

Scoil Aireagail Newsletter



Easter
2024

PRINCIPAL HELEN MCTIGHE'S EASTER MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's hard to believe we are at the Easter break and looking forward to a busy and exciting summer term. A huge thanks to all our school community, caretaker, cleaners, canteen staff, teachers, SNAs and school administrator, who have worked so hard over the last term to provide a safe and happy learning environment for our students. We are looking forward to moving into our new school buildings after Easter. The school is developing and growing, and we are grateful to each and every one of you for your ongoing support.

Co-curricular Activities

It has been an action-packed term with a broad range of activities offered to help students find enjoyment in their learning: *Seachtain Na Gaeilge*, Wellbeing week and Literacy week are just some of the occasions we celebrated this term. We are so lucky to have staff willing to give of their time and expertise to organise sports, games, trips, music and art activities.

LC Orals and Practical Examinations

The very best of luck to our Leaving Certificate students who will be taking their oral exams over the Easter holidays and completing practical exams shortly after Easter.

Transition Year Students

Transition Year students (and special guests) have been busy preparing for their Variety Show on Friday 12th April at 7.30pm in the hall in Ballyhale. All are welcome to attend!

Academic Attainment

As we head into the summer term, we are very focused on examination attainment for all year groups. Summer examinations for First, Second and Fifth-Year students will take place during the last week of school 27th May - 31st May. 3rd and 6th Years exams will start on Wednesday 5th June. Please do encourage your son/daughter to engage in some revision during the Easter holidays in preparation for the examinations.

We hope you and your families have a lovely Easter holiday and take time to rest and recover. We look forward to welcoming our students back to Scoil Aireagail on Monday 8th April.

Warm regards,

Helen McTighe





STUDENT LEADERSHIP



Interview with our 5th Year Prefect Max O'Keefe

What skills do you need for your position as school prefect?

The ability to work with others is a key skill that is needed as a prefect. You represent the school by delivering speeches and doing interviews, and you set an example for others in the school. Becoming a positive example for younger students, showing **work ethic**, **teamwork** and having a **positive attitude** is part of the role of prefect.

Do you have any advice for younger students?

Taking part in **extracurricular activities** is extremely important, it helps you build relationships with others beyond the classroom, make new friends and talk to people who you might not have talked to otherwise. I find **sport** helps me **relieve stress** and it can help me **focus in the classroom** later in the day. The school gives plenty of opportunities for you to try new things and take part in many activities.



If you could tell your first year self anything, what would it be?

If I was to give myself one piece of advice back in first year it would be to take part in more extracurricular activities. I was not very confident back then and I was afraid to take part in different events. As I took part in more activities I slowly built **confidence** and enjoyed myself more. When you **get involved** in different events you become more involved in the school community.

How were you chosen for the position as student prefect?

At the end of TY, I applied to become a prefect by filling in an application form saying why I should get the position. The teachers then went through all the forms and decided who was the best candidates.

What has been your favourite memory so far in Scoil Aireagail?

TY has been a massive highlight in my time in school so far, I have made many fantastic memories during the year. We went on several fantastic **trips** including going to **Rome**, a trip to **Delphi** and **Ballyhass** but my favourite trip was **kayaking**. We started in Goresbridge and made our way down the Barrow to Graiguenamanagh going down weirs and through rapids. We stayed the night in the scout den. We set off the next morning and went down the river to St Mullin's ending a brilliant trip and a massive highlight in my time in school.

