

# Second Year Easter Newsletter

## WELCOME NOTE

Hi Everyone,

As we reach the end of our penultimate term, we'll take a look back at all the exciting activities our second years have been involved in. After a busy few weeks, our second years are looking forward to a well deserved 2 week break over Easter and no doubt indulging on a few Easter eggs too !!!

They have been very busy academically, whilst also getting involved in all their favourite sports and activities. I hope you enjoy our little write-ups and pictures, which capture the work put in by the second years and the fun had while engaging in some of their favourite activities.

Here are the final school dates to put in your calendar

April 1st - 16th : Easter Holidays

May 1st : Bank Holiday.

June 2nd : Last day of timetabled classes

As students head into this last term, it is important to support them at home as they strive to do their best for their summer exams. Keeping up a regular routine each evening regarding homework, both written and learning will create a positive learning environment for your child. A little extra help with study plans and supervising their homework each evening for the coming weeks will help your child to truly reach their full potential in each of their subjects.

As parents, the following may be helpful

1. Check VShare for emails from the Year Head
2. Check your child's journal every night
3. Make sure subjects are written into the journal at the weekend for the week ahead
4. Make sure all homework, both written & learning are completed each evening
5. Supervise homework each evening
6. Encourage your child to make out a study plan each week to help them prepare for their summer tests - which will be their CBA result and classroom tests.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation, replying to emails, phone calls and coming in to meet me. It is greatly appreciated.

I hope you enjoy your Easter break with family and friends and hopefully the Easter Bunny delivers eggs in abundance this year

Kindest Regards,  
Michelle Ryan Quinn  
Year Head

## #ONLINE SAFETY

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Please be aware of your child's activity on social media and also the amount of time they are spending on their phones, especially late at night.

Have regular conversations with your child about what to watch out for online. Here are just a few more helpful tips for parents.

**webwise.ie**

**ONLINE SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS**

- 1. GET INFORMED**  
Get started by visiting [webwise.ie/parents](http://webwise.ie/parents). You'll find expert advice, how to guides, explainers and helpful talking points for parents.
- 2. HAVE THE CHAT**  
Have regular conversations with your child on the important things to look out for online and any potential risks.
- 3. AGREE RULES**  
Agree on a clear set of rules in your home about internet use and around screentime. Remember the importance of a healthy balance!
- 4. ASK FOR HELP**  
Reassure your child that they can always come talk to you about anything that comes up online.
- 5. LEAD BY EXAMPLE**  
Do as you say! Modelling behaviour is the most powerful way you can influence your child's behaviour!
- 6. JOIN IN**  
The internet is a great resource for children! Play your child's favourite computer game and discover the online world together.

Visit [webwise.ie/parents](http://webwise.ie/parents) for more expert advice, support and resources

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# CAMOGIE MATCH - TEACHERS V STUDENTS

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.

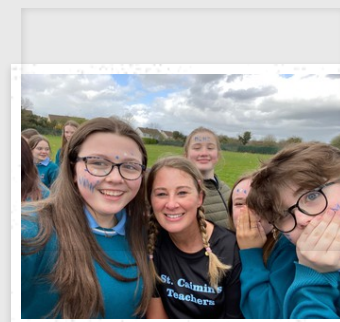
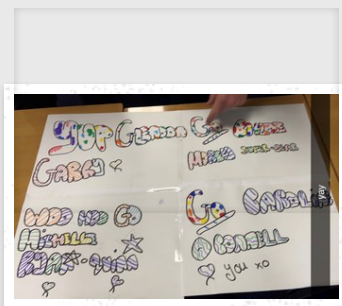
All donations, however big or small, would be greatly appreciated. Click on the link to donate <https://gofund.me/7371d7d5>

Photos from yesterday can be found by clicking the following link

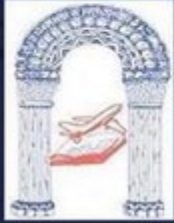
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The pre-match atmosphere was electric as both teams emerged onto the pitch to roars of encouragement from the whole school community. Students & visitors surrounded the pitch trying to get the best spot to see every strike of the ball. Our students really got into the match day spirit by creating posters of support and decorating their faces in team colours. The match was exciting from start to finish and both teams matched each other, strike for strike of the ball. But sheer talent and grit proved too much for our student team as the teachers come out victorious, after a nail biting finale.

A selection of photos below from the best supporters, aka my second years & (one LC1 !)



# ST. CAIMIN'S CHARITY CAMOGIE MATCH



*In Aid of ACT for  
Meningitis*



## STUDENTS V'S TEACHERS

Wednesday March 29th – 2:10 pm

School Pitch

Donations welcome on the day or

Scan the QR code!

Scan to donate



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## CHESS

Our Second Year students have been practising every week, for the upcoming schools and All-Ireland competitions.

They had a practice day in school under the watchful eye of their Coach and Mentor Ms. McDonnell. Last week they participated in a schools competition kindly hosted by St. Caimin's, where they won the Senior competition and came second in the Junior section against a variety of Clare schools.

Some of our chess players have now been selected to play tomorrow Friday the 31st of March in an All-Ireland Chess competition. We wish them the best of luck in this prestigious event.

Blathnaid Deasy

Killian Slater

Vytenis Eitutis

Sean Healy and James O'Neill as reserves



## SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE

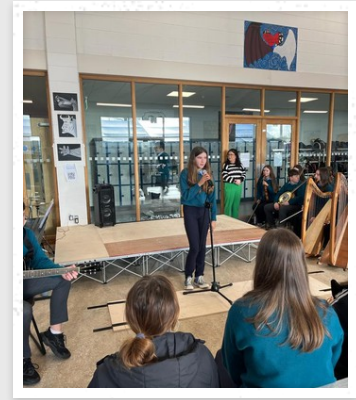
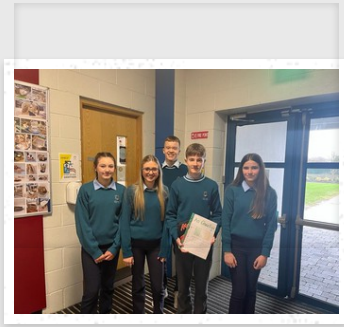
A huge congratulations to all students who participated in "Seachtain na Gaeilge". Many activities were organised by the Irish Department.

This included a "Seo Bothair" to some of the local primary schools with Caoimhe Hourigan presenting the show - see second picture.

Prizewinners of a research project on "Tabhacht na Gaeilge" are featured in the first picture.

Well done to all our Irish teachers who put in a tremendous effort each year for Seachtain na Gaeilge, ensuring our students enjoy the week and showcase the Irish language

Gabhaimid buiochas leo go leir



## CLASS COLMAN - GERMAN CLASS

Students from Class Colman did some great work in German class. Using their artistic and creative skills, they created book covers and projects on German Sports Stars and Music Stars



## SVP

Our Young SVP Group held a very successful Bake sale last week. They baked an array of delicious goodies which were bought in record time and therefore helping to raise money for SVP. Well done to their Teacher Ms. Guinnane and all the students who took part in the Bake sale

My name is Olive and I enjoy St. Camin's Young SVP because it lets me feel involved in the community around us. I have made many friends and we all enjoy doing different activities. I feel it brings friends closer together and we enjoy doing many activities like bake sales, Christmas toys show bags, going to see the elderly at Carrigan Nursing home, making good luck cards for the junior and leaving certificates and making teacher appreciation bags for the teachers in school on world teachers days.

I love SVP because it has helped me make friends and made me feel more involved in the local community and our school community. I would encourage students to join SVP as it is fun, you make a difference and you make great friends.



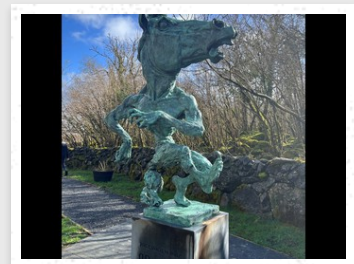
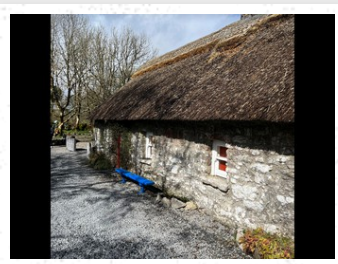
SVP Magazine

My name is Mollie MacLellan. I am in second year at St. Camin's Community School, Shannon. I like SVP because you can make more friends and you get to know more people. Some of the activities that we have done are having bake sales, going to Carrigan and having Christmas jumper day.

I enjoyed going to Carrigan the most because we got to meet up with all the elderly and have a chat with them.

## TRIP TO MICHAEL CUSACK CENTRE

Class Padraig and Class Seadna were lucky enough to visit the Michael Cusack Centre twice in previous weeks. They learned about resilience and mindset and enjoyed outdoor activities at the centre in Carron.





# YOUNG SVP VISIT TO CARRIGORAN NURSING HOME

What a fantastic morning our Young SVP students had visiting the Residents of Carrigoran Nursing Home. The students spent time with the residents and chatted to them over a cup of tea.

