

First Year Summer Newsletter

YEAR HEAD'S MESSAGE

As the summer holidays rapidly approach, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the 1st year parents and guardians for their cooperation and support throughout the year.

Our 1st year student's have made it to the end of their 1st year in St. Caimin's and they have progressed through all their subjects, experienced new activities, were involved in an array of clubs and participated in many school sports matches. They represented our school with pride, when brought on trips away and plenty of fun was had too. They got involved in Breakfast Club, Board games at lunchtime, SVP Group and the Environmental Club. First Years who received on average over 75% and 90% received their Silver and Gold certs in acknowledgment of their superb results and dedication to study.

This last newsletter of 1st year will give you a taste for what the students have been up to for their last term.

Wishing all our student's the very best in their summer exams and I hope you all have a wonderful summer break. See you all for the Parent's Information Evening at the end of August.

Kindest Regards
Michelle Ryan Quinn
Year Head

2ND YEAR PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING

On Thursday 25th August 2022 at 6.30pm, we will host an information evening for parents of students going into Second Year. This information night will prepare parents for the year ahead and will provide vital help and tips on how best to support your child in an educational environment, both in school and at home.

ST. CAIMIN'S YOUNG SVP

Many of the first years joined our young SVP this year and it has been a wonderful experience. Their enthusiasm, dedication, and commitment has been remarkable.

The first years joined troops with students from all other year groups to mark and celebrate World Teachers Day, Christmas Jumper Day, Valentines baking for Shannon SVP, Easter Raffle and bake sale for Autism Assistance Dog's Ireland.

They made a difference to the lives of the Senior Citizens in Carrigoran, our Leaving Certs and many other people.

Our group was invited to perform and represented St. Caimin's at the Mid-West Young SVP youth day.

Overall, the group made friends, made memories, and made a difference.

Well done Ms Guinnane, our School Chaplain.





MID WEST YOUTH
DAY



WELL DESERVED
TREAT AT
MCDONALDS FOR ALL
OUR SVP STUDENTS

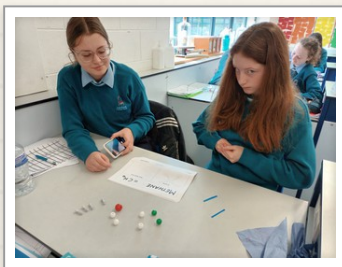


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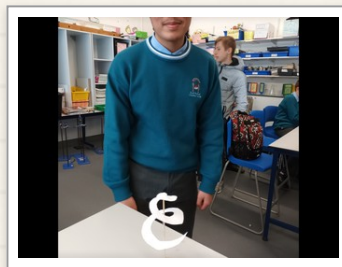
SCIENCE ENERGY CONVERSION MODELS

Our 1st year scientists took part in an array of science investigations. The students created models that demonstrated energy conversion. They showed their creative skills when the final models were put on display.

Thanks you to their science teacher Ms. Helen Fallon who guided them through this wonderful creative experience