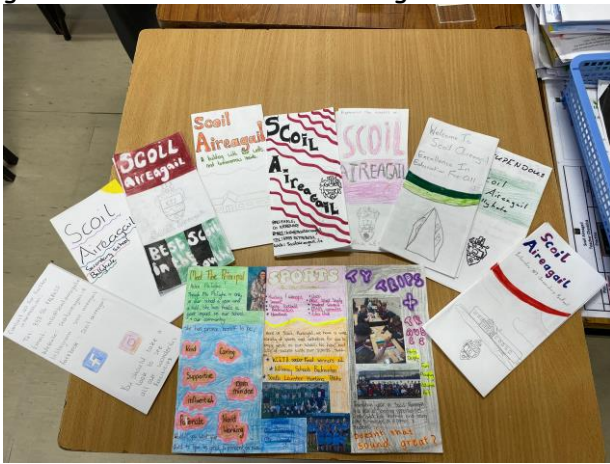


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English

Advertisement and Digital Literacy Learning in the English Classroom 2nd and 3rd year English students have been learning about print, video and digital advertising in class recently, identifying the language and features required to make a good advertisement. Their learning culminated in a project where they had to first make a physical advertising brochure which included aspects of persuasive and descriptive language along with essential features of a brochure. Once this was completed both classes were shown how to set up an account on Canva (digital graphic design platform) and given the freedom to create their own digital version of their advertising document.



The 6th year English class had a lovely trip to the Watergate earlier this month to see a production of Hamlet, the Shakespearean drama on for their LC. A great experience seeing the performance they have been studying for the past year.



Geography

Exploring Urban Geography: TY Field Trip to Kilkenny On Thursday March 7th our Transition Year students travelled to Kilkenny to undertake an Urban Geography Field trip study. As well as determining, measuring, and recording land use in the city they also took part in a walking tour. Our extremely knowledgeable guide informed students about settlement in Kilkenny and in particular the historical buildings and those who once inhabited same. All returned with a far greater awareness and appreciation of our city.

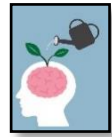


Literacy Week Highlights! During Literacy Week at the beginning of March, students engaged in a range of exciting activities, including guessing famous book characters, testing their knowledge with a book quiz, baking themed treats in "Bake a Book," and enjoying spontaneous reading sessions with "Drop Everything and Read." It was a week filled with fun and celebration of the joy of reading!





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Art

French

Collaboration with French Teaching Assistants Enriches Students' French Language and Cultural Education We express immense gratitude to Fanny Risoletto and Laureline Fusade, student teachers from Université Grenoble, for their impactful two-week stint with us in February. Fanny's support with our Leaving Certificate French students was invaluable, offering essential guidance and feedback for their oral exams. Her professionalism and enthusiasm shone in every interaction. Similarly, Laureline's work in revamping our school library was commendable, organizing books, creating engaging displays, and fostering a love for reading. We thank them for their dedication, professionalism, and enthusiasm, wishing them success in their future endeavours. Merci beaucoup!



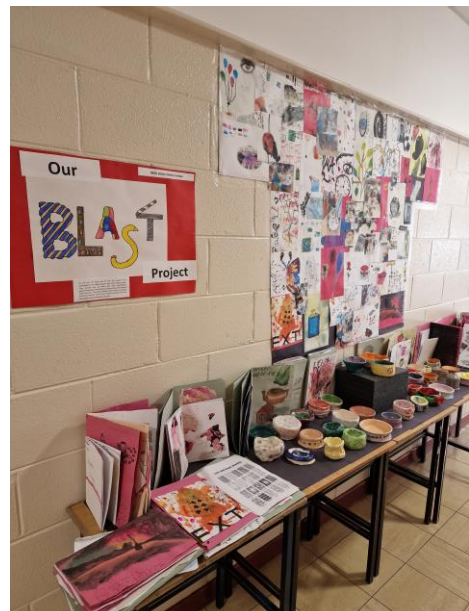
TY Students Shine in French Video Competition: Embracing the Importance of Sport as we prepare for the Paris 2024 Olympics In anticipation of the Paris 2024 Olympics the AIPLF (Association Irlandaise des Professeurs de Langue Francaise) organised a video competition for TY students of French. Our students created a 3 minute video on why sport is important (l'importance du sport). The students involved were Ella made Rogil, Sophie Keane, Sienna Kotze and Holly Long. Abbie Furlong recorded and edited the video. The girls enjoyed preparing and creating their video. They received their certificates of participation this week.



1st Year Art 1st year art students studied graphics and logo design, they then had to design a logo/badge for the Waterford sacred heart scout group. Their design had to include 'Fleur de Lis' (scouts symbol) and the name of the group '15th/25th Waterford Scared Heart Scout Group. Congratulations to Caitlin Walsh - her design was chosen by the club to be created into their embroidered badge. Well done Caitlin!



