



# An Ceangal Cháimín

*Leis na scéalta úrnua ón scoil*

TYB (Molly, Jack, Amy, Daniel)

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Eagrán 11



*An rud is annamh is iontach*

- What's rare is wonderful

## Seachtain na Gaeilge – le Molly Purcell

Ag tosú ar an 1d de Mhí An Mhárta thosaíomar ag ceiliúradh Sheachtain na Gaeilge (SnaG) anseo i Scoil Phobail Cháimín Naofa. Is ceiliúradh bliantúil é SnaG ina bhfaighimid seans ár dteanga agus ár gcultúr a cheiliúradh, anseo in Éirinn agus timpeall an domhain. Bunaíodh SnaG i 1902 agus is é an ceiliúradh Gaeilge is mó ar fud an domhain é, le tionchar ar níos mó ná milliún duine gach bliain.

Maireann an fhéile 17 lá, tosaíonn sé ar an 1d Márta go dtí Lá Fhéile Pádraig gach bliain. B'fhéidir gurb é sin an chraic is mó agus an rud is Éireannaí faoi ná go mbainimid 17 lá craice as 'seachtain amháin'. Tosaíonn SnaG ar Lá Fhéile Dáithí Naomh Patrúin na Breataine Bige nó *Dydd Gwyl Dewi* mar a ghlaotar ann.

Ceiliurtar Lá Fhéile Pádraig sna cúinní is lú sa tír seo le paráid nach bhfuil ach taispeántas beag bídeach acu, go dtí an pharáid is mó ar fud an domhain agus an pharáid is sine ar domhan, rud nach bhfuil in Éirinn in aon chor ach i Nua Eabhrac. Thosaigh an pharáid ansin i 1762 agus de ghnáth maireann an pharáid níos mó ná 5 uair an chloig.

Anseo i Scoil Phobail Cháimín Naofa bainimid an-taitneamh as SnaG a cheiliúradh. Déanaimid sár-iarracht ár gcuid cultúir agus ár dteanga a chur chun cinn. Tá an-chuid rudaí ar siúl sa scoil an tseachtain seo le cluichí, imeachtaí, caint agus comhra gach lón. Beidh comórtais phóstaear ar siúl agus beidh lá glas ar siúl an Aoine seo. Ar an 14ú lá beidh ceolchoirm bheag ar siúl i bhfáiltiú na scoile ag am sosa le tallann na ndaltaí le feiceáil.

Thosaigh an fhéile mar cheiliúradh cráifeach ach thar na blianta d'athraigh sé go ceiliúradh Éireannach. Baintear taitneamh as an lá ar fud an domhain, lá ina bhfuil deis ag gach duine seans acu a bheith Éireannach. Fiú sa scoil seo is lá iontach é, ina gceiliúran gach duine na buntáistí atá ag baint leis an lá.

Cosúil leis an Lá Glas, is siombail ghlas a thagraíonn Éire agus Éireannach agus Éireannachas í. Beidh anspraoi ag na daltaí lá a bheith acu gan a n-éidí scoile a chaitheamh. Beidh siad gléasta suas leis an nglas á thaispeáint agus níl aon amhras ach go bhfuilim ag tnúth go mór leis an lá!

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### TY Fencing – le Amy Houlihan

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of March, Transition Year students participated in a fantastic day of fencing with Patrick Dight from Munster Blades Fencing Club, the only children's fencing club in Munster. Patrick has been fencing since 1985 and has represented Ireland internationally in foil and sabre disciplines and at both senior and veteran level.

For most students, it was their first experience of fencing. Throughout the day, students had the opportunity to learn basic footwork, how to put on protective gear, how to hold the foil (or sabre) in en guard, the key rules of fencing, some basic attacks, and parries (defence).

