

# Scoil Aireagail Newsletter



Summer  
2022

**Principal Shane Fallon** Dear students, parents/guardians and staff, as we come to the end of this school year, I would like to thank all of you for your ongoing support and co-operation. Our school community has ensured that the conditions necessary for our students to thrive in their learning have remained, and that a positive and energetic teaching and learning atmosphere continues. I believe we have had a successful, productive and enjoyable academic year. We all wish the very best to our Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate students on their examinations. They are well prepared and should know we are thinking of them all over the next few weeks. Good luck also to our students who will be sitting their summer tests over the coming days.

I wish all in our school community a pleasant and restful summer break.

**6th Year Graduation - Scoil Aireagail Class of 2022** Our 6th Year graduation evening took place on Tuesday 24th May. This was a wonderful celebration of the students' five or six years spent at Scoil Aireagail. The event took place in Knocktopher Church, followed by a reception back at the school. We wish all our 6th Year students the very best in their upcoming exams.



James O'Shea, Michael Holden, Joshua Burke, Oskar Lewandowski, Connor Power, Mikolaj Wrecki, Sam Phelan, James O'Keefe, Darragh Kelly, Michael Delahunty, Brandon Breen, Sean Cronin, Megan Rooney, Elizabeth Duffy, Katie Mason, Erin Slattery, Steven Sheil, Shane Aylward, Donnchadh Walsh, Charles Brince, Maria Duffly, Amy Monaghan, Margaret Mary Murphy, Charlotte Davis, Maya Bajaj, Grace Aylward, Emma Roche-Fortune, Katie Doyle, Chloe Waters, Niallan O'Connell, Chloe Power, Katie Dalton, Caitlin Lowry and Alanna Holland.

*Scoil Aireagail  
Class of 2022*

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**Scoil Aireagail Awards 2022** Scoil Aireagail held its awards ceremony on Tuesday 17th May. The awards are a great opportunity to showcase the wonderful successes that our students have achieved over the school year.

**Junior Student of the Year** - Shauna Sutton  
**Senior Student of the year** - Michael Delahunty

**Endeavour Awards:**

- 1 Yellow - Emma Sutton Duggan
- 1 Orange - Grace Fitzpatrick
- 2 Gold - JJ Byrne
- 2 Silver - Sophia Colcough
- 3 Green - Matthew Howe
- 3 Red - Marie Therese Aylward
- 5th Yr. - Jessica Roche Fortune
- 6th Yr. - Amy Monaghan

**Academic Awards:**

- 1 Yellow - Rory Aylward
- 1 Orange - Ronan Crowley
- 2 Gold - Ryan O'Shea
- 2 Silver - Matthew Murphy
- 3 Green - Ella Brennan
- 3 Red - Max O'Keeffe
- 5A - Ciara Walsh
- 5B - Katie Fitzpatrick

**Subject Awards**

**PE Awards:**

- 1 Yellow - Leo Aylward
- 1 Orange - Caoimhe Corcoran
- 2 Gold - Logan Goodread
- 2 Silver - Holly Long
- 3 Green - Peter Woods
- 3 Red - Eoin Aylward

**Art Awards:**

Junior Art Student of the Year: Shauna Sutton  
Senior Art Student of the Year: Deon Smith

**Music Student Awards:**

Junior Music Student of the Year - Patrick Dungan  
Senior Music Student of the Year - Brandon Breen

**Irish Speaking Student of the Year:**

The Junior Irish Speaker of the Year - Kevin Prendergast  
The Senior Irish Speaker of the Year - Chloe Phelan

**Sports Awards:**

Senior Boys Soccer Player of the year - Darragh Kelly  
Junior Boys Soccer - Jack Walsh Raggett  
Senior Girls Soccer - Hannah Persse  
Junior Girls Soccer - Marie Culleton  
Senior Hurling Award - Shane Aylward  
Junior Hurling Award - Adam Franks  
Juvenile Hurler of the Year - Cathal Coogan

**Camogie 2021-22**

Senior Camogie - Shannon Wall  
Junior Camogie - Ruth Cass Hennessy

**Badminton 2021-2022**

Badminton - Michael Slattery

**Overall Junior and Senior Awards:**

Senior Sportsperson of the Year - Donnchadh Walsh  
Junior Sportsperson of the Year - Beth O'Keeffe



**Senior Prefects** Congratulations also to our newly elected prefects. Prefects are ambassadors for the school and are excellent role models for other students. Their function is to represent the student body at school events and to act as role models for other students. Our prefects will attend school on Friday August 26<sup>th</sup> for our 1<sup>st</sup> year induction also.

