



# The Caimin's Connection

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## Caimin's Represent in North Munster Schools Athletics – By Mattia Wilmot

We saw some fantastic individual and team performances from our athletes at the North Munster Schools Competition last week. A staggering 600 students from schools across North Kerry, Clare, Limerick, and Tipperary took part in the competition.

St Caimin's are coached by Ms. Quinn and Mr. Hennessy and the students who represented St. Caimin's were; Molly Moroney, Calvin McGuinness, Gloria Markham,

Aine Dennis, Hannah Nunes, Kelly Barker, Grainne McMahon, Molly Toomey, and Eabha Collins. After a quick warmup and an inspection of the conditions on the field, Molly Moroney took part in the first race of the day which was the Minor Girls competition. The first year student had a great start and kept a brilliant pace throughout the whole race to finish in 12<sup>th</sup> place and earned herself a qualification for Munster.

Next, Calvin McGuinness took to the field for the Junior Boys competition, finishing 22<sup>nd</sup> out of a field of 96 athletes. Gloria, Áine, Hannah, and Kelly then participated in the Intermediate Girls race and had a brilliant run, finishing in 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> place respectively. The Caimin's girls finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall as a team, which qualifies them for the Munster's. In the Senior Girls competition, 5<sup>th</sup> Year student Gráinne McMahon finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place, while Molly Toomey and Eabha Collins crossed the line in 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> place respectively, earning a silver medal for Caimin's. Congratulations to all these incredible athletes and we wish them the best of luck in the Munster's.



### Public Access to Law By Sinéad Burke

Over the last number of weeks, Transition Years have been completing a Public Access To Law (PAL) course, facilitated by various professionals from the industry. This week, Transition Year Class A participated in the course, delivered by Barrister Marty Dwane.

The Public Access To Law programme, now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year, has become one of the most successful initiatives in Irish Education. The aim of the programme is to demystify the world of law and to embody many of the principles of Transition Year, including thinking on your feet, research, presentation skills and teamwork. The programme is designed especially for TY students, to give them an insight into law, as seen through the eyes of a practicing barrister or solicitor.

The programme facilitator Mr. Dwane offered students an invaluable insight into the world of law, covering the concept of justice, rules and etiquette and traditions of the Bar, the courts of Ireland, the Judiciary, and Jury Service. He also provided an insight into life as a practising barrister, how to qualify as a solicitor, and shared some of his experiences in court.

Students then had an opportunity to participate in a mock trial which was an intriguing and insightful experience. During this exercise, students were assigned a different role; solicitor, witness, victim, barrister, judge, just as you would see in court every day. Through this mock trial, students got a real feel for what it is like to be in court and experience a real trial and real cases. Mr. Dwane explained that there is a lot of work involved in the process of becoming a qualified barrister or solicitor. Marty Dwane told students that while he thoroughly enjoys his job and finds it to be extremely rewarding work, it is a career that involves a lot of hard work and commitment.

I spoke to one of the students who attended the course, to hear what he had to say about it. Transition



Transition Year student, Callum Sutton spoke highly about the day and believes it is something that all students should learn about and experience for themselves. Here is more of what he had to say:

*"In our law course, we are currently doing a trial case like in an actual court with judges and witnesses and there are defendants too. This tests our abilities of the law and if they were in a real court. We listened to all the details of the law which was very interesting to learn about."*

When I asked Callum whether he would consider a carers in law, he said, *"To be honest, it probably isn't something I am interested in, but after today I might like to look further into that side of things."*

He remarked, *"It was a really good talk and I enjoyed getting the experience of hearing what Marty's career is like being a real barrister which is not something you get to experience every day."* Speaking more about the mock trial, Callum added, *"Doing the trial was really fun and good to know what it's like in a court when you must act as the defendant or another role in the courthouse. I played as the defendant council, helping the person being accused in this situation. In total, there were four witnesses, a register, a judge, and a jury. I liked the total experience so far of getting this talk on law and being a barrister. It is a really good especially if you would like to be a solicitor or something like that in the future."* Thanks to everyone involved in running this successful event for our Transition Years.

