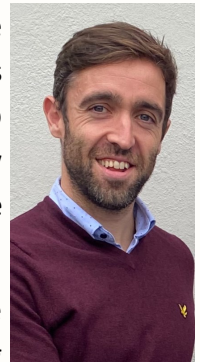


# CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER



Welcome to St Patrick's Secondary School Christmas 2022 newsletter. I invite you to take time to browse through this e-newsletter, where you can delve further into the numerous events that have taken place here in school over the past few months with one simple tap of your finger. It will give you a flavour of the vast breadth of new experiences and learning opportunities our students have benefitted from, since September.



We have had occasion to celebrate many individual and collective achievements over the last few months. We would like to especially congratulate our Junior and Leaving Certificate classes on their outstanding results! I also want to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues on their dedicated efforts and commitment to providing a supportive and learning-rich environment for our students.

We wish all of our school community a peaceful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. We look forward to further shared experiences in holistic education in 2023.

## MOYNIHAN CUP CHAMPIONS

The Senior football team had an excellent Kerry Campaign this year winning the Moynihan Cup. St. Patrick's Secondary school defeated Gaelcholáiste Chiarraí and Causeway Comprehensive on route to the final. The team took on St Michael's College Listowel in the Kerry Final at Kerins O' Rahillys GAA grounds on Wednesday, October 26th. During the enthralling encounter both sides acquitted themselves well with some fine flowing football. In the second half St Pat's pulled away to win on an impressive score line of 1-13 to 0-8. A huge congratulations to all of the team, their parents for their continued support and



Moynihan Cup Champions 2022/2023

their experienced teachers/coaches for providing these players with the guidance and direction to deliver on their potential.



## LEAVING CERTIFICATE RESULTS

The Leaving Certificate class of 2021/2022 received their results on the 2nd of September. Well done to all students who received their results. A picture of the class is shown below as well as student Seamus Fleming who received an amazing 7 H1's.



The Leaving Certificate class of 2021/2022



Ms. Leen with LC student  
Seamus Fleming



5th Year students receiving results

## JUNIOR CYCLE RESULTS

The Junior Cycle class of 2021/2022 received their results on the 25th of November. There was great excitement around the school for students who had eagerly awaiting their results from the summer. Well done to all students who received results on the day.

## 3RD LEVEL

Over the past few months the Leaving Certificate class have been visiting a number of third level colleges and careers fairs. The students have visited, University of Limerick, Mary Immaculate College, University College Cork and Munster Technological University as well as attending a careers and college fair hosted at MTU's Tralee campus. These trips have been arranged by the guidance department in school.



LC Students visiting UL, MI and LIT



LC students at a recent careers fair in Munster  
Technological University on in Tralee Campus.



## TRANSITION YEAR

The Transition Year class have been very busy both academically and with extra-curricular activities so far this year. Transition year is a great opportunity for students to explore new subjects and new experiences. In St. Patrick's Secondary school we offer some unique modules where students can explore different types of learning and experiences. These modules include, GAA Future Leaders, Community Care, Design and Technology and Climate Detectives. Transition year students are also involved in an e-learning course with IACT (The International Academy of Computer Training). This is a fully certified course where students complete three modules. The modules cover driver safety, computer skills and hospitality skills. Transition Year students also get to experience different workshops and trips throughout the year such as, The Eclipse Adventure Centre, Bernard Casey Workshop, Road Safety Workshop, Hiking Trip and Special Effects Workshop. Due to a partnership with Presentation Secondary School, Transition Year students also get an opportunity to learn and go on trips in a mixed gender setting.



RSA Road Safety Workshop

Elma Walsh of @donalwalshlivelife speaking to TY's



TY's at Jamie Knox Watersports



TY Special Effects Workshop



Referee Brendan Griffin as part of GAA Future Leaders module

Presentation and St Patrick's Transition Year on their trip to Eclipse Adventure Centre





## TY COMMUNITY CARE

WRITTEN BY JACK BROSNAN

Community Care is a class that we do every Tuesday in TY between break and lunch. In this class we help out in the community. Some of the ways we have helped out in the community was doing a collection for SVP, helping with Tidy towns and visiting Nursing homes.

