

LC1, TY and LCA1 Newsletter

June 2nd, 2022 Summer Edition

Summer Break has arrived !

Dear parents, guardians and students,
I would like to extend my thanks for all of your co operation, support and goodwill given to staff and management of St. Caimin's throughout the year. This academic year has been the first full year our students have experienced since 2019 and it was much needed by all. The year has been a successful one both from an academic and an extra curricular point of view as many of our students have experienced success in the classroom, in arts, music and on numerous playing fields. None of this is possible without the support of our parents & guardians, the hard work and commitment of our students, the collaboration and co operation from our teachers and management. I would like to wish you all a great summer break, one of sunshine, and fun. We are looking forward to the return of our students in September when as a year group we will be the oldest, wisest and the leaders of our school community!



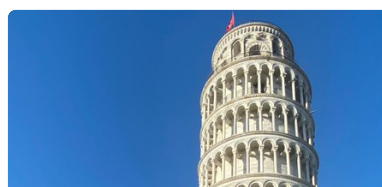
Message from Year Head

LC2 Parents Information evening

On Tuesday the 30th of August at 6.30 p.m. We will host an information evening for parents of students going into Sixth 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.

TY Tip to Italy

"Promoting interfaith dialogue and intercultural relations is an important task in our ever changing and diverse



society.”

However, having the opportunity to promote these things in the beautiful Italian countryside, alongside amazing teachers, and students from across Europe, is an experience we think none of us fortunate to be able to go, will forget. Our time spent in Citta di Castello was made up of gorgeous historical sites, insights into people's lives and cultural experiences fuelled by a common goal of inclusion and acceptance.



Citta di Castello is a small community of people situated in the Perugia region of Italy. This city, with its astonishing history in educational research opened its' arms us and eight countries from across the EU, Ireland, Bulgaria, The Netherlands, Turkey, Spain, Greece, Cyprus, and Italy. We were amazed by the walled city which we had the pleasure of experiencing through a tour with lead by neuro-divergent tour guides. Other activities we engaged with included, outdoor team bonding board games in beautiful woodlands, canoeing on the Tiber River, tri location meditation, religious talks, and musical performances. On final day in Citta di Castello we received most insightful presentations from all countries involved, ranging from the experience of Turkish Muslims to the origins and structure of democracy, a very professional student production on stereotyping and the pedagogical approaches central to the project.

During our trips we had the opportunity to sample a wide range of Italian cuisine. This included amazing cakes, pies and savoury items for breakfast, pasta picnics in the park, as well as fabulous four course evening meals. One of us also had the delight of having 'Happy Birthday' sung in four different languages. On our final day in Citta di Castello for lunch we received a fine dining experience from the culinary art students at the Bufalini school. Later for dinner, we received traditional delicious Italian pizza. Each day we ensured we sampled homemade Gelato. Our evenings were top off with dips in the pool, intercultural music, and dancing, especially the Greek dance in which some of us excelled!

The friendships made over the days were by far the highlight of the trip. We are especially happy this is the case, as the main focus of the trip was to experience tolerance for those who live differently from ourselves, we believe that in this area the trip was more than a success. We are, therefore, grateful to NUIG and the Erasmus programme through LIFE2 for bringing us all together.

We must also thank the Italian transport system for striking on our final day as it meant an extra day with the opportunity to explore Pisa and its magnificent sights.





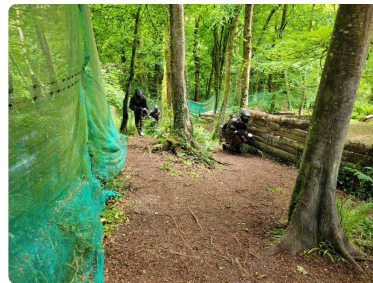


LCA1 and LC1 Boys Paintballing Trip

The LCA1 class, along with some of their friends from LC1 went paintballing in Deerpark Quin last week. This trip was to celebrate and acknowledge a very successful year for the LCA1 class who have worked really hard throughout the year.



Action in the woods



Action stations



Friends

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

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 McNerney. 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

Senior and Junior Camogie

The month of May was a particularly busy month for the Junior and Senior Camogie teams in the school. In the Senior B final we took on Rice College Ennis in an unbelievable battle and earned our place against St.

Anne's of Killaloe in the final. The final was also a fierce contest where we were victorious by a margin of 6 points to be crowned Senior B Clare Schools Camogie County Champions.

The Junior County Final was a torrid affair. We beat Scarriff CC in the semi final by the narrowest of margins to be given a second bite of the cherry to take on a very fancied Colaiste Muire side (who had beaten us by 9 points in the earlier rounds). The final took place in Fr. Mc Namara Park in Ennis. It was nip and tuck for the majority of the match, but due to our hard work, and never say die attitude St. Caimins claimed victory to be crowned Junior B county champions. This has been a fantastic year for St. Caimins camogie. We have had over fifty girls playing camogie from 1st year to Leaving Certificate, with each girl giving their best effort for their teams. We are super proud of all the work and effort put in by everyone.





St. Caimins Youth SVP

Many of our students 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.



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

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



Bridge Camogie Gals



Camogie Besties



Sisters



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