



# The Caimin's Connection

Keeping you up to date with the latest news in our school community

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## Trick or Treat for Temple Street - By Michael Brew

On Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> of October, the school hosted a Halloween fancy dress fundraiser, in support of Temple Street Children's Hospital. The day was a perfect blend of eerie excitement, generosity, and fun. It was great to see the whole school community - both staff and students - come together for a good time and a great cause before the midterm break.

On the day of the event, the corridors and classrooms in school were buzzing with laughter and shenanigans. We enjoyed checking out the costumes, from classic monsters and superheroes to unique DIY creations. We saw granny's, serial killers, witches, and leprechauns wandering the school halls to name just a few. You never knew what you were going to see when you turned the corner! We took the opportunity to ask our fellow students about their Halloween traditions and plans for the midterm break.

*"In Spain, we don't celebrate Halloween. In Catalonia we celebrate a special party called 'La Castanyera'. It is typical to eat chestnuts, sweet potatoes and sweets called 'panallet' – Martin.*

*"My family and I have lots of traditions at Halloween time. We decorate our home with lots of spooky and*

*colourful decorations, we send Halloween cards to loved ones, and I always like to bake delicious Halloween spider cookies. My plans for Halloween break this year include relaxing after a busy eight week term of school." – Nessa.*

*"When my siblings and I were younger, we would go trick-or-treating down our road. Now that we are older, we no longer do that, but we still carve pumpkins, play apple bobbing, and watch scary movies. We always buy sweets for trick-or-treaters, even though our road is very quiet, so we usually end up eating all of the sweets ourselves! This Halloween, I will probably meet up with my friends and have a scary movie night!" – Sinéad.*

*"My Halloween tradition was sitting down with my family to watch 'Hocus Pocus' when we finished trick-or-treating. We would sit down in front of the tv with popcorn and sweets. Sometimes my dad worked on Halloween, so we would wait for him to finish work and watch the movie together. This Halloween, my friends and I are planning to go to the Scare Factory in Limerick." – Ellie.*

Congratulations to all of our prize winners on the day!

# Latest News in St. Caimin's

## A Feast for the Eyes!



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### Riding the Waves: First Year Surfing Adventure – By Michael Brew



On the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of October, the first years of St. Caimin's travelled to lovely Lahinch for a day of adventure, surfing, and team bonding. The group was in for a thrilling day of surfing in the Atlantic Ocean. The anticipation in the air could be felt as they rolled into Lahinch, welcomed by its charming streets, and crashing waves.

On arrival, the group was split into two. One batch of first years got into their wetsuits, grabbed surfboards, and headed to the beach to begin their surfing adventure. The other half of the group set off to explore the town, hitting local shops and businesses and socialising with friends and classmates.

For the first group of students eager to ride the waves, the journey began at the changing rooms. As they slipped into their wetsuits and grabbed their surfboards, excitement mingled with a bit of nervousness. The experienced surf instructors were there to guide them through the process, starting with the basics of how to catch a wave. Then they went out into the mighty Atlantic Ocean to tackle the freezing water.

With the guidance of their instructors, the students paddled out into the ocean and started catching waves. As they became more comfortable, the instructors explained how to stand up on the surfboard. Soon, the brave first year surfers were riding the waves with style, feeling the rush of the ocean and the wind in their hair! By the end of the day, a good number of them had mastered standing up on their boards, and a feeling of accomplishment could be felt by all.

We interviewed some first year students who went on the trip, to find out what they enjoyed the most on the day. Isla, who started surfing when she was around six years old said, *"My favourite part of the day was actually going in the water and surfing. It felt like it was only ten minutes, but it was more like an hour. I don't think I was the best at surfing, but I think I did pretty good. It was a really fun trip."*

Savannah, who admitted she was *"dreading"* the trip when she saw the weather the day before, ended up having a great time. She said, *"I had a really fun time. The weather didn't bother me, and I genuinely enjoyed falling into the water. This was a great memory for me. I had never gone surfing before and I was pleasantly surprised."*

Danny described his favourite part as *"sitting on the board and waiting for a big wave to come and let it hit you. It was really fun."* His classmate Alex remarked, *"We had a great day of surfing, lots of memories were made and it was great craic."*

Isabel described the day as brilliant fun, adding *"I fell off the surfboard a lot, but I did catch a few waves and was able to stand up. By the time we came out of the water, I couldn't feel my toes, but it didn't take long to warm up again. It was all part of the fun."*

The enthusiasm in these student's responses capture the spirit of the trip perfectly. It was more than just a day of fun; it was an opportunity for first year students to bond with each other and make unforgettable memories. It marked a memorable chapter in their first year journey and will be an adventure they will remember for years to come.



### Munster Cup Kick Off – by Cian Conroy

Our U17 soccer team took on Crescent Comprehensive School recently in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Munster Cup. The game that took place in Lees Road kicked off at 10:30am on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of October. Caimin's started the match off decent enough, until we conceded a sloppy goal about 15 minutes into the first half. Then our side started to come on top for the rest of the first half.

