

Board of Management Meeting

30th May 2023

Principal's Report

Calendar of Events

- 09/02/23** Our 1st year girls football team took part in a challenge match with Coláiste Muire Ennis.
- 20/02/23** Transition year 2023/24 interviews commenced.
There will be 22 students from our current 3rd year cohort taking on the TY Programme. Two places are also reserved for International Students.
Our Junior girls football team played Coláiste na Trocaire Rathkeale in a Munster C Semi-Final. Unfortunately the girls lost on the day.
- 21/02/23** On this date we hosted Dr Maureen Griffin who spoke with both our junior and senior students on the topic of social media. Dr Griffin also spoke with
- 22/02/23** our parents while attending an evening session which was offered to all members of the public through advertisement on Clare FM.
- 23/02/23** 1st & 2nd year girls basketball vs Kilrush Community College. Kilrush CC.
The 1st year girls won their match.
- 28/02/23** 14 of our Transition Year students travelled to the Burren Outdoor Centre Carran to complete a module in outdoor activities. This event was completed over three days.
Our U15 Hurlers took part in a blitz in St Flannans Ennis.
- 01/03/23** Department of Education Inspector Kenneth Nally carried out an incidental inspection which involved checking compliance of our Child Protection Statement, Anti-Bullying Policy and procedures along with visiting classes.
Our school was deemed fully compliant in all areas inspected.
- 04/03/23** A group of students participated in Féile na hInse.
Labhairt na Gaeilge - 1 student placed 2nd
Senior Irish SA Competition - 1 student placed 1st and 1 student placed 3rd
Art Competition - 1 junior student entry and 1 senior student entry.
We celebrated the start of Geography week in the school. Both Mr Moloney and Mr Gregan organised various events relating to the subject of Geography

- 06/03/23** throughout the week.
- Our TY students started their module in GAA Leadership Coaching. John Enright facilitated this module which took place over the course of a number of sessions.
- Transition Year students travelled to Lahinch as part of Geography week to take part in a field study.
- 08/03/23** Leaving Certificate students completed their mock orals in Gaeilge which both Ms Convey and Ms Meaney arranged to help prepare our students for oral examinations.
- Our 1st year boys basketball team took part in a challenge match against Kilrush Community School. The boys won their match.
- 09/03/23** Our 3rd year Geography class took part in a local field trip as part of Geography week.
- 10/03/23** Our 5th year LCVP classes completed their 1 week work experience as part of the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme.
- 13/03/23** Our Transition Year students departed for London along with Ms Culligan, Ms Walsh and Mr Gregan.
- Our 1st year girls basketball team took on St Josephs CC Kilkee. Our 1st year team was successful on the day.
- 21/03/23** Our 1st year girls basketball team took on St Michaels CC Kilmihil. Our 1st year team was successful on the day.
- Our U16.5 boys football team took on Castlegregory in Rathkeale. Our team was successful on the day.
- A number of our Transition Year students travelled to Ennis to compete in the Enterprise Competition.
- 22/03/23** One of the groups in attendance came 1st in the competition and went forward to the All Ireland Enterprise Competition in May. Well done to both Evan Moloney, Darragh O Callaghan and the TY Coordinator Ms Culligan with the success on the day.
- We invited members of An Garda Siochána along with guest speakers Patrick O Connor and Alan McDonagh to speak with our students to create awareness around drugs, alcohol and gambling addiction as part of our SPHE programme.
- 23/03/23** We hosted our 1st Year Information Talk for incoming 1st years 23/24.
- Ourgirls football team took on St Flannans in a semi final. The girls won well on the day.

