

The **Scoil Aireagail Student Council** plays a pivotal role in the life of the school. We value **student voice** where your **ideas, concerns** and **issues** are **respected, listened** to and **acted upon**. It's no mean achievement to get onto the Student Council with unprecedented demand this year. I wish to provide the Board of Management with a short update on the work of the SA SC for the academic year of 2022-2023.

Firstly, all Junior members of the Student Council attended the **Comhairle Na Nóg AGM** event in Langton Hotel in Kilkenny.

### What we learned from the day:

- How to make changes in our area.
- We learned about the functions and the importance of the Kilkenny Comhairle Na Nóg.

We brainstormed what are the key issues for young people today.

There were 3 main things discussed:

- 1 School related issues
- 2 Lack of facilities
- 3 Transport which was a concern for all.

From the results gathered, there was three common themes identified and explored in further detail.



This was an excellent opportunity for Scoil Aireagail Student Council to collaborate with other schools in the local area.

While our Senior Student Council members and prefects attended the **KCETB Student Council Training day** in the Springhill Court Hotel in Kilkenny. Our key notes from that day centred on **good leadership**:

- Starts with you but it's not about you
- Demonstrates vision, courage, integrity, humanity and focus
- Clear about purpose
- Model what is expected of others and encourage others to share the vision



As outlined in Article 12, Children's rights are based on the premise of listening to student voices. There are four factors present, namely, voice, influence, audience and space.

**Children's rights** are an integral part of our student councils job to make sure these rights are satisfied, which is our most important duty. To learn more, we went on a trip to the **Office of the Ombudsman for Children (OCO)**. This workshop helped us to understand our role and how to represent our fellow students.



The Student Council in collaboration with **Kilkenny Lions Club** have donated unwanted eye glasses which can be recycled and sent to third world countries.



### SOLAS CANCER SUPPORT BREAKFAST MORNING

Breakfast Morning every year

All students paid €3 had breakfast

Solas Cancer Support

Teachers donated money

Raised €400

### SOLAS CANCER SUPPORT



On the 21st of November 2022, we held our annual breakfast morning in aid of Solas cancer support.

We raised €405.70 in aid of Solas.

The funds that we have raised will help provide free professional support services to people affected by cancer, their families, and carers in the [South East](#).

Christmas came early as we managed to get sponsorship from Flahavans porridge, country style sausages and Walshe's bakery Waterford donated their blaas.

Overall, it was a successful event and we got wonderful feedback from our students and staff members.

Need	Action (Process)	Result/Achievements
Student ID card	Invited ISIC to process orders Provide students with forms and information Collect money If students missed this service, pupils could do it individually with a SA SC member	Over ¾ of the school community have a student ID card which enables them to receive discounts online and in store. It can also be used as a form of identification for only 15 euro.
Suggestion box	We made a suggestion box	Ability to listen to all students ideas and issues year by year through the use of coloured paper
Wellbeing events	Christmas walk Relay for Life	Happy students Raise awareness and money for the Irish Cancer Society
Charity event	Breakfast Morning in aid of Solas Cancer Support	We raised over 400 euro for Solas Cancer Support
Concerns identified through <b>MS Forms Survey</b> <b>1. Healthier canteen lunch options with the need for a card machine</b> <b>2. School uniform review with focus on Pe pants</b>	Raised issue with Senior Management Meetings with Mrs McTighe Chatted with canteen staff	Raised awareness of the issues Presented our PowerPoint Presentation to BOM, Parents Council and whole school during School Awards Day. Awaiting final decisions