

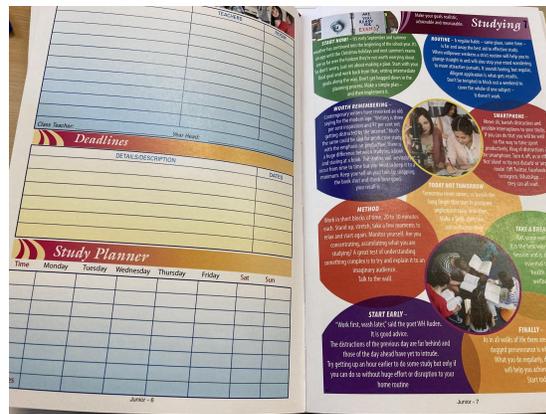
BOYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL



May 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the end of the academic year 2022 it is a great time to reflect on some of the fantastic work, trips, sporting activities and fundraising that has taken place in the school throughout the year. We are also preparing for our end of year exams and there may be a few nerves about sitting state exams. There is some great advice for parents of Leaving Certificate students on Jigsaw.ie and I think that many parents would find the advice contained in the link very beneficial in supporting students through exams. <https://jigsaw.ie/a-parents-guide-to-leaving-cert-stress/> There are also some very handy tips on studying and a study planner on page 6&7 of our student journal.



Kind regards
Róisín Lawless
Home School Community Liaison Coordinator

Back in January Transition year students visited Kilmainham Gaol. It is the largest unoccupied Gaol in Europe and is most famous for the many Irish revolutionaries, including the leaders of the 1916 Easter rising, that were imprisoned and executed in the prison. Many thanks to Ms.O'Connor for organising the trip.



In February some students took part in the tradition of making St. Brigid's day crosses in a workshop with Ms. McNamara



In February we also celebrated 'Odd shoes day' in the school as part of Friendship week. Students and staff were asked to wear a pair of odd shoes/wellies/slippers or whatever bright or fabulous shoes they wanted. The idea was to celebrate individuality and difference amongst our school community and to remind people to take a moment to try and walk in each other's shoes. There was a great effort made on the day and even some prizes for the best ones.



Our u17 soccer team got their revenge on Dunshaughlin having previously lost 2-1. The game ended with a cracking score line of 5-3. Well done to all involved.



Our u15 soccer team played Beaufort College in the first round of the Minor Shield. The game ended Beaufort College 1 Boyne Community School 3.



Have a look at some great photos of our 2nd Year Basketball team who played Athboy CS and Inver College. They won both matches!

Pictured across are our fantastic 3rd Years, Sean English and Alex Iljins, who refereed our match and have shown great leadership and support to the 2nd Year team.



Our Senior football team made it to the North Leinster final against Gallen CS. They lost out on a scoreline of 4-9 to 0-9 points. Unfortunately it wasn't to be for our lads but credit to them they never gave up and battled to the end.





Congratulations to 5th Year student Gavin Lynch who represented Boyne Community School in the Irish Olympiad of Experimental Science in DCU on 22nd January. Gavin was one of only 24 students selected in Ireland to compete in the physics round of the competition.

A few pictures below and across of Mr.Cooney's woodwork class. There must have been plenty of happy families delighted to display the fantastic talents of their sons and daughters.



Well done to Jack Douglas who was top scorer in the Irish Amputee cup with three goals for Bohemians, two of which were against Shamrock Rovers in the final.





Well done to Rohan Rooney who represented the school in the Leinster Schools Cross Country Championship in Santry. Also pictured the Minor Cross Country team showing their support.



Rain, hail, sun or snow, our running club Athletes took to the Porch fields every Monday and Thursday lunchtime from 12-12:40pm.

Students have been improving their time and distances during their lunchtime runs. The running club traveled to Donadea Forest Park Friday 18th of February where they covered distances from 2km-6km and had a bit of fun!

A thank you to the following teachers who have been helping out
Mr. Barry, Ms. Towey, Mr. Lonergan, Ms. Gallagher, Ms. Dowd and Ms. Fox.



Congratulations to 1st year music student Vakaris Knizikevisius who won a silver medal in the 'Grand Eurofest Music Competition' and a bronze medal at the 'Copenhagen Stars'. Both medals were for achievements in piano. Well done Vakaris.



Congratulations to our 1st and 2nd yr Students of the Month for February. What a fantastic group of pupils. They were awarded a book voucher from Antonia's Bookshop.



A big thank you to our local community guard Olga and Adeywka Timi for a fantastic frank and honest conversation about overcoming racism. The message of "get to know and befriend EVERYONE in your community" was heard loud and clear by all students during tutor time.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Daltaí na scoile ag glacadh páirt i gciorcal comhrá inniu ag am lóin.

Students taking part in a conversational circle at lunchtime.



As part of our second year JCSP initiative Oisín McGann, a children's books author, completed a creative writing workshop with our JCSP students. He focused on how characters are developed within a novel and how a complex character is one that a reader becomes attached to. Our students really enjoyed the interactive workshop and had lots of questions for Oisín.



T.Y. and L.C.A. students worked with Anne from Hair Routine. They learned about proper hair care and how to style hair.



The Girls Football team had a great win in March over Franciscan College Gormanston. Well done Girls. Final score 9-7 to 1-3. Thanks to Ms. Bowler and Ms. Curran



Congrats to the Boyne U16 hurlers who won the North Leinster Final in March. They defeated Kilcormac from Offaly on a score line of 6.6 to 1.9. Well done lads.



LCA and Ty's also took part in a Consent and Sexual Health Promotion workshop with Ellen Corby the Education Project Worker from Rape Crisis North East Centre



Active School week

Fantastic participation and co-operation was seen throughout the week as we celebrated sport with every year group. Many thanks to all those involved.



Well done to second year students Lucy Clarke and Rachel Jordan who represented the school at a Showjumping interschools competition in Mullingar.



Tá comhgairdeas tuillte ag an triúr daltaí seo ón gcúigiú bliain, Cormac McGale, Cathal Brogan agus Theresa James a bhuaigh an triú áit i gcomórtas Feachtas Tráth na gCeist ar son na scoile i mbliana. Maith sibh as as an éacht iontach seo!

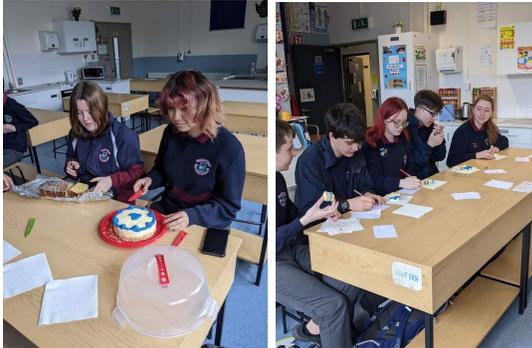
Congratulations to three of our 5th year students who won third place in the All-Ireland Feachtas Tráth na gCeist this year. Well done on this fantastic achievement and on representing the school so well!



Congratulations to the Leaving Cert music class who recently completed their practical exam. There was a great mix of music performed including guitar, ukulele, singing and Piano.



Well done to all first years who participated in the Bake competition. Thank you to our panel of mentor judges and everyone who helped organise it. Special congratulations to Daire Dixon, who won with his gluten free chocolate log



T.Y. and LCA students took part in a Bodhrán workshop. During these workshops each student received an 80 minute hands on percussion session. The sessions were full of Fun and energy.



Our Mentors have been busy running lunchtime activities in the school.



Some of our fifth year students competed in Scifest in DCU in early May. Over 70 projects were presented from 22 different schools. The standard of projects was extremely high. Congratulations to Seán Burke, Darragh Loughrey and Oscar O'Reilly who won the DCU Best Senior Award.



