

Board of Management Meeting
5th Dec 2023

Principal's Report

Events

- 10/10/23** Our U19 hurling team took on Gaelcholáiste Chiarraí. Unfortunately our boys were the losing team on the day. Final score 5-17 to 4-9.
- Our TY students welcomed a member of the Local Enterprise Office to help and support our students with their enterprise business.
- Our 1st year students took part in HipHop dance classes as part of wellbeing week.
- 11/10/23** Our senior boys football team took on Ennistymon Community School and our team was the winning team on the day. Final score 2-4 to 1-4.
- Our 6th and 2nd year students took part in jiving workshops as part of wellbeing week.
- 12/10/23** We welcomed Ciara, a member from Gael Linn who spoke with our senior students informing them of the courses and scholarships available in the Gaeltacht for our students.
- 13/10/23** Our Active Schools Committee organised a Tug Of War event for the whole school where all classes took part in a league during the school day which finished up at the finals stage during the last class of the day. All year groups were present as spectators in the astro turf for the finals. The last match involved the winning team competing against a team of staff members.
- Our TY and 5th year students took part in Tribal Drumming workshops as part of wellbeing week.
- Students and staff enjoyed a small treat after sós when an ice-cream van arrived onsite.
- 16/10/23** Our U15 boys football team took on Carrigaline Community School and our team was the winning team on the day. Final score 9-16 to 4-6.
- 17/10/23** Our 5th year students took part in the first of our student retreats to take place this year. The retreat was hosted by Declan Browne on the day.

Our TY students travelled to Glór Theatre Ennis to attend a comedy show as part of their TY Drama Module.

Some members of our Dáil na Scoile travelled to Ennis to represent our young people in Comhairle na nÓg.

18/10/23 Our TY and 5th Year students received their Junior Cycle Results on this date. Well done to all our students and teachers with very good results achieved on the day.

Our 1st year students took part in their school retreat on this date which was also hosted by Declan Browne.

19/10/23 Our 6th year students travelled to an Open Day across all Limerick Colleges. The group was accompanied by their Guidance Counselor Ms Ryan and Mr Liston.

20/10/23 Our U14 girls football team took on Lisdoonvarna Secondary School and our team was the winning team on the day. Final score of the match was 12-15 to 2-2.

23/10/23 We welcomed students along with their teacher to our school as part of the return leg of our German student exchange programme in the school.

Our 6th year biology students travelled to Dromore Woodlands as part of their ecology studies in biology.

24/10/23 Our U15 boys football team took on St Caimins Community School and our team was successful on the day. Final score 6-16 to 4-6.

Our German visitors travelled to Bunratty Folk park and King Johns Castle as part of a cultural excursion organised by our German teacher Ms Ryan.

25/10/23 We hosted the first meeting of our Parents Association.

26/10/23 Our TY students engaged with TY local enterprise personnel.

27/10/23 Our 1st year boys took part in a football blitz hosted by Kilrush Community School. Our team won all three matches played.

06/11/23 Our senior boys football team took on St Michaels Community College Kilmihil and our team drew with Kilmihil on the day.

Our Amber Flag committee spoke at assembly about the various ways our school community intended to raise awareness about LGBTQ+ bullying as part of our school taking part in Stand Up Week.

07/11/23 Our U16 football team took on St Michaels Community College Kilmihil and our team was successful on the day. Final score 6-17 to 0-2.

Ms Ryan hosted a CAO information evening for all 6th year parents, highlighting the importance of correct completion of CAO application forms

along with all the other options available to our students once they leave second level school.

09/11/23 We hosted our annual Open Day and Open Night in the school. All pupils from our feeder primary schools arrived by bus and took part in workshops organised by our practical teachers. Many thanks to all our teaching staff for their work promoting future enrolment in our school.

14/11/23 Ms Ryan organised a trip to an apprenticeship event hosted by LCETB in Limerick. All senior students interested in taking an apprenticeship route following second level travelled on the day.

Well done to the students who took part in the Cross Country event held in Lees Rd. Two of our students were placed individually and also one group received a silver medal for group performance.

15/11/23 Teachers in our science department along with students organised several science related quizzes and events during the week. Puzzles were announced over the intercom along with activities held during science class.

16/11/23 Our TY students welcomed 6th class pupils from our local primary school to a science quiz. The TY led initiative involved our students hosting science related games with prizes given to winners at the end.

Our 5th year engineering students travelled to TUS Limerick to take part in workshops organised by the college to assist with their engineering studies.

