Sullivan. Spanish Point claimed victory on the day.
- 15/10/24** Members of our Dáil na Scoile travelled to Ennis to take part in a workshop hosted by Comhairle na nÓg. This event was organised by our Dáil na Scoile Coordinator, Ms Haugh.
- Our Transition Year students travelled to Glór Theatre Ennis to attend a Ger Casey show and also visit Clare Museum.
- 16/10/24** Our school hosted a series of Clare basketball games in the school hall. Our U16 girls defeated St Michaels Kilmihil along with our U19 girls claiming victory over the same school in the U19 age group. Our teams were joined by their coaches Ms Moroney and Ms Quilter.

- Our Senior Boys hurling team took on Ennis Community College. Mr Gregan, team coach, travelled with our team as they claimed victory over Ennis.
- 17/10/24** A large number of our 6th year students travelled to Limerick along with our Guidance Counsellor Ms Ryan and Mr Liston. Students attended the various talks being held in the Limerick colleges as part of their Open Day.
- Our Parent Association held their first annual general meeting on this evening. New members were recruited on the night and committee members were elected.
- 22/10/24** Our U17 boys football team took on Pallaskenry on this date. Their coach, Mr O'Dwyer travelled with the team who were successful on the day.
- Our Green Schools Committee welcomed CL Mary Howard and Karen Foley, Environmental Awareness Officer from Clare Council to raise our newly awarded Green Flag. Under the stewardship of Ms Convey, our school has now been awarded seven Green Flags to date.
- 23/10/24** As part of our Active Schools Initiative and journey towards achieving the Active Schools Flag for our school, all students and staff took part in a whole school walk from our school to Kildysart Pier.
- 04/11/24** In order to celebrate Stand Up week in our school, our Transition Year students organised various initiatives to help highlight the importance of inclusion in our school and take a stance against homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying.
- Our Senior Boys football team competed in the combined County and Munster Championship as they took on Kilrush Community College. The team, accompanied by their coach Mr O'Dwyer, claimed victory over Kilrush on the day.
- As part of our initiative to encourage students to take part in enterprise at a young age, Mr Liston, teacher of Business Studies, invited Theresa Mulvihill from the Local Enterprise Office to speak with our 1st year students and encourage them to compete in the junior category of the Young Enterprise Competition.
- 05/11/24** Our U19 Boys hurling team took on Gaelscoil Kerry. The team accompanied by Mr Gregan were defeated on the day.
- All junior students were given the opportunity to view the stars and constellations in a planetarium which came to our school from Blackrock Observatory Co Cork. The event, organised by our science teacher, Ms

- Walsh, allowed our students to view images inside the planetarium, similar to what would be seen from a live observatory. Pupils from Kildysart National School were also invited to experience this event.
- 06/11/24** Our Senior Girls football team took on St Joseph's Community College Kilkee. The team accompanied by Ms O Sullivan on the day claimed victory over Kilkee.
- Our Transition Year students took part in an active workshop titled "Boxercise" as part of leisure and recreation . The workshop was hosted by fitness instructor Johnathon Hickey.
- 07/11/24** We hosted our annual Open Day & Information Evening for all prospective 6th class pupils and parents coming from all our feeder primary schools. Pupils travelled by shuttle bus from their schools to join our staff and students as they took part in practical subject workshops. Pupils finished each tour, having experienced a taste of each of the subjects on offer in our school. Well done to all the staff and students who gave their time on the day to promote our school.
- 08/11/24** Our U17 Boys football competed in a semi-final in the Munster Schools Competition as they took on St Declans Community College Kilmacthomas. St Declans made it through to the final as our team was defeated. Our 1st year boys competed in a football blitz, hosted in St Flannans College Ennis. The boys were accompanied by Mr Keniry on the day.
- 11/11/24** We marked the beginning of science week on this date. Our science teachers planned many science based activities and competitions during the week, highlighting the world of science to students. Well done to all involved. Our U17 Hurling team took on Fethard Secondary School. Our boys, accompanied by Mr Gregan claimed victory on the day.
- 12/11/24** Our English department organised a workshop based on the Merchant of Venice. This workshop took place in the sports hall and will hopefully help our students prepare for their upcoming state examinations. Thanks to the English teachers involved in organising this event. A number of senior cycle students travelled to the Radisson Hotel Limerick to attend an apprenticeship showcase organised by LCETB. The group were accompanied by Mr Canny. Our 6th year students attended a UCAS talk organised by Ms Ryan. Students were informed about opportunities to study abroad.

