

Second Year Newsletter

MAY, 2022

MESSAGE FROM YEAR HEAD

Hi all...it's that time of year again where students, staff and parents are all looking forward to the summer holidays. It has been a whirlwind of a year, but the 2nd year students have done exceptionally well to navigate their way through their continuous assessments and continuous classroom-based assessments. I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable Summer, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their cooperation and hard work throughout the year.

Dates to remember for 2022/23

- School finishes for the Summer holidays '22 at 15:20 on Thursday the 2nd of June.
- Return to school: 3rd years and other exam classes will return to school on Thursday the 1st of September 2022.
- School/Parent information evening: Held on Wednesday 31st of August at 6.30 p.m. The school management will meet with parents of each year group to explain the new VSware approach as well as, going through procedures relating to homework, study, school regulations, etc... It should be an insightful evening and we are encouraging as many parents to attend this informational meeting as possible.
- 3rd year informational night for parents: Wednesday 31st of August in the assembly hall.

SURFING TRIP BY HEATHER LONG & KATIE MOLONEY

On Tuesday the 3rd of May, classes Flannan, Ciarán and Fiachra went on a trip with the school. Ben's surf school was kind enough to take on about ninety students in one day to train with their teachers. The surfing instructors were amazing at instructing us in what to do and they help us a lot in the water also. While one group was surfing the others went to the park and also to the back of Ben's surf school to play games. These games were very entertaining and showed us how to work as a team and to not get stressed out under pressure. While my class and a few others from the class Ciarán were gone surfing the people who had already been surfing went to a nearby ice cream shop, Spoons. The highlight of our day, however, had to have been the surfing itself as it was such a fun activity to do together.

After this fun day of surfing, I am sure that everyone was tired as we were maybe a little bit sunburnt as well. In general, it was a really fun day and a nice experience. This was a great school trip to be able to look back on. On Wednesday class Bríd and Íde went surfing as well. I am sure they enjoyed their experience just as much as we did. 'Hasta La Vista'- Until next time.



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP BY ROBIN LEENANE

I am part of the SVP group in our school. I like going to SVP because I enjoy giving back to our community. I find it very rewarding to help people. We have done many things this year in SVP, one of which includes a bake sale, in which money was raised for Autism Assist Dogs Ireland. From our bake sale we raised 200 euro. We also had the opportunity of meeting a trainee dog called Soleil, we were told all about the organisation, how the dogs are trained and how the different dogs can help the kids.

Last year, we filmed a video for Carrigoran House where we wished all the elderly a merry Christmas. I have made loads of new friends through SVP, and a few months ago we had an even in the Radisson hotel where we met other schools in Munster, who are also a part of SVP, to see what they had done in the last few years to help people. This even was a lot of fun and I bonded with our SVP group and made friends from other SVP groups from all over Munster. SVP is one of my favourite things to do in school as I find it rewarding knowing that I am helping people and that I am making kind friends. I am looking forward to seeing what other exciting things we will do next year.

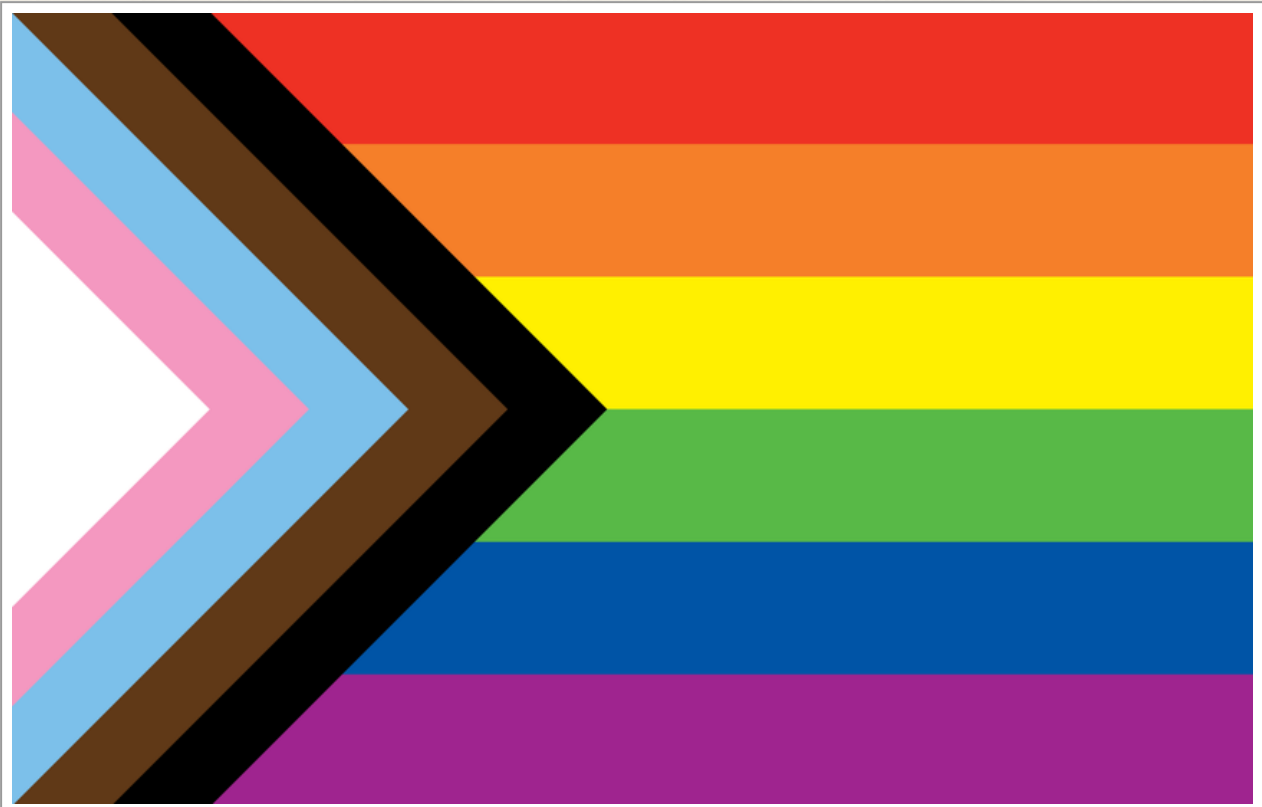
LGBTQIA+ GROUP BY WILLOW LEENANE

I am a part of the LGBTQIA+ group in our school, and this is my experience with being a member. Being a part of the group is an enjoyable experience. I feel comfortable because while I am in the group, I can be with others who are a part of the same community as I am. It gives me comfort to know that even though everyone in the group more than likely has different genders or sexual identities, it is reassuring to know that we all probably went through similar experiences and emotions and have the same feelings around figuring everything out. This gives me relief as I know that nearly everyone had similar experiences as I did, I am not alone.

Within the group, I can be my genuine self, and I don't have to worry about 'hiding' my gender or sexual identity. Being part of this group has helped me a lot; it has made me more comfortable with coming out and the idea of being out. Figuring out your gender and sexuality is a long, confusing and even scary process but being with people who have all gone through this experience makes it more manageable and less confusing.

From joining this group, I have become happier with my sexuality and gender identity because I am with people who, like me, are part of the LGBTQIA+ community. This year the LGBTQ+ group teamed up with GOSHH (Gender, Orientation, Sexual Health, HIV), an organisation from Limerick. They visited our school, and it was a fantastic experience. They talked to us about the organisation itself, what the organisation does and some terminology of different sexuality and gender identities.

With the group we did case studies of different backgrounds and scenarios, watched a short documentary and discussed it and answered lots of different questions we had. We also raised money for GOSHH and the Yellow Brick Road foundation. (an organisation that sets out to raise awareness in communities around LGBTQIA+ and aims to create safe spaces for all LGBTQIA+ members) These are both fantastic organisations that support the LGBTQIA+ community. The LGBTQIA+ group makes school feel more comfortable and more of a safe space. Being part of this group has allowed me to make new friends with others who also go to the meetings, and I always have such great fun with them.



