

# Summer is Here!

LC1, LCA1 and TY Newsletter- June 2023.

## Summer Newsletter 2023

### Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of another school year, and what glorious weather we have to begin the holidays.

This term has been action packed with the French Exchange, the TY Trip to Sorrento, the TY Graduation, our summer exams and the Whole School Fun Day. The LC1, LCA1 and TY students have been a credit to their parents, have been cooperative and enthusiastic in classes and are a wonderful bunch of young people to work with. To the TY students I say goodbye and pass them into the care of Mr Keane. It has been a privilege to watch you grow into confident young adults.

For the LC1 and LCA1 students this is a very important summer- the final summer before they graduate and leave us. Spending this summer resting and getting ready for the year ahead is very important. Storing your books carefully should be the first task of the summer- nobody needs the chaos of lost books in August. Popping your uniform in the laundry basket should be task No 2!!

Plenty exercise, plenty good food and plenty of fun is prescribed for you all this summer. Stay safe in the sun and in the water and we are looking forward to having you back for a busy year in August.

Siobhan  
Year Head 🍷🍷

### Date To Remember

LC2 and LCA2 Students return to school on Wednesday August 30th , 2023.

Looking forward to seeing you all then.



### *LCA1 Trip to Dromoland Castle*

As part of their HCT course the LCA1 class enjoyed a visit to Dromoland Castle. They enjoyed a tour of the accommodation and tea in the drawing room. Thanks to the HR Team in Dromoland for this wonderful opportunity. An enjoyable trip was topped off with ice-cream on the way back to school.



### *U16.5 Munster Football Champions*

A fantastic season of training and matches was topped off with victory in the Munster U16.5 Football Championship. Well done to all involved, players and management. Too many stars to pick a "Man of the Match"- so I decided to share the accolade amongst all the panel.



### *JCPA Presentation of Certificates.*

The 2021/22 Junior Cycle Class were awarded with their Junior Cycle Profile of Achievements at an awards ceremony this month. These are important documents and should be stored away carefully. Not only do they record academic performance but also other areas of learning including extra and co curricular achievement.

♥ *The summer skies & sea* ♥



### *TY Graduation*

Thanks a million to Ms Maguire and Mr Quealy for the wonderful TY Graduation event organised for our students. The students verbally recounted their opportunities and achievements of the year to their family and friends via video messages. They are fantastic ambassadors for TY and it is no wonder there are so many interested in TY 2023/24. More pictures to be found [here](#).



### *Whole School Fun Day*

The school was alive with the sound of music, the glint of competition and the smell of sweat on our Whole School Fun Day organised by Mr Aherne, the TY Class and the Student Council members. A fantastic day was had by all and the pictures reflect the joy and laughter shared by our students and staff. Best day of the school year!!! More pictures available [here](#).



### *French Exchange*

The revival of our French Exchange with our partner school Lycee Notre Dame in Guingamp was a wonderful event for Shannon and its environs. The exchange, involving students from St. Patrick's Comprehensive for the first time, took place in March and April this year- with both sets of students forging close bonds and improving their language skills. Thanks to all our parents who supported this venture by hosting visiting students. Hopefully this will be the first of many more years of the exchange running since the 1990's.

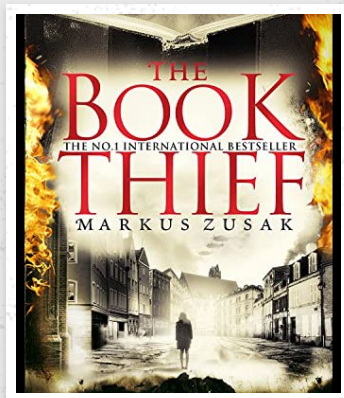
## *A Sad Farewell*

Mr. Cunningham's recent announcement that he was retiring took both staff and students by surprise here in St. Caimin's. Mr. Cunningham has served as a member of the St. Caimin's Staff for over thirty years, as a teacher, a Year Head, a deputy principal and for the last five years, as principal. In all those years Mr. Cunningham always put students front and centre of what St. Caimin's is all. His contribution to our community has been immense and his legacy is a model of leadership which is defined by kindness and compassion. He lead us through the murky waters of a global pandemic and reassured us, both teachers and students, that we were not alone. We wish him the very best of luck in the next exciting period of his life and thank him for all the times he reassured us, supported us and guided us. Thank you.

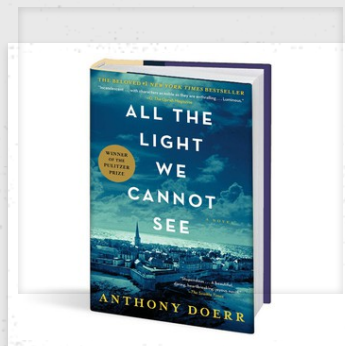


## *Recommended Summer Reading List*

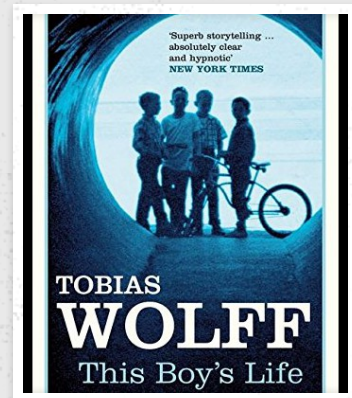
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The Book Thief Markus Zusak  
Mornings in Jenin Susan Abulhawa  
Star of the Sea Joseph O Connor  
Purple Hibiscus C.N. Adichie  
The Underground Railway Colson Whitehead  
Small Things Like These Claire Keegan  
Foster Claire Keegan  
This Boy's Life Tobias Wolff



*The Book Thief*



*All The Light we Cannot See*



*This Boy's Life*

## *Important Message re VSWare*

Please do not share your VSWare log in details with your son/daughter. VSWare log ins are for parents/guardians only. Sharing these details has led to difficulty tracking attendance. Students **DO Not** need access to VS Ware.

If your VSWare log in details need to be reset please contact Debbie or Louise in the school office. (061) 364211