St. Caimin's missed a lot of chances in the first half to draw and go ahead in the game. Caimin's went in at half time 1-1, after a tiring first half. St Caimin's went out again in the second half and kept pushing to try and get the winning goal, but unfortunately Crescent Comp defended well, and we could not get the winner.

The Referee blew the whistle at full time after a hard fought one all draw. It was straight to penalties for both sides, and the Comp took the first penalty in the shootout. Our five men stood at the halfway line looking on at our goalkeeper Flinn Carrig.

It was nail biting stuff to watch the two schools go head-to-head in a competitive shoot out. Our Flinn saved the last penalty taken by the Comp to win the game for St. Caimin's. It was a relief to say the least and the team enjoyed huge celebrations after the game. We now progress to the second round away to Nenagh. Thanks to Crescent Comprehensive School for a great game and shoot out! We look forward to our next day out.



### Open Day – by Grace Carmody

The LC1's and LC2's went on a trip to explore college courses in Limerick last Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of October. At 9am, the bus left the school, and the first stop was TUS. Students explored the university, looked at the prospectuses and many students showed an interest in the courses the college has to offer. The students found that TUS was a smaller campus which attracted more people.

After exploring the TUS campus, they headed over to The University of Limerick. Here, our students had an opportunity to explore the grounds freely. Many enjoyed the talks with the lecturers in the afternoon. Some of these talks included, Social Science, Engineering, Bioscience, Chemistry and many more. After all the exploring they had worked up an appetite, so they had some lunch in the many canteens and restaurants the university has to offer. After that, some music students saw a show put on by the current music students and teachers in UL.

The courses were very varied, and architecture was very popular on the day also. All students gathered for the bus at 2pm in the car park and set off back to Shannon. After an interesting day of learning, they arrived back at the school happy with all their new knowledge about college.



# Latest News in St. Caimin's

## Cúinne Gaeilge



### Oíche Shamhna – le Áine Kotsulyak

Beidh Oíche Shamhna linn i gceann seachtaine. Beidh an oíche chomh dubh le pic agus beidh eagla ar dhaoine óga.

Beidh mise gléasta mar chreatlach. Beimid ag lorg bob nó bia. Beimid ag súil leis sin.

Crochfáimid úlla ón tsíleáil agus bainfidimid plaic as na húlla. Sin nós atá again in Éirinn. Beidh rogha gach bia agus togha gach di againn.

Beidh an-chraic againn!

Tá mé ag súil go mór leis.

### Mé Féin – Caoimhe

Haigh, Caoimhe is ainm dom. Táim cúig bliana déag d'aois. Táim sa tríú blian ar scoil. Is duine réchúiseach agus fuinniúil mé. Bím ceandána freisin, chun an fhírinne a rá.

Táim ag déanamh staidéir ar thrí ábhar déag. Bím faoi go leor strus mar le déanaí bíonn an iomarca scrúdaithe againn. Creid é nó ná creid, taitníonn an Mata go mór liom anois. Tá an muinteoir an-chabhrach. Is faoiseamh é an spórt domsa. Is feidir liom am a chaitheamh le mo chairde agus mé ag fanacht aclaí. Imríom ar son foireann Wolfe Tones na Sionnainne. Tríd is tríd, tá an saol ar mo thoil agam. Tá súil agam go mbeidh Oíche Shamhna maith ag gach duine. Slán.

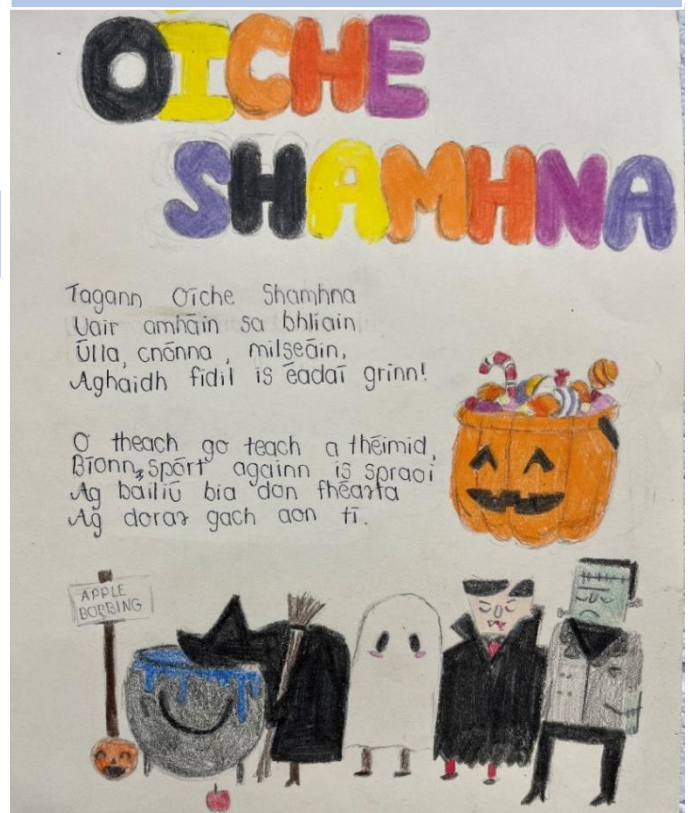
### Mé Féin – Laura Ní Mhaonaigh

Dia duit, Laura is ainm dom. Táim cúig bliana déag daois. Is duine réchúiseach agus spórtúil mé. Táim sa tríú bliain i Scoil Phobail Chaimín Naofa. Créid é no créid, táim ag déanamh trí ábhar déag, táim faoi go leor brú! Is bréa liom matamaitic, stair, agus coirpeadachas, mar i mo thuairim tá siad an-taitneamhach ach ní maith liom Eolaíocht.