MY SECOND YEAR EXPERIENCE BY HARDEV JHITA

Hello everyone, in this newsletter I will be talking about my experiences in second-year. I will be talking about the positive and the negative aspects of this experience throughout our second year.

Second-year was definitely a level up from first year. In first year, I was unfamiliar with the school, the teachers, the classrooms and anything else in general. When I started second year

way back in September, I was definitely more familiar with school and the environment in school was much more familiar and comfortable.

Although second year was quite similar to first year, since I mostly had the same teachers, however the subjects were more difficult. I liked this part of second year because it challenged us, and I love challenges.

There was one significant difference in second-year compared to first year. Second year didn't have any final summer exams. This was my favourite part of second-year because instead of stressing about summer exams we had CBA'S for every subject. A CBA is a classroom-based assessment. In my experience I loved doing CBA'S because we have three weeks to do one and it is way more relaxing than a summer exam.

Second-year was definitely one of the most fun, exciting and especially relaxing years in my time in St Caimin's Community School and I am already looking forward to the challenges and opportunities that we will be facing when we start 3rd Year in September. Have a lovely summer break.

SPORTING TIMES BY CILLIAN FOLEY

2021/2022 was a very active and exciting year for second years on the sporting field. The camogie girls trained hard this year and represented the school at junior, intermediate and senior level. The Intermediate panel were victorious in Munster while the Senior panel brought silverware from the Clare Competition, beating St. Anne's in Killaloe in the final on May 16th. The Junior team won both the at Clare and North Munster competitions in their division. Their final silverware of the season came in the form of the Clare Junior title. The girls played an excellent and very experienced Colaiste Muire side in Fr McNamara Park in Ennis. Despite being the underdogs on the day, their hard work and commitment paid off and they came out 2.15 to 2.09 winners. Well done to all the teachers and students involved.

The U-15 footballers also trained well this year, committing to lunchtime training sessions. They had a few great games and showed commitment and skill. Unfortunately, their season came to a premature end and silverware eluded them. On the bright side, some great skill development by the boys suggests a bright future for this set of players.

The U-15 hurlers, showed equal commitment to their sport, participating in training before and after school. Their efforts were rewarded on winning the Clare Hurling Shield in a thrilling final against St Anne's in Killaloe.

The U-15 boys soccer squad also trained well this year under the guidance of Mr Corry. They had a few great games and showed commitment and skill. Unfortunately, they came up against a very good Crescent Comprehensive team at the semi-final stage of North Munster, and their competitive season came to an end on a 1:0 defeat. Again, the commitment and teamwork demonstrated by these players suggests bigger and better things to come.



STUDENT COUNCIL - END OF YEAR MESSAGE TO YEAR GROUPS

Hi all, we are this year's student council, and we are so grateful to represent 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 year- Cillian Crowley and Jack Bermingham from TY, Eoghan Begley from 3rd year, Lee Maguire from 2nd year, and Ganga Gill being the 1st 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 socialize.

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 sportswear account is in the pipeline. 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 lunchtime.

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 proactive 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 endeavors and for everyone in the school to have a well-earned and enjoyable summer break.

Regards,

The Student Council.

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. To view all of the photos (kindly taken by Richard Mc Mahon) please click on the link below.



Sports Awards 2022

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

THE FINAL WORD

I would finally like to acknowledge Lee Maguire for his work on the student council this year and for representing our 2nd-year group with distinction.

I would also like to acknowledge all those who took part in extra-curricular activities and who helped to make St. Caimin's a better place to attend for all concerned. When we return to school as third years in September there will be a renewed focus on the Junior Certificate and CBA 2's. In the meantime relax, unwind and re-energise and most importantly stay safe.



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