

Board of Management Meeting

28th May 2024

Principal's Report

- 22/02/24** Leaving Certificate Gaelge students completed mock orals with their Gaelge teachers.
- 26/02/24** Interviews for Transition Year 24/25 took place.
Leaving Certificate Gaelge students attended a production in Glór called “Caith Amach É” to assist them in preparation for their Béal Scrudú .
Many thanks to the Gaelge department for creating opportunities for our LC students while preparing for their State Examinations.
Our Senior boys football team took on Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed Thurles in UL 4G Astro pitch on this date. Our team won on the day. Well done to the team and the coach Mr O Dwyer.
- 27/02/24** A group of students travelled to Tramore Valley Park, Cork to compete in the Munster Cross Country. Many thanks to Ms O Sullivan for bringing our students on the day.....
Our TY students travelled to Ennis to compete in the Young Enterprise Competition. We were delighted to hear that TY student Eimear McGee won 1st prize in the competition and got through to the All-Ireland Competition being held in Mullingar.
- 28/02/24** A number of our 6th year students attended an open day in LCFE Clon Rd along with our Guidance counsellor Ms Ryan.
Our TY students travelled to the Army Barracks in Limerick along with their teacher Mr Keniry. The group enjoyed a clay pottery workshop in Ballymorris Pottery on route home also.
- 29/02/24** Our TY students enjoyed a workshop on “Teenage Reads” with Ruth Concannon. This literacy event was organised by their teacher Ms Ayers.
Our 1st and 2nd year girls took part in a basketball workshop hosted by Síofra Ni Chonaill. Our girls took part in the training session while receiving instruction and conversing through the medium of Irish. This activity was part of our Gaelbhreach Initiative. The event was organised by Ms O

Sullivan.

A number of our TY students and members of our Amber Flag committee were interviewed by Brendan O'Brien – Co-Host of Beyond Belief on Clare FM. Our students spoke about their efforts to raise funds for Trocaire and our students who travelled to Missionvale South Africa, briefly spoke about their trip.

01/03/24 Our TY student travelled to the Burren Outdoor Centre in Carran. They were accompanied by our TY Coordinator Ms Culligan.

On route, the four students who travelled to Missionvale took part in a radio interview with Alan Morrissey on the Morning Focus programme in Clare FM Studios.

02/03/24 A number of our LC Gaeilge students took part in Feile Na Hinse in Labhart na Gaeilge. Our students were placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

In addition to the success of our senior students, we had junior student success in the areas of: Art, Essay Writing as well as Poetry. Well done to all involved.

04/03/24 Our Senior Football team took on Millstreet Community College Cork. This match was a Munster Final however our team were unlucky on the day. They lost by 1 point. Hard luck to the team and their coach Mr O'Dwyer.

05/03/24 Our Senior Girls football team took on Lisdoonvarna Secondary School. Our ladies were successful on the day. Well done to the team and their coaches Ms O'Sullivan and Mr Liston. Final score 5-14 to 2-6.

Our 1st and 2nd year boys' basketball team took on St Michael's Kilmihil. Our first-year boys won, final score 15 - 4 however our 2nd year boys lost to Kilmihil, final score 8 - 13.

06/03/24 Ms Haugh brought our 5th and 6th year Home Economics students to East Clare to attend Wildes Chocolate Factory as part of their Home Economics course.

07/03/24 Our Green Schools Committee welcomed the Environmental Awareness Officer to carry out an inspection.

Our 1st and 2nd year boys basketball team took on Ennis Community College.

Our 1st year boys won their match 5-19 while our 2nd year boys lost 19-4.

Our 1st year girls basketball team took on both Ennis Community College and St Caimin's Shannon. Our girls won both matches, final scores 2-26 and 7-20 respectively. Well done to the teams and their coaches Ms Quilter and Ms Moroney.