Second year students have been working very hard on their CBA1 Creative Textiles Projects in Home Economics over the past number of weeks.



Sixth year Home Economics last cookery class.....



Mr. Whittington has been putting the first years through their paces by challenging their understanding of different educational needs.



Students from the 1st year JCSP cohort had a visit to Navan Adventure Centre today as part of their 'Being Active' initiative. 25 students took part in a range of activities such as archery, human foosball, Go-Kart racing and other fun team-building games.



Our 3rd year JCSP group visited GoQuest in Carrickmines. The group completed a host of challenges that tested their physical, mental and teamworking skills. Well done to all involved, especially Mr. Moran for organising the trip.



On 12th May the senior girls Camogie team played brilliantly and won against Ashbourne community School 3-11 to 2-9



Finishing off the schools Active Sports Week Tournament our second years competed in their quarterfinals to the finals with three competitors claiming first, second and third out of 72 second year pupils. Congratulations to our Gold medalist, Don Retty, Silver medalist, Robert Johnson and Bronze medalist, Conor Dixon. Well done to all our 72 second years for taking part.

Congratulations and Best of Luck to Stas Zielinski, Mark Loughran and T.P. Smith Carbery who qualified for the Leinster Schools Track & Field Athletics Championships taking place on 18th & 21st May. All three athletes represented the school in the North Leinster Schools Track & Field Athletics Championships on 27th & 29th April to qualify. Stas finished in bronze in the 80metre Hurdles, Mark finished in bronze in the High Jump and T.P. Smith finished in silver in the Long Jump. The very best of luck to all three athletes.



Well done to all the students who took part in the 24hour sponsored silence in aid of Red Cross Ukrainian Appeal. They raised €3497, many thanks to all.



Congratulations to Patryk Kumorek, First Year, who competed in the IMTA Junior Maths Competition. The competition has been running since 1994 and it consists of a school round where multiple choice brain teasers are answered within a 40 minute period. This year, there were over 15,000 entries from 226 schools across the country. Patryk was one of only 80 students in Ireland to achieve over 90%. Well done Patryk on this fantastic achievement!



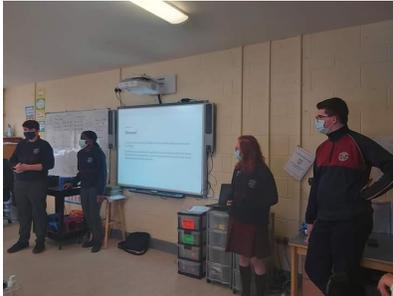
Mark Nolan from 'Biodiversity in Schools' visited our Green School Committee to deliver a workshop on the different types of biodiversity in Ireland, the challenges facing biodiversity and what we can do to improve biodiversity in our school environment. Mark also helped the committee to identify the natural bee banks, birds, trees and wildflowers that live and grow in our school grounds. The committee members learned a lot and are now more informed and excited to move on to our next project: a wildflower meadow!



Many thanks to Laura and Sarah from Meath Wellness Hub for talking to our fifth year and TY students yesterday about wellbeing. Each participant received a wellbeing pack to take home with them.



Members of our Student Council had the pleasure of visiting the 6th class pupils in some of our local primary schools with the aim of putting students' minds at ease about the move to secondary school. The Council members provided the pupils with information about the school and an insight into the student experience here at Boyne as well as answering any questions that they had. We look forward to welcoming all of the pupils to Boyne Community School in August!



As an acknowledgement of all their hard work over the year, the fifth year Mentors and student council members were treated to lunch in Trim Castle Hotel. Both sets of students have worked tirelessly this year and their lunch was well deserved!



Congratulations to our 3rd Year JCSP class who received their certificates of achievement last Friday. Well done to all and best of luck in your state exams. A huge thank you to Mr. Moran for all his hard work organising trips and helping our students complete the JCSP course.



Our TY students explored the delicate interdependence of living creatures and discovered the flow of energy and the role of different organisms found in an ecosystem. We also learned about issues of social importance and the impacts of humans on the natural world. Thanks to Ms. Fox for organising this activity. They really enjoyed the day in Tayto Park.



Walking club had a fabulous day out recently, the weekly porchfields walk was replaced by a day in the hills of Wicklow. Huge thanks to Ms McNamara and Ms Killeen



Sixth year Art class took a trip to the Irish Museum of Modern Art and the Hugh Lane Gallery in Dublin. They visited both art galleries as part of their Art History course. They got insightful information and had the opportunity to see artists' work being displayed. They also got to see artists' work they have studied in their art history lessons. This was an invaluable educational experience for the Leaving Certificate students.



What a fantastic day 32 of our 1st and 2nd Year 'Student of the Month' had on the Boyne kayaking and doing archery. A big thank you to Boyne Adventure Centre for looking after everyone so well.



Fifth year students had the opportunity to attend the RSA simulator and talks on road safety recently.



Well done to our students who completed the CTY Talent Search and are participating in the three week enrichment programmes for talent and gifted youth. Some of these students include: Aidan Keane, Bao O Curry, Simon Timi, Pratush Shukla, Cormac Mc Hale, Thanh Clarke (pictured) and Max Carty, Matthew O Connor, and Grace Maguire.



The Green Schools Committee achieved the 'Neat Streets' award for participation in the 'Anti-Litter and Waste Prevention Programme'. The Committee has been very busy this year introducing and launching the new recycling programme, organising various themed weeks and planting trees and wildflowers. We look forward to continuing our journey towards our first Green Flag in the new school year!



TY students had a fantastic day climbing Croagh Patrick. They got to enjoy the beautiful landscape Mayo has to offer. They were blessed to have clear skies, the views from the top overlooking Clew Bay were breathtaking.



The Ty's also completed the Westport Greenway . They cycled from Achill Island to Mulranny to Newport and onto Westport. A total of 42km. A fantastic achievement by our students.



A big congratulations to the 2nd year hurlers who won the North Leinster 2nd Year hurling competition vs Rathdowney on a score line of 4-14 to 1-11. Well done to the captain David Regan and coaches Mr. A. Ryan and Mr McKeon. The man of the match was a split decision between Edward Dunne and David Regan. Panel: Shane Jordan, Conor Dixon, Cathal Barron, Eoghan Monaghan, Jesse O'Rourke, Edward Dunne, Ciaran O'Brien, Robert Johnson, James Murray, Darragh Mc Loughlin, Daniel Fox, Conor Cummins, Leon Harris, Alex Fox, Ryan Dixon, Cormac Byrne, David Regan, Jake Morgan, Andrew Gallagher, Darragh Purcell, Aaron Doherty, Dylan Bannon, Ross Dixon, Callum Farrell, Finn Witchlow, Dylan Buckley, Gearoid O'Donnell, Luca Taheny, Mark Loughran, Kaden De Lacey, Joshua Henrick, Rhys Dixon, Adam Free, Danny Fitzsimons, Daniel Quinn, Jack Ward.



Our sixth year Graduation Ceremony is always a time of great celebration, highlighting the achievement of finishing second-level education. It was lovely to be able to mark this occasion in person with our students. All students received a certificate of completion. Many thanks to the Parents Association for their hard work throughout the year and also for presenting each student with a pen. We hope they will put these to good use in the weeks to come and wish them the very best while sitting their Leaving Certificate Exams.



Finally, please ensure that all students **return their books to Ms. Darby** after they finish their exams. Their yearhead will also be reminding them. Make sure they can access **Google classroom**/School gmail account so they can see their **exam timetable**. If you change any of your contact details please inform the school office to ensure you continue to receive notifications from the school. If you have any 'good as new' elements of the school uniform at home please drop them into us here in the school.

Click here to pay online book rental for next year

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Wishing everyone a happy and safe summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming students back at the end of August.

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