

St Patrick's College

Summer Newsletter 2024

Principal's Welcome

It has hard to believe that we are at the end of another academic year here at St Patrick's College. The past term has been filled with so many events and activities, and we hope your child has benefited from these.

Inside the classroom students have been busy with practical day exams, projects, and Classroom Based Assessments, all of which have been finished to an extremely high standard. Well done to our students and to you, the parents and guardians who supported our dedicated teaching staff with their hard work.

Outside of the classroom, St. Patrick's College continues its fine tradition for sporting prowess and many of our teams and players did the school, themselves, and the community proud on sporting fields. Long may this continue.

Outside of sporting events, our students enjoyed educational trips to Oweninny Wind Farm, the AXA Road show, and Girls STEM days to name but a few.

I am sure that the parents and guardians of our students will agree with

me when I say a big thank you to all the teachers and SNA's who gave their free time to bring students away this year.

Finally, a huge thank you to the people who work behind the scenes at our school- Fiona, Robert, Mary, Diane, Johanna, and Alicia. Thank you so much. Also, thank you to the parents who helped with events and activities during the year.

I hope that this newsletter gives you a small flavour of school life over the past term. Thank you for your continued support of the school. Have a great summer.

Awards Day 2024

On Tuesday 14th May, the whole school attended a successful St Patrick's College Awards Day ceremony. Students received awards in three different categories.

Academic Excellence,
Contribution to School Life.
Sporting Achievement.

In total eighty academic awards were presented to students and the following students received student of the year awards.

First Year -Caoimhe O Donnell and Shane Gallagher.

Second Year - Paulius Egan, Thomas Mullowney and Shauna Scott.

Third Year- Annie Mc Donnell and Thomas Nealon.

Fifth Year – Conor Gallagher and Ellie Mc Andrew.

Sixth Year- Aine Gough and Eoin Forkhan.

The school presented seven students with special awards for their contribution to school life along with various sporting awards for each team that participated in events this year.

A special mention to three senior girls – Mia Tighe, Saoirse Browne and Aine Gough who received a special award for their contribution to girls' soccer over the past six years.



Well done to everyone who received an award.

Awards for Former Students

The school was delighted to hear that two of last year's Leaving Cert class have both received impressive awards in the past month. Congratulations to Anna Maughan for receiving an award for having the joint highest score in Leaving Cert DCG in last year's exam and to Fionnán Mac Conghamhna who was became a U.C.D. Entrance Scholar this year.

The school is incredibly proud of your achievements and wishes you and your classmates all the best in your future studies.

Transition Year Graduation

Transition Year graduation is always an excellent evening at our school and this year was no different. The students displayed some of the projects they have completed over the year, spoke about their achievements, and demonstrated their excellent singing ability.

A big thank you to Ms. Kelly, our TY coordinator, for all her work during the year and a special mention to Lara Omedes, Rayh Woods and Michaela Scott who presented the event on the night.

Several students from the class won special awards for their contribution to TY life during the year. Congratulations to Michaela Scott, Aoibhe Donnelly, Rayh Woods and Shauna Donnelly for their contribution to TY class awards.

Also, well done to the 'Lacken Barrells' group Ryan O Donnell, Jack O Donnell, Adam Maughan and Liam Bergin for their second-place finish in the recent Mayo Enterprise awards.

Finally, congratulations to Aadila Iyamah and Jack Murphy for winning the student of the year award. We wish our TY class a great summer and look forward to seeing them next year for Senior Cycle.



Leaving Cert Graduation

The L.C. class of 26 graduated from St Patrick's College on Friday 24th of May last. Following a mass in our sports hall, parents, grandparents, and family members enjoyed some refreshments in the school social area.

It was a fantastic event and well done to Ms. Mc Guinness, Ms. Healy and the other teachers involved. Best of luck to the class of 24 in your upcoming exams.



Sports Round Up

What a fantastic year it has been for sport at our school! The school enjoyed several major successes this year and thank you to the teachers and parents who have dedicated their free time to helping nurture our sporting teams this year.



In the Flanagan Cup Senior Boys Gaelic Football competition our boys overcame St Tiernan's Crossmolina in an exciting and evenly matched game. Well done to Mr. Barrett and the boys. The early morning training, like all hard work, paid off in the end.

The first Year Boys Football team took home the Connacht title this year going the full year undefeated. Under the stewardship of Mr. Kissane, the young guns won a tight final against AMC Tuam. The future looks bright for Gaelic at our school.

In soccer, the U15 Boys were Connacht Shield Champions with a convincing win over Ballinode in the final. Well done lads and thank you to Mr. Freely for his help over the year.

The final trophy won this year was in the Connacht U 17 boys soccer final. Trailing by two goals, the boys mounted a spirited comeback to win 3-2 and bring the trophy back to Lacken.

Congratulations also to Caoimhe O Donnell and Ciara Kearney who were member of the Mayo teams that won their respective All Ireland finals this year.

Finally, Owen Loughney was a member of the Mayo minor team who won the Connacht final, lining out at midfield. Well done Owen and best of luck in the All-Ireland finals.



Junior Cycle Rewards Trip

On Thursday 22nd May, our 1st and 2nd Year students enjoyed an end of year rewards trip to Shannon River Adventure in Roscommon. An early start was needed but overall, it was a very enjoyable day even if the water was a bit cold. Thank you to the tutors, Ms. Keighley, Ms. Mc Guinness, Ms. Connolly, and Mr. Barrett for organising this great trip.



First Year Darts Competition

A new addition to school life this term has been the introduction of a darts board for students. Excitement built as a league was started among our first-year students. The final proved to be an exciting affair and well done to Ryan Cummins Kenny on his closely fought victory over Zach Lally.



TY Trip to Spain

The TY trip to Spain is always a highlight of the year and this year was no different. An early morning start led into four fun filled days with trips to Portadventura, Barcelona Science Museum, Monserrat, the Sagrada Familia, a boat trip around the port of Barcelona and many other fun activities. The class returned tired but hopefully enlightened by their trip to Spain.

Once again, a big thank you to Ms. Keighley, Mr. Freely and Ms. Herbert for travelling with the class.

Request from the School

The school is seeking assistance from parents and guardians. Every year we send a lot of classes and teams away on trips and activities. We are looking for parents to volunteer to help with these activities. If you have some free time and would like to help, please contact the school.



Exam Time

State exams begin on Wednesday 5th June. On behalf of the whole school community, we would like to wish our Junior Cycle and Leaving Cert students the best in their exams.