- 08/03/24** Our Junior girls football team took on Coláiste Muire Ennis. Our team won on the day. Final score 3-20 to 1-6. Well done to the team and coaches.
Our 1st year boys competed in a football blitz held on school Astro Turf. This blitz was arranged by Mr Keniry.
- 11/03/24** Our U17 boys football team played against Kilrush Secondary School. Our team lost on the day. Final score 5-13 to 6-9. Hard luck to the team and coach Mr O Dwyer.
Our TY students took part in their second week of work placement.
- 12/03/24** Our U14 girls football team took on St Michael's Kilmihil. Our team won on the day, final score 10-15 to 1-6. Well done to the team and coaches on the day.
- 13/03/24** Our school Guidance Counsellor Ms Ryan hosted our annual Subject Information Talk for our current 3rd and TY parents.
Our 2nd year boys basketball team took on St Joseph's Community College Kilkee. Our boys won on the day. Final score, 15-7. Well done to the team and their coaches.
U17 boys football team took on St Anne's Killaloe in Munster Schools Quarter final. Our team won on the day. Well done to the team and coach.
Twelve of our 6th year students attended Hanger 12 in Atlantic Aviation Apprenticeship Centre to complete a practical test and tour the facilities. Many thanks to Ms Ryan for organising this opportunity for our students.
Our 5th year students from 5A welcomed guest speakers from Clare Haven as part of their RE course.
- 14/03/24** Our 5th year students from 5B welcomed guest speakers from Clare Haven as part of their RE course. Many thanks to our school Chaplain Ms O'Brien for organising our guest speakers on the day.
- 19/03/24** Our 5th year students taking part in LCVP completed their work placement module this week. This experience was coordinated by LCVP teachers Ms Culligan and Mr Liston.
Our TY students took part in jiving lessons as part of a workshop for the TY programme.
- 21/03/24** Our 1st year boys football team took on St Flannans College Ennis. Our boys lost on the day. Hard luck to the team and their coach.
A group of junior maths students travelled to St Flannans along with their teacher Ms Fitzsimons to compete in teams in a Pi Quiz maths competition. Some of our students were placed 2nd and 3rd on the day. Well done to all

involved.

22/03/24 Our Dáil na Scoile students organised and ran a junior bingo in the school hall as a fundraiser for their student council kitty. Well done to the students and our Dáil Na Scoile Coordinator Ms Haugh on a well-run event.

23/03/24 State Examination LC Gaeilge Oral Examinations.

24/03/24 State Examination LC Gaeilge & French Oral Examinations.

28/03/24 State Examination German Oral Examinations.

07/04/24 Our TY French students departed from Dublin airport along with their teacher Ms Fitzgerald, travelling to France as part of the first leg of their Erasmus funded student exchange project.

08/04/24 Our TY German students departed from Dublin airport along with their teacher Ms Ryan, travelling to Germany as part of the first leg of their Erasmus funded student exchange project.

Our U17 boys football team played against North Mon Cork in the Munster Schools Final. Our team unfortunately lost on the day. Final score 4-10 to 1-6. Hard luck to the team and their coach Mr O Dwyer.

09/04/24 Our TY Young Environmentalist group “Green Clean” travelled to Galway to attend the regional stage of the Young Environmentalist competition. The team got through to the All-Ireland of the competition as a result. Well done to the team and their teacher Ms Moroney.

Our 1st year girls football team played Coláiste Muire Ennis in the 1st year B Cup final. Our girls won on the day. Well done to the team and coaches on the day.

11/04/24 State Examination LC Music Practical Examinations.

We hosted our Incoming 1st year 24/25 Parent Information evening.

13/04/24 All Incoming 1st year students were in attendance in the school to complete 1st year testing.

A number of students attended churches in our surrounding area to take part in our annual fundraiser. A total of €1643.00 was collected between Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. Thanks to our students who helped out and to everyone who contributed over the weekend.

15/04/24 Our 3rd year CSPE class welcomed Deputy Cathal Crowe and Cllr Tom O Callaghan to speak about the day and life in politics, as part of their programme of study. Many thanks to Ms Meaney for inviting our guests for this event.

