

January 2022



# Boyne Community School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We were all very thankful to be able to return to school once more after the break. It was a somewhat uncertain time in relation to the Global pandemic throwing up yet another curve ball and causing a high level of concern once more. Despite these concerns our students have returned with great enthusiasm.

I was delighted to meet some first year parents online via zoom in October with their Year head Ms.Daly. It's great to see and hear from parents in the school and there was even a raffle held online where one lucky family won a movie night treat hamper.

Many thanks,

Róisín Lawless (HSCLO) rlawless@boynecs.ie

Every year when we ask the first year students for some of their favourite things about secondary school they usually reply that they love the new choice of subjects available to them in secondary school. Here are some of our first year Engineering class working on some Christmas ornaments.



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Seirbhís Tacaíochta  
Oideachais Tusla

Tusla Education Support Service



There are some fantastic sporting events, many of them free in our local area. Check out the details and how to register for various events here :

<https://www.meathsports.ie/>



## Stand Up Week

Our school motto “Meas, Mórtas, Muintearas” (Respect, Pride and Belonging) was very much in evidence when we participated in ‘Stand Up’ week in November. Staff and students participated in a variety of activities and competitions to highlight the fact that our school community is a safe and supportive space for LGBTI+ young people.



Well done to our U17 soccer team who won 5-1 against Coláiste Cú Chulainn in mid November



## Team Hope Shoebox appeal

Team hope deliver these boxes to children directly affected by poverty and they are often the only gift that a child will receive at Christmas. Well done to all students who brought in shoe boxes for our annual appeal.





# Transition Year Newsletter



## TY Students Deliver Christmas Cards to Knightsbridge Care Home

Well done to the Transition Year students who gifted cards to the residents of the nursing home for Christmas. A special thanks to Mrs Murphy and the TY class for their community Christmas spirit.



## TY Community Calendar



**THE SUIT STATION  
At Cannings**  
Boyne C.S.  
Uniforms in Stock  
Tel: 046 9431536

# 2022

Trim's Community Calendar

Trim Pharmacy Ltd  
[Kelly's Pharmacy]  
Market St.  
Tel: 046 9431279

Pat O'Byrne  
Man's Shop  
Quality Menswear &  
Wedding Hire Specialists  
Tel: 046 9431853

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*Thank you to these local businesses for supporting our Transition Year Programme*

**Chris Leonards  
Home & Hardware**  
Market St.  
Tel: 046 9431277

**REA**  
T.E. POTTERTON  
Selling property since 1896  
Tel: 046 9431391

**Kiely's Butchers**  
Market St.  
Est: 1928  
Tel: 046 9436641

**Supermac's**  
Navan Road  
Tel: 046 9420007

**James Griffin Pub**  
Est. 1904  
Tel: 046 9431295

**Crew Barber**  
Class For Men  
Tel: 046 9486829

**Trim Hardware & DIY**  
A Trusted Hardware Provider  
of Trusted Brands  
Tel: 046 9431133

**Brogans Bar & Hotel**  
High St.  
Tel: 046 9431237

**The Castle  
Takeaway**  
Takeaway of the Year  
2018 & 2019  
Call for Delivery  
046 9436547

**Coogan's Butchers**  
Emmet St.  
Est: 1971  
Tel: 046 9437085

**Leonards Cleaners**  
Watergate St.  
Tel: 0868444299

- The Suit Station At Cannings
- Trim Pharmacy Ltd. [Kelly's Pharmacy]
- Pat O'Byrne Man's shop
- The Castle Takeaway
- Coogan's Butcher
- Leonard's Cleaners
- Brogans Bar and Hotel
- Trim Hardware and DIY
- Crew Barber
- James Griffin Pub
- Supermax
- Kiely's Butcher
- Chris Leonard Home & Hardware

TY students designed a calendar as part of their mini company in their Enterprise class. Local businesses in Trim sponsored the calendar. We would like to say a special thanks to those businesses for their support of our Transition Year Programme, especially during this very challenging time. The calendar will be on sale in these local businesses and in Boyne CS.

