

St. Patrick's Secondary School



Coláiste an Oileáin

SUMMER NEWSLETTER



*"Tell me and I forget,
Teach me and I remember,
Involve me and I learn."*



I am delighted to introduce you to our Summer 2022 newsletter. At this time of year with bright mornings and long evenings, it is easy to forget the hard work that has gone in to getting to this point in the school year. It is worthwhile to take pause and reflect on all of the learning experiences that we have been involved in throughout the year.

In a true testament to how successful and action packed a year it has been here in school, the myriad of activities that have taken place have been difficult to include in this newsletter! Contesting All-Ireland Finals in Basketball, winning County Business and Enterprise awards, raising funds for a variety of charities and an historic double in football - winning both County and Munster cups - have all contributed to a year where our students' varied talents, interests and skills continually progressed and developed under the watchful guidance of our skilled staff and with the encouragement of the whole St Pat's community.

You will see a number of past pupils of the school, in this newsletter. We are always pleased to hear of the ongoing achievements of past pupils, near and far.

The introduction of our newly upgraded technology room - which allows us to be one of the select few schools in the county to offer Technology as a subject at Leaving Cert level - keeps us right at the forefront of educational developments and allows us to plan forward and develop this crucial area for the future.

I want to take this opportunity to thank my dedicated and talented colleagues. It is a pleasure to be surrounded by people who are enthusiastic about education, committed to our holistic ethos, and who give so generously of their time to provide an extensive range of educational opportunities for our students.

I would also like to thank our students for engaging so enthusiastically in all events and school programmes, thereby creating a school environment that is welcoming, enjoyable, inclusive and supportive for all. We look forward to returning after the summer break and welcoming our incoming First Years. Finally I wish our Leaving Cert students all the best in their exams and into whatever their future endeavours may be. *Mórtas is Dóchas.*

Tim Long,
Deputy Principal.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN ST. PATRICK'S SECONDARY SCHOOL



Congratulations to Leaving Cert student 2021 Gearoid Coffey who earned the highest grade in the country for leaving cert Ag Science. Well done to Gearoid and his teacher Mr Fitzgerald on this amazing achievement.

To hear more about this click the link below:

<http://www.mainevalleypost.com/>

EXTRA - CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS

The second part of the academic year saw the culmination of students hard work on some extra-curricular projects. Below are some information on some of the projects students were involved in during the year: F1 in schools Ireland, SciFest and Student Enterprise.

F1 in Schools National Finals

Congratulations to team Geupardo who competed in the National Finals of the F1 in Schools competition 2022. The final was held on the 13th of May in Galway where the team competed for the national title against schools from all over the country. Well done to Transition Year students Ruairi Bourke, Lee Normoyle, Mint O' Connor, Patrick O' Shea, Cillian Reidy and Finn Nolan.



2022 Student Enterprise Programme

Well done to 2nd Year Business students Josh Daly, Gearoid Donnegan, Killian Dennehy and Ruairi Brosnan on winning the Intermediate Category in the Kerry Final. The group created a innovative idea called 'Kicks on Wheels'.



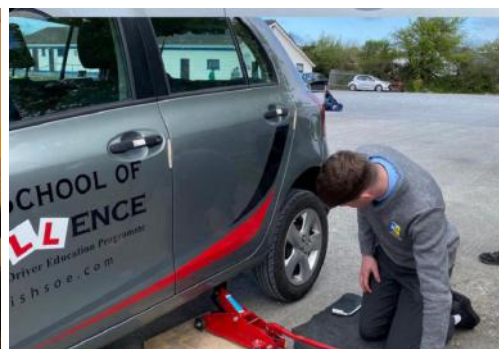
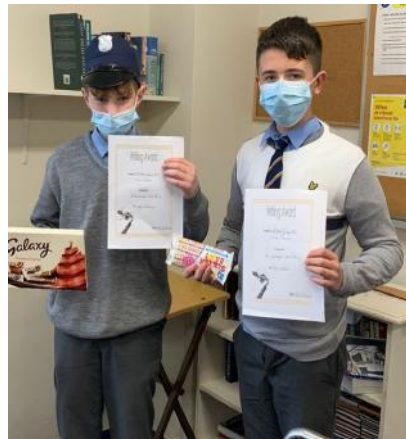
SciFest Kerry— Innovation and sustainability award winners

Congratulations to 5th year students Matteo Medici, Francesco Masia and Alessandro Serra who won the the innovation and sustainability award at Kerry SciFest.



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SPORTING EXCELLENCE IN ST. PATRICK'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

St Pat's Castleisland shock Tralee CBS in the Russell Cup final

It was the first Russell Cup final held in Kerry in three years due to the pandemic with Tralee CBS having won the competition in 2018 and 2019



Gaelic Football Picture credit: Stephen McCarthy / SPORTSFILE

Football: Russel Cup Winners

The school continued its excellent year of sport by winning the U15 Kerry 'A' competition beating Tralee CBS in an enthralling game played in Dr. Crokes Park. The scoreline finished St Pats Castleisland 3-8 Tralee CBS 1-12. This was the third time the school has won this premier Kerry competition and the first time in 31 years.

To read an article which featured on the Irish Examiner click the image or link below. Also shown on this page is the current winners from 2022 and the past winners from 1991.

<https://www.irishexaminer.com/sport/gaa/arid-40842563.html>



Soccer:

The school competed in a number of age categories in soccer this year including 1st year, U15, U17 and Senior grades. The image on the right shows the new soccer kit unveiled earlier this year. Thanks to Crag Cave for sponsoring these jerseys.