State Examination JC Home Economics Practical Examinations.

- 16/04/24** Our TY students travelled to London as part of their TY programme organised by Ms Culligan. The group were also joined by Ms O'Brien and Mr Moloney. The students and staff enjoyed the sights and museums of London over the three day trip.
- 23/04/24** Our TY students took part in the TUS Sci Fest Competition held in Limerick. Well done to all the teams who competed on the day and thank you to Ms Walsh for bringing our students to this event.
- 24/04/24** Our junior girls football team took on St Joseph's Kilkee in the Clare Junior B final. Our team won on the day, final score 4-11 to 2-7. Well done to the team and coaches.
- 25/04/24** State Examination LC Art Practical Examinations.
Our TY and 5th year French students attended a French themed performance in Glór Ennis.
- 26/04/24** Our TY and 5th year German students attended a German themed performance in Glór Ennis.
As part of our Active Schools Flag Initiative, all members of the school took part in a 5km walk in the local area. This event forms part of the criteria of our school achieving an Active School Flag.
- 29/4/24** Our senior girls football team played Kilmihil in the Senior C Clare Final. Our girls won the competition. Well done to the team and their coaches Ms O'Sullivan and Mr Liston.
- 30/04/24** Ms O'Brien organised a school visit from Bodywise. Members of the organisation spoke with both our 2nd and 5th year students about body image and eating disorders.
- 01/05/24** Our TY students went on a geography field trip to Lahinch which was organised by their teacher Mr Moloney.
State Examination LC LCVP Examinations
TY student Emer McGee travelled to St Angela's College Sligo to compete in a Home Economics cooking competition organised by the college. Emer entered the competition through her Home Economics teacher Ms Haugh and celebrity judge on the day was Nevin McGuire.
- 02/05/24** State Examination LC Engineering & JC Music Practical Examinations
Clare FM DJ Colum McGrath made recordings of student performances and interviews in the school library. The content of these recordings ran over a two week period on Clare FM during the "School Run" slot on the "Breakfast Show".

- 07/05/24** Our TY Gaelbhreach Committee welcomed our GB Inspector to the school. Our students were successful in receiving the Irish Flag accreditation for another school year. Well done to the team and their teacher Ms O Sullivan.
- 08/05/24** Our 1st year students travelled to Bay Sports in Athlone as part of their school tour. Thanks to their Yearhead Ms Haugh for organising the trip for the group.
- Our TY Students travelled to the Gaeltacht area of Dingle as part of their TY module Teanga Gaeilge. Thanks to Ms O Sullivan for organising this trip for our TY students.
- State Examination LC Construction Studies Practical Examinations.
- 09/05/24** TY student and Young Enterprise County Finalist Emer McGee travelled to Mullingar to compete in the National stage of the competition. Emer was accompanied by TY Coordinator Ms Culligan.
- Our 1st year boys took part in a football blitz which took part in a number of venues in West Clare. Well done to the team's success on the day. Our team won all three matches and won the County title in the tournament.
- 10/05/24** All 1st, 3rd, TY and 6th year students engaged in our annual sports day. Thanks to Mr O Dwyer, Ms O Sullivan and all the staff for making the day possible for the staff.
- Our 2nd year students travelled to Killary Adventure Centre as part of their school tour. The tour was organised by their Year head Ms Quilter
- Our 5th year students travelled to Emerald Park as part of their school tour. This trip was organised by their Year head Mr Moloney.
- 13/05/24** We welcomed both French and German students to our school as part of the return leg of our Erasmus funded school exchange with France and Germany. They stayed with their host families for the week and all the group, including our TY students studying a modern language, travelled around Co Clare on various days to take in the many sights that our County has to offer.
- Our U17 boys football team took on Lisdoonvarna Secondary School in the County Semi-final. Our team won on the day. Well done to the team and their coach Mr O Dwyer.
- Our 1st and 2nd year girls took part in basketball finals held in Gurteen Ennis. Both teams won the Clare D Finals. Well done to the teams and their coaches Ms Quilter and Ms Moroney.
- 14/05/24** Our Gaelbhreach team travelled to Mary Immaculate College Limerick to attend the Gaelbhreach celebration day where they officially received our

next Gaelbhreach and also took part in the many workshops organised by the college.