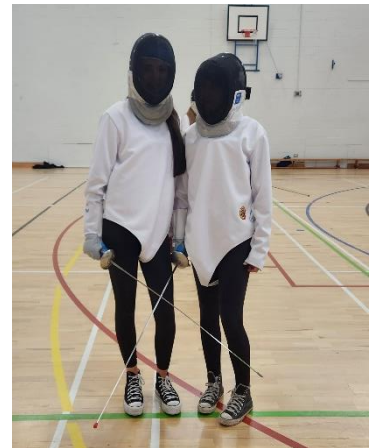
We interviewed a few students to get their opinion on fencing and what they learned from it. First, we spoke to Leanne Murphy from TY B who said, *"I really enjoyed the day, it was a good way to get active and have fun with friends."*



Scott McCoy also offered his thoughts on the day. He remarked, *"It was very good because I got to know people in my class better through the experience. If I had the opportunity I would do it again because it was one of the best things we have done in TY so far."*

From TYA, Kylie O' Neill told us, *"I thought it was good, I liked learning all the different skills and the battling was fun, I would 100% do it again if I had the chance."*

The last student to comment on the day was Leah Murphy, who added *"It was a great opportunity for us. If I ever did a sport it would be fencing. I like battling my friends and seeing who wins, the big battle at the end was brilliant fun."*



Overall, it was an amazing experience for everyone and a very enjoyable day. At the end of the fencing class, each student received a €5 voucher for Patrick Dwight's fencing classes in Nenagh, which was a very generous gesture and much appreciated by all students.



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## TY's Go Live in the 'Tinpod' – le Amy Houlihan

Over the last couple of days, Transition Years have been busy bringing their ideas to life on the radio with Today FM's Daryl Moorehouse. Daryl, the Managing Director of Tinpot Productions, and a highly experienced Media Producer, made the journey from Dublin to Shannon to deliver an exciting Transmission Radio Workshop to TY's.

Daryl's company, Tinpot Productions is a creative production company based out of a state of the art studio hub in Dublin city. Daryl and his team are experts in producing content with an emphasis on creative storytelling and they provide media production training for businesses and schools.

One example of the training offered to schools is the TY Transmission Radio Workshops. TY Transmission is Ireland's largest radio training project for secondary schools. To date, Daryl and his team have worked with more than 5,000 students in schools all over the country, delivering interactive radio and presentation workshops designed to give unique insights into the world of radio. The training also gives students the essential skillset to improve confidence, expression, and presentation skills. What's really unique about their training is it's delivered in their high spec mobile recording studio called 'The Tinpod' where students got to use to record their content.

The training began with students learning about the practical tasks involved in making a radio programme, before getting their chance to make their own 30 second advertisement or podcast. Students worked in groups of

five or six, so everyone could get involved. Before recording could happen, students needed to brainstorm ideas for a product, write the script for the ad or podcast, decide on roles and practice before going in to record in The Tinpod.

Students came up with a range of brilliant ideas for their content. There were advertisements on football, shredded chicken, drinks, makeup, a reality TV show, and even Louis 'Booton' shoes for farmers. After each group had recorded their pieces, they were presented to the class which was a lot of fun. It was a great activity for all to get involved, learn more teamwork skills, have a chance to see what radio production involves and best of all, everyone had fun and a good laugh doing it.



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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Basketball – le Daniel Richardson

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of March, our 2<sup>nd</sup> year basketball team played against Pallaskenry's 2<sup>nd</sup> year team. The end result was a 38:22 victory to St. Caimin's.

The first quarter of the match was an intense one. Caimin's got the ball quickly and scored some good shots. Pallaskenry returned by getting a few of their own, putting them one point behind Caimin's. Caimin's then quickly began applying pressure on the opposing team and began to maintain control of the ball while continuously scoring. This led to an eleven point lead for Caimin's at the end of the first quarter. The score at this point was 17:6.

The second quarter started with Pallaskenry getting the ball and trying to play offensively, but this quickly backfired and they lost the ball. Caimin's attempted the same tactic to the same effect. The game then became a matter of who could keep possession long enough to score. For the most part, neither side could get any substantial ground before the other would recover. Near the end of the second quarter, the score was 23:11 to

Caimin's, but they had more to give. In a final push in the last minutes of the second quarter, Caimin's managed to get the score to 27: 11 at the quarter's end.

