

# BOYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL



October 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

My name is Róisín Lawless and I am the Home School Community Liaison Coordinator in Boyne Community School. Along with our Principal Ms.Ryan and Vice Principals Mr.Flanagan, Mr.O'Callaghan and Mr.O'Siadhail, I had the pleasure of meeting many parents on the first year information evening where I explained my role in the school as the Home School Community Liaison coordinator. I am a link between our school, your homes and various community groups. You can contact me on [rlawless@boynecs.ie](mailto:rlawless@boynecs.ie) or 0867853216

At the end of August we welcomed all of our new first years. They have enjoyed a great first few weeks getting to know their way around the school,all their new teachers and subjects and partaking in new activities.



The first years have really enjoyed the lunchtime activities, one of which is the lunchtime concerts. At the end of September sixth year students Tom, Cormac and Donal performed during lunch. It went so well that it is hoped to make the concerts a regular feature.



Another popular lunchtime activity is the board game club every lunchtime from Monday to Thursday.



Often one of the most popular replies when I ask first year students 'What is your favourite thing about secondary school?' is that they love the variety of subjects and it's easy to understand why when you look at the lovely food they get to prepare and eat as part of their Home Economics class with Miss Higgins.



The first years also enjoyed a First year Fun Day on Friday 7th October. Many thanks to our guest speakers Mr.Eunan McCaffrey and Fr.Paul. Also thank you to the fifth year Mentors who helped out on the day.



Our Transition Year students have certainly been making the most of the year so far with plenty of trips and talks. They began the year with getting to know their own local area of Trim. Many thanks to the Office of public works for providing the students with a tour of Trim Castle. Click here for a link to their newsletter.

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Our sixth year Geography students completed their Geographical Investigation on the Glenree river in the Wicklow mountains. This field study goes towards their final Leaving Certificate result and they completed all tasks fully. Well done to all as you represented the school brilliantly.



BCS Junior Rugby team had a great day out on the 29th September in Navan RFC for the North East JCT Grading Blitz. The team played four pool matches against Ballymakenny College, O'Carolan College, Bush Post Primary School and Coláiste Rís and won 3 out of 4 of these matches. For the final Boyne CS came up against O'Carolan College and were victorious with a final score of 17-0.

Game 1 v Ballymakenny

Final score: 28-5

Try scorers: Evan Drum, Eoghan Monaghan, Ryan Dixon and Danny Fitzimons

Conversions: Evan Drum (4)

Game 2 v Bush PP

Final score: 0-5

Game 3 v O'Carolan College

Final Score: 5-0

Try scorer: Dylan Corrigan

Game 4 v Coláiste Rís

Final Score 21-0

Try scorers: Rhys Dixon , Eoghan Monaghan (2)

Conversions: Evan Drum (3)

Final v O'Carolan College

Final Score: 17-0

Try scorers: Darragh McLoughlin, Myles Doyle, Adam Free

Conversions: Evan Drum



Well done to the Junior Ladies with their convincing win of 5-14 to 2 points against Coláiste na hInse in early October.



Leaving Certificate Applied students have compiled their own newsletter to keep us up to date with all their activities. Click here to read

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1curGCnb8V2GdcTsAlJFRrZGi\\_Fe97shV/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1curGCnb8V2GdcTsAlJFRrZGi_Fe97shV/view?usp=sharing)

Many thanks to Transition Year Students for organising our GOAL Jersey day, they managed to raise €1090. Well done to all involved.



Some more great photos of our second year students enjoying Home Economics class.



The Music Department was delighted to welcome conductor Patrick Barrett from 'Sing Ireland' to the school on the 11th October. Patrick did a wonderful workshop with our school choir as part of 'National Singing Week'. We would also like to thank his amazing accompanist Niall for the lovely music he provided and Jenny in 'Sing Ireland' for organising the event. If any student is interested in joining the school choir, please speak to one of the music teachers.



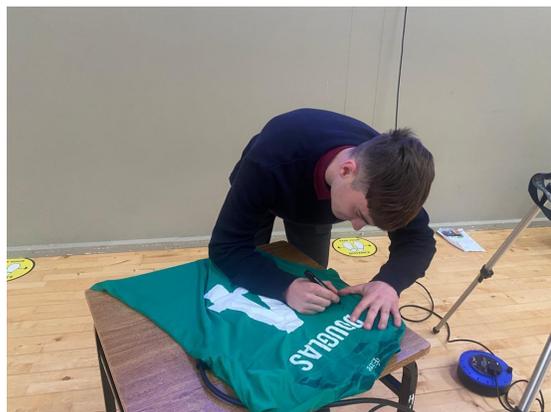
Another successful lunchtime concert was held last week. A huge thank you to our wonderful performers Alannah, Jason and Katie who provided lovely music for our second lunchtime concert. It was a pleasure to listen to you all. Thanks as well to our audience for creating a great atmosphere. Looking forward to next week's concert already.



At the end of September third year students took a trip to Tayto Park with their yearhead and a brave group of teachers! It was for student wellbeing and as a reward for starting off third year so positively. They all had a great day and the students were a credit to Boyne Community School, their families and the whole community.