- 24/03/23** Church Gate Collection
Church Gate Collection - Total raised was €1200.
- 25/03/23** Our 1st year boys basketball team had a challenge match against Kilrush
- 26/03/23** Community School and won.
- 28/03/23** Our 2nd year Religion students took part in a phone fast fundraiser for Pieta House
- 30/03/23** Our Transition Year students took part in their driver theory and driver practice onsite in school. This event was hosted by Kieran O'Brien School of Motoring
Our U15 Hurling team took on Mount Sion Secondary School. Unfortunately our team was defeated on the day.
- 18/04/23** JC Home Economics Practical examination took place in RM2.
Our Transition Year group departed for Mayo to take on the challenge of climbing Croagh Patrick to raise funds for Pieta House.
Our school Chaplain Ms O'Brien travelled along with Ms Griffin, Ms Gallagher and the TY students to the foot of Croagh Patrick, where they were
- 19/04/23** met by Bishop Fintan Monahan who accompanied the group on their climb.
Both our 5th and 6th year Agricultural Science group travelled to Whitegate to visit Conroys Open Farm as part of their Agricultural Science programme.
We welcomed a visiting French teacher from our student exchange programme which was part of the preliminary planning for our French
- 20/04/23** student exchange.
Mr Keniry and Ms Convey carried out incoming 1st year testing. They were also assisted by SNA'S on the day.
- 21/04/23** This date marked the start of Wellbeing Week in our school. Both 1st and 3rd year students enjoyed yoga classes on this day.
- 24/04/23** Our 1st year girls football team took on St Josephs Community College Kilkee. This match was a County final and our girls were victorious.
Our 2nd and 6th year students took part in jiving classes on this day
LC Engineering Practicals were held in RM4. This exam forms part of the
- 26/04/23** overall assessment of the Engineering module. We received a visit from two members of the State Examinations Commission on the date.
JC Music Practicals were also held on this date.
Our 1st year girls football team took part in a football blitz.
LC Art Practical examinations were held in RM1
- 27/04/23** Both Transition Year and 5th Years took part in a drumming session on this date.

- 28/04/23** Deputy Cathal Crowe attended a talk with our 3rd year CSPE students as part of their CBA.
- Our Extra Curricular Fundraising Group raised €669 through a week long collection of cash for clobber in the school. Thanks to all the students and staff for their contribution.
- 29/04/23** The whole school community set off on a sponsored 5km walk to help raise funds towards extracurricular funds in the school. Total funds raised was €2600.
- Four of our students studying French departed for Lille in France, along with their teacher Ms Fitzgerald.
- 01/05/23** This date marked day one of a French/Irish student exchange for our students. Our 2nd year students travelled to Lees Road with both their PE teachers Mr O Dwyer and Ms Conlon, to take part in an orienteering exercise which forms part of their CBA in PE.
- 02/05/23** Ms Ryan also travelled to Gladbeck, Germany with 3 of our students studying German. This trip marks day one of a German/Irish student exchange.
- All 6th Year LCVP students sat their final examination in their LCVP module.
- Our 3rd Year students travelled to Bay Sports Athlone accompanied by their Yearhead Mr Moloney and Ms Meaney. This trip forming the 3rd Year school tour.
- 03/05/23** LC Construction Studies Practical exam took place in rm5 on this date,
- Our Student Enterprise County Champions travelled to Croke Park to compete in the All Ireland Enterprise Competition. The two boys were accompanied by Ms Culligan on the day. They unfortunately were not placed on the day.
- 05/05/23** All students enjoyed an ice-cream from the ice-cream van which was arranged as part of Wellbeing Week.
- We welcomed four French students from the return leg of our student exchange. The four students stayed with host families and attended classes with our TY students.
- 08/05/23** Our TY students took part in the first of five workshops which was facilitated by our artist in residence Carmel Madigan as part of the BLAST programme.
- A number of our 1st year students travelled to Castleisland Kerry to take part in track and field athletics. Three of our 1st years were successful on the day, being placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the javelin throw along with another 1st year