Exploring Creativity: The BLAST Residency Program with Artist Sheila Jordan Over the course of ten classes during January and February, our 2nd-year Art students participated in the Blast Residency Program with artist Sheila Jordan. Through hands-on activities like creating sketchbooks and pottery, guided by Sheila, students developed essential skills for the future, fostering creativity, critical thinking, and inclusivity. The program emphasized collaboration and connection, leaving a lasting impact on our students' abilities and confidence.





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Home Economics

3rd Year Students Prepare for Home Economics Practical Over the past few weeks, our industrious 3rd Year students have been diligently preparing for their upcoming Home Economics Practical, scheduled for April 8th. The kitchen buzzes with activity as they perfect their culinary skills, aiming to create delectable dishes that will impress. Among the mouth-watering offerings are **cheese croquettes, cinnamon rolls, pizza rolls,** and a hearty serving of **lasagne**. The aroma of these delightful creations fills the air, promising a delightful feast for all. We eagerly await the showcase of their culinary talents.



Music

Tuesday Tunes: Student Musical Showcase Our Tuesday Tunes series on YouTube, hosted by the Music Department, continues to impress. Each week, students deliver captivating performances, showcasing their growing confidence and talent. From soulful solos to dynamic ensembles, their dedication shines through. Kudos to our musicians for sharing their gifts, and to the Music Department for fostering their development! Scan the QR Code to view the performances.



St. Patrick's Day Celebrations Resonate Through Trad Jam On Wednesday, March 13th, our 1st-year music students collaborated with peers from 3rd to 6th year in a lively Trad Jam session to commemorate St. Patrick's Day. The event resonated with traditional Irish melodies, showcasing the talent and enthusiasm of our young musicians. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to celebrate our cultural heritage through music, fostering a sense of community and pride. Special thanks to all participants for their dedication, and to our music department for organizing this memorable occasion. We look forward to more musical celebrations in the future. Scan the QR Code to the left to view the performance.



Business

2nd-Year Business Class Strikes a Lesson in Industrial Action Our 2nd-year Business class brought learning to life with a mock strike! Studying a case of worker mistreatment, they held a secret ballot and gave their "employer" 7 days' notice. With posters ready, they staged a picket outside the school, experiencing firsthand the impact of industrial action.





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Creative February

During Creative February, Scoil Aireagail's halls were adorned with students' masterpieces! Explore the stunning pottery, intricate printing, vibrant tie-dye creations, and charming embellishments on display.



Save the Date: Transition Year Variety Show

Extravaganza Join us for an unforgettable evening at our Transition Year Variety Show on April 12th at 7:30 pm! Special guests will grace the stage, and there are fantastic raffle prizes to be won. Our students have been putting in hours of practice under the direction of Pat Grant. Don't miss this showcase of talent and entertainment!



Transition year students immerse themselves in the Harmony Workshop In February our TY and 5th Year students immersed themselves in the Harmony Workshop by Roger Mehta, where they delved into vital topics like alcohol and drug abuse awareness. But it wasn't all serious - they also learned how to harness the power of music for mental health and overall well-being. A harmonious blend of education and inspiration!





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Empowering Online Wellbeing: Highlights from Safer Internet Week 2024

To celebrate Internet Safety Week in February our students participated in many informative workshops and programs all designed to help them stay safe online.

Our 1st and 2nd year students enjoyed an informative talk by Alex Walsh on internet safety. Alex spoke about the importance of being respectful and how to stay safe online and also how to be aware of the potential risks.

Our 3rd year Digital Media Literacy students were busy learning about internet safety and social media as part of their digital media literacy course. Check out their amazing posters that they created for their classroom based assessment. They were then displayed around the school to spread the word about Safer Internet Day 2024.



Our 1st Year SPHE students completed the Webwise "My Online World" program over January and February. The aim of the course is to teach students to assess the benefits and challenges associated with their online world and discuss strategies for dealing with a range of scenarios that might arise for them when online. Students also discussed how to share personal information, images, opinions, and emotions in a safe, responsible and respectful manner. This course has been developed by webwise.ie in partnership with National Council for Curriculum and Assessment(NCCA).



Our senior students participated in a talk from our local Gardaí who shared their insights into internet safety and the law. The talk was very informative. Big thank you to the Ballyhale Gardaí for taking time out of their busy day to come visit us in Scoil Aireagail.





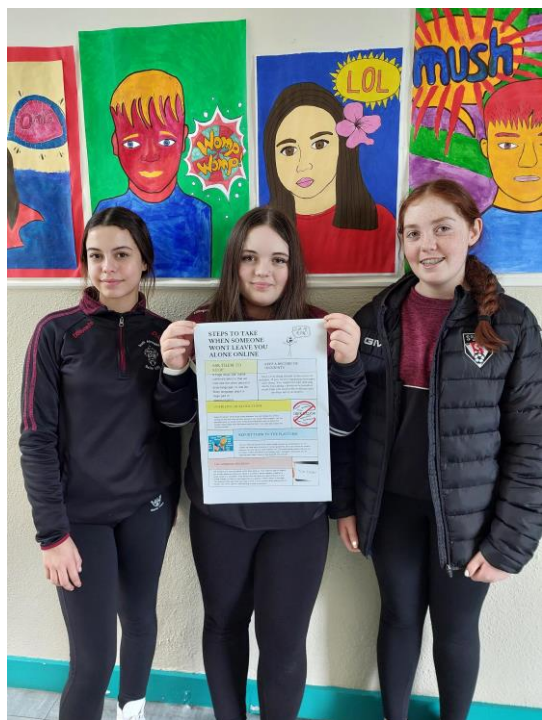
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Our 2nd-year Digital Media Literacy class delved into a range of crucial topics aimed at enhancing their online wellbeing. With the guidance of their teachers, students engaged in research to explore various aspects of digital safety and responsibility.

From learning strategies for dealing with online harassment to understanding the importance of limiting social media usage, students gained valuable insights into navigating the digital world responsibly. Topics also included fostering respect in online interactions and distinguishing between harmless banter and harmful bullying. In today's increasingly digital society, cultivating digital literacy and promoting safe online practices are more important than ever. By equipping our students with the knowledge and skills to navigate the digital landscape safely and responsibly, we empower them to harness the vast potential of the internet while safeguarding their wellbeing. Safer Internet Week serves as a reminder of the ongoing importance of digital literacy education in our school community.



Beat 102 103 Digital Media Roadshow visits Scoil Aireagail Our 1st and 2nd-year students participated in the Beat Digital Media Literacy Tour, a roadshow dedicated to equipping students with crucial skills for navigating the digital landscape. This initiative focuses on helping students identify misinformation and disinformation online, fostering the ability to critically assess content both online and offline. Through the tour's message of "Stop, Think, and Check," students are encouraged to verify the accuracy and reliability of information from various sources. This invaluable experience empowers our students to navigate the digital world confidently and responsibly. A heartfelt thank you to the Beat crew for providing our students with this invaluable learning opportunity and engaging talk. It was both enjoyable and informative for all involved.





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Reflecting on Wellbeing Week 2024

During the first week in March, we delved into a rejuvenating journey during Wellbeing Week. Students were treated to nourishing free healthy lunches, finding serenity in calming yoga sessions, and boosting their energy levels through invigorating circuit training. The school echoed with the harmonious melodies of live music, uplifting spirits and creating a vibrant atmosphere. Additionally, art workshops provided opportunities for creative expression, allowing students to unwind and explore their artistic talents.

Wellbeing Week wasn't just about physical health; it was about nurturing our mental and emotional wellness too. Through these activities, students learned the importance of self-care and the positive impact it can have on their overall wellbeing. Let's carry forward the lessons learned from Wellbeing Week and continue to prioritize our health and happiness every day.



Programme of Events:

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:50 – 9:50 9:50 – 10:50			4 th Year Developmental Studies Room 29 Ms. Dunphy		
Break 10:50 – 11:10	Breakfast Smoothies - Home Economics Room. (Grace Fitzpatrick and Sarah Woods)			Bake Sale in aid of Pieta House.	
11:10 – 12:10		3 rd Year CSPE Room 1 Ms. Phelan	2 nd Year CSPE Room 19 Ms. O'Phelan & Mr. Carrigan	1 st Year CSPE Room 12 Ms. O. Phelan	
12:10 – 13:10		5 th Year Religion Room 12 Ms. Fitzpatrick	3 rd Year SPHE Room 6 Ms. Maher, Ms. Murphy.	1 st Year SPHE Room 12 Ms. Dooly	
Lunch 13:10 – 13:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Table Tennis Tournament. Meditation/Yoga class, Room 12. (Ms. Phelan, Erin and Patrick) Circuits for boys - Gym. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Table Tennis Tournament. Live Music, Room 12. Healthy Lunch – Soup, yogurt, fruit, etc. – Home Economics Room. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Table Tennis Tournament. Board Games tournament – Canteen. Art club Room 19. Swap shop. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Table Tennis Tournament. Pop up cinema, Room 12. (One for younger years, one for older years).

Connecting with our community: Over €300 raised for Pieta House

On March 7th, as part of our Amber Flag initiative, we fundraised for Pieta House, a worthy cause. Through our non-uniform day and bake sale, we raised over €300! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the cause. Together, we're breaking the stigma around mental health.





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Our Inclusion Team: Empowering Students, Fostering Belonging

This year, our school has taken a significant step towards inclusivity by involving students in our Inclusion Team. Comprising members from each year group, the team plays a pivotal role in the school's decision-making process.

Our Mission: To transform our school into a welcoming environment where every student feels a strong sense of belonging.

Our Approach: We believe in the power of choice and acceptance. Through engaging activities, we not only foster camaraderie and confidence but also celebrate the diverse abilities of each student. Our aim is to harness these unique talents to help every individual realize their utmost potential.

Our Impact: By uniting students in a common cause, we're cultivating a culture of inclusivity. Together, we're dedicated to making our school a better place for all, where differences are not just recognized, but valued.



TY students trip to Dublin to visit Kilmainham Gaol and Croke Park TY students travelled to Dublin on Monday March 11th to visit Kilmainham Gaol and Croke Park.

The tour of Kilmainham Gaol proved very popular with students learning about the history of the jail from 1796 right up to its decommissioning in 1924. They learnt about its most famous prisoners as well as the conditions that some of the prisoners endured during famine times.

From Kilmainham they took the short trip across Dublin to visit Croke Park. They enjoyed the behind the scenes tour of the stadium, with the highlight for many being the skyline tour 44m above.



Our TY Young St Vincent De Paul group raised €220 for our local Ballyhale St Vincent de Paul group

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Embracing Excellence: Highlights from the Kilkenny Carlow Ethos Showcase

On Monday March 11th, we witnessed the vibrant spirit of our students at the Kilkenny Carlow Ethos Showcase in Grennan College. The Ethos Committee and attendees alike were immersed in a beautiful tapestry of music, art, and diverse projects that truly embody our Ethos of Excellence in Education, Care, Equality, Community, and Respect.



Exploring Career Paths: A Visit from the Irish Defence Forces

Our school welcomed two dedicated members of the Irish Defence Forces who shared valuable insights into potential career paths within the military. Fourth and sixth-year students had the privilege of learning about exciting opportunities available in the Defence Force.



Rising to Victory: Junior Boys' Soccer Team Triumphs in Division 3 Final

Our Junior boys' soccer team, featuring standout players like Mickey Dunne, Oisín Duffin, Liam O'Grady, Michael Catt, Patrick Irish, Sam Mansfield, Mikey Dunne, and Oisín Reid, recently displayed their exceptional talent in two significant matches.

Their journey began with a commanding 4-1 victory over Colaiste Abhainn Ri Callan, where goals from Mickey Dunne (2), Oisín Duffin, and Liam O'Grady secured a well-deserved win. This impressive performance propelled them into the league final against Coláiste Mhuire Johnstown.

However, it was in the division 3 final rematch against Johnstown that our team truly showcased their resilience and determination. Despite facing intense pressure and trailing 2-1, our boys refused to concede defeat. With Patrick Irish leading the charge, they mounted a spirited comeback, equalizing the score at 3-3 and forcing the game into extra time.

As the tension mounted, the match was decided by a nerve-wracking penalty shootout. Sam Mansfield, Mikey Dunne, Michael Catt, Oisín Duffin, and Patrick Irish all delivered stellar performances, converting their penalties with precision and composure. A crucial save by goalkeeper Ronan Crowley and a decisive penalty from Oisín Reid sealed the victory, securing promotion to division 2 for Scoil Aireagail.