15/05/24 Our TY Active School Committee welcomed an Inspector for the Active Schools flag. The visitor was very happy with progress so far and has made suggestions as to how we can approach the new challenges coming up in the year 3 plan.

Our “Green Clean” group travelled to Dublin to compete in the Young Environmentalist National Event. Our group were “Highly Commended” for their project. Well done to the group and their lead teacher Ms Moroney.

16/05/24 Well done to all involved in the very successful Awards Ceremony held in the school. Awards Night is the biggest celebration in the school year with many students receiving recognition for all their hard work and effort throughout the school year.

Guest speaker on the night was Sports Psychologist Nollaig O Sullivan who spoke about “Controlling the Controllable” and “Living in the present and enjoy the journey”

20/05/24 All TY students took part in their First Aid Course as part of the TY programme.

21/05/24 Our U17 boys football team played St Michael’s Kilmihil in a county final. Our team were successful on the day. Well done to the team and their coach Mr O Dwyer.

All TY students worked on the Erasmus project with Ms Ryan and Ms Fitzgerald.

23/05/24 Our Green Schools Committee travelled to Galway to accept our 7th Green Schools flag for our school. Well done to the Committee and to staff members, Ms Convey, Ms Moroney and our caretaker Seamus McQuaid for their continued support with this initiative.

24/05/24 Our leaving certificate class of 2024 graduated on this date. Many thanks to Fr Albert, Fr Brendan and Fr Tom for joining us in the celebration of Graduation Mass. Many thanks to Ms O Brien, Trilby and all staff involved in organising the event, helping to make the afternoon special for our young graduates.

28/05/24 All 1st, 2nd and 5th year summer assessments commence.

3. Anti-Bullying Procedures Report

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

4 Departmental Reports (including programmes)

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

Since our last meeting, we have had one update from the DE in relation to our application for a modular classroom. The Department have responded stating that we have already received approval for an extension to our school building which includes a dual AS suite and that this project is at stage 2.

Following a meeting with Marian Cody SENO, our application for resources to open a second special class has been approved.

Our current special class is at full capacity with 6 students and our projected enrolment for our second class is currently 4 students.

4.2 Student Support Team (SST)

Our student support team continues to support our students in our school. The team continues to meet weekly to discuss and support individual students.

4.3 Leading Learning and Teaching

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

Our LLT team have completed the development of a Living Skills module as part of our wellbeing programme in the school.

The LLT team have created a teacher/student reflection sheet that will be used for 2 assessments during the academic year. Staff have decided that the target group for the roll out of this action will be 1st years.

The LLT team have completed the monitoring stage of all current actions through student focus groups. The feedback from these groups will be fed back to staff at our next staff meeting.

5. School Extension

Clare Co Council were due to make a final decision on the granting of planning permission of our school extension on the 23rd of May.

Previous to this date, the planning authority have responded with another further information request in relation to the environmental impact of the development during construction.

Healy and Partners Architects are currently working on responding to this request.

6. Schoolbooks Grant Scheme

As per school book grant guidelines issued to schools, All 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students will receive all school books and materials for classes for free in the next academic year.

Schools have been given a per capita grant to cover the cost of setting up a library stock of school books which will be scanned out to students and

returned to the school once they reach the end of use for that individual student.

Under this scheme, students will also be provided with:

All school books required from 1st to 3rd year while in school.

School Journals.

Calculators.

Log Books.

Dictionaries.

Past Examination Papers.

Copies/Folders/Pens/Pencils...etc