### Caimin's Display of Promising Rugby – By Mattia Wilmot

St Caimin's participated in a first year Rugby blitz on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January. This Rugby blitz took place in UL in Limerick. This marked the first of three blitzes the team will participate in as part of a Munster Development Cup.

The home team played four matches on the day and a trojan effort was put in by all players. They took on Pallaskenry in their first match which kicked off at 11am, then before their second match, they got to take a picture with the URC trophy. In their second match, they faced Thomond, in their third match they faced Scoil Pól, and their fourth game saw them face Villiers. The Caimin's team is managed by Mr. Nolan and Mr. McDermott and the captain for the day was Patrick Burke. The matches were played 11 a side, with 5 forwards and 6 backs and each game was 15 minutes long.

In Caimin's first match, they played Pallaskenry and it did not take long for the Caimin's boys to take the lead, thanks to a fantastic break from the line from Rory Jones who put in a savage run to take the try. It wasn't long before Caimin's grabbed a second try, after beautiful passing from Caimin's to the wing, finished off nicely by Óisín Rafferty, who sprinted to the try line. After a nice bit of pressure from the Limerick side, Caimin's stole the ball and Daniel Meehan sprinted the whole way from the Caimin's try line to the Pallaskenry try line to finish with a 3-0 win. It was a great start for the Caimin's team.

In their second match against Thomond, the opposition took an early advantage. After many phases from Thomond, they broke the line and got their first try. However, it didn't take long for Caimin's to get the equaliser after Daniel Meehan ran through the Thomond team. Thomond reclaimed the lead after a couple of missed tackles from Caimin's which led to a try, but again, Caimin's responded with gusto to achieve the equaliser, after a break from Óisín Rafferty. Then, in a turn of bad luck, Caimin's' star man Rory Jones got injured and couldn't play the rest of the blitz. Thomond got two late try's to win the game with a final score of 4-2 to Thomond.



In their third test match of the day, Caimin's lost to Scoil Pól from Kilfinane, Co. Limerick, despite their best efforts and a fantastic try from Jamie Moloney.

In the fourth and final match of the day, we took on Villiers and Caimin's took the lead very early on in the game, thanks to a fantastic play of rugby and Óisín Rafferty finished off a beautiful play from Caimin's. However, it did not take long for Villiers to claim their equaliser, after a missed tackle from Caimin's. Villiers again took the lead with fast passing and finishing off at the wing but then moments before the match finished Caimin's got a late try to draw against the Limerick side, in a tantalising game of rugby. Overall, the Caimin's team had a great day and had a lot of fun and showed good promising rugby. We wish them the best of luck in their future games.



## LC1 Work Experience By Patrick Lonergan

This week, our LC1 students completed a week of work experience. Each student is given the task of finding their own job and working for one week. This week gives each student a taste of what it's like in the working environment and opens up possible career paths for the future.



I interviewed LC1 student William Gordon, to find out about his experience in his new job. William secured a job in Ballycar National School, where he had multiple tasks to keep on top of throughout the day, such as *"helping various students with class work, yard monitoring and using the photocopier and printer."* He has learned a

lot from the experience, which has given him a different perspective on the day to day runnings of school.

When I asked him about the skills gained from this work experience, William responded, *"I have learned new technological skills using the photocopier and printer. Yard monitoring helps me with multitasking as I have to look after multiple people at once. I enjoyed my time there and learned a lot from the people I got to work with too."*

That is only one example of the type of experience our students are getting this week. There is a huge variety of jobs that I have heard about today from other LC1 students I have spoken to, ranging from working in a primary school, to an engineering company. I think this is a good week for the students. Having the opportunity to do work experience while in school helps build a sense of what it's like in the working world, and may even help students to discover possible career paths for the future. There is a similar initiative with TY students who do work experience every Friday throughout the school year. It's good that they are starting to do this sort of stuff now because it helps teenagers slowly transition into adulthood.

## Hooked by the Hoop! By Patrick Lonergan



The whole school was buzzing with excitement as our 1<sup>st</sup> year boys' basketball team had their first ever game against Mungret in the old Salesians secondary school recently.