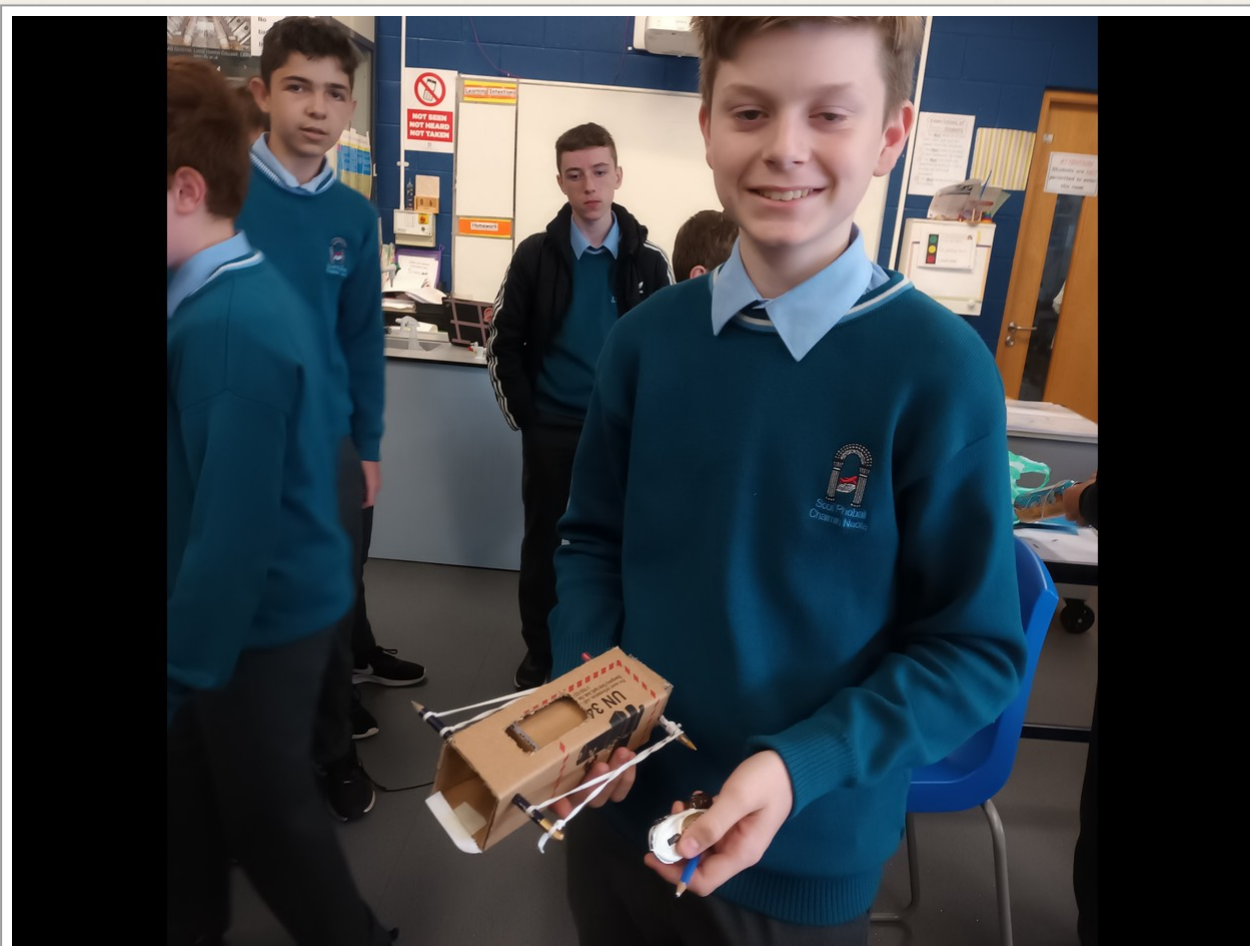
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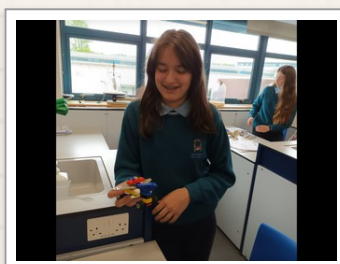
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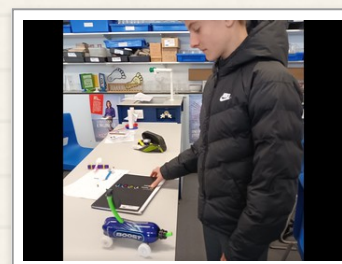
HARD AT WORK



DEMONSTRATING
THE END PRODUCT



FINISHED MODEL



ENERGY
CONVERSION MODEL

ST. CAIMIN'S ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our golfer's took part in the first St. Caimin's Annual Golf Outing at Shannon Golf Club. Some great scores were recorded as students persevered through the harsh weather conditions which prevailed that day.

Many Congrats to all who participated especially our first year students Colin Cavanagh and Caeden Maguire McDonald.