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Basketball: Junior Cup All-Ireland Finalists

The school has been hugely successful on the basketball court this year as well and reached the Junior 'A' Basketball All-Ireland final which was held in Tallaght Stadium on the 3rd of May.

After a hard fought match the team were beaten by a very strong Rathmore side on a score of 41—30.

Well done to players and management on this great achievement.

Rugby

The school participated in a number of rugby blitzes in first and second year grades in the second half of this year. The teams competed very well and won a number of matches in their respective competitions must noteworthy was the U16 rugby team being narrowly defeated in semi-final of the U16 competition. Well done to all students and teachers throughout the year.



Jack Daly makes his Munster Champion Cup Debut:

Congratulations to former St. Patrick's Secondary School student Jack Daly who made his Champions Cup debut against Toulouse in the Champions Cup quarter-final on the 7th of May.

It's great to see past students reaching the highest level of European club competition on the rugby field.



Athletics

The school also competes in athletics and were successful in securing 3 county medals, 1 regional medal at recent meets which took place in the Ríocht. Well done to students Conor Reidy (1st year) in placing 2nd in the shotput and Sean O' Flynn (1st year) qualified for the 100m minor boys final. Well done John O' Connor (6th year) and Massimo Mastrobuono (5th year) who placed 1st and 3rd in the Senior Men's 100m respectively. Massimo also placed 2nd in the North Munster 400m.



STUDENTS' VOICE

In this section of the newsletter we have some pieces created by students on some highlights of the year as well as some insight into a subject they are studying this year. Thanks to all students for taking the time to complete these pieces.

Seán Barry: 2nd Year Student

Highlights of the year:

Winning the Russel Cup Final, travelling to Tallaght on supporters bus for the All-Ireland basketball final and Crag Cave medal presentation.

Subject under the spotlight: Home Economics

What does a typical class look like?

Monday and Tuesday classes consist of theory work and the taking down of notes. We also do group work and preparing for the meal that we will make on Thursdays double class.

Favourite activity you have completed in class so far?

Preparing meals on Thursdays double class while talking to friends. Meals are prepared in groups of 2.

What new skills have you learnt since you started studying this subject?

I have learned correct cooking techniques which prepare me for the future, including college and beyond. I also learnt about nutrition and how to take care of my body which helped me with my sport.



Diarmuid Daly: 5th Year Student

Highlights of the year:

My highlight of the year was visiting Liebherr

Subject under the spotlight: Computer Science

Computer science was only introduced to St Pats as a subject in 2021. Our class was the first class for St. Pats but it started in the Presentation the year before us.

What does a typical class look like?

There is not really a typical class in computer science because we are always learning something new and classes are always different. So far this year we have learnt a few different programming languages, the first one we learnt was html and CSS which is used to code websites and we have also learnt python. We also learnt how to code a Micro:bit which we did a project on for Christmas.

Favourite activity you have completed in class so far?

My favourite thing we have done in class is we took apart old computers to see what was inside them as it was interesting to see what a computer made up of. I have learnt how to make a website; I have learnt the basics of python and I have learnt how to code a Microbit.



Darragh O' Sullivan: 1st Year Student

Highlights of the year: kayaking at Ross castle and rugby blitzes

Subject under the spotlight: Coding

What does a typical class look like?

The typical Coding class involves a talk about what we're doing at the start and after that we drive on and do whatever project we are doing. We have a lot of freedom to complete our project and we always have a lot of fun doing it.

How many classes do we have a week? We have 3 Coding classes a week

Favourite activity you have completed in class so far?

My favourite activity so far in Coding is making an app. We have to write a lot of code but the end result is all worth it. I have learned a lot while doing coding and now I know a lot more about the ways computers work.



Transistion year: JD Cattigan

Describe what TY is like for someone thinking of doing TY

TY is a way of bridging the gap between junior cycle and senior cycle. The work you do in class is a 50/50 split between stuff you would have done for the junior cert and stuff you'll do a lot of in preparation for the leaving cert. You also spend a lot of time out on work placement to gain experience in the workplace and also try and figure out what you might want to do after school. Alongside all of that there's loads of workshops, team building trips and just fun trips the school brings you out on throughout the year.

What have been your top 5 TY experiences

- 1: Going on our main trip to Delphi adventure centre.
- 2: Meeting all the new exchange students who joined us for the year
- 3: Doing driving lessons as one of our workshops
- 4: Doing a small bit in the "F1 in schools" program
- 5: Going to MTU to present for SCI-FEST 2022



What new subjects did you study in TY?

In TY we studied three new subjects. "Technology" which is essentially a mix between an engineering class and an IT class. "DCG" which would be like "Tech Graph" but as well as doing the technical drawing you also spend time on apps like "Solid works" where you design and model elements on the laptops. The last new subject we studied in TY was "Future Leaders" which is something ran by the GAA where you go in depth about the history of the GAA, nutrition, planning events, training and coaching and a whole lot more.


Would you recommend doing TY.

I would recommend doing TY because you're that little bit older and more mature going into the leaving cert and you also have a better idea of what you might want to aim towards once you've finished school.

WEBSITE UPDATES

The school website has gone through some updates over the past academic year. These updates include information on upgraded facilities, anti-bully online portal for students and parents and detailed subject information on Junior Cycle subjects that we offer to all students.

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Applied Technology	Business Studies	Coding	CSPE
English	French	Geography	Graphics
History	Home Economics	Irish	Maths
Physical Education	Science	SPHE	Visual Art
Wood Technology			

individual and collective talents.

About Us



Enrolment is still open for the academic year 2022/2023. An application form is linked [here](#).

What's it like to go to school in St. Patrick's Secondary School?

Across is a video which will give some insight into what a day in St. Patrick's School would be like. Click the picture to



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