This remarkable achievement is a testament to the dedication, teamwork, and resilience of our Junior boys' soccer team. Congratulations to all the players, coaches, and supporters on this well-deserved success! Reported by TY Journalist: Adam Franks





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Victorious Senior Girls: Securing Soccer Success

In a thrilling showdown on January 22nd, our senior girls secured a momentous victory over Coláiste Pobail Osraí in the KCETB Senior Soccer Final at the Watershed. Despite a scoreless first half, standout performances by Emma Dempsey, Megan Walsh, and captain Amy Prendergast showcased our team's skill and determination. Megan Walsh's pivotal hat-trick, including a crucial goal in extra time, led to a commanding 4-1 win for Scoil Aireagail. This remarkable achievement marks the second consecutive year our girls have claimed the title, serving as a fitting farewell for captain Amy Prendergast in her final year. Reported by TY Journalist: Holly Long.



Victorious Start: Junior Football Shine in Season Opener

On Monday 14th our u16 footballers had their first game. They played Selskar College and were fantastic on a cold day in Pairc Na Seamroig. They were leading 1-6 to 0-3 at half time, with goals from Conor Kinsella and Michael Dunne chipping in with 4 points. In the second half, an early Jamie Murphy goal, followed by goals from Seamus Murphy and Cian Franks settled the contest. The team were excellent in work rate and tackling but a special mention to John Somers, Matthew Murphy, Captain Michael Catt and Cathal Coogan who shone on the day with a final score of 4-11 to 0-4. We play Glenart College of Wicklow in the next round.

Junior Football Team:



Success for Scoil Aireagail Students in KCETB Schools County Team- Scoileanna Chill Chainnigh

On Saturday, January 20th, seven of our students proudly represented the KCETB Schools County Team against the formidable Laois U15 Development Squads. Despite a challenging match, our team emerged victorious with a hard-fought win, showcasing their resilience and skill.

Facing a strong breeze in the first half, we maintained a narrow lead of 0-06 to 0-04 at halftime. With the wind at our backs in the second half, our team surged forward, securing a well-deserved victory with a final score of 0-13 points to 0-06.

Congratulations to Cian Franks, Danny Somers, Jack Dempsey, Jamie Murphy, Seamus Murphy, Conor Holohan, and Liam O'Grady for their outstanding performance. Next, they will compete in the Leinster Final against the winners of Offaly and Westmeath. Well done to all involved!





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Triumphant Victory for Junior Camogie Team"

Our Junior Camogie Team embarked on a challenging journey to Larchfield Kilkenny on Friday, January 26th, to face the combined Duiske/Coláiste Pobail Osraí team in the Leinster Junior Premier League. In a fiercely contested match, our Aireagail Girls displayed exceptional determination, emerging victorious with a final scoreline of Scoil Aireagail 3.00, Duiske/Coláiste Pobail Osraí 0.06. It was a hard-fought battle, but our girls' perseverance paid off, securing a well-deserved win. Scoil Aireagail Abú!

1st and 2nd Year Hurlers:



Scoil Aireagail 1st and 2nd Year Hurlers Shine in Back-to-Back Victories

Our first and second-year hurling teams showcased their talent in two impressive matches.

In their first competitive game against Ramsgrange Community School, our boys faced an initial setback but quickly regained their footing. Cian Franks and Conor Holohan led the charge, securing a halftime lead of 1:7 to 1:2. Despite a challenging second half against the wind, Seamus Murphy's pivotal goal and strategic decisions from Mr. Mason propelled the team to a comfortable 5:14 to 1:5 victory.

In their next match against Kilmuckridge, conditions were tough, but our boys rose to the challenge. Cian Franks and Rhys Power impressed with their scoring, while Reece Drennen and Cathal Aylward anchored the defense. Jamie Murphy, Conor Holohan, and Seamus Murphy further extended the lead in the second half, leading to a convincing 4:10 to 6 points win.

Congratulations to all the players for their outstanding performances!

