

SECOND YEAR NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2022

MESSAGE FROM YEAR HEAD

Welcome to our Second Year Newsletter. It's that time of year again where students, staff and parents are all looking forward to the mid-term break.

It's been 9 weeks of hard work and plenty of activities to enjoy along the way. The 2nd year students have done exceptionally well to navigate their way through their new timetables, adjusting to new teachers and picking up where they left off in their subjects from last year.



Dates to remember for 2022/23

- Return to school on the 7th November 2022
- Christmas Holidays on the 22nd December to the 4th of January - inclusive
- 2nd Year Parent Teacher Meeting on Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 4.15-6.45

A reminder to parents:

1. Absent notes need to be uploaded on VSware.
2. If a student is leaving or returning from an appointment, they need to sign-out and sign-in at reception. The appointment should also be recorded by the parent on VSware.
3. All positive and negative behavioural issues are now recorded on VSware. Please check this regularly to keep track of how your child is doing.
4. Student's journals should be checked every night and all homework for each subject should be clearly visible for the parent to track.
5. Student must wear the full school uniform and having two of each item is encouraged.
6. Our mobile policy is "Not seen, Not heard, Not taken".

Top Tip !

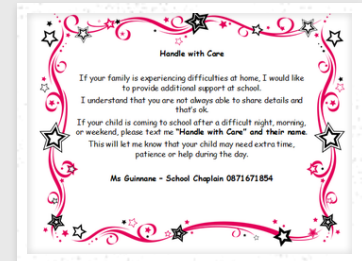
On return to school, students need to get into a good routine of doing their homework every night, both written and learning, and include study time each week in preparation for their upcoming exams at Christmas.

I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable Halloween, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their cooperation, support and hard work throughout the first term.

Take care,
Michelle

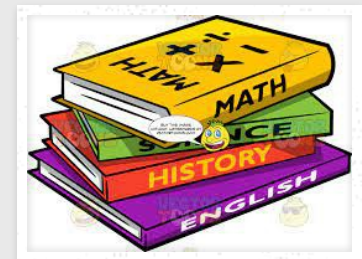
A NOTE FROM OUR SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Just a brief note to say hello. If I can assist or support your son/daughter while in St. Caimin's please don't hesitate to contact me here in the school or on the Student Support Phone. 0871671854. Enjoy the mid term.
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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.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AND THEIR LEARNING

St. Caimin's Community School has 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](#)

SECOND YEAR STUDENT AWARDS CEREMONY

Our Awards Ceremony took place on the 7th October 2022.

Through hard work and commitment, the following 2nd Year students received awards to celebrate their achievements.

40 second year students received the Merit Certificate and 3 students received the Distinction Certificate for their high exam results.

Maths Cup – Lourda McKeown award

This awards in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and exemplar work in

maths. The Lourda McKeown cup is awarded to the student with the highest result in Maths in their 1st year summer assessments.

Awarded to: *Caoife Gunn*

Maths Plate

This awards in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and exemplar work in maths. The Lourda McKeown cup is awarded to the student with the second highest result in Maths in their 1st year summer assessments.

Awarded to: *Blathnaid Deasy*

SVP Certificates

The junior conference of SVP in St Caimin's Community School has engaged in making our school community, the wider community in Shannon and our SVP community a better place. Each member of the group has brought their gifts, talents, and personalities together to make our conference one that stands out. Many students were recognised earlier this year at the SVP mid-west youth day for their outstanding contribution to SVP.

The students give of their free time during and after school to many projects which make a difference to many. Last year despite Covid-19 our SVP group raised money for the Shannon conference of SVP, Pieta House, Autism Awareness Dog's Ireland, Crumlin Children's Hospital and many more charities. They provide peer mentoring and support to members of our groups, they are always a huge hit on World teachers day, Christmas Jumper Day, Easter, and Valentine's days with fun and excitement around the school. We would like to acknowledge the following students who are part of our SVP here in St Caimin's Community School.

