

# Third Year Newsletter

## October Mid Term 2022

### Welcome

Welcome to our first 3rd year newsletter for 2022/23. The students have settled back to school very well after a much-needed summer break.

3rd year is traditionally a very busy year and we hope to keep you informed of all the key dates that are important for your son/daughter. The October tests are completed by now and the results will be available on VSWare in the not too distant future.



### Important Notice:

The 3rd year parent-teacher meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday the 6th of December 2022. More details will be sent as they become available.

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## Classroom Based Assessment

The Classroom Based Assessment calendar below outlines key dates to watch, out for during the course of third year. Remember CBA's represent the best work your child can do in a subject over a defined period of time and should not be a source of any real stress or concern. All students are asked to do is their best in the time frame given and to present their work on time. CBA's reward diligence, co-operation, hard-work and organisational skills.

### 3rd Year Classroom Based Assessments 2022 - 2023.pdf

CBA Calendar 3rd Year

[Download](#)

21.9 KB



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## Supporting your child and their learning



St. Caimin's Community School have a number of resources on their website that might be useful to parents/guardians in supporting their child and their learning and their wellbeing. These include:

**Learning 2 Learn Resources:** Learning to Learn aims to strike a balance between the development of subject knowledge, thinking abilities and key skills enabling students to develop a number of essential learning habits such as:

- Checking and Reflecting (making links, setting targets, question and extend learning)
- Framing Learning (identify learning and make connections)
- Collaboration (Give and receive help, listen actively, express opinions and be a leader)
- Problem Solving (spot patterns, take notes and research)
- Working Independently (organise information, be accurate, use resources and persist at a task)

Learning to learn is supported through a variety of activities in St. Caimin's Community School. For more information follow this [link](#)

**Special Educational Needs (SEN) Resources:** The SEN Department have created a Padlet wall with information and supports available for various learner and in particular those with additional needs. To access these resources please follow this [link](#)

**Wellbeing:** The school's wellbeing committee have gathered resources to help with mental health and the promotion of student wellbeing. Information on the various initiatives coordinated by the wellbeing committee will also appear on this page. To access these resources please follow this [link](#)

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## Homework

In terms of Homework we expect that there is a genuine attempt made by the student to complete the homework to the best of his/her ability and to submit the work at an agreed time.

Homework is a very important part of learning. It helps us

- build on what we have learned in class
- practice skills
- ensure we understand new topics/concepts
- prepare for the next class





- prepare for examinations

### The Homework Journal:

Is the place where all homework is recorded. Homework is recorded at the end of each class and students have been reminded that there are many different types of homework. Parents and guardians should ensure that the student completes all homework to the best of his/her ability and should sign the students journal each week.

First year students should be completing approximately 1.5 hours of homework a night.

If there is a problem completing homework parents/guardians should inform the teacher of any difficulties by means of a written note in the journal.

There is no such thing as no homework - students are encouraged to revise what they would have covered in class that day. The topics/concepts covered in class should be written into the journal as a reminder.

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## Results System for Junior Cycle

The new junior cycle will place the student at the centre of the learning process. It allows for new ways of learning and a broader range of skills to be properly assessed. The table on the right aims to inform parents of post-primary school students and their parents about the key changes underway. For most parents, the grading system within the new junior cycle has been a big change. We were all so used to the grades A, B, C, D ect- these have been replaced with 'Grade Descriptors' and we have outlined what this change means.

Junior Cycle	
Percentage	Grade Descriptor
≥ 90 to 100	Distinction
≥ 75 and < 90	Higher Merit
≥ 55 and < 75	Merit
≥ 40 and < 55	Achieved
≥ 20 and < 40	Partially Achieved
≥ 0 and < 20	Not Graded (NG)

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## VS Ware

Close communication between home and school have been proven time and again to be a vital ingredient for the academic success of Junior Cycle students. VS Ware is a vital aspect of our communication network as parents are able to access student timetables, behavioural records, attendance and detention notifications in real time.





#### **Top tips when using VS Ware:**

- Make sure the date settings are fixed for 2022/23
- Do not give your child your access code for VS Ware under any circumstances.
- Always record any partial or full absences on VS Ware so the

school has a full record of student activities.

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## *After School Study*

As a third-year student, your child should be spending up to two hours on homework/study each day after school. A growth mindset is what we are trying to encourage in the pupils with a gradual improvement over time.

For some, after school study is an excellent opportunity to complete the two hours homework in a structured and supervised environment. All details of the after-school study programme and an application form can be found on the school website.

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## *Student Voice*

3rd year Student Council class representatives and pictures.



**William Gordon**  
Class Brid



**Michael Harden**  
Class Fiachra



**Zubby Njoke**  
Class Flannan





**Marco Kokocinski**

Class Ide



**Paddy Lynch**

Class Ciaran

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### Student Council Profile Pic

Paddy Lynch was a recently elected student council representative for 3rd year. Paddy is very open to new ideas and suggestions to bring to the student meeting and here is his profile pic.

**Name:** Paddy Lynch

**Age:** 15

**Club:** Sixmilebridge

**Favourite Food:** Chicken Kiev

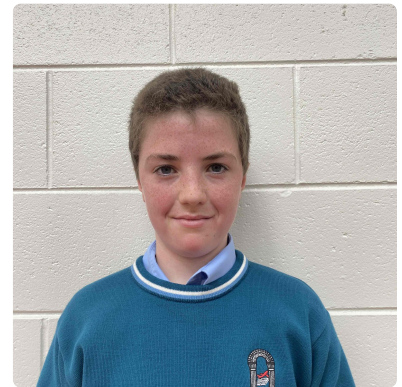
**Favourite Sport:** Hurling

**Hobbies:** Hurling, soccer, rugby and Formula 1

- McLauren Formula 1 team

- Farming.

**Favorite holiday destination:** Kerry



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### Extra Curricular Activities



The school and 3rd year students in particular are in many extra-curricular activities that keeps them fit and active. The Junior girls soccer team has already taken part in a blitz, as has the Junior Camogie team who travelled all the way to Mallow for one. The Junior girls Gaelic football team were defeated by Lisdoonvarna but the Senior girls, with a healthy third year representation, defeated the same opposition.



In the boys U-16 1/2 hurling, St Caimins have already defeated Kilmacthomas from Waterford, Mitchelstown from Co. Cork and Borrisleigh from Co. Tipperary to qualify for the semi-final of the competition. In U-15 Gaelic football, a number of 3rd years played starring roles as St Caimins defeat Rothkeale from Co. Limerick in the first round of Munster competition on a score line of 2-6 to 2-4.

Two 3rd year students, Aidan Jones and Jack McNamara competed in the Junior North Munster Golf Schools Qualifiers in Ennis Golf Club while Jack also completed for the school in the Senior Qualifiers in Newcastlewest, Co. Limerick.



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## *The Ploughing Championships*

**Written by Eanna, Peter and Cathal**

A number of the 3rd year students represented St. Caimins at the recent ploughing championships in Ratheniska, Co. Laois. The students got to see a wide variety of animals, machinery and were delighted to witness a sheep shearing demonstration. There was plenty of sports gear and hurleys purchased at the vast array of sports stalls.

Overall, the students had a great day out and a visit to Supermacs on the way home was the icing on the cake.





## *Geography Field trip to the Burren.*

On Tuesday November 8th our third years will be visiting **the Burren** as part of their Geography course.

We will be completing some fieldwork tasks on the limestone pavements and hiking on one of the many walking trails of the Burren. Practical application of Geography learned in the classroom is a rewarding and vital component to the Junior Cycle Geography course and we appreciate your support on this. Pupils will need to wear comfortable clothes and footwear suitable for walking on the uneven surfaces of the limestone pavements. We hope to see a good turnout there!

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## *Halloween Holidays*



The mid-term break is a time to recharge the batteries and get plenty of fresh air. It may be a good time for students to reflect on the year so far and to consider a study plan for the weeks leading up to the mock examinations, which begin on the 31st of January 2023. Halloween is also a time of festivities and we would urge students to stay safe while out socialising with friends.

Remember to enjoy the break but be responsible and stay with the people you trust.

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*We at St.Caimins wish you a brilliant mid-term and a Happy Halloween!!!!*

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**Tara O Loughlin**

Tara is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters