

The year in review



**Tipperary
ETB**

Bord Oideachais & Oiliúna Thioibraid Árann
Tipperary Education & Training Board

Principals' Address

Fáilte,

Is cùis bròdùil dom fáilte a chur romhat don nuachtlitir scoile seo. Táim fíor bhúioch as ucht gach tacaíocht a thug tú don scoil i rith na bliana agus táim cinnte gur bhain tú taitneamh as an táirgeadh iontach seo.



Another year down and what a great time it has been. From the choosing of a fresh Student Council to a very successful year in sport, our students have received a multitude of opportunities to succeed this year.

We started in September with a final goodbye to last years 6th Years, who have moved on to apprenticeships, universities and full-time employment all around the country. At the same time we welcomed in 86 students in 1st year – our largest group yet.

As you will see throughout the newsletter, our focus for the year was firmly placed on the students. Promoting active learning in the classroom, pushing for a sense of community and building relationships with the local area, and of course, a huge effort to provide a wide range of extra-curriculars which culminated in a Munster Hurling and County Seniors wins.

Added to that, Joseph Monaghan has blown competitors out of the water to make it to the Junk Kouture World Finals, our musical 'Shrek' was a rip-roaring success, many students have achieved incredible things both inside and outside the classroom and we couldn't be prouder.

As always, we look ahead to the preparations for next academic year. Our student cohort reaches 450 and with that comes a large group of new students we are excited to welcome into our community. We have big developments coming in academically, but also with extra- and co-curricular activities. As always, we aim to deliver every child with the opportunities and skills to achieve and succeed.

Donal Madden

In this newsletter:

Just a snippet of what has taken place in our school this year!

END OF YEAR STUDENT AND SPIRIT AWARD WINNERS



For each year group, the 'Spirit of Newport College' as well as the coveted 'Student of the Year' trophies were up for grabs with many students very deserving of the awards. With such a bright, diligent and kind group of students, there was no obvious choice for any year group.

We would like to congratulate all the winners from 1st to 6th year and thank them for all that they have offered to the school over the year. Winners of the 'Student of the Year' award include: Tilly O'Brien (1st year), Gearoid Galvin (2nd year), Killian Van De Ven (3rd year), Emily Humphreys (TY), Victor Mudhara (5th year), and our head boy Sam Caplis (6th year). Naia Lopez (3rd Year) also received the International Student of the Year Award. These students won this particular award for academic excellence as well as a recognition of the hard work, responsibility and determination they have demonstrated throughout their studies this year.

The 'Spirit of Newport College' award is for students who embodied the tenets of the ETB's Core Values - care, community, respect, equality, and excellence in education. These students are motivated to get involved in events and initiatives taking place around the school, they conduct themselves in an exceptional manner and they always treat others with respect and kindness. Winners include: Abbie McGrath (1st year), Cara Collins (2nd year), Aoife Bowen (3rd year), Luke Rainsford (TY), John Crofton (5th year), and Zack Mooney (6th year).

Every year, two students from each ETB school in Tipperary receive a very special award - the ETB Core Values Award. These students become part of an elite cohort celebrated for embodying the core values of the ETB, raised above the rest and are 2 of only 22 students in the entire county to receive the award. This award embodies the very height of achievement that can be reached by any student and is a true testament to their work ethic, character and demeanour.

Any student who wins this award has their name printed on a metal placard and immortalised in the foyer of our school. This year, those students are Raed Alshagare (Junior School) and Molly Boland (Senior School).





Leaving Cert Grads

*FROM EVERY ENDING
COMES A NEW BEGINNING*

Another year and another cohort of students seen safely from 1st year through to 6th year. This year sees the last of the 'Covid crew' who learned through masks and online classes.

Looking back through photos, it is striking to remember the social distancing, the school trips with masks on and the lunches in the marquee.

Added to this is the fact that this year group contains the largest number of students who transferred into our school through 2nd year, 3rd year, Transition year and 5th year. Students from other schools make up a significant portion of the group but the most defining feature is how they all adopted this school as 'their school' and, even more important, how each of these transferring students were adopted by their class group.

