

# Scoil Aireagail Newsletter



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**6th Year Graduation** Our 6<sup>th</sup> year class of 2021 enjoyed a celebration of their years in Scoil Aireagail on Wednesday this week. Even though we couldn't celebrate it in the usual way we had a really enjoyable outdoor event to mark the occasion. We wish our 6<sup>th</sup> years all the best in their upcoming exams.



**Student Awards 2021** Scoil Aireagail celebrated the achievements of students last week during our annual awards ceremony. Students stayed in their base classrooms and class teachers presented the awards with Mr. Fallon over the intercom. Congratulations to all those presented with awards.

Student of the Year Awards	
Junior	Michael O' Shea 3 Black
Senior	Cillian Mc Evoy 6B



Music Awards	
Junior	Niamh Fitzpatrick 3 White
Senior	Joshua Burke 5 <sup>th</sup> Year



Art Awards	
Junior	Sarah Fitzgerald 3 White
Senior	Erin Slattery 5th Year



School Prefects	
Leah Mc Namara 6A	
Shane Lawler 6A	
Margaret Mary Murphy 5A	
Donnchadh Walsh 5A	

Endeavour Awards	
1 Gold	Sophie Maher
1 Silver	Winnie Mc Donagh
2 Red	Max O' Keeffe
2 Green	Beth O' Keeffe
3 Black	Amy Prendergast
3 White	Louie Cullen
5th Year	Amy Monahan
6th Year	Shane Lawlor

Academic Student of the Year Awards	
1 Gold	Erin Walsh
1 Silver	Holly Long
2 Red	Sienna Drennan
2 Green	James Rooney
3 Black	Kieran Crowley
3 White	Ciaran Holden
5th Year	Darragh Kelly

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Gaeilge Awards	
Junior	Ciaran Holden 3 White
Senior	Cillian McEvoy 6B



**Senior Cycle students complete Safepass training** Some of our TY, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year students completed a SafePass course last week. Thanks to Ms. Naddy for organising the training for our students.

**Student Council Donut Sale raise funds for Pieta House** Our student council members organised a special treat for us in May. They sold yummy donuts in aid of Pieta House. Well done to all our student council team and thanks to Ms. Phelan for her help with running the donut sale.



**TY students achieve their Bronze Gaisce Award** Three of our TY students achieved their Bronze Gaisce Award. Despite the difficult circumstances throughout the year, they persevered and showed great determination and strength in achieving their goals. Well done to Jake, Conor and Aobheann on the success of their Gaisce Award. Thanks to Ms. Naddy for supporting the students throughout the year.



**Past Pupil and Former Kilkenny Senior Hurler Paul Murphy visits our TY class**

Past student and former Kilkenny Senior Hurler Paul Murphy gave a talk to our TY class. Paul spoke about a wide range of topics, from the importance of setting goals in life, to hurling and life in the army. It proved to be a very motivating hour for our students. It is great to see a past student of ours excel in so many areas. Thanks to Paul for his time, and the best of luck for the future!



**Two TY students complete food hygiene course, Safefood for Life**

A massive well done to two of our TY students, Katie and Ciara, who recently completed the e-learning food hygiene course, Safefood for Life. The girls learned about topics such as the handling and preparing food, allergens and food hypersensitivity. Well done to the two girls on achieving their awards from Safefood. Thanks to Ms. Naddy their Home Economics teacher for organising.



**TY's track their fitness with Kilkenny Senior Camogie statistician Philip Connors** In April our TY students had a talk and demonstration from Kilkenny Senior Camogie statistician Philip Connors. The students were given full use of the GPS trackers used by the Kilkenny Camogie team in the 2020 All Ireland Final, and then were shown how this data is collected and collated by Philip and his team to relay back to the players and management. The students were able to find out who is the quickest in the class, who covered the most distance and who consistently sprinted the most. A great time was had by the students figuring this out! Thanks to Philip for his time and sharing his expertise. Best of luck for the coming year with Kilkenny Camogie. Thanks also to Ms. Naddy.



**TY Business Students Money Smarts Challenge** Our TY Business students took part in the Bank of Ireland Money Smarts Challenge. The quiz took place over zoom with Lottie Ryan and Jason Patrice as the quizmasters. Students were asked questions relating to business and financial maths and also banking and general knowledge business questions. Well done to all the students who took part in the challenge which proved an excellent learning opportunity for our TY Business class. Thanks to Ms. Dooley for organising it.



**TY's have a visit from the Reptile Village** Transition Year students had a visit from the Reptile Village where the learned about different reptiles and the importance of animal conservation. They also learned of the hard work it takes to care for such animals and were able to hold and pet them too. A big thank you for the the National Reptile Zoo for coming to visit us and to Francesca for giving such a great presentation.

**TY Coding Workshop with Microsoft** Our TYs students participated in a coding workshop run by Microsoft Dreamspace in May. Students were introduced to the types of jobs and skills that are required in Microsoft Ireland and also participated in coding activities. Thanks to Microsoft for hosting the event



**TY Drama and comedy workshop** Transition Years started back to school after Easter with a drama and comedy workshop with comedian and drama teacher Bernard Casey. The students showed great creative writing skills trying out improvisational theatre. With thanks to the Arts Office at Kilkenny County Council for their bursary towards this visit. A fantastic learning experience for our students. Thanks to Ms. Prendergast for organising.





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