The third quarter began with a lot of back and forth between the sides in the opening minutes. Neither team put much on the scoreboard, and there was a slight decrease in Caimin's lead by the end. There were plenty of good defence moves on display in this quarter, with good coordination between the players, on both sides. The score at the end of the third quarter was 33:18 to Caimin's.

The fourth and final quarter continued the trend of quickly switching from offence to defence. Neither side were achieving many scores, and Caimin's remained focused on denying Pallaskenry the chance to score. The Limerick side struggled to content with Caimin's' strong defence and the game finished up with Caimin's in the lead, 38: 22. Well done to the players involved, they all played well and represented the school brilliantly.



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## Junior Girls Soccer – le Molly Purcell

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of February, our Junior soccer team travelled down to Ballincollig in Co. Cork for the Junior Girls Munster Quarter Final where they faced Coláiste Chóilm, Ballincollig. Despite an early start and the long bus journey, the girls did not let it affect them. The match kicked off after an intense warm up. The girls were optimistic and had high confidence going into the match, believing in the strength of their side.



Right from the first whistle, 2<sup>nd</sup> years Lily Fahy and Kate Monaghan were making dangerous runs down the line to test the Choláiste Chóilm defence. Aoibhe O' Leary was breaking through the middle setting up our forwards, but the opposition's defence was too strong. Even though our girls were dominating the play, Ballincollig got one good run at goals and bagged their first score. Caimin's held their heads up high until a second goal crept through the back line. Eimear Peacock and Grace Cordon did well to keep the

Cork forwards out of shooting distance, but they just could not have stopped them.

Cork kept the pressure on our back line and Abbie O' Gorman made some crucial saves to keep Caimin's in the game. Unfortunately for Abbie and her teammates though, Ballincollig got another goal that no goalie could have saved. The girls kept the pressure on, forcing the Cork goalie to pull off some great saves - a volley from Aibhe Ring and shots from Heidi Conneely. Three consecutive shots from Caimin's narrowly missed goal, keeping tensions high - the Cork girls knew Caimin's were not going to let them win easily. A great corner from Courtney Behan led to Aibhe Ring being fouled in the box, but controversially, there was no penalty given.

Kate Monaghan was extremely unlucky with her shots as they were slightly wide. In our goals, Abbie was still playing a blinder, making impressive saves to keep it to a 3-0 lead.

Unfortunately for the Caimin's girls, they did not get back into the game after the three goals. The scoreline did not reflect their performance at all, as the girls fought as hard as possible and were just unfortunate on the day. Brilliant performances were seen by Aoibhe O' Leary, Eimear Peacock, and Lily Fahy. Well done to all involved.

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### Munster Schools Cross Country – le Jack Brazil

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of February, St. Caimin's had another great day competing in the Munster Schools Cross Country Competition, which took place in Tramore Valley Park in Co. Cork. Caimin's had six athletes taking part in various competitions on the day, alongside 20 other schools from all across Munster. The Caimin's runners had a great performance overall and did themselves and the school proud.

First year student, Molly Moroney was first to gear up for the Minor Girls' race, which consisted of two laps, one kilometre each. Wearing the number 66, Molly ran brilliantly, but despite her best efforts, didn't come away with a win. The race was tough, with very poor conditions to contend with. The track was extremely muddy and slippery due to the relentless rain, making life even harder for the athletes. But even the desperate weather conditions didn't take from the brilliant atmosphere around created by the crowds watching.

In another corner of the track, our intermediate girls, Áine, Hannah, Gloria, and Zuzanna, took on a 3 kilometre challenge. Though the weather was far

better, the muddy track was still a challenge. They ran 3 kilometres, completing two big laps each. Unfortunately, Hannah (number 478) and Áine (number 476) found themselves at the back of the pack. However, Zuzanna (479) and Gloria (477) soared ahead, showcasing their impressive skills.

Despite the ups and downs, everyone had a good time. We may not have clinched the top spots, but



we tried our best and that's all that matters. Giving it our all, having fun, and supporting each other along the way. Well done to the girls involved, keep it up!