Many of these students have gone on to make a serious positive impact in the school. Molly Boland is our resident Head Girl, and has carried the position with aplomb, along with Sam Caplis as Head Boy. Izzy O' Connor, Dylan Crotty and Faye Ewing all played their part in Comhairle na nÓg discussing young people and their educational needs. Ryan Shinnors captained our school to two hurling finals this year alone!

These students may not have begun their post primary journey with us but it is a testament to both themselves and the welcoming community they joined that they have made such a positive impact to those around them.

As we say goodbye to the graduating class of 2026, we wish them a fond farewell and the best of success in their future careers. While it is important to point out that our door is always open to you, it is clear to see that this group of students already understands that.

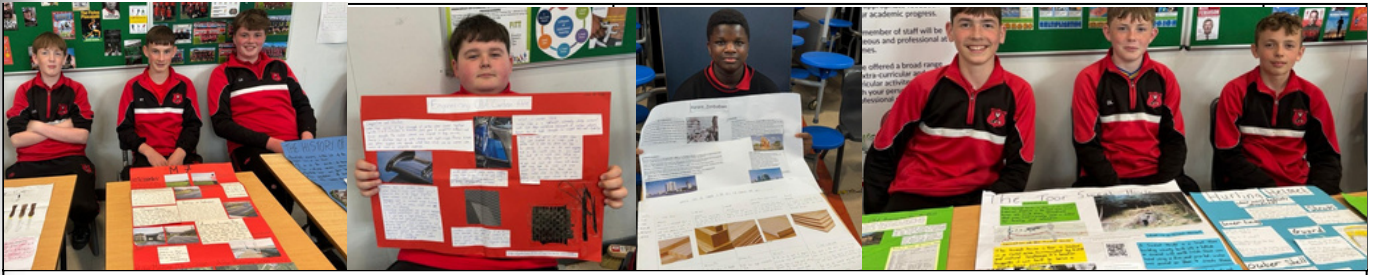
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Academics

Throughout the terms, your teachers have been brainstorming and think, pair, sharing as they try to come up with new and active ways of learning to help you grow while having fun at the same time!

CBA PRESENTATIONS

Students enjoyed showing off their CBA work at the end of the year. The CBA exhibition was open to students, staff and parents as our 2nd year students presented their work in history, engineering, and art among others. It was plain to see how proud our students are of their

work. As they showed off their work, it was also great to see older year groups reminiscing about their time doing CBA's and, more importantly, many 1st years taking notes that will help them on their CBA journey next year! A great event for all.



STEM Passport

Girls in 5th year graduated from the STEM Passport this year. This Level 6 qualification entitles them to 50 CAO points if they decide to attend MTU or Maynooth University to complete any STEM course. Well done, girls!



Active Walk

The active walk has been used by teachers across the school with different year groups, weather permitting. From biology to geography, students have accessed the walkway to stretch the legs and learn about their subjects in a new setting. As the walk, they can answer questions, gather info, and maybe have a chat with friends along the way!

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Business Talks

Near the beginning of the year some of the builders from the renovation spoke to senior class groups about apprenticeships. They talked about how to find one, how to make a good impression and also how they regret not making more of an effort in school.

Throughout the year we had talks from other leading businesses as well, such as Teleflex, Bank of Ireland and Google. Students have been well influenced by businesses and have even set up their own school bank!

Not only does this allow students to build relationships with local businesses, they also have the opportunity to put their business, accounting and LCVP learning into practice!

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BT Young Scientist

Super well done to Maslen Briggs and Aaron Kelly for their work on 'The Science of Procrastination' in the Stripe Young Scientist competition. The two 1st year students completed the project with the help of their science teachers and were even awarded the Judges Choice award for their impressive research.

This is a hint of great things to come for the young scientists who are already in talks over the topic of next years' submission. Many others from 1st year have also expressed interest after getting a tour of the competition and seeing what Ireland has to offer on the scientific front!

