

# LC1, LCA1 AND TY NEWSLETTER

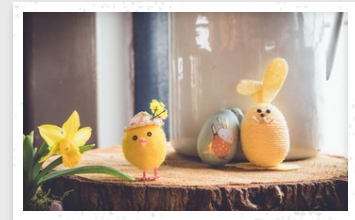
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## MESSAGE FROM THE YEAR HEAD.

Hi everyone,

As we reach the end of the term is it time to look back on all the activities our LC1, LCA1 and TY students were involved in and to begin planning for the final term.

This term was bookended by two very special events for our school community- our School Talent Show held in January and our Staff v's Students Charity Camogie Match held this week. Both events showcased the talent of our students and teachers, and more importantly, gave a clear expression of what it is to be a Community School. The support of our parents, neighbours and wider community for both events was phenomenal. Thank you. On both occasions, and every day since, Aoife was on our minds and in our prayers.



Following the Christmas exams, all LC1 students were involved in the Academic Tracking Process and have been interviewed to review their performance and set targets for the summer term. Some common issues arose during these interviews and warrant mentioning here.

1. All homework should be recorded in the school journal.
2. LC1 students should be spending approximately 2.5 hours on their homework daily.
3. Activities such as mind mapping, drawing and labelling diagrams and compiling key word lists are very effective study strategies.
4. Parents should keep an eye on VSWare to be informed of any behavioural issues and to authorise absences. **Students must not have access to VSWare.**
5. Revision for Summer Exams should begin immediately after the Easter break.

It was great meeting so many of you at the Parent Teacher meeting. As always I am available via email, [siobhan.mcsweeney@stcaimins.ie](mailto:siobhan.mcsweeney@stcaimins.ie) or by phone 061364211 if you need to contact me.

Our TY Class of 2021/22 were honoured at an award ceremony early this term while the TY Class 22/23 have had a very busy term . Details of their activities are listed below.

On the extra curricular front, our U16.5 footballers and our chess teams have had great success. Camogie, soccer, ladies football, S.V.P. and the trad group were among the other

activities our students were involved in. Balance between curricular and extra curricular activities gives students a more rewarding school experience and has a positive impact on student wellbeing. .

The arrival of our French Exchange Students last week brought great excitement and fantastic fun was had by both our visitors and their host families. Thanks so much to all the families who supported this exchange, which began thirty two years ago. This event not only develops students' language skills but also an array of personal and social skills which will remain with the students long after they leave St. Caimin's.

Finally I want to wish you all a happy and peaceful Easter break and look forward to a busy final term.

Thanks for your continued support.

Siobhan

## TY 2021/22 AND 22/23

Our TY Class have been very active this term, developing their driving skills, their fencing ( using foils, not sledgehammers and barbed wire) and their radio production skills. The activities they have been involved in so far this year include;

Volunteering for the Ladies Irish Open at Dromoland Castle

European Languages Survey.

Derg Activity Centre - Outdoor ed. activities.

E-scooter driving lessons.

Young Social Innovators.

Breakout Room event in Shannon Library.

Redesign Ireland - an environmental workshop.

Driver ed day - Irish School of Motoring.

ABBA Flashmob workshop.

Clare Crusaders Fundraising in the Town Centre.

Food & Beverage Training Course.

STEM Careers Talk with Junior Achievement Ireland - factory visit to Regeneron.

Ice-Skating in Limerick.

Rowing Ireland Coaching Course.

History Talk with Kevin McCarthy.

Fencing Lessons with Munster Blades.

Team Building and Leadership Workshop with Develop Me.

LIT Leisure & Rec. S&C Training for the Battle of the Shannon.

Public Access to Law with Mr. Ronan Moughan, Barrister.

Rowing Competition in UL.

Aviation Museum Shannon for Engineers Week.

Screen writing workshop with Sinead McCarthy.

Radio Production with Tin Pot.

CPR with Gerry McIntyre

TY offers students a unique opportunity to develop an array of skills including leadership, teamwork and resilience. Their weekly work experience gives them a look into the world of work and their exchange/trips allow them develop independence. The class of 2022/23 have had a great year so far as testified to by their promotion of the programme to the third year students.

The TY Class of 2021/22 celebrated their many and varied achievements in an awards ceremony at which they each received a portfolio of their achievements. A number of students also achieved their An Gaisce Bronze Award, an internationally recognised award celebrating their commitment to personal development, community involvement and physical activity. Congratulations to all involved. Congratulations also to our TY Student of the Year 2021/22 Roisin Carmody.