Each resident received a handmade Easter card and treat box prepared by our wonderful, kind students.





## BOYS U-15 SOCCER

Well done to our u-15 soccer team who are through to the North Munster Final after a 7-3 victory over St. Patrick's Comprehensive.



## ST. CAIMIN'S SWIMMING CLUB

Congratulations to Hugh O'Donnell who was part of the relay team who came fourth in the Munster Championships at UL in February.

Thank you to Ms. Dalton their swimming mentor and to the parents for their attendance and support on the day

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## JUNIOR CAMOGIE TEAM

Our second years were part of the Junior Camogie Panel who overcame St. Flannan's to advance to the semi-finals of the Clare Schools Competition.

They went one step better by getting to the Munster Final of this competition and came up against Charleville who proved too strong on the day. Well done girls for all the brilliant play and commitment to training and matches on the road to the final.



## ACT FOR MENINGITIS FUNDRAISER

### **Act for Meningitis Fundraiser**

Yesterday, here at St. Caimins, there was a fundraiser for the people who have meningitis. It also in memory of Aoife Johnston, who died in UL Hospital due to meningitis a couple of months ago, back in December.

It was organised by the camogie teachers in the school. The reason being was so that Aoife Johnston's parents could see all the people who showed that they cared and that they were also in their thoughts. The fundraiser was also online so that people could also donate as well. At lunch there was face paint where people could also donate into the buckets.

The atmosphere before the match was exciting as there was face painting and poster making before the match. The reason why the atmosphere was exciting was because students could get to see their teachers and even some of their friend's playing camogie. The atmosphere during the match was tense in some parts. The reason is because when the teachers were about to score or when the students were about to score.

The best bits of the match were when Ms. Morey got the first point of the game and when she also got a few points. Another few good bits of the match would be when the students got a goal or got a point. When the students got a goal or a point the teachers and students would start cheering. Whereas when the teachers got a goal or a point the teachers and students would be booing because they wanted the students to win.

In conclusion, I think this was the best thing that St. Caimins have done since I have started here at the beginning of September 2022. The reason being is because it shows how the Johnston family how much people care and respect them. Another reason being is because of all the money that the school have raised. It is now exclusively at 17,000 euro raised. This is from online and in the buckets that have been going around. I also think it was a great idea to do and very thoughtful because it shows the Johnston family how much people care and respect them. Even though Aoife Johnston is no longer with us, all the money that has been raised is immaculate, as it shows the Johnston family that Aoife is still in their thoughts.

## MEMORIES BY SAOIRSE LAGAN

Something that began as a memory for our leaving cert students during their last weeks in St Caimins turned into something bigger. On the 29th of March we held a fundraiser in aid of Act For Meningitis. Our camogie all stars, Ms Morey, Ms O'Leary, Ms O'Loughlin and Ms Bulfin were trying to organise some craic for the leaving cert students during their final days but instead this turned into a fundraiser in honour of Aoife Johnston who suddenly passed away in December.

The school raised over 15k for Act For Meningitis and there was a lot of excitement around the school while we were getting ready for this big day, everyone got their faces painted during lunch and a lot of people made signs to cheer on their favourite teachers. The atmosphere around the school was amazing and it's brilliant to give back to these organisations. We really appreciate all the effort Ms Roche and her helpers, our camogie all stars and their coaches, Mr Cunningham, Mr. Quealy and Ms. Glendon-Garry and finally our players, the students and the teachers. This is definitely a memory we will never forget!



## GIRLS SOCCER

We started our soccer year by training every Wednesday in School under our coaches Mr. Corbett, Ms. Counihan and Ms. Lynch. We had a couple of friendly matches that brought us

together as a team. We worked really hard at training and our determination and work rate was evident in our most recent matches.

Aibhe Ring was scoring goals left, right and centre and even contributed a spectacular hattrick in one of our games. Mollie Purcell and Jodie Dunne were running up the wings and Marley was holding down the defensive line. Seadhna Moore Echebiri was making amazing saves in goal. Everyone put in a huge effort and as a result of this, we left Lees Roads victorious.

Overall soccer has been a very positive experience this year and the coaches have made it fun as well as getting the most out of each player.

We can't wait for soccer to start up next year again and we hope to continue on our winning streak.

By Ella Woods

## ENGLISH SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Our Second Years are currently involved in a short story competition. Mr Grimes, a former English teacher at St. Caimins has set a writing task with a list of phrases, from which the students must use five phrases when writing their short story. They challenge themselves and hone their writing skills. Mr Grimes will read all of them and has the difficult task to pick a winner. The jury is out at the moment. Results will be announced after Easter