Tidy Towns

3rd Year students took to the streets of Newport during the year as part of CSPE to get involved with Tidy Towns. They cleaned, swept and planted trees all in an effort to improve Dear Old Newport Town. As the saying goes - "We're all going to leave someday. All we can do is try to leave the world better than we found it". 3rd Year students put that to practice over the term.

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Garda Talk

Students were all given a talk in the canteen by two representative of the Gardaí this past term. For those who missed it, students were warned about the dangers of the road, especially as they begin to get behind the wheel. Students were also warned about local issues and how to be wise on the streets. The Gardaí, lastly, extended an open offer to anyone of the students suffering to contact their local Garda station for support.



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Sport in Newport College

WINNERS OF THE DOUBLE!

Back in September, we had a special visit from the best hurling team in Ireland as they showed off their silverware in the school. Thanks again to Newport GAA, Mikey Breen and Pio Kennedy, the Liam McCarthy was paraded through Newport College. Over the year, our Senior hurlers took to the pitch in a Munster Final in Fethard and a County Final as well. Newport came out on top both times and were crowned winners of both competitions. Just this past week, students were presented with both medals by hurling legend Noel McGrath, as well as a commemorative plaque to be placed in the school to remember the momentous occasion for the team. Below you can find a snippet of teams that donned the school jersey this year!

Sports Teams in Competition

1st Year hurling



Senior Girls Rugby



U17 Soccer



U15 Rugby



Senior Boys Rugby



1st year Soccer



1st Year Soccer



Girls Football



U19 Hurling



U16.5 Camogie



U16 Basketball



U19 Soccer



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Transition Year

Shrek the Musical

I think all students would agree that Transition Year created some of the greatest memories they will make in life. Many of those would agree that the musical played a considerable part in this. From the weeks of auditions, to the months of practice, all culminating in the sellout shows in January, students were a credit to themselves as they practiced their parts, supported each other and created a wonderful atmosphere for all involved.

A special thank you to Shane Cunniffe, Marie Touhey, Dylan Ryan, Katie Hayes and all staff involved to facilitate such a great experience for our students. Students have received a plethora of opportunities to upskill and experience the world of work. They participated in driving school, a hands on first aid course, coaching courses and work experience each week, just to name a few.

The more students got involved, the more they got out of the course, and it has been clear to see the amount of growth and maturity they have received from Transition Year this year

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Junk Kouture

Of course, congratulations must be given to our resident fashion designer Joseph Monaghan who has, through serious hard work, reached the world stage in the Junk Kouture competition. Having been shortlisted, Joseph succeeded in the Munster, and the National Finals to represent Ireland internationally. Thanks must go to all staff who helped him on his journey. Well done Joseph!

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Barcelona

Students travelled to Barcelona in March for their international trip this year. With so many of our Erasmus students coming over from Spain, it was great for students to experience their culture and history too. Students visited local museums, Barcelona Cathedral, and even spent some time relaxing and having fun swimming and adventuring on ziplines. For many, this was their first time abroad without parents – a huge milestone for the TY students. **#respect**



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Active Schools

Newport College celebrated an incredible Active Schools Week and what a success it turned out to be! With a wide variety of activities including our 'Teacher vs Student' Volleyball match, Tug of War competitions, 1st Year activity day, Combine Testing and our fantastic Colour Run finale on Friday, the main goal of the week was to get everyone active, involved and enjoying themselves and we are delighted to say that every student in the school participated in activities across the week.

A special thank you must go to The Workshop Gym in Newport. Their expertise, encouragement and knowledge, along with some fantastic equipment, added hugely to the experience. The highlight of the week was undoubtedly our Colour Run on Friday. We are also absolutely delighted to announce that, due to the fantastic work completed over the last number of years by Transition Year students under the guidance of Ms. Keating, Mr. O' Mara and Mr. Kinane, Newport College has officially been awarded our Active Schools Flag! This is a phenomenal achievement for our school community and something we are extremely proud of. We look forward to continuing to build on the amazