

LC1, LCA1 and TY Newsletter

OCTOBER 28TH, 2022



MESSAGE FROM THE YEAR HEAD

It is hard to believe that the mid-term break is upon us so quickly.

For those of you still waiting for the Junior Certificate Results, we now have a firm date for their release, November 23rd. The results will be available to the students in the afternoon and we wish all our students the best.

The transition from being junior pupils to being senior students in the school has gone relatively smoothly for most as has the integration of the ex TY students into our year group. We want to extend a warm welcome to these students and their parents. Welcome also to the students and parents who have joined our school community for the first time.

My office is Rm 109, just beside reception, and I am available for half an hour before and after school if any student needs to drop in. My email address remains siobhan.mcsweeney@stcaimins.ie.

A reminder to parents that:

1. Absent notes need to be uploaded on VShare so that they can be authorised by us.
2. If a student is leaving for an appointment or returning to school from an appointment, they need to sign-out and sign-in at reception. It should also be recorded by the parent on VShare.
3. All behaviour issues are now recorded on VShare - parents/guardians should check this feature regularly to keep track of how their child is doing. If you are having

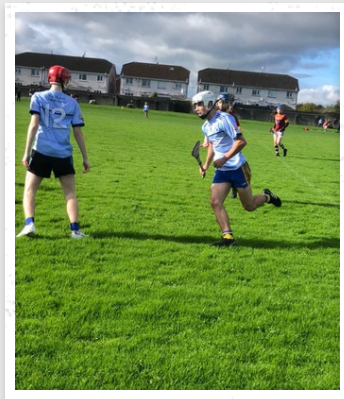
difficulty with VSWare please contact Debbie or Louise in the office on 061 364211. **Do not give your son/daughter access to your VSWare under any circumstances.**

4. Wearing full school uniform is important. Having two of each item is encouraged.
5. Our mobile phone policy is simple; "Not Seen, Not Heard, Not Taken".

Wishing you all a restful mid-term break.

Take care,

Siobhan



U-16.5 HURLING

Our under sixteen and a half hurlers have had a great start to the year with an extra time win against a strong Mitchelstown team, 3-21 to 2-19. Their next outing against Borrisoleigh was a more comfortable affair, winning 3:15 to 2: 09. Best of luck to the lads in the rest of the competition.



TY ADVENTURE TO DERG.

Fabulous day out to begin the TY adventure. Detailed report by Leah Keane below.



OPENING SCHOOL LITURGY

The school year was officially opened with a beautiful liturgy organised by Ms Guinnane and Fr Collins. The student choir added to the peaceful and reflective atmosphere created.

HOMEWORK AND STUDY

STUDY GUIDELINES

Here in St. Caimin's we refer to the last two years of schooling as LC1 and LC2 or LCA1 and LCA2 which reminds us daily that senior students are involved in a two year course. All senior

students are expected to focus on their school work and engage actively in class. In addition to this, LC1 students are expected to complete two to three hours of homework per night. Homework comes in many forms- written work, learning, reading, creative design and IT activities. Planning is essential to get the most out of your homework/study time and planners are available from outside Ms O Loughlin's office near reception. All LC1 students will also have a six week Learning 2 Learn rotation with Ms O Loughlin.

Ms Christie delivers a six week Careers rotation to all LC1 students and during this time students undertake a career investigation which helps focus their minds and set targets in preparation for the next chapter in their lives. We encourage students to avail of the Grade Tracker/ Target Setting pages and the Self Evaluation pages in their school journals to help manage their academic journey.

Additional supports and information is also available on our school website at the following [link](#).

DERG ISLE ADVENTURE

Transition Year class went on a trip to Derg Isle Adventure Centre. There are lots of activities on offer there – kayaking, canoeing, archery, obstacle courses and a climbing wall.

We started the day with an ice breaker activity called Human Xs and Os, which was a race through tyres. Next, we all went kayaking, we had a choice of single or double canoes. Once we got settled on the kayak, we were able to go out on the lake. We raced each other, some were better than others, with lots ending up in the water. Everyone had great fun kayaking, probably our favourite activity of the day.

We moved on to the obstacle course after kayaking. The obstacle course consists of monkey bars, balance beams and a rope course surrounded by a running track. The activities were a great way to get the class to work together. We had to work as a team to get through the activities.

There was a focus on Leadership skills throughout the day. People took turns directing the rest of the team and ensuring all instructions were followed. This was challenge at times, especially when it got very competitive! A great day was had by all, it was something different and everybody enjoyed the day.

Leah Keane



THE PLOUGHING

On Tuesday 20th of September, we went to the Ploughing Championships in Ratheniska County Laois. We departed the school at 7.30 by bus so it was an early start for us all. There was about 30 of us who travelled along with Mr. Duddy and Mr. Hennessy. At the ploughing there was a huge array of stands ranging from livestock and machinery to hurleys and jerseys. An attendance in excess of 91,500 meant long queues at some places but it was well worth the wait. The food there was delicious where we enjoyed a selection of chips, burgers, and a few free lollipops off the insurance brokers! Hurleys were the most popular purchase of the day with Brian Walsh and O'Connor getting the most business. We kept the celebrities busy with photos meeting the likes of Declan Hannon and Marty Mone. The sheep shearing was a popular stop off on our way out along with the other livestock pens where we saw cattle, sheep and even alpacas. A wonderful day out which was topped off with a stop in The Barrack Obama Plaza on our way home and we arrived back in Shannon at 5.30.

John Deacy

CAREERS TRIP TO UL

BY JACK O HALLORAN

Trip to UL

On Thursday 6th October all LC1 students travelled to UL for the IGC Midwest Careers Fair.

The careers fair is for Senior Cycle students from Clare, Limerick and Tipperary and it is organised by the Mid-West Branch of the Institute of Guidance Counsellors.

The event attracts around 4000 students from 50 schools annually.

We left classes at 12.30 and departed for UL on three separate buses at 12.50.

We arrived in UL around 1.20 and we assembled outside the Sports Arena.

Soon after, we entered the exhibition hall which contained numerous stalls.

These stalls were set up by;

- Higher Education Institutions such as UL, TUS, TUD, UCD, SETU, WIT and MTU
- PLC colleges such as Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board
- Other organisations such as the Army or the Paramedics
- Voluntary organisations

These organisations offered students more information through brochures while the colleges offered students prospectuses.

Some organisations and colleges even offered added incentives such as jellies or pens.

After an hour or so we gathered outside the arena again and headed back to school.

The Careers Fair was very informative as it provided us with a huge amount of information about colleges and organisations.

The Fair also displayed to us the wide range of further career paths available to us.

Thanks to Ms Christie and all the teachers who accompanied us on the day.

**THANK YOU TO OUR TY GIRLS WHO DID A
FANTASTIC JOB RE-ORGANISING OUR
LIBRARY.**



**STUDENT VOICE – LC1 STUDENT COUNCIL
REP.**



STUDENT PROFILE

Name: Will Gilligan

Class: Colm

Age: 16 years

Lives in: Sixmilebridge

Person he Admires: Cristiano Ronaldo