Caeden finished an admiral second place amongst Junior & Senior golfers in the competition. Thank you to Clubcrest Embroidery for sponsoring our spot prizes and to Mikey in Legends Restaurant for some lovely food and milkshakes for all competitors.

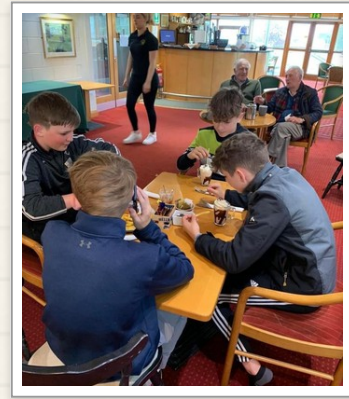
A big thank you to their coach and mentor Ms. O'Brien who rallied the troops through the 18 holes & presented the prizes



GOLF PRIZE
WINNERS



DISPLAY OF GOLF
PRIZES



WELL DESERVED
LUNCH

ST. CAIMIN'S LADIES FOOTBALL TEAM

We have had a very successful year with ladies' football at St. Caimin's with great contribution from the first-year girls. Both our Junior and Senior panel were victorious in County finals overcoming St Patrick's Secondary School, Tulla in the Senior and St Patrick's Comprehensive School in the Junior competitions. The girls also enjoyed a first-year blitz in St Flannan's School. The girls showed great skill and determination to bring home a trophy for St. Caimin's. They have proudly represented their clubs very well and we are looking forward to seeing what the future of Ladies football at St Caimin's School will bring.

The first year girls have really made their mark and we cannot wait to see the success they bring to St. Caimins in the years to come.

Thanks to Ms. Killeen and Ms. O'Dea for training and mentoring these skillfull bunch of girls



1ST YEAR BOYS SOCCER

The First Year boys soccer team have had a brilliant year. They have trained really well all year and performed brilliantly in each game. From the beginning of the year there was a huge interest with over 40 students signing up to get involved with the First Year Soccer team. The team played really well in the North Munster League and finished second in the group, behind eventual League winners, Hazelwood College. After wins against Borrisokane, Croom and Crescent Comprehensive, the team faced St Annes Killaloe in the league semi-final. After a thrilling contest, Caimins won 3-2 after extra time. This set up a league final versus a very strong Hazelwood College. The game took place in UL in beautiful conditions. The lads performed brilliantly but unfortunately lost 2-1 in the final. There is no doubt that they were the better team on the day, but luck just was not in their favour.

The coaches, Mr Corry and Mr Duff were really happy with all the students who put in a lot of effort in training and matches throughout the year. This team reached a North Munster League final in their first year in the school which is really impressive.

Let's hope this is only the start of the finals that this team will be competing in. A big thank you to all parents and coaches who have been supporting throughout the year and we wish all the players luck with their clubs during the summer season.

Thanks you Mr. Corry & Mr. Duff for your time, dedication and effort put into every training session and match



1ST YEAR GIRLS SOCCER

Girls' Soccer took a huge step forward in this school this year after two years of disruption due to virus problems. The First Year girls have been marvellous, training regularly, always showing good humour and improving their skills and team work as the year progressed. On behalf of Ms. Counihan, Ms. Drudy, Ms. Lynch, Mr. McNelis and myself I can say that Wednesday afternoons spent training were always a pleasure.

Our early matches in the Clare League were close encounters as we were beginning to find our way and work together as a team. All of our teamwork and fantastic spirit came together in our final match of the season, a brilliant day playing a marathon match, the Clare First year Shield Final, against Tulla.

The match was played over two legs, both on the same day. Tulla edged the first encounter 3-2. St Caimin's stormed back in dramatic fashion for the second encounter with a goalfest, which ended the match 7-3 in our favour. A most exciting and breathless afternoon!

We had many 'players of the week' over the season. Special mention has to be given to Taylor Meaney, as vice captain, who led through her very fine example. And a very special thanks to Lucy Chaplin, our captain and Player of the Year, who was our very own Superwoman! We hope to see you all again next year.