## TY Film Festival Workshop

TY students recently completed a two day Short Film Festival Workshop facilitated by Create School Tutor Jeramy O' Hanlon. TYs created a short film based on environmental issues. This film will be edited and submitted and showcased at the Guth Gafa Festival which will take place in 2022.



## Irish Aid & Concern Worldwide

TY students took part in two online webinars with Irish Aid and Concern Worldwide as part of their Environmentalism class. The students learned about the UN Sustainable Goals and gender inequality in the developing world. The two sessions were very informative and allowed the students to listen to and engage with the people who work at the coalface of these organisations.



## Pizza Party



TY students used fast action dried yeast to make homemade pizza. Pizzas were topped with pepperoni, fresh mozzarella, peppers and onions. Some students even made stuffed crust.

## GREEN SCHOOLS COMMITTEE.

In October the Green Schools Committee marked its launch in Boyne Community School by planting a native Irish cherry tree to highlight the importance of the environment. The Green schools committee are aiming to get their first Green flag this year for litter and waste. In November they volunteered to clean and prepare some of our school bins to assist with our school recycling programme.



## BT Young Scientist Exhibition

Huge congratulations to TY students Tomás Brady and Adam Curran who have been chosen to represent the school in this years BT Young Scientist and Technology exhibition. Over 1,400 projects were submitted and only 550 projects qualified for the virtual exhibition in January. Their project is focusing on how air pressure effects the flight of a football. They presented their projects at the virtual exhibition in January. We are extremely proud of the boys as they act as role models and leaders for STEM in our school.



Check out our school website for some pictures of Science week.

<https://boynecs.ie/science-week-lunchtime-fun/>

Our second year footballers had a great win in early November against St. Ciarans CS, Kells beating them on a scoreline of 4-11 to 1-11.

## JCSP

Our First Year JCSP group enjoyed an outing to GoQuest where they took part in activities in physical, mental and skills-based challenges that offer something unique for everybody whatever their personal strengths, abilities and likes. It was great to see our students work as a team throughout the day.

This initiative was funded as part of the JCSP programme. This field trip initiative was one that enhanced their numeracy, literacy and team building skills. It was a really enjoyable day, well done to all who took part!! A special thanks to Mr. Quinn who organised it all!

Our Third Year JCSP group enjoyed an outing to Causey Farm where they took part in activities such as bog jumping, brown bread making, tractor and trailer ride and observing how a working farm operates. This was funded as part of the JCSP programme. This field trip initiative was one that enhanced their numeracy, geographical and team building skills. It was a really enjoyable day, well done to all who took part!



A Christmas Celebration took place for First, Second and Third Year students completing the JCSP on Tuesday December 21st. A Christmas Quiz also took place for each year group. 'Re-start a Heart' Certificates were presented, and refreshments were served. A special thanks to Mrs Ward, Mr Moran and Mr Quinn for organising this initiative



# Leaving Certificate Applied

This term our incredible LCA students ran a hugely successful first year soccer league. The winning class was Cooley. Well done to all involved.



The LCA2 went on a nature walk to explore their local environment and gather natural objects. They were researching an artist called Andy Goldsworthy who works with natural objects. They took them back to the classroom and set up a nature table to complete observational drawings.



Congratulations to LCA 2 students on a very successful bake sale in December. They had everything on sale from Rocky Road, Brownies, Cup Cakes to Christmas Decorations at our stalls.



