

EASTER, 31ST MARCH 2023

MESSAGE FROM YEAR HEAD- MR.KEANE

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and co-operation this term.

It has been a very busy and challenging term for our students. The Mock exams took place just before the February mid-term break. These exams were the first formal, structured exams completed by our 3rd year students in the school hall and were an invaluable learning experience for all concerned.



The papers and results are back now and students are encouraged to reflect on these and to identify areas which need attention.

I would like to encourage all students to do some revision at home over the Easter Holidays.

Enjoy the Break Regards. G.Keane

SENIOR CYCLE OPTIONS

This term was also decision making time with regards to Senior Cycle Options, where there was a sizeable turnout for the senior options information night. Thanks to Ms.Fitzpatrick and Ms.Glendon-Garry who has met students also on a one-to-one basis to discuss the senior cycle subjects options which each class group were given a presentation on their option choices and possible pathways to follow.



Finally the Easter break is an ideal opportunity to recharge the batteries and to catch up on some much well needed downtime This rest and relaxation combined with revision will set the students up for a busy final term.

SENIOR CYCLE OPTIONS LINK

JUNIOR CYCLE EXAMINATION DETAIL

The Junior Cycle Examinatios begins officially this year on Wednesday 7th June. All students are expected to be in their designated seats at least 30 minutes before their first exam. During the exams, teachers and management will be around the school to ensure that any and all issues which may arise will be dealt with as calmly and as quickly as possible. <image><image><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><text>

School transportation will run as usual during the exam period.

In the run up to the exams, it is important that students get a good night's rest and plenty of nutritious food, fresh air and exercise.

AFTER SCHOOL STUDY

After school study continues every afternoon in the school. All details and booking forms are available on the school website and the 3rd year term.

Easter study is also available. If you are studying at home remember the following tips: -Fill out a study timetable -List your targets -Remove all distraction from your study area Study in 40/45 minute blocks before talking a short break

THE GREATEST TALENT SHOW

In early January quite a number of third year students took part in this year's St. Caimins Talent Show. It was an enormous success with packed houses enjoying a wide variety of acts from solo group singing to dancing. We had some stirring individual





performances from Amy Houlihan, Freja Evans, Lee Maguire and Scott McCoy, while our musicians and dancers lit up the stage with their enthralling performances. Overall, it was a magical evening and all the performers did themselves and their year group proud.

HISTORY QUIZ -ROISIN WALSH

On Friday the 20th of January, all third years took part in a history week table-quiz. The whole quiz was very well organised with a total of thirty-five teams of four. There were ten rounds with ten questions in each. The topics ranged from Medieval Times to



Early Christian Ireland. Throughout the quiz, spot prizes were given out, with the prizes being study kits or chocolate.

After the ten rounds, second, third, and fourth place prizes were given out. In the end, the winners were Ben, Liam and Vlad.

Thank you to Ms.O'Brien for organising a very enjoyable afternoon!

CHESS TOURNAMENT

On the 28th of March, Tulla and Killaloe came to our school for the Clare Chess League Tournament. For the Junior teams, it consisted with two brackets which go into the final, for Senior players, it was one bracket which went into the final. All the schools played well but there could only be one winner. For the record Callum Sutton, Danielle Quain, Scott McCoy and Colin Devitt all took part with Callum and Colin taking team silver medals. Well done to everypne that participated.

ZOOM CALL WITH TOMI REICHENTAL-GRACE, HANNAH CARMODY

On Friday 3rd of March, Class Flannan had a very special zoom call with the world famous Holocaust survivor named Tomi Reichental as part of the Holocaust Memorial Day 2023. During his call with our history class, we learned all about his family, his upbringing and his childhood. We learned that he lived in Slovakia and that he had an older brother. At the age of nine he was forced to move to the concentration camp of Bergen-Belsen with his mother and grandmother. He lived there for a year. During his time there he watched his grandmother die and her body thrown



on a stack of dead bodies. They were fed very little and were forced to work long hard days in very harsh conditions. They wore very basic clothing. He watched many people die from starvation. He did not talk about his experience for over sixty years. Then one day he decided he wanted to share his experience around the world. He wrote a book called "I was a boy in Belsen" which detailed the events of his life and gave people an insight to his life and his survival. He is now aged 88 years old and lives in Dublin.

We found his story both moving and tragic and we learned the depth of his struggle for survival. We as a class are going to purchase his book and support him in spreading awareness about the Holocaust.

FOOTBALL NEWS

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 furthur points from Chris Meaney and Cian O'Gorman gave us a cushion going into half time. Points from Chris Meaney and Tadhg Fitzgeralnd along with a pointed free from Finn Murphy were quickly followed up by a decisive goal from Kevin Hanley. Kilmihil added a furthur 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.



CAMOGIE NEWS

St. Caimins advanced to the semi-finals!!!! A huge congratulations to our Junior camogie team who advanced to the semi final stage in the Clare schools competition. In one of their best team performances to date, St.Caimins held the lead against

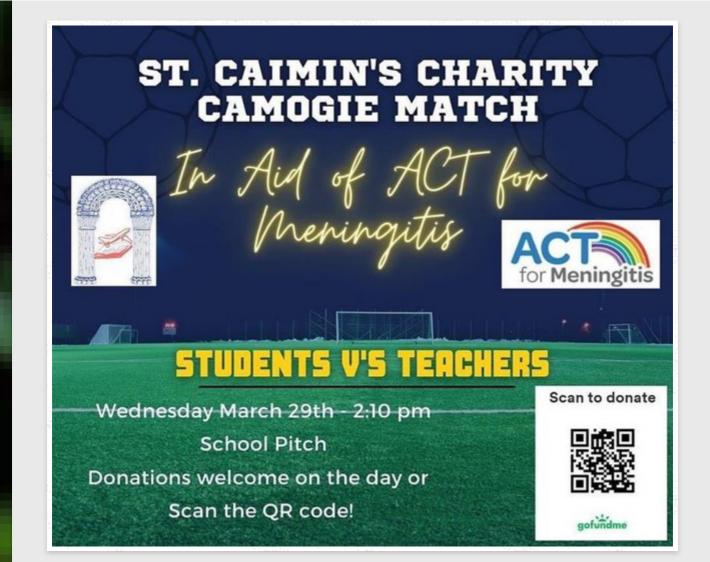


a valiant St. Flannans for all of the game and kept their nerve to finish out the game after Flannans came fighting back time and time again. The students are looking forward to the Clare Final, they were unfortunately defeated in the Munster Plate by St,Mary's Charleville after a tough game.



CHARITY MATCH

St.Caimins Community School held a charity camogie match in aid of ACT for Meningitis organisation on the 29th of March 2023. Last December, the school was shocked and saddened when they lost one of their Leaving Certificate students, Aoife Johnston, to meningitis. The school would like to raise awareness and much needed funds for this organisation through our Staff vs Students camogie match. All donations, however big or small, would be greatly appreciated.



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POU STUDENT WATCHING THE MATCH- KEELIN MCPHILLIPS

At 1:15 pm in our school, we had facepaint in reception in preparation for our students vs teacher camogie match in act for Meningitis. A number of students and teachers made posters for the match. At 2pm all of the students went to their classes for roll call and eventually sprinted outside to watch the big match. There was cheer, laugher (and a few

boo's). The teachers let the students off for the first half of the match but once that whistle blew for the second half of the match to start, the students knew they were in trouble. Ms. O'Leary and Ms. O'Dea were out with a bang. The teachers won in the end and there was a great celebration.



HAPPY EASTER!!!!!!!!