- 09/05/23** student receiving silver in the 100m sprint.
Our 6th years travelled to Emerald park Co Meath along with their Yearhead Ms Haugh and Class Tutor Ms Ayers. This trip marked the last school tour for our LC group.
- 10/05/23** Our 1st year boys football team took part in a football blitz in Mullagh.
Our 2nd year girls football team took part in a football blitz in Kilrush.
On this date our Gaeilge department underwent day one of their subject inspection. Department of Education inspector Máire Ní Choncheanainn visited our school over a two day inspection. The formal outcome of this inspection will issue in June however the overall feedback was good with very good examples of high standards of teaching and learning in the subject area.
- 11/05/23** One of our 2nd year students received a silver medal in the Junior Boys High Jump on the second day of Athletics.
Our 5th Year students set off from Shannon Airport bound for Thorpe Park London. The group were accompanied by both Ms Ryan and Mr Liston.
Our 2nd Year students set off to Pure Skills Galway as their school tour. The
- 12/05/23** group were accompanied by Ms Fitzsimons, Mr Gregan, Ms Lenihan and Ms Gallagher.
All remaining students took part in our annual sports day where normal classes were suspended and all students took part in the various sporting activities arranged by both Mr O Dwyer and Ms Conlon.
Our Transition Year students set off for Dingle along with their teacher Ms Convey, Ms Meaney, SNAs Ms Gallagher and Ms Lenihan. The group travelled to the Gaelteacht area of Dingle where they welcomed a guide on
- 15/05/23** board their bus before they set off around Sleigh Head to take in the scenery and hear the local knowledge of the area.
Our 1st Year girls basketball team took on Spanish Point in Ennis Community College. This match was a semi final and the girls lost by 2 points.
- 16/05/23** Our Gaelbhratach Team were delighted to be awarded this year's Irish Flag.
We held our annual awards night in the sports hall where 140 students received awards from varying categories of academic awards to civic awards and extra curricular to special awards.
- 18/05/23** Our special guests on the night were Eimear Considine, ex Ireland rugby player and ambassador for the National Dairy Council, along with Clare FM DJ Colum McGrath. We were also joined by the chairperson of our board of

management CI Mary Howard and parent Niamh O Connor, representing our parents association.

Bishop Fintan Monahon was also in attendance and presented the John Paul II Awards on the night.

Our Transition Year students took part in their first aid training which was facilitated by Treasa Kelly. All students received first aid certificates at the end of the course.

19/05/23 Our Transition Year students start their third session of work placement as part of the TY programme.

22/05/23 Our 1st year students travelled to Bay Sports as part of their school tour along with their Yearhead Ms Quilter and Ms Keane.

25/05/23 On this date we hosted the LC Class of 2023 Graduation Mass. We were delighted to be joined by Fr Albert, Fr McMahan, Fr McGrath and Fr Coyne to celebrate the end of a journey for our LC students.

26/05/23 Many students, teachers and members of our Parents Association took part in a fundraising initiative for extra curricular activities. All involved took part in a bag pack in Dunnes Stores Ennis.

27/05/23 Our Summer Assessments commenced on this date for all 1st, 2nd and 5th year students.

1. Student Matters

Confidential

2. Staff Matters

Confidential

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 Special Education Teaching (SET) & Autism Classroom

Our SENO Marian Cody has been liaising with our school with the aim of reviewing our SNA allocation.

One student transfer to St Annes Special School has been confirmed for academic year 23/24.

One other student's placement is currently being reviewed and may result in another transfer to St Annes Special School. If this individual student transfers to another school, our school loses 0.75 WTE SNA allocation.

If we do not accept additional students in the Autism class for the next academic year, our SNA allocation of 2 WTE is reduced to 1WTE.

There is 1 new application received for a student place in the Autism class.

The SET team have met with our new Autism class Coordinator Fiona Mann and a handover process is well underway

Ms Mann has met with all teachers and SNAs involved in SEN/AS.

Ms Mann has also met with students and parents of the AS class.

4.2 Student Support Team (SST)

Our Student Support Team continues to support our students throughout the school year.

This includes weekly meetings of the SST which results in actions as per below:

• Consultation arranged between School Chaplain and students

Meetings arranged with parents

Contact made with outside agencies eg.CAMHS, NEPS, TUSLA, TESS

Leading Learning and Teaching

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

Under the guidance of our Curriculum Leader Ms Quilter, the LLT team have displayed our SIP plans in every classroom.

These displays have been commended by Director of Schools LCETB and may go forward as a recommendation to all LCETB schools.

The LLT team are currently reviewing the current 1st year students as we reach the end of year one with the new 3 year cycle.

5. School Extension

On May 5th our school received very positive news that the revised specifications of our new extension had been given the green light by the Department of Education.