The Caimin's side struggled to get into the swing of things in the early moments of the game, conceding two baskets shortly into the first quarter. Nevertheless, the boys continued to fight hard, with Barley Baylon running the whole court and scoring a nice layup.

Into the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, Caimin's appeared more composed with Callum Griffin taking plenty of chances and scoring. Going into the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, Caimin's started to play more like a team, taking advantage of the play but were unable to score. Fresh legs were substituted on in hopes to turn the game around, but despite the lads' best efforts, Mungret slipped through with the win.



Well done to the lads on a great performance. They did very well for their first game representing the school and already show a lot of promise. Best of luck in any future games!

# Latest News in St. Caimin's

## Breakfast Club By Eve O' Dwyer

The Breakfast Club is one of many clubs in St. Caimin's, it is also an especially important one. The club is open from 8:15-8:45 every morning and during that half an hour, students can go into the Home Economics room and have tea or juices along with toast, or just enjoy a chat and a place to sit if there is no space in the canteen.

It is a particularly important club as it allows students to participate in helping the school community and it benefits many students who may not have time in the mornings to eat breakfast. I am a new member of the Breakfast Club, and it is a wonderful experience as it allows me to give back to my school and it is an activity to do in the mornings before my classes.

I interviewed another member of the Breakfast Club to ask what they do in the mornings. They said, *"In breakfast club, we help out with lots such as setting everything up, cleaning everything and tidying up afterwards. This includes some tasks such as washing and drying the dishes, putting them away, tidying up the rubbish, cleaning the counters and putting all the desks back to their original positions at the end."*



I asked another student on how they felt when helping with The Breakfast Club. They commented, *"The*



*Breakfast Club is a really rewarding activity to participate in and by the end we're all glad we help out as by doing so, we're helping to give people who may not have the opportunity or time to eat breakfast before school still have the chance to indulge in what a lot of people consider the most important meal of the day."*



Not only do students help with the Breakfast Club but many members of our staff participate on different days to help set up and run the club. It is a wonderful place to relax in the mornings, there is apple and orange juice, tea, and toast. It is a very fulfilling thing to do, and I am extremely glad I was able to join. The Breakfast Club is open all year and every morning, although if it is cancelled the school notifies everyone as to when. Being in The Breakfast Club is an honourable experience and helps me wake up for my classes.

If you are interested in helping in the mornings at The Breakfast Club, feel free to contact a staff member in the school!

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### U17 Soccer Report – By Eve O’ Dwyer

On Thursday of the 25<sup>th</sup> of January, the U17 soccer team travelled to Ennis to play against Saint Patrick’s Comprehensive School.

The ball was thrown in at 11:25am, and both teams went straight to the defence. Caimin’s was managing to keep the ball away from their own goal for the majority of the first half. The atmosphere was incredibly tense throughout the whole game, but both Caimin’s and St. Patricks were still able to communicate well with each other and coordinate well.

During the first 10 minutes of the match, both teams were swerving and seemed to not be able to beat the others defence. Kyle McInerney, the goalie, was able to block all the goals trying to be scored by the opposing team. Throughout the game there was a few frees for both teams though no one managed to score. The first goal of the game was scored by Adeola Adeniyi. This happened to lead into half time where the score was 1-0 to Caimin’s.



The second half of the match was when the game really started to pick up. Everyone was straight back in after half time and Caimin’s was quick to score another goal leaving the score at 2-0, Caimin’s seemed to have the upper hand, but St. Patrick’s did not stop pushing to keep the ball with them.

The first substitution was made after another free was given to St. Patricks. Cian Conroy was sent onto the pitch and soon another goal was scored. Towards the end of the match, it was a tense match and St. Patrick’s



were giving their all in an attempt to stop Caimin’s and Caimin’s were fighting to keep St. Patrick’s away from their goals. Both teams were not backing down. In the last 15 minutes a majority of the team was being switched and that led into the end of the game.

Caimin’s won the match with a score of 3-0. It was an incredible game and congratulations to the U17 soccer team both players and management on the victory.