- 13/11/24** Our Senior boys football team took on Lisdoonvarna Secondary School. Our boys claimed victory over Lisdoonvarna on that day.
As part of science week, our 1st year students travelled to UL to attend science based workshops. Our students were accompanied by their science teachers, Ms Walsh and Mr Collins.
- 14/11/24** Our Junior girls took on St Flannans College. Our girls were successful in securing a win over St Flannans on the day.
- 18/11/24** Our U17 hurlers competed in a Munster quarter final against Kenmare Community School. Unfortunately our boys lost on that day.
- 19/11/24** Our Minor girls football team took on St Joseph's Secondary School Spanish Point. Our girls claimed victory on that day.
Also on this date, our 2nd year boys competed in a football blitz in Kilrush. The team was accompanied by Mr Keniry.
- 20/11/24** Our 3rd year wellbeing class welcomed Olympian Thomas Barr to our school to speak to our students about his journey to success. During his visit, our special guest obliged us by officially opening our new “Chillout Zone” in our school oratory. Many thanks to Ms O Sullivan for arranging this visit and to Ms O'Brien for assisting in the opening of our chillout zone.
Our Gaeilge department organised various activities highlighting Irish culture. The day was titled “Lá Gaeilge” and students had the opportunity to take part in Irish competitions and Irish dancing. Well done to all involved.
Our TY students attended a workshop hosted by Growing Tall, based on communication & public speaking.
- 25/11/24** All TY students started week 1 of work experience. Each student selected a career area of their choice for the week, hoping to gain insight into a job in that area.
- 26/11/24** November Assessments commenced for all students.
- 28/11/24** Our U17 boys football team took on Rice College Ennis. Our boys claimed victory on that day. The team were accompanied by Mr O’Dwyer.
- 01/12/24** On this date a team of students and staff volunteered their time to host Santa's Grotto in the school to raise money for the children of Missionvale South Africa. The event organised by Ms Convey raised €..... for Missionvale.
- 04/12/24** Our Senior girls took on Newport College. Our girls were successful on the day and well done to all involved.
Also on this date, our Senior boys took on Carrigaline Community School. Our team unfortunately lost by one point on that date.

05/12/24

Our 6th year students attended their retreat workshop hosted by Conor Cronin. This event organised by our school Chaplain and supported by the help of many staff members is a very memorable time for our 6th year students. Following a meal in our GP area and the end of Conors sessions, our students took part in a table quiz during the evening.

Towards midnight our group was joined by Fr Donnagh O Meara for a candle light prayer service followed by a singsong.

The overnight retreat continued into Friday where all students had breakfast in the GP before travelling to Limerick on Ice.

Well done to all staff and students on yet another successful memorable event for our students.

1 Anti-Bullying Procedures Report

1.1 There are no recorded incidents to report since our last board meeting.

NOTE: CHANGES TO POLICY AND PROCEDURES TO BE REVISED IN 24/25.

2 Departmental Reports (including programmes)

2.1 Additional Educational Needs (AEN) & Autism Classroom (AS)

Since the team returned in late August they have been busy planning for the needs of our students who have been identified as having additional educational needs.

The team have completed the following:

- Adjustments to all AEN teacher timetables.
- Adjustments to teaching assistant timetables.
- Student care plans for students accessing support are now due for review.
 - Applications have been made for students who may qualify for RACE (Reasonable Accommodations for Certificate Examinations)

2.2 Student Support Team (SST)

The team continues to meet weekly to discuss and support individual students.

Our School Chaplain Ms O'Brien attended the annual Student Support Team Conference.

2.3 Leading Learning and Teaching

Our LLT team continues to support and maintain our current actions within the SSE strands.

In the first number of weeks, The LLT team surveyed teachers at our last staff meeting in the following areas.

Student Punctuality and Attendance

The LLT team presented data on student attendance of individual subjects and discussed possible ideas to encourage increased attendance and punctuality to school in the mornings.

Methods of Reporting and Assessment

Staff discussed the current forms of assessment and reporting. Ideas were collated and submitted for review by the LLT.

All information gathered during the staff meeting will help determine new targets and actions to address the above areas.

3. School Extension

Since our last meeting, Clare County Council have received a new application for planning permission for our school extension.

Healy and Partners Architects have made the submission on behalf of LCETB and a decision is due in February.