Many thanks to Mr. Grimes, Ms. Counihan, Ms. Drudy & Mr. McNelis for all their time and dedication when coaching these fantastic group of girls

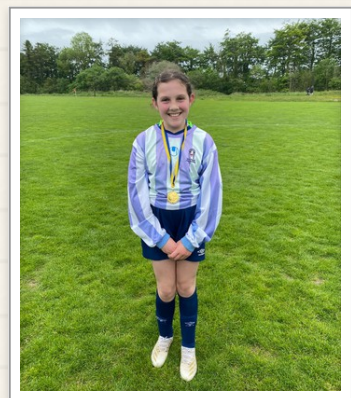




LUCY - PLAYER OF
THE YEAR



WINNING SMILES



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WINNERS MEDAL

1ST YEAR BOYS FOOTBALL

A large group of First Years took part in a number of Gaelic Football blitzes throughout the year.

We started off in Inagh before changing venue to Kilrush and we finished with the annual first year competition in Quilty.

The team showed plenty of promise and the highlight of the year was the narrow loss against Spanish Point and penalty shootout against Kildysart in a play-off game. Well done to a committed and dedicated bunch of players. Thank you to their coach and mentor Mr. Keane for all his hard work at training sessions and bringing them to all the games.





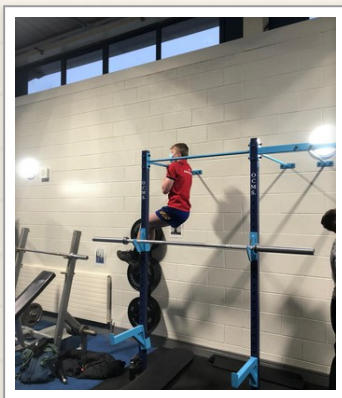
FIRST YEAR BOYS HURLING

Our first year boys hurling teams had many outings during the year, but their most recent match was against St. Flannan's College. The boys constantly strived to add scores to the sheet but unfortunately fell short on the day.

The boys are continuing to improve with their dedication to training and they participate in strength and conditioning training every Friday morning in the school gym.

The boys will be back stronger and fitter for next years season.

Many Thanks to their coaches Mr. Cunningham, Mr. M. Corry and Mr. Chaplain who trained the squad throughout the year.



STRENGTH &
CONDITING



STRETCHES AT THE
GYM



EARLY MORNING
WORK OUT

GIRLS CAMOGIE

Our first years were pivotal to our camogie success this year in Caimins. In what was an unprecedented year for sports in Caimins, our camogie teams managed to bring 4 cups back to the school. We completed the double Junior in winning both the county and Munster titles and the same feat for our senior team, in which our first years were central. Their attitude and effort throughout the year was the driving force behind these great victories! Well done to all the St Caimin's camogie girls for all the hard work, effort and commitment they have shown all year!

Thank you to their coaches Ms. Morey and Ms. O'Leary who trained and encouraged them throughout the year



FIRST YEAR ENGLISH CLASS SPEECHES

A celebration of speeches took place to mark the end of the school year for First Year English classes.

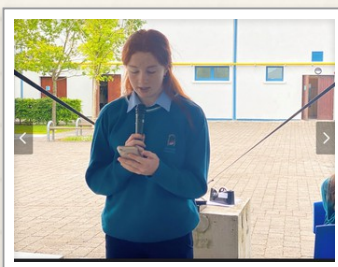
Volunteer representatives from most classes wrote a speech on an issue which they think is hugely important. Even better, the students offered their own solutions to problems ranging between homelessness, gender issues in sport, racial stereotyping in mainstream films as well as a variety of other worthy topics.

Our future leaders showed great confidence in delivering their speeches to an audience of their peers and they deserve the highest praise.

A final comment from Marley, class Padraig: "I liked writing and delivering speech topics as it is a really good way to get your opinions across in a fun way".

A special thank you to Mr. Grimes and all the English teachers who coordinated this outdoor event.

