

Board of Management Meeting
4th March 2025

Principal's Report

11/12/24	<p>Our 6th year Engineering class attended TUS Limerick along with their teacher Mr Canny, as part of their leaving certificate coursework.</p> <p>The 6th year Home Economics class hosted the annual Christmas dinner in RM 2. Yearhead, Tutor and school management were invited to enjoy the meal that the class prepared.</p>
12/12/24	<p>We held a parent teacher meeting for the parents of 6th year students.</p>
13/12/24	<p>Our TY class attended Limerick on Ice.</p>
16/12/24	<p>Our senior boys football team took on Mary Immaculate Secondary School Lisdoonvarna. Our team unfortunately lost on the day.</p>
17/12/24	<p>Our 3rd year students travelled to Galway to the ice rink in Salthill as part of their annual school trip. The group were accompanied by Ms Quilter and Ms Moroney.</p>
18/12/24	<p>Our junior girls competed in the North Munster Shield Final against Coláiste Muire Ennis. Our girls claimed the title of North Munster Champions on the day. Well done to Ms O Sullivan and her team on their victory.</p> <p>Our 1st year and TY students welcomed Garda Ken Butler to our school and participated in a workshop on road safety.</p>
06/01/25	<p>Our school was due to reopen after the Christmas break on this date, however due to heavy snow and ice, we were forced to remain closed. The possibility of reopening was reviewed on a daily basis and both parents and teachers informed accordingly. Work was provided for students online through Google Classroom.</p>
07/01/25	<p>Our two BT Young Scientist groups, along with their teacher Mr Collins, travelled to Dublin while conditions allowed for travel. Both groups had a great experience during their few days in the RDS. One of the groups titled "Smog Sucks" won a rosette for best display in their category.</p>

14/01/25	<p>Our TY students travelled to Shannon to take part in Foot Golf. Accompanied by Ms Meaney the group also started their swimming lessons in Ennis Leisure Centre on route home.</p> <p>We held a parent teacher meeting for the parents of our 5th year students.</p>
15/01/25	Our Senior boys football team took on Lisdoonvarna and were successful with a 6-9 to 1-10 win on this occasion. Well done to all involved.
16/01/25	A group of students travelled to Lees Rd Complex along with their teacher Ms O'Sullivan to represent our school in the first stages of the North Munster Cross Country competitions. We had a number of individual and team qualifiers getting through to the next round. Well done to all involved.
21/01/25	<p>Our senior boys football team took on St Caimins Shannon. Our team was successful on the day, claiming victory over Shannon. Well done to all involved.</p> <p>Our U16 girls basketball team took on Salesian Secondary School Pallaskenry in a semi final. Unfortunately our girls lost by a marginal 1 point.</p> <p>Our TY students travelled to Ennis and participated in a walking tour of the town followed by swimming lessons in Ennis Leisure Centre.</p>
22/01/25	Our junior girls football team competed in a semi final in the Clare Championship against Coláiste Muire Ennis. Our girls were successful on the day. Well done to all involved.
23/01/25	Our 6th year students completed their LCVP interviews as part of their coursework in their module LCVP. Two sessions ran concurrently and were hosted by both Ms Shannahan and Mr Liston.
27/01/25	Our 1st year girls football team took on St Michaels Kilmihil. Our young students claimed victory on the day with a 8-11 to 4-11 victory over Kilmihil. Well done to all involved.
28/01/25	<p>Our senior girls football team took on Ennistymon Secondary School in a schools championship semi final. Our girls were successful on the day with a 5-10 to 3-8 win in the championship. Well done to all involved.</p> <p>Our U15 boys football team took on Ennis Community College. Our boys were successful on the day with a 16-11 to 4-3 win. Well done to all involved.</p> <p>On this date we held our Transition Year Information Talk for the parents of 3rd year students. An information talk was also delivered to 3rd year students in school to help them with their decision on applying to complete the TY programme in the school. Many thanks to Ms Meaney the TY coordinator along with Ms Covey for their work involved on the night. A special thank you</p>

	<p>to one of our 3rd year parents, Mary McGee who kindly agreed to give her account of the opportunities experienced by students who take part in our TY programme.</p> <p>On this date we celebrated St John Bosco Feast day in the local Church. This year we welcomed Fr Michael Casey, Salesian priest, originally from Labasheeda but now residing in Dublin, who celebrated our feast day Mass on the day.</p> <p>Fr Michael was joined by Fr Michael Collins and Fr McGrath for the celebrations and we extend our gratitude to them for taking the time to be with us.</p> <p>Thank you to our School Chaplain Ms O'Brien and Trilby Edwards for their work involved in preparing our students for the occasion.</p> <p>Thank you also to Sr Patricia Murtagh and Mairead Doohan for joining us and representing both the school's board of management as Salesian Trustees.</p> <p>All 5th and TY students travelled to St Joseph's Community College to attend a career fair being hosted by the school. Our students had the opportunity to meet staff working in a huge range of career areas on the day and returned to our school with very positive feedback from their experience. Thanks to Ms Ryan for organising this trip for our students and also to the staff of St Joseph's Community College for inviting our students to the event.</p>
29/01/25	
31/01/25	<p>The students who qualified for the next round in the North Munster Cross Country competitions travelled with Ms O'Sullivan to compete in the next round. Once again we had both individual and team qualifiers to the Munster competition in Cork. Well done to all involved.</p> <p>Students attended school as normal on this date as we made the decision to cancel our planned staff training day due to forced school closures.</p>
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05/02/25	<p>Our U14.5 girls football team took on Kilrush Community School. Unfortunately our girls lost on the day.</p>
06/02/25	<p>All 6th year students started their leaving certificate mock examinations on this date.</p> <p>Our students welcomed two members of An Garda Siochana and the Garda tractor to our school. Many thanks to both Sergeant Edel Curtin and Garda John Cahill for visiting our school and discussing farm safety with our students.</p>
07/02/25	