Victory for Scoil Aireagail Senior Hurlers

Scoil Aireagail Senior Hurlers had a hard fought and well won game against Patrician College Newbridge. On a wet and heavy pitch, the Scoil Aireagail lads started quicker and went into a 0-5 to 0-1 scoreline, Cathal Coogan and Matthew Murphy on target early. Great battling and persistence shown from all the team, from Cian Franks in goal whose puck outs found teammates to keep the pressure on the Newbridge backs, to Sam Mansfield who was a constant threat in corner forward. Sam and Patrick Irish chipped in with points, while Matthew Murphy and Cathal Coogan kept the scoreboard going to lead by 6, 0-14 to 0-8 at half time. Newbridge applied pressure early in the second half, but tight marking and great defence from all the team, limited their opportunities. Excellent hooking and blocking was on show particularly from Jamie Dempsey and Michael Catt, until Joseph Aylward made a powerful run from midfield to score into the bottom left corner of the net to put 6 points between the sides and give some much needed breathing room. Further scores from Jack Walsh Raggett, Coogan and Murphy, assisted by a captains performance from Michael OShea were enough to hold off a good Patrician College team, and win by 1-24 to 2-17. Well done to all the boys who await to see who they will meet in the final.



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Senior Hurling Team:



U19 Badminton Success at Kilkenny Qualifiers

Our U19 badminton players showcased their skill and determination at the Kilkenny qualifiers held in the Watershed on January 11th. Out of our 5 teams, 3 received medals, with our A Boys team earning the opportunity to represent Kilkenny in the Division 2 Leinster championships next Thursday in Baldoyle, Dublin. Congratulations to all involved on this impressive achievement!



U19 Boys Shine at Leinster Badminton Championships

Our U19 boys displayed exceptional resilience at the Leinster Badminton Championships held in Baldoyle, Dublin on January 18th. Despite tough competition, they showed determination and qualified from their group, with all matches ending 3-3 and going to Aces countback. Though narrowly missing out on the title, finishing as Leinster Division 2 runners-up is a remarkable achievement. Congratulations on your outstanding performance!



U14 Badminton Success at Kilkenny Qualifiers

Our U14 badminton players showcased their talent and determination at the Kilkenny qualifiers held in the Watershed on February 22nd. All 4 teams competed fiercely in their respective grades, with 3 teams reaching the semi-finals. Special mention goes to our TY future leaders, who demonstrated exceptional leadership by managing teams and refereeing matches throughout the day. Congratulations to all involved for their outstanding efforts!



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U14 Badminton Team:



U16 Girls Badminton Team Triumphs and Displays Determination

Our U16 badminton players have had an eventful journey in the recent tournaments.

At the Kilkenny qualifiers on January 25th, all 6 teams competed fiercely, with our A Girls team emerging victorious in Division 2 and earning a spot in the Division 3 Leinster championships on February 29th in Baldoyle, Dublin.

Though unlucky at the Leinster Championships, held on February 29th, our U16 girls showcased immense determination. Despite narrowly missing out on reaching the semi-finals by just one game, we are extremely proud of their performances and achievements throughout the year. Congratulations to all involved for their remarkable efforts!



Success for 1st and 2nd Year Girls' Basketball Teams"

Our 1st and 2nd-year girls' basketball teams achieved impressive victories against Hacketstown on Monday, January 29th. Congratulations to all players and staff involved for their outstanding performances!



Honouring Our Fierce 1st Year Girls' Basketball Team!

Our fierce 1st-year girls' basketball squad fearlessly took on powerhouse teams, Tullow Community School and Coláiste Eoin, in the South East Basketball League on February 20th. Their competitive spirit illuminated the court as they battled against top-ranked opponents, leaving an indelible mark. A special acknowledgment goes to our dedicated TY coaches for their unwavering support and guidance throughout the season.





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1st Year Boys Basketball Team Shows Resilience and Sportsmanship

We celebrate the remarkable effort of our 1st-year Boys Basketball team in the SE Quarterfinals against St. Augustine's of Dungarvan. Despite a challenging loss, our team, comprised of only 11 players compared to St. Augustine's 114, displayed tremendous pride, sportsmanship, and determination. Congratulations to all involved for their admirable performance!