17/11/23 Our U17 boys hurling team took on Abbeyfeale Community College in a quarter final competition. Our team lost on the day. Final score 4-11 to 4-15.

20/11/23 Our U15 boys football team took on St Joseph's Secondary School Spanish Point and our team was successful on the day. Final score 1-11 to 1-10.

Our U16 and U19 girls basketball teams took part in a blitz hosted in our school sports hall. They played both Scariff Community College and Ennis Community College on the day. Our U19 girls won one of their games.

21/11/23 180 of our students studying Gaeilge participated in this years Gaeilge 24 in the school. The national event, supported by our Gaeilge department, involved our students taking part in set dancing classes throughout the day in the GP area along with senior students playing traditional music during lunchtime. A big word of thanks to the senior students who acted as dance tutors throughout the school day.

All the students who helped out at our annual Open Day this year, enjoyed some pizza delivered to the school at lunchtime.

Our four students travelling to Missionvale attended Ennis Mart to collect money which would go towards funding their travels. The students managed to collect a total of €315.

22/11/23 All our junior students enjoyed the experience of visiting a planetarium which was set up in our sports hall. The planetarium was hosted by Blackrock Observatory Cork. We also invited pupils from our local primary school to attend.

23/11/23 Our U15 boys football team took on Carrigaline Community School in the Munster quarter final. Our team unfortunately lost on the day. Final score 7-10 to 2-10.

Our TY students welcomed a member of the Irish Army to our school to find out about the many career opportunities available if one were to choose the army as a career path.

24/11/23 Our senior ladies took on St Joseph's Community College Kilkee and our team unfortunately lost on the day. Final score 7-8 to 2-5.

28/11/23 November assessments commenced for all 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th year students.

29/11/23 Our TY students participated in a one day driver education course hosted by Kieran O'Brien Driving School. Our students took part in changing a car wheel, driving the learner driver car and theory lessons on the day.

01/12/23 Our Senior football team took on Lisdoonvarna in a semi final held locally in Kildysart GAA pitch. Our team unfortunately lost by 1 point on the day.

04/12/23 Our 1st year girls football team took on Spanish Point in Miltown Malbay. Our team was the winning team on the day. Final score 12-5 to 1-7.

Our girls basketball team travelled to Gurteen to compete in the Clare Finals however our teams did not progress any further on the day.

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 an application has been lodged to the Department of Education building section for the provision of one modular classroom to help relieve the current pressure on lack of teaching space in the school. We await a response from the DE from this application.

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.

Ms Ryan and Ms Mann welcomed Aine Meehan from the LCETB SST support team for Clare schools.

. The main focus was around managing a critical incident in schools.

Leading Learning and Teaching

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

Our LLT team are currently helping with the development of a Living Skills module as part of our developing wellbeing programme in the school.

5. School Extension - Further Information Request Clare Co Co

Our design team are finalising their response to Clare County Councils request for further information on our planning application.

All projected enrollment figures have been re submitted and Healy Architects are awaiting the outcome for three environmental reports before submitting their response.

6. Transition Year School Musical Update

Trilby, Ms O'Sullivan and Mr Moloney are busy working with the cast of Oliver and rehearsals will become the dominant focus over the next three weeks.

The stage and set is near completion with the final piece being the backdrop installed this week.

Our Parents Association are recruiting other parents to assist with refreshments during the interval over the three nights.

7. Erasmus

Congratulations to our Modern Language Department with their recent acceptance to access funding to mobilise staff and students as part of our European Language Exchange Programme.

Both Ms Ryan and Ms Fitzgerald completed the Erasmus application in October and with the support of school management and the CEO of LCETB, an application was submitted.

The outcome of this application gives the school access to €17500 to enable both student and staff travel to Germany and France.

We hope that this programme will be an incentive for our students to maintain a modern language to the point of leaving certificate level.

8. Guidance Plan

Our Guidance Counselor Ms Ryan is finalising our school Whole School Guidance Plan which will be ratified at our next meeting.

9. Wellbeing Policy

Ms Meaney and Ms O'Brien have taken on the job of developing the first draft of our Wellbeing Policy.

This policy will cover the four aspects of Wellbeing in Irish Second level schools.

- Aspect 1: Culture and Environment
- Aspect 2: Policy and Planning
- Aspect 3: Relationships
- Aspect 4: Curriculum

The completion of this policy will involve the lead team liaising with all staff members in order to capture a true reflection of student wellbeing in our school.

It is intended that a final draft will be ready for the last board meeting of this school year.