	<p>Clare Champion Photographer John Kelly was also present on the day. John took photos of our two students travelling to Missionvale and photos of the Gardaí speaking with our students.</p>
10/02/25	<p>Our TY students commenced their second session of work experience on this date.</p>
11/02/25	<p>All 3rd year students started their junior cycle mock examinations on this date also.</p>
13/02/25	<p>Our U14.5 girls football team took on Coláiste Muire Ennis. Our girls were successful on the day with a 13-12 to 1-2 win. Well done to all involved.</p>
14/02/25	<p>Students who qualified in the last round of cross country travelled to Tramore Valley in Cork City to compete in the Munster Cross Country competitions. Our junior girls team qualified to the All Ireland competition with them winning silver.</p> <p>Our two students travelling to Missionvale South Africa along with their teacher Ms Ryan, set off on their flight at 5.30pm. The final sum of money collected after the cost of flights and accommodation being brought out to the Missionvale was €8300 and these funds were donated directly to the centre.</p> <p>Well done to both students, guided by Ms Convey, with their fundraising campaign and well done to Ms Ryan, Arabelle and Tadhg for volunteering in the township.</p>
25/02/25	<p>Our senior girls football team took on Scoil Pól Kilfinane in the North Munster Cup Final. Our girls claimed victory on the day becoming North Munster champions. Well done to the team and their coach Ms O Sullivan.</p> <p>Our U15 boys football team took on St Michaels Community College Kilmihil. Well done to the team and Mr Kinery with their victory over Kilmihil.</p>
26/02/25	<p>Our 1st year girls football team took on St Caimins Community School Shannon. Our 1st year girls claimed a strong win over St Caimins. Well done to all involved.</p> <p>All TY students travelled to the West County Hotel Ennis to compete in the Local Enterprise Competitions. Thanks to Mr Liston, their teacher for assisting our students with their mini company ideas.</p>
27/02/25	<p>Leaving Certificate Art students travelled to Dublin to visit a number of art and history museums in the city. Our students were accompanied by their art teacher Ms Moroney, Ms Hehir and SNA Ms Gallagher.</p>

- 28/02/25** The 5th year Agricultural Science Class travelled to Pallaskenry to visit the Agricultural College there. This trip is of great benefit to their studies and they were accompanied by their teacher Mr Collins on the day.
- We welcomed 15 students from Argentina along with two of their teachers on this date. Our visitors joined both our TY and fifth year students while experiencing classes, watching and taking part in some Irish dancing and delivering presentations about their school in Argentina.
- 01/03/25** Fourteen of our senior students studying Gaeilge competed in Labhairt na Gaeilge in Féile na hInse in Ennis. Well done to all students who took part. Three of our students secured 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the competition.
- 03/03/25** We welcomed students and staff from Latvia on this date. Our visitors join us as part of our ERASMUS Mobility Project.
- Our Latvian visitors were with us for the week and got the opportunity to join senior cycle classes, work on the report for our ERASMUS project and tour some of Co Clare's tourist sites.
- Thanks to both Ms Ryan and Ms Fitzgerald with their involvement in this project.

1. Staff Matters

- 1.1** We acknowledge the sad passing of Leo O Donoghue, former teacher of Science, Maths and Agricultural Science in our school.

Mr O'Donoghue showed great passion for his subject area, creating curiosity among his students to learn and discover more. On many occasions, Mr O'Donoghue led teams of students in the BT Young Scientist competition. He was also a great advocate for extra curricular activities in our school, leading many football teams to victory. A number of our students attended Mr O'Donoghues funeral and we took part in a guard of honour after the funeral Mass. Mr O'Donoghue will be sadly missed by students and staff both past and present. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

2. Anti-Bullying Procedures Report

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

NOTE: Ongoing review of our Anti-Bullying Policy (Bí Cineálta Procedures)

- LCETB Training provided to Principals.
- Staff consultation and review of Policy.
- Student consultation and creation of student friendly copy of policy.
- Parent consultation and input into review of policy.
- Other members linked to our school in the community.

3 Departmental Reports (including programmes)

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

The AEN Team continues to support our students with additional educational needs.

As this is the second meeting of our new board, please see Appendix A which confirms the use of SET hours to our school.

3.2 Student Support Team (SST)

The team continues to meet weekly to discuss and support individual students. Our SST members will take a lead role in our Bí Cineálta Procedures review.

3.3 Leading Learning and Teaching

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

Our curriculum leader Ms Quilter will present findings of recent SSE review carried out recently.

4. School Extension

We are pleased to announce that Clare Council Planning Authority have approved our planning application made on our behalf from Healy & Partners Architects Limerick. (See Correspondence).

This news is very positive for our school and hopefully we will see development starting on our school site in the near future.

The Capital section of LCETB has informed us that the next step is to submit an up to date cost of the extension to the DE before the tendering stage can be started.

Many thanks to our school board members who invested time in keeping a close eye on our planning application during the latter process.

5.

Missionvale

Students Arabelle McGauley and Tadhg Hennessy and teacher Ms Ryan have returned from their volunteering trip to Missionvale South Africa.

Our students were part of a group of 20 students who travelled to Missionvale over the mid-term break and received such a warm welcome on arrival.

They got to work in multiple areas in the care centre such as the craft centre, youth development classes, the clinic and pharmacy.

Home visits to the township with the nurses and attending school each day during the children's lunch break was also a highlight for our students along with helping out in the nutrition centre.

Both students are most grateful to Ms Convey and Ms Ryan for supporting them through their fundraising and volunteering experience.