All photos are available to view by clicking this link <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjzS7G2>



SCHOOL CAMOGIE BY LAURA MEANEY & SARAH MCEVOY

We have loved our year of school camogie. The moment matches were back on the agenda, it was full steam ahead, with camogie blitz's, junior matches & senior matches, culminating in several trophies.

We especially enjoyed taking part in 1st year and junior camogie matches, as it meant playing in our own age group with all our friends and clubmates in first year.

Earlier this year we took part in a first year blitz at St. Flannan's College and although we didn't win that day, it was the start of team bonding and a whole lot of fun playing with our team-mates.

As the year progressed, we did win a lot and this was a result of our hard work and commitment. We couldn't have asked for better teachers to train us and support us both on and off the field. We are so grateful to play camogie with the school team and especially all our friends. For now, the training continues with our Clubs and then next year we will be back with St. Caimin's Camogie Team !

By Sarah McEvoy & Laura Meaney



ELECTRONIC EXAMS

Pupils from Class Moibhi piloting the use of Electronic Exams via laptops

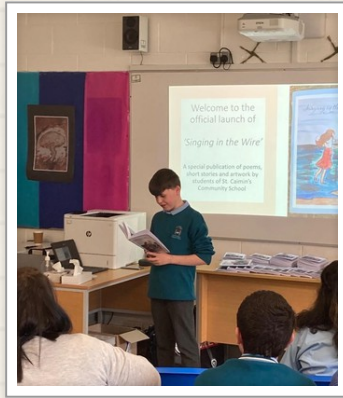


"SINGING IN THE WIRE" - A SPECIAL BOOK LAUNCH

The Hub hosted a wonderful event on Wednesday the 1st of June - the official launch of "*Singing in the Wire*" - a special publication of poems, short stories and artwork produced by students of St. Caimin's Community School. The publication recognises and celebrates the unique voices of our wonderful writers and artists in the school.

There was an excellent turnout for the event and we were thrilled to welcome our contributors alongside their band of supporters including parents, guardians, siblings, friends, aunties, uncles and grandparents galore! We heard from Mr. Grimes, Ms. Whitty, Ms. Hill and Mr. Cunningham, who commended all students involved on their bravery and talent. Many students read out their poems and stories, which were very well received by the audience. Also in attendance on the evening was former St. Caimin's student Páraic McMahon, who now works as a journalist for *The Clare Echo*.

Our students from *The Hub* did themselves, their fellow classmates, and their families proud, by each contributing a fantastic piece of artwork or written work to the publication. Well done to Ava, who delivered a wonderful recitation of her poem "Dogs" at the launch, which got an impressive response from the audience! To all our students, keep writing and keep up the hard work!



THE HUB

The students in the Hub have enjoyed a variety of activities as well as keeping up with their studies. Here is a little flavour of what they have been up to recently.....

Trip to Bunratty Castle & Shannon Aviation Museum

In recognition of their hard work throughout the year, our students enjoyed two lovely days trips in their final week of school. First up, was a visit to Bunratty, where students enjoyed a guided tour of the castle and folk park, followed by some interesting lessons in animal husbandry, thanks to their friendly tour guide, Carmel. The students saw and learned about lots of animals along the way (hens, chickens, cows, ponies, pigs) and even got to pet some of the goats and lambs. To top it off, they got to meet a friendly Irish Wolfhound, named Saoirse! On the 2nd of June, the students visited the Shannon Aviation Museum.

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On the 9th of May, St. Caimin's Community School welcomed the Irish Air Corps, who arrived in style by helicopter in front of our whole school community.

A Visit from the Irish Air Corps

We are very grateful to them for being so generous with their time. They visited our students in The Hub and spoke to them about their uniforms and equipment. The students also learned about cadetships, apprenticeships and general recruitment with the Irish Defence Forces.

A not so 'ruff' day in school!

On the 12th of May, we had an extra special visit from Michelle and Sohe from Autism Assistance Dogs Ireland. They were presented with a cheque by our students, alongside our Young SVP Group from the proceeds of a recent bake sale.