Boys Basketball Team Exhibits Grit in Plate Match

In a challenging plate match against The Edmund Rice Secondary School, Carrick-on-Suir, our Boys Basketball Team showcased remarkable determination. Despite half their starters sidelined due to injuries, four first-year players stepped up, displaying impressive resilience and an unwavering attitude. Their performance on the court was truly commendable!

Scoil Aireagail Hurlers Triumph in Semifinal Clash, Secure County Final Spot

On March 15th, our second-year hurlers journeyed to Thomastown to face Knockbeg from County Laois in the semifinals. Despite less-than-ideal field conditions, both teams were determined to secure a spot in the final.

Cian Franks opened the scoring for Scoil Aireagail, but a quick response from Knockbeg resulted in an early goal conceded. However, our boys swiftly regrouped, with Cian Franks and Conor Holohan leading the scoring charge against a strong wind. Reece Drennan exhibited stellar defense at full-back, while Cathal Aylward showed remarkable fight and athleticism at wing-back. A crucial save by Gabrielius Balsys prevented a second goal.

In the second half, with the wind at our backs, Seamus Murphy excelled in the half-back line. The team's unwavering work rate and determination dominated the pitch, overwhelming Knockbeg. Despite Knockbeg's frustration, our boys maintained composure, with Conor Holohan securing a decisive goal.

Final Score: Scoil Aireagail 3:14 Knockbeg 2:3

With their eyes set on the County Final after Easter, the Scoil Aireagail hurlers continue their impressive journey.



Transition Year Students Raise Homelessness Awareness

Our compassionate Transition Year students organized a powerful awareness campaign addressing homelessness. Through posters, discussions, and presentations, they educated peers about the issue. They also conducted a school sleepout, experiencing the challenges firsthand. On Thursday, they visited the Irish Aid Centre in Dublin for further learning. Their dedication to making a difference exemplifies our school's values of empathy and social responsibility.





CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY



Seachtain na Gaeilge Celebrations: Embracing Irish Culture

Our school recently celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge with enthusiasm and pride, immersing ourselves in Irish culture and language. Events like "Cupán Tae agus Comhrás as Gaeilge" "Gaeilge Bingo," and the lively "Céilí Mór" united students, igniting an atmosphere filled with energy and positivity. Sixth-year students are also enjoying a Turus go dtí an Ghaeltacht. Through these activities, we embraced Irish language and culture, uniting our school community in celebration. Go raibh maith agaibh.



Embracing Change: Scoil Aireagail's New Building Expansion

We're thrilled to announce that our new school buildings are nearing completion, marking an exciting milestone for Scoil Aireagail. After the Easter break, we'll be stepping into these modernized spaces, filled with anticipation for the opportunities they'll bring.

The addition of five new classrooms, alongside the expansion of our Autism Support Classrooms, reflects our commitment to providing the best possible learning environment for all students. These updated facilities will not only support academic growth but also foster a sense of inclusivity and support throughout our school community.

Constructed with sustainability in mind, these buildings symbolize our dedication to both present and future generations. Their modern design and advanced features will enhance teaching and learning experiences, empowering students to excel in their studies.

We extend our appreciation to VisionBuilt for their unwavering commitment to this project. Their hard work and sponsorship of our new Scoil Aireagail jerseys, designed by Transition Year student Erin Walsh, have been invaluable contributions to our school community.

As we eagerly await the completion of our new buildings, there's a buzz of excitement in the air. We're ready to embrace this new chapter in our school's journey and look forward to the positive impact it will have on us all.

Key Dates

School re-opens after Easter Mon, 8th April

Leaving Certificate Oral Irish Exams Mon 25th March

Leaving Certificate Oral French Exams Tuesday 26th March

1st Year Display of Work 3-4:00pm Thursday 2nd May

Board of Management Meeting Tuesday 14th May

School Closed Mon 6th May (Public Holiday) and Tuesday 7th May

Transition Year Graduation 7pm Tuesday 21st May

2024 Student Awards Celebration Tuesday 14th May

6th Year Graduation 7pm Thurs 23rd May

Summer Exams 1st, 2nd, 5th Year Mon 27th May to Friday 31st May

School Closed for summer Friday 31st May

State Examinations begin Wednesday 5th June