As a part of the community care module, we went to the nursing home and one of the nurses would assign us with a resident of the nursing home. I was one of the people who went to the nursing home. We would then talk to them about their lives, their childhoods and their families. My favourite part of the module would have been talking to them about their childhoods and comparing that to what life for us is like now. They were all very nice in there and were always happy to see us when we came in every Tuesday because it was someone new to talk to.

Overall, it was a great experience for me, I would definitely do it again, and I think it is something that everyone should do.



**T.Y.s volunteering at Willowbrooke Care Centre**



**T.Y.s organising donations from their Vincent's Collection**



**T.Y.s volunteering with Castleisland Tidy Towns painting poles**

## TY CLIMATE DETECTIVES

Transition Year students are engaging with a STEM Pilot Project in conjunction with the PDST and the ESERO. Climate Detectives is a European project for students between the ages of 8 and 19 run by the European Space Agency (ESA) and the national European Space Education Resource Offices (ESEROs). Teams of students identify and investigate a climate problem in their locality. They use data from ground measurements and/or data from remote sensing platforms, such as Earth observation satellites, to explore the climate problem they have identified. As part of this Pilot, students visited Cork Marts and Moorepark on Thursday the 27th of October. Here they got to see some climate action projects and chat to scientists who were conducting these studies.





## SCHOOL SPORT

### FOOTBALL

We have had a very successful year on the football field so far this year. Aswell as winning the Moynihan Cup the Senior footballers have reached the Shane Ó Murchú Munster Cup semi-final beating, Ballincollig Community School, Beara Community School and Mary Immaculate Dunmanway. The semi-final will be played in the end of January against Douglas Community School.

Our U16.5 footballers started the Kerry Campaign in the Dunloe Cup. In there first match they played The Green CBS and after a tough battle were defeated by 2 points. Our next match was against Intermediate School Killorglin, this was a very close match until a well taken Tómas Jones goal sealed the victory at the death. The next match was the final of the Dunloe Shield and after another exciting match we but came up short against a strong Pobalscoil Chorca Dhuibhne on a score line of 1.15 - 1.08.

Our U15 footballers had a successful run in the Corn Éamainn Uí Mháirtín beating Coláiste Ide agus Iosef Abbeyfeale, Ballincollig Community School and losing to Kinsale Community School at the quarter-final stage.

Finally our first year footballers played a recent blitz hosted in Desmond's GAA teams from Ballybunion Community School, Causeway Comprehensive school and Gaelcholáiste Chiarraí attended this blitz.



U15 Muster Team



U16.5 Team who contested the Dunloe Shield final

The School has had competitions in a number of age categories in Rugby so far this year. The U 16 played in the King Cup versus Dingle 15-7 and are now in the quarter-final of the Giles Shield in the new year. The U 15 won 1 round of the emerging school West Munster 11-a-side and won 1 round of the McCarthy Cup in St. Munchins. The Senior Rugby team have competition starting on the 19th of December and continuing in the new year. A highlight for school Rugby this term was the visit of Munster Rugby player and past pupil Jack Daly. Jack talked to both Juniors and Senior rugby teams and also did a rugby session with 3rd and 4th in Castleisland RFC.



### RUGBY



## SCHOOL SPORT

### BASKETBALL

Our u16 basketballers won a first South-West 'A' title for the school since 2015 when they overcame the stern challenge from Rathmore in the recent League final. Both sides met in the All Ireland Junior (2nd Year Final) earlier this year and on that occasion the impressive Rathmore side captured the All-Ireland title. Having topped our group with three impressive victories over Gaelscoil Ciarraí, Mercy Mounthawk and CBS, The Green Tralee we advanced to meet St. Brendan's, Killarney in the League semi-final winning out by 10 points. In the Final we faced a stern challenge from a Rathmore side who had also topped their group en route to the final. We held a four-point advantage at the end of the opening quarter, stretching that to fifteen at the interval. Our lads showed great composure in the 3rd quarter to see off the early Rathmore fight to go into the final quarter with a fourteen-point lead. In the final quarter the players managed the game excellently. Despite our lead being reduced to six with four minutes to go the lads rebounded from the disappointment of last seasons All Ireland final defeat to emerge victorious with a ten-point victory to capture the South-West 'A' title and advance to the last 16 of the All Ireland Championship against Coláiste Mhuire Crosshaven in January.