This beautiful Labrador Sohe is currently in training to become an Assistance Dog. Assistance dogs are trained to the highest standards to provide safety to children in public places. They enable children to go out and about safely and reduce anxiety, not just for the child but for the whole family.

It takes 18-24 months to train, assess and qualify a puppy like Sohe. Then, the autism assistance dog must be matched and placed with a child.

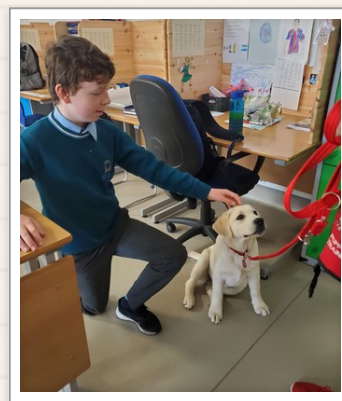
Thanks to Michelle and Sohe for brightening our day!

Meet Our Little Friends!

Thank you to our wonderful Transition Year student and friend to The Hub, Adriana Manak, who returned for a second visit, this time introducing us to her two pet Gecko lizards. The students had a great time petting them and Adriana was very generous with her time and answered all questions the students had about the care of her pets. Come back again soon please!

Certificates of Merit

Well done to our 6 students who recently received their Certificates of Merits in recognition of their excellent results and dedication to school work.





STUDENT COUNCIL END OF YEAR MESSAGE

Hi all, We are this year's student council and we are so grateful to the students who elected us to our privileged positions this year. Rob Hanton and Lucy Egan were the 6th year representatives with Maria Vrabete 5th Yr, Cillian Crowley and Jack Bermingham from TY, Eoghan Begley from 3rd Yr, Lee Magire 2nd Yr and Ganga Gill being the first year student council rep.

We are proud to say that we believe that we have made a positive impact on our school community that has made it a better place to study and socialise.

At the start of the year we had a number of meetings with school management and we came up with the concept of a dedicated student council notice board. Here we were able to share any information that we received and also introduce ourselves to the general school cohort. We campaigned for the return of the school lockers on our return after the Covid pandemic and the school management also agreed that this was a good idea once the public health advice allowed for it to happen. Another new concept that we introduced was the setting up of a Google Doc per year group, whereby students who had any queries or concerns could get into contact with their representative when needed and this worked very well. In fact we got suggestions from lots of students in the school and we did our utmost to achieve these goals and requests. Some Leaving Cert students wanted hoodies and we sourced them through O'Neill's sportswear and now a possible O'Neill's school sportswear account is in the pipeline. Both our 6th Year representatives, Lucy Egan and Rob Hanton organised the school graduation ball or 'Grad' with great assistance from Lee Hayes and Nora McInerney. While Maria Vrabete in LC1 was instrumental in promoting the school Environmental Club and using the student council noticeboard to get the message efficiently and effectively out to students. Our Student

Council was also involved in our senior students having access to a microwave to heat up food at lunchtimes.

Our school reps also attended some training and information days with the Irish Second level Students Union (ISSU) where we got some valuable tips that assisted us in a lot of ways.

Overall, it was a great life experience on our behalf to be involved in the St. Caimin's student council and we would encourage all students to continue taking a pro-active role in the future in order to make our school community a better place for all..

Lastly, we want to wish all our JC and LC students all the best in their state exams and in their future endeavours and for everyone in the school to have a well earned and enjoyable summer break.

Regards,

The Student Council

SPORTS AWARDS CEREMONY

Before our Leaving Certificate students departed, we celebrated the many sporting victories of 2022. The Senior Boys Football, The Senior Ladies Football and Camogie, The Junior Ladies Camogie and the 1st and 2nd year Ladies Football teams were all awarded with their Munster and County medals. Podge Collins dual sporting superstar and past pupil was our guest on the day and presented each student with their medals. The view the all of the photos (kindly taken by Richard Mc Mahon) please click on the link below.



Sports Awards 2022

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Explore this photo album by St. Caimin's Community School on Flickr!

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY SUMMER HOLIDAY BREAK !