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## **STUDENT V'S STAFF CHARITY CAMOGIE MATCH**

Our staff and students held a charity camogie match in aid of ACT for Meningitis on the 29th of March 2023.

Last December, the school was shocked and saddened when we lost one of our Leaving Certificate students, Aoife Johnston, to meningitis. We wanted to raise awareness and much needed funds meningitis research and so the Staff vs Students camogie match was organised. The pre-match atmosphere around the school was electric as both teams emerged onto the pitch to roars of encouragement from the whole school community. Students and visitors surrounded the pitch trying to get the best vantage spot to see every strike of the sliotar. Colourful posters and face paint were the order of the day. The match was exciting from start to finish, each strike of the sliotar greeted with loud cheers of encouragement from the crowd. But sheer talent and grit proved too much for our student team as the teachers come out victorious in the end. The event was a huge success in raising awareness, funds and community spirit. Thanks to everybody who got involved.

All donations, however big or small, would be greatly appreciated. Click on the link to donate below

Photos from the day can be found by clicking the following link.

## ACT FOR MENINGITIS



## PHOTOS FROM CHARITY MATCH

### **FRENCH EXCHANGE 2023**

Prior to Covid, our French Exchange was organised annually with Lycéé Saint Pierre in Saint Brieuc in Brittany. This year, thirty two years after the very first exchange, this tradition was relaunched, including for the first time our friends from St. Patrick's Comprehensive.

Last week a group of fifty French teenagers and four teachers arrived in Shannon and spent a week immersed in Irish life and culture, visiting the region and perfecting their English.



Highlights of their visit included a trip to the Burren, a walk around Lough Derg and a traditional music and dance extravaganza in the school. Friendships were forged and fun was had by all.

We said bon voyage to our French friends on Wednesday and our students from both LC1 and TY are now preparing for the return visit in May. Thanks to all the students, teachers and host families who made this a memorable event event.



## THE GREATEST TALENT SHOW

Following the cancellation of our Talent Show in December, our musicians, singers and dancers took to the stage in early January. A large number of TY and LC1 students took part and blew us away with their amazing talent. A lilting piano performance by Cean Monders, the Amy Winehouse song "Valerie" sang by Jenny Coleman, accompanied on guitar by Lucy Collins and Shauna Byrne's beautiful singing of "She used to be mine" by Sarah Bareilles were but a few of the many amazing performances on the night. Many other LC1 and TY students were involved in group singing, music and dancing acts. Many others contributed behind the scenes.

The show was an enormous success with a packed house enjoying a wide variety of acts from solo group singing to dancing. Our community and neighbours came out in force to support our students. Thanks to all involved.



## PHOTOS FROM TALENT SHOW

### CHESS



**SENIOR  
CHESS  
TEAM-  
WINNERS.**



**SENIOR  
CHESS  
TEAM-  
RUNNERS  
UP.**

Room 205 has become a centre of strategy and competition as LC1 students, along with students from all other classes, engage in very serious games of chess at lunchtime. Students are teaching students, and fierce competition has developed from day to day. Our two senior chess teams dominated the recent Clare Schools Chess Championships, taking the winners and runners up prizes, so their daily practice is not going to waste. Thanks to Ms McDonnell who has nurtured and encouraged these talented players since first year.



### **LC1 AG. SCIENCE TRIP.**



### **PALLASKEN RY 2023**



### **MOO!!**

## **FOOTBALL NEWS- UNDER 16.5**

Congratulations to our Under16.5 footballers who are through to the Munster final after beating St.Michael's Community College Kilmihil on a score line of 3-8 to 2-3.

Playing with the aid of the strong wind in the first half St.Caimin's raced into a two-goal lead thanks to Jack Phelan and Kevin Hanley. Kilmihil responded with a quickfire 1:2 before further points from Chris Meaney and Cian O'Gorman gave us a cushion going into half time. Points from Chris Meaney and Tadhg Fitzgerald along with a pointed free from Finn Murphy were quickly followed up by a decisive goal from Kevin Hanley. Kilmihil added a further point from a needless free but at the other end a succession of points from Fitzgerald and a brace from Murphy sealed the result. St.Caimins emptied the bench in the final minutes before Kilmihil added a consolation goal on the 59th minute.

We are all looking forward to the final after the Easter break.





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