Awarded to:

Lily Egan

Sophie Grady

Alex O'Shaughnessy

Mollie Philips

Sean Healy

Olive Lynch

Scott Ryan

Blathnaid Deasy

Iga Leslaska

First Year Soccer POTY

Kian was a leader throughout the First Year Soccer campaign. He was instrumental in the first years getting into the North Munster Final and played very well for the u15 team also. Kian always gave 100% every time he played and led by example in every game. Kian was often seen helping team mates on and off the pitch and showed his determination every training session. Kian is a committed and talented young player who will be an exciting prospect in the coming years. We wish Kian the best of luck with his club for the remainder of the season.

Awarded to: *Kian Dempsey*

U-15 Hurling Medals

Our u15 hurlers had a successful year winning the Clare GAA u15b championship. Matches were played on Thursday nights under lights across the county. The boys represented St Caimin's with distinction and put in a huge effort all year, outside school hours.

Awarded to:

Zak Phelan

Rory Chaplin

Ciaran Ryan

Dylan McInerney

Charlie Keane

Neil Forde

Camogie Player of the Year

This award recognises achievements and attitudes on and off the pitch. This player showed great leadership and commitment through the year.

Awarded to: *Sarah McEvoy*

Girls Soccer Player of the Year

The player of the year award recognised the contribution, commitment and leadership of the player both on and off the field.

Awarded to: *Lucy Chaplain*

Chess Award

Blathnaid Deasy is a formidable chess player and a great competitor. She learns from every game she plays. She helps other students to develop their skills by playing against them. She keeps her nerve during competition and last year won the first year chess league outright. She's a great player and junior captain.

Awarded to: *Blathnaid Deasy*

Student of the Year

The "Student of the Year" is someone with a good academic and school record. Consideration is given to their accomplishments and contribution to school life. They would be described as an all-round student and a role model for others.

Awarded to: *Caoife Gunn*

Congratulations to all recipients



Student Awards 2022-2023

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Student Awards Day 07/10/22

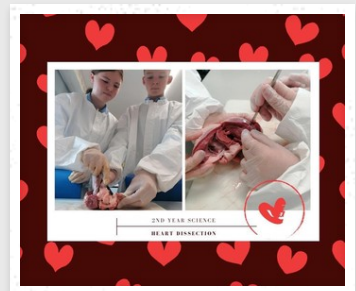
CAMOGIE BLITZ

Some of our second year girls were part of the Camogie team that played in a camogie blitz in St. Flannans. A narrow defeat to Rice College was followed by a superb battling win against the home side. Well done to all.



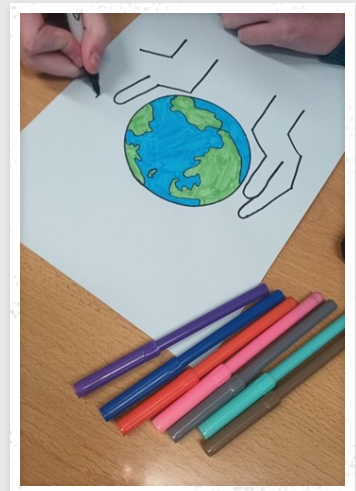
SCIENCE PRACTICALS

Second Year Science students did a fantastic job dissecting a sheep's heart as part of their practical class today.



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Class Padraig were busy today raising awareness for World Mental Health Day.



TAEKWONDO WORLD CUP

Congratulations to Blathnaid Deasy who represented Ireland at the Taekwondo World Cup in Slovenia. Blathnaid did her country proud by winning a bronze medal at the championships. Many congratulations.



GOLF

Our Junior golf team, who competed recently in Ennis Golf Club, featuring Sean Lee from second year with his team mates Jack and Aidan.



GIDDY UP !

Class Séadna recently had a wonderful day trip to Liskennett Farm in Co. Limerick. They enjoyed an equestrian trail around the scenic grounds of the farm and made great use of Liskennett's autism friendly facilities while they were there, including their playground and sensory space. And of course, they made lots of four-legged friends along the way! Liskennett Farm is a development by St. Joseph's Foundation for children and adults with autism and was officially opened in September 2015. It incorporates therapeutic day and residential services for adults and an Equine Therapy Centre for both children, over the age of 4 years and adults.