**5<sup>th</sup> Year Prefects:** Michael O Shea & Tara Duggan

**6<sup>th</sup> Year Prefects:** Orestas Balsys & Toni Dunne

**Cairdeas Mentors** Our Cairdeas Mentors have been chosen for the next school year. Well done and thank you to these students who have volunteered to give up their time to help our incoming first years settle into their new school in August and act as mentors for them throughout the year. These students have engaged in the first part of their mentoring training and will attend school on Friday August 26<sup>th</sup> to meet the new members of the Scoil Aireagail Community.

Denis Roche, Jake Power, Cormac McEvoy, Andrew Fitzpatrick, Sean Fitzgerald, Orestas Balsys, Arthur Long, Ciara Walsh, Katie Fitzpatrick, Hannah Persse, Holly O'Brien, Marie Culleton, Jessica Roche Fortune, Aoibheann Butler, Shannon Wall

**Student Council trip to Dáil Eireann** The student Council recently visited Dáil Eireann on their annual school trip where they were greeted by TD John Paul Phelan.



**Scoil Aireagail School Garden** 5th year Art students worked on the development of our school garden, we have lots of more plans for this space, but it began this term by creating an interesting and bright wall mural.



**Scoil Aireagail Sports Day** On the 18th May we held out 1st Whole School Sports Day in over 2 years. Students were challenged to complete physical, skill-based and team activities. The atmosphere around the school was one of positivity and enthusiasm with both staff and students enjoying themselves and having fun Overall the days was a huge success in promoting our school's Wellbeing and instilling the competitive nature amongst our entire school community.



**Juvenile hurlers South Leinster Winners** On Friday last our Juvenile hurlers topped the year off in style with an emphatic win in the South Leinster C Final in a sunny Nowlan Park, Kilkenny. It was a perfect day for hurling, and our lads took their opportunity to showcase their skills in the home of Kilkenny hurling. In front of a large crowd, we took control right from the off and racked up a big score in the opening half. There were some great individual displays, but it was the team spirit and work rate which was most notable. There was no let-up in the second half, and captain Matthew Murphy lifted the cup at the final whistle. There is definitely more to come from this crop of players, watch this space!



**5th Year PE Multisport league winners** Congratulations to the winners of the 5th Year PE multisport Kings and Queens league.



**2nd Year Scoileanna Chill Chainnigh hurlers** fight hard in the Leinster semi-final Well done to Adam Franks, Matthew Murphy, Cathal Coogan and Oisín Reid who were all on the Scoileanna Chill Chainnigh panel who were recently defeated by Offaly in Faithful Fields in the Leinster semi-final. They had an excellent win over Carlow in the first round, but Offaly proved too strong in the semis. It's great to see our current students continuing the long tradition of wearing the black and amber.



**#TuesdayTunes** Ms. Rowes music students have entertained us each week this year with their #tuesdaytunes uploads. It's wonderful to see such great talent among our students her in Scoil Aireagail. Find them on the Scoil Aireagail Music YouTube page.

**2nd Years complete orienteering course as part of their PE CBA** Our 2nd Year Physical Education students recently completed 2 Orienteering Courses in the Castle Park, Kilkenny before doing a bowling challenge at K Bowl. This was followed by a visit to the Kilkenny Famine Memorial at McDonagh Junction and a trip to McDonalds. This trip which was part of their CBA was an active and enjoyable way to complete coursework.