The revised plans include heat recovery within the suspended ceilings above the classrooms, along with air to water heating and solar panels.

The design team appointed by LCETB are now finalising drawings and preparing documents to make a planning application to Clare County Council.

6. Missionvale

We are delighted to be in the position to offer our TY students the opportunity to travel to Missionvale South Africa in the next academic year.

Interviews are underway for all students who have shown interest in travelling to South Africa.

Many thanks to our Deputy Principal Ms Convey for ensuring that the tradition of sending students from our school to Missionvale recommences following the pandemic.

7. An Gaelbhratach

Following the hard work of our Gaelbhratach team, under the guidance of Ms Convey, our school has been awarded the next level of the Irish flag initiative. Well done to all involved.

8. Planned Summer Works

The following summer works programme is proposed for the summer break.

Planned Work	Description
Removal of Red Staining (exterior)	Removal of all red staining on external walls of the school building. (Contract Work)
Painting of Sports Hall	Cleaning and painting of all four walls within the sports hall. (Contract Work)
Upgrade of Visitor Entrance	Removal of damaged ceiling. Painting of brickwork. Install fitted furniture & wall slates Install new flooring Art & Decor
Upgrade of Staffroom	Deep Clean Upgrade Seating Upgrade Desktop PCs
Painting of Internal Walls	Painting of all corridors and stairwells Painting of toilet walls where required.
Deep Clean of all Toilets and Hallways	Deep clean of all toilet areas and corridors once painting is complete.

9.

Transition Year School Musical

Over the last 4 weeks, Mr Moloney and Trilby Edwards have been auditioning all of next year's TY students. They initially had a singing audition and an acting audition at a later date.

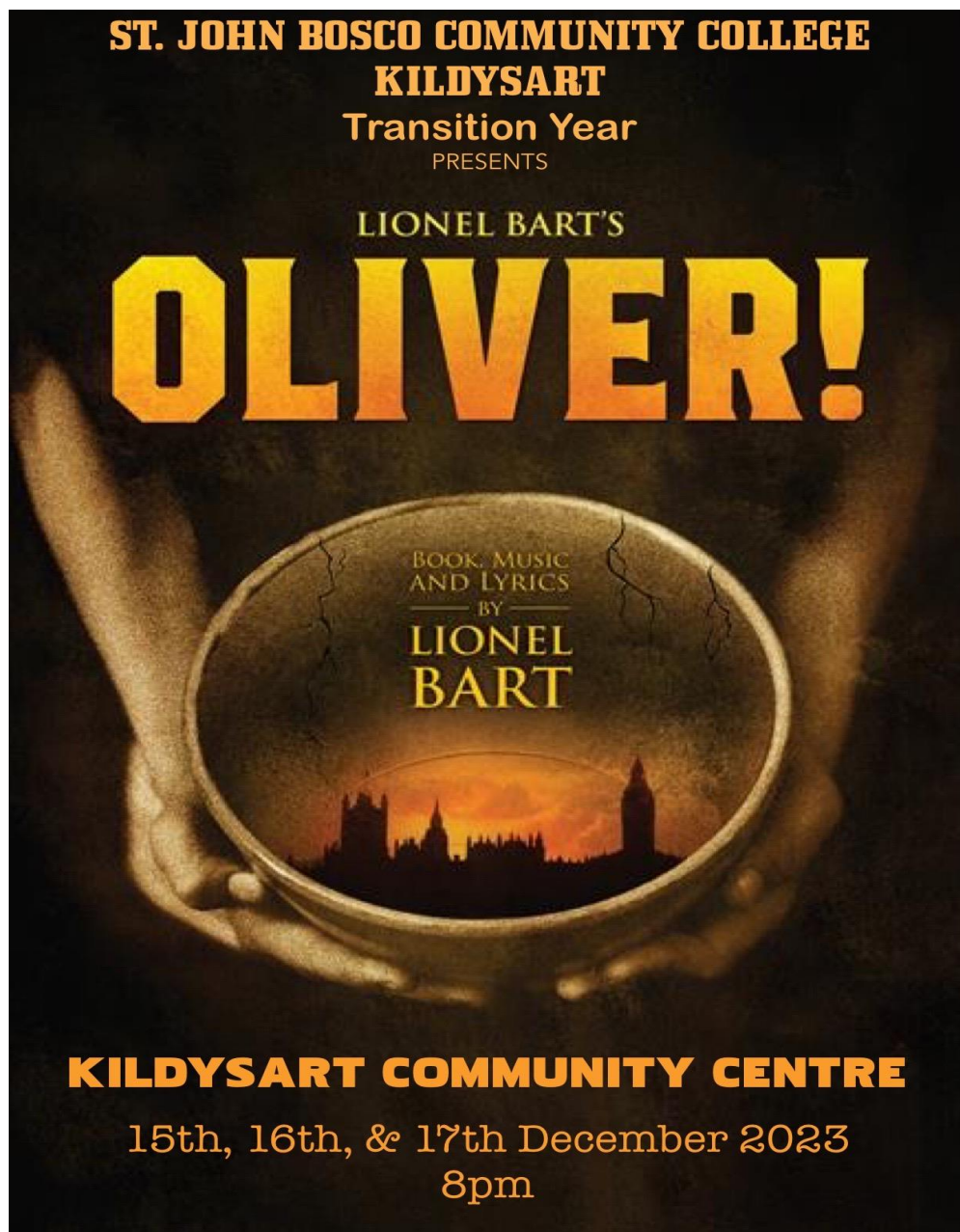
Trilby has also been working on auditioning all of next year's Second Years, with a view to forming a chorus of approx 20 second years.