Captain David Healy accepted the trophy while Ruairi Brosnan was awarded finals MVP following an excellent display. Congrats to our u-16 Basketball team on winning the "A" grade League Cup! A tough game versus an excellent team from Rathmore. St Pats winning 44-34 in the end.



School soccer teams have enjoyed a successful start to the year, with 3 different teams qualifying for their respective quarter finals. First up is the senior team who are among the final 6 teams left in Munster. An impressive opening day 4-1 win against Desmond College, Newcastlewest was followed with a hard fought 2-1 win against a fancied Tarbert Comprehensive. Newport College awaits in the quarter final on January 6th.



Senior soccer team who reached the quarter-final

The U-17 Soccer team had a close-fought local derby to win 1-0 against Castleisland Community College, great attacking play rewarded with a penalty. This success followed another win against Desmond College in the previous round with an accomplished 3-1 tally.

Finally, the U-15 soccer team rounded off a very exciting few weeks by winning 2-1 against a seasoned campaigners Askeaton. Although 1st years had a baptism of fire in their opening bouts, many green shoots were rewarded with a call up to u15. All of these teams are currently training under the excellent guidance of teachers Martin Courtney and Kevin Fitzgerald.

**Total Goalscorers:** Finn Nolan (3), Michael Lenihan (2), Eoghan Shire (2) Cathal Brosnan, Ruairi Bourke, Cathal McElligott, Jack McElligott, Michael Horan, Lukey Cotter

### SOCCER



## EXTRA - CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extra-curricular activities are a very important part of life in our school. Here are some snapshots from the year. Click the image for more information.

Students visiting the Gallarus Oratory



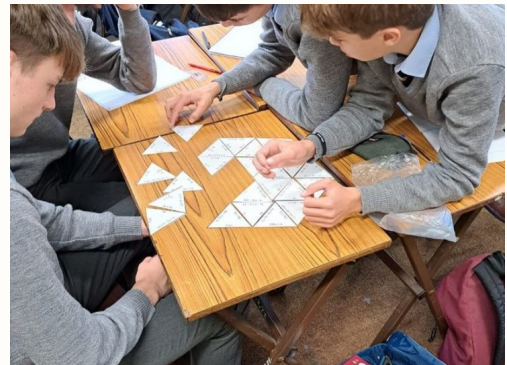
Lunch Time Chess and Draughts



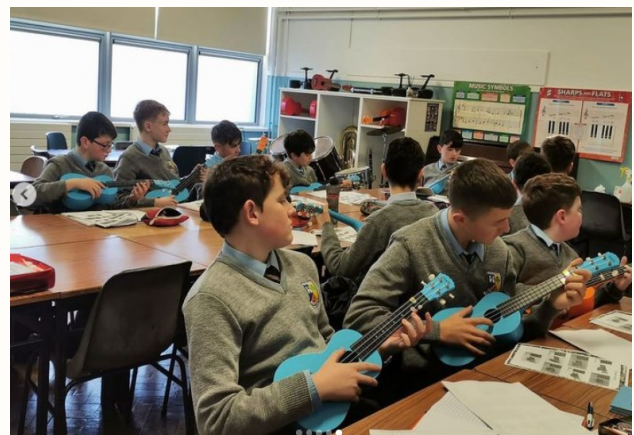
Ty's volunteering at Tidy Towns



Maths Week 2022



Team Hope Shoe Box appeal



1st year tasters of Home-Ec and Music in Presentation



Music club members taking part in schools masterclass as part of the Patrick O' Keffee festival





## OPEN NIGHT AND 6TH CLASS INDUCTION

On the 20th of October we held a parents information evening in the school. On the night teachers and students met parents and 6th class students and talked about subjects, extra-curricular activities and clubs, aswell as general life in the school.

The school also held a number of 6th class induction days which gave students a taste of life in our school.



An application form is linked [here](#).

Scan QR code  
for application form.



## SOME FESTIVE MUSIC

The Music Club have recorded some Christmas Corals for your enjoyment. Click the image below to hear this fantastic music. Thanks to all the students and teachers involved. Click the icon or scan the QR code to listen. We hope you enjoy.



## Staying in touch

We have a number of ways for you to stay in touch with all the latest news and updates from St. Patrick's Secondary School. Click below to go to the differ-



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