**2nd Year CSPE class run a mock election and experience democracy in action** On Thursday 5th May 2024 Gold and 2 Silver held a mock election. This is Democracy at work. 5 candidates ran in the election: Ella, Mathew, Logan, Philip and Holly. The students made out ballot papers, polling cards, a ballot box, a polling station and a register of electors. Posters and badges were in abundance as campaign managers tried to get their candidate elected. On the day the press was in attendance taking photos and recording events. All 5 candidates highlighted areas they want to see improved in our school such as the need for new equipment, more PE classes, access to pitch or library at breaktime and input into PE uniform. After an impressive speech from all 5 candidates, the votes were counted. Big congratulations to Holly Long who was elected 2nd Year Class Representative. This was a great opportunity for students to understand the election system in Ireland and the importance of voting.

**Scoil Aireagail awarded Amber Flag for its work in promoting Positive Mental Health** As a result of our continued efforts to promote positive mental health and wellbeing at Scoil Aireagail, we received an Amber Flag for our school. This is a huge achievement, and we are extremely proud to have received this. We will continue our great work in school creating healthy, inclusive environments that support mental well-being. Well done to all



**TY student trip to Delphi Adventure Centre in Connemara** Our TY students recently travelled to Delphi Adventure Centre in Connemara for a 4 day trip to finish off the year. Students participated in activities such as abseiling, bog running, archery and much more. Our students gave it their all so massive well done.



**TY students 2-day kayak adventure from Goresbridge to St Mullin's** Recently our TYs took part in a two-day kayak trip from Goresbridge to St Mullin's. This was the Adventure Journey aspect of their Gaisce Award. While it was a strenuous two days, our TYs rose to the challenge and gave it their all. Well done to all and thank you to @gowiththeflow.ie for facilitating the trip.

**TY Graduation** Our TY Graduation was recently held here in Scoil Aireagail. Students got the opportunity to showcase their work from their various classes and to tell their families about the different activities they participated in throughout the year. A massive well done to all TY students for putting in a great year.



**1st Year display of work showcases their project work** On Thursday May 5th, we held our 1st Year Display of Work. Throughout the year, our 1st year students have completed many wonderful projects and tasks across all subject areas, and this gave their Parents and Guardians the opportunity to come in and view their work on display in the Carmelite canteen while meeting their subject teachers. Well done to all our 1st years on producing such high-quality work.



**2nd Year Wood Technology** Well done to the 2nd year wood technology class on completing their final project of the year. An excellent effort made by all

**TYs take part in a drama workshop run by George McMahon (aka Mondo from Fair City)** Our TYs recently took part in a drama workshop run by George McMahon (aka Mondo from Fair City). Students took part in various games and activities, and gained some valuable insights into the career of a television actor. A big thanks to George for facilitating the workshop.



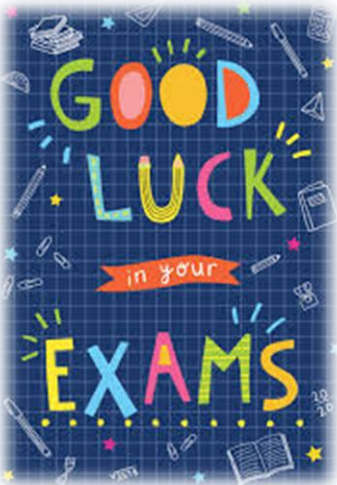
**6th Year vs Staff Rounders game** Our Annual 6th Year Vs Staff game of rounders took place on Friday May 20th when the 6th Year students took on their teachers. Despite their efforts, the class of 2022 were unsuccessful in overcoming the formidable squad of teachers with a final score of 38 runs to 2. Great fun was had by all with the Leaving Cert students being grateful in defeat and the teachers humble in victory.



**PE Uniform** All students will be wearing the school PE uniform starting in August. The complete uniform, as shown here can be ordered and purchased in the school - dates to buy uniform in school are 20th June 21st June and 16th August. €85 for the crew neck, t-shirt and skinny pants.



**Junior Merit Awards** 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year students who recently received certificates for positive behaviour



## Key Dates

Summer Exams finish  
Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 12pm

Leaving Certificate and  
Junior Certificate exams  
Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup>

School re-opens after  
Summer for staff planning  
Wednesday, Thursday  
August 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>

School Opens (First Years  
students only - 9am -  
12:30pm) Friday August  
26<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> Year  
students Monday 29<sup>th</sup>  
August

All students (except TY)  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August

Return of all students  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>  
September