Imríom camógaíocht agus peil Ghaelach leis an scoil. Is aoibhinn liom iad!

Is iomaí áis atá sa scoil freisin, mar shampla, tá halla spóirt, pairceanna imeartha, leabharlann agus seomra ceoil isteach ann. Tríd is tríd bréa liom mo scoil ach ní féidir liom fanacht ar na lár téarma! Oíche shamhna shona daoibh!

### Oíche Shamhna – by Nikola Solak



Tagann Oíche Shamhna  
Uair amháin sa bhliain.  
Úlla, cnónna, mílseáin,  
Aghaidh fíidil is éadaí grinn!

O theach go teach a théimid,  
Bíonn spórt againn is spraoi  
Ag bailiú bia don fhéanta  
Ag doras gach aon tí.

# HALLOWEEN



## ***What is Halloween?***

Halloween known traditionally as "All Hallows' Eve" by Christians originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. On célèbre Halloween le 31 octobre de chaque année.

## ***Halloween traditions***

There are many and different traditions, the most popular are:

- *Wearing costumes*, in the past they thought that it would have kept the evil spirits away but now they do it for fun.

- *Carving pumpkins (les citrouilles)* to use them as fun decorations.

- *Playing Apple bobbing* (le jeu des pommes flottantes).

- *Trick or Treat (Forces ou friandises)*, where kids go from door to door hoping for some treats.

## **HALLOWEEN EN FRANCE**

Most of the things are the same for Halloween in France but there are some variations let's see them:

- There are horror tours that end in some graveyards where there are notorious people's graves decorated.
- They carve beetroot heads too so they can hang them around their shops and houses.
- The teenagers (les adolescents) over 13 can't dress as clowns because they could scare the kids.
- The popular costumes (déguisements) are:
  - The goblins (les gobelins), the witches (les sorcières), the devils (les diables) and the vampires (les vampires).



*Baljetpreet Kaur (TY)*

## Latest News in St. Caimin's

### Junior Camogie – by Ruth Enright

The whole school was buzzing with excitement as our Junior A camogie team began their Munster campaign, facing off against St Anne's Killaloe in a match that turned out to be an exhilarating rollercoaster ride for all the fans in attendance.

Right from the start, it was clear that St. Caimin's meant business. Our girls took charge of the game, racing to an early lead with some fantastic plays. The precision in their shots and their ability to work seamlessly as a team were truly impressive. By halftime, St. Caimin's was in a comfortable lead, leaving the crowd cheering with pride.

The second half, however, had a twist in the tale. Killaloe made a thrilling comeback.

They pulled off a stunning goal and managed two fantastic points, turning the game into a tight contest. The crowd watched with bated breath as Killaloe's late rally made the game much closer than we'd expected.

But St. Caimin's, true to form, didn't lose their cool. They held onto their lead with determination and grace. The final whistle blew, and our team emerged victorious. The scoreboard might show a closer game than we'd anticipated, but it was an exciting battle from start to finish.

This match was a testament to the camaraderie and sportsmanship of our Camogie team. As they celebrate this win, they look forward to more chill but electrifying games in the upcoming season. St. Caimin's Camogie team, you've done it again, and we're proud to be your biggest fans!

Keep up the great work!



# Latest News in St. Caimin's

## The Working World – By Grace Carmody

A first job is what comes to the minds of many TY students. With work experience lined up job opportunities are endless. A lot of fellow classmates have got their first job, and many were wondering what the working world is really like. I interviewed one classmate Aidan Jones about his job at NGS Industrial Hardware. I started the interview by asking Aidan how we got the job and when he started, to which he replied *"I know the man who owns the factory which is how I got the job there. I started the job for ty work experience at the start of the school year"*.

Preparation is a big part of many jobs but luckily for Aidan he said, *"I did not need to prepare for the job because I was shown everything needed"*. Aidan highlighted how he works on Fridays, weekends, and some weekdays so travel could be an issue. When I asked if this was an accruing problem he replied with *"my boss collects me on the way to work as we live near each other"*.

Now that I figured out the basics of his job, I was interested in what happened on a regular day. "I would usually arrive at work around 8.00 am and start work on any projects that are due such as hydraulic trolleys, roller etc." Aidan said. The main role Aidan plays while working is "manufacturing different products required for different companies".

Some business students were interested in any tax he pays. Aidan shared with us that "people my age are expected to pay emergency tax which is given back to us in tax refund". Many were surprised by this new fact. The last question I asked Aidan is what he would recommend to young people starting work. He gave us some good advice of "Do what you love and try different experiences".