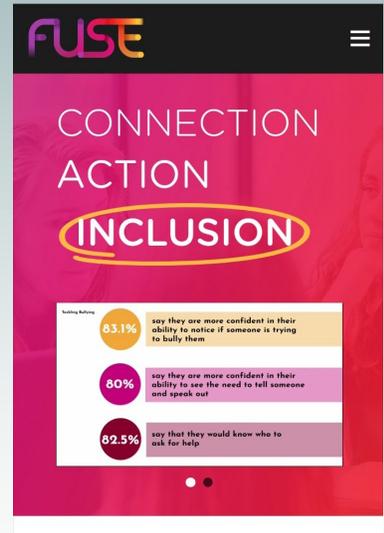
# Friendship Week

As stated in our school mission statement “We are committed to fostering the Academic, Personal, Physical, Social, Spiritual and Moral development of each individual.’ We strive to achieve this every day as a school but it helps to put a particular focus on certain topics in our school community throughout the year. This week we are holding our ‘Friendship Week’. There is an Art competition in all first year SPHE classes, Random acts of kindness in all tutor classes, Question and answer session with our Community Garda for all Tutor groups and a one hour Law Ed talk for every class. There are details for the parent talk below.

All second year students are participating in the ‘Fuse’ programme which has been developed by DCU anti-bullying centre. There is great help and advice for parents on their website.

<https://antibullyingcentre.ie/fuse/>

Our First and second year girls are participating in The Shona Project and more details of this can be found here: <https://shona.ie/>



A link will be sent out to parents on the 1st February to join in the Law Ed parents talk.

## Parent Classes

There is still time to join our Parent online wellbeing class.

**Boyne Community School**

**Free online 5 week HEALTH & WELL BEING COURSE for Parents/Guardians**

**TUESDAY 18th January TO TUESDAY 15th February FROM 10 – 12NOON**

*Facilitated by Mary O'Brien, Community and Wellness educator*

This is an exciting interactive 5 week course covering the important aspects of Health & Well Being, where we will explore 4 of the most important areas which include:

- \*Exercise
- \*Healthy Eating
- \*Relaxation
- \*Sleeping Well

During our time together, you will have the opportunity to create an exercise plan, build healthy eating habits, learn relaxation techniques and get the latest tips on how you can get the best sleep.

So, give yourself the gift of this time, so you can enhance your overall Health & Well Being. I look forward to seeing you there.

To register to attend text your name to Róisín Lawless HSCLO 0867853216.

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**LawEd PARENTS TALK**

**TUESDAY | 1ST FEBRUARY | 7PM**

**Content of this talk will include;**

- Young People & Their Rights
- The Age of Criminal Responsibility
- Cyber Dignity - social media
- Coco's Law
- Privacy & Cybervetting
- Consent lets open the conversation!
- Explicit images

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# Reminders

## Time Keeping

School begins at 8.50 sharp Monday to Thursday and 8.40 sharp on Friday. This means pupils need to arrive by 8.40 Monday to Thursday and 8.30 Friday to ensure they are seated and ready to begin class on time.

## Uniform

Please ensure your son/daughter is in full school uniform. Extra base layers/thermals can be worn under the uniform. Only school jackets should be worn. School hats are now also available from the Student Council at a cost of €2

## Vsware

All Parents/Guardians should check on their child's progress on Vsware before you sign their journal once a week on a Thursday evening. If you have any problems accessing this please phone the school to seek assistance.

## Litter

Trim is a tidy town. We expect our students to support this. Please ensure you put all litter in a bin and dispose of your mask carefully

## Mask Reminder

Students **MUST** have their own face mask with them when coming to school each day (and a spare). Students should be wearing masks when in a group. Please remind your son/daughter of the importance of this on the way to/from school and when walking with friends.

## Calendar reminder:

There is no school for students on Thursday 3rd February due to JCT Whole school cluster day. Link to updated Calendar here: <https://bit.ly/3qbb3nB>

## Mock Exams

Take place for 3rd and 6th year students from 7th to 18th February. The fee for the mock exams should be paid through the school's easypayments system, click here for the link:

<https://pay.easypaymentsplus.com/>

All students should be able to log into Google classroom where teachers may communicate class-work/homework and assignments. Please check that your Son/daughter has all the relevant codes. It can be very useful as a parent to look in on this work and see how your child's assignments are going. Logging into this on your phone or family computer will not affect your child's access in school. If they are absent for any reason this can be a great way to keep up with the class-work.