Mr Moloney has been working on casting for a suitable musical, based on the group available.

Casting has been finalised and students have been given their scripts.

Oliver has been selected as the musical to be performed by our TY students supported by a chorus of 2nd year students.

The musical show dates are the 15th, 16th and 17th of December 2023.



Review of the Board of Management

Are you happy with the content of the meeting agenda issued before each meeting?	Is the BOM agenda issued in sufficient time before each meeting?	Are the following items covered in all meetings? Please tick as appropriate.	Can you highlight 3 positives about the work carried out by our BOM this academic year?	Can you highlight 2 items that you feel our BOM could manage better/improve going forward to 23/24?	Are there any aspects of your role as a board member that you are unsure of?
Yes	Yes	Anti-Bullying Report;Child Protection Report;Leading Teaching & Learning;Review of Policies (where necessary);Provision to discuss other items...AOB	1. I think we worked hard on our policies and ensured they were reviewed and up-to-date 2. I think we were kept very much in touch with what is happening in the school	I am fairly sure, but would love a manual which could be used as a reference when required or when unsure.	
Yes	Yes	Anti-Bullying Report;Child Protection Report;Leading Teaching & Learning;Review of Policies (where necessary);Provision to discuss other items...AOB	Clear communication, commitment & vision	There is very good interaction so everyone is free to speak openly should there be any individual concerns. I feel comfortable as a participant	
Yes	Yes	Anti-Bullying Report;Child Protection Report;Leading Teaching & Learning;Review of Policies (where necessary);Provision to discuss other items...AOB	Our BOM operates very efficiently, starts on time and all agenda items are covered		No
Yes	Yes	Anti-Bullying Report;Child Protection Report;Leading Teaching & Learning;Review of Policies (where necessary);Provision to discuss other items...AOB	Good information, 2 good discussions, Denis, Deirdre very open and positive	Maintain provision of documentation at least one week ahead apart from that nothing	No - thank you
Add principal's report and minutes ?	Yes	Anti-Bullying Report;Child Protection Report;Leading Teaching & Learning;Review of Policies (where necessary);Provision to discuss other items...AOB	As in previous ,very open, principal and DP ,good discussions	Just remembered, provide minutes ,principals report beforehand. No need to read at meeting- all else good ðŸ™, good ðŸ™,	No - apologies second entry
		Anti-Bullying Report;Child Protection Report;Leading Teaching & Learning;Review of Policies (where necessary);Provision to discuss other items...AOB	Members show a great interest in what is happening in the school through out the year. Members feel free to make suggestions		