We are very proud to welcome back Leaving Certificate student Jack Douglas from the Amputee Football World Cup in Turkey where he not only made his international soccer debut but also scored his first goal for Ireland. We showed our support for Jack by placing a banner in front of the school to wish him Good Luck. Upon his return Jack's achievement was recognised at the sixth year assembly where Jack kindly signed and donated his jersey to be displayed in our school. Well done Jack!



## 📣 CALLING ALL PARENTS / GUARDIANS 📣

Post-Covid, the Parents Association Committee realises the need to completely revamp and rebrand the Parents Association as a working body and one of the partners in our children's education. Hence, the Parents Association, as we've known it, will cease to exist. Rather than an organised "association", the parents as a collective (which means all parents/guardians of students currently attending BCS) will simply be just that - the parents/guardians of students currently attending BCS.

As such, we'll work as a group - as a member of the school community - in the best interests of our sons & daughters. All of us are, by default, members of this group of parents/guardians; and all of us have equal say and equal skill and/or talent that can benefit the school on behalf of the students. Rather than regular "committee" meetings with officers and an agenda, we'll simply keep in contact with the school and be available to offer our time and support when specifically warranted.

For lack of a better "structure" in the initial stage of this new format, the "officers" from pre-Covid time (who've held their positions since) will remain available as primary points of contact between the parent body and the school. Those parents are Juliann Callaghan, Siobhan Dolan, Maria Quinn & Tricia Martin. Needless to say, this arrangement is open to feedback and modification at any time, and definitely each September.

There is a Facebook Page called "Boyne Community School Parents" which each of you is invited to join <https://www.facebook.com/groups/522637558407083>

--> NOTE: *It is imperative that the preliminary membership questions are answered in order to join the group, as only parents of current students are eligible. The Group Page is solely for information to be shared*

*among the parent body. Inviting someone to become a member does not oblige/allow them to answer these questions, and therefore membership cannot be approved. So it's best for each parent/guardian to request to join, rather than being invited. At the other end, so to speak, members would be asked to leave the Facebook group page when their last child finishes Sixth Year.*

Currently, the school is looking at 2 substantial projects:

- (1) to refurbish the Library
- (2) new sports kits

There are a few other areas where we may be able to contribute, but these two projects are being prioritised for this year ... primarily the Library. Whether it's regarding dismantling, layout, shelving, seating, painting, carpeting, obtaining books, cataloguing, etc. etc., any amount of help would be greatly appreciated. And for the new sports kits, any ideas regarding sourcing, fundraising, sponsorship, etc. would be deeply appreciated. If any parents/guardians are in any way able to offer ideas, time, skills, sponsorship, talent, etc., please contact one of the 4 names above, the Facebook group page (via comment or messenger) or contact the school directly.

We hope that this modified format will open the door to more parental engagement without fear of being on a committee or being given a job. Participation is completely voluntary and only in areas of your own interest and where you have something particularly appropriate to offer to the school and students.

All ideas and feedback warmly welcome

## Reminders:

### Time keeping

School starts at 8.50 Monday to Thursday and 8.40 on Friday. This means students need to be in school and have time to go to their lockers and make it to their classroom ready to begin class at 8.50.

### Lunch

The school lunch menu is available on our school webpage.

<https://boynecs.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2-Week-Cycle-Menu-BCS.pdf>

### Exams

**From Monday 7th of November to Friday the 11th of November Boyne Community School will hold a study skills week.**

**This week will allow students to reflect on how they study, be informed on how to develop their skill of study and take action around their study habits.**

**Parents please keep a lookout on our schools social media platforms for posts on advice and tips on how to help their son/ daughter with their study habits**

November assessments take place from 21st -25th November.

### Parent class

I hope to start a 'Parents Plus for Adolescents' course on Thursday November 10th from 10.00 until 12.30 for 6 weeks.

The teenage years can be a challenging time for many families. This is an evidence based course promoting effective communication and positive relationships in families with adolescents aged 11 to 16 years. If you would like to join the course please contact Róisín Lawless(HSCLO)on 0867853216 to register before Thursday 10th November.

### Behaviour

We would like to remind all students that during lunchtime and on their way to and from school they are representatives of Boyne Community School. As such we expect them to uphold the values of our school motto of Meas, Mórtas, Muintearas. Respect, pride and belonging to our community of Trim and to behave in a manner that is expected of them as representatives of our school community.

### Parent Teacher Meetings

We have returned to having Parent Teacher Meetings in the school. Shortly before each meeting a text is sent to parents/guardians to organise the meeting. Please ensure to update your contact details in the school if you change phone number. Thank you very much to all the parents who have attended meetings in the school to date. The second year Parent Teacher Meeting is on 10th November and we look forward to welcoming you into the school.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a very enjoyable mid-term break. We hope you stay safe over the break and encourage open conversations at home around fireworks and how they can frighten vulnerable people in our community and animals. This link has some more information that may be useful

<https://www.rte.ie/news/ireland/2021/0922/1248338-fireworks-halloween/>

When we return to school in November the weather will be colder so don't forget to prepare the heavy school jacket for the colder weather. If any family is struggling with purchasing the winter coat please contact Róisín Lawless on 0867853216.

We look forward to welcoming back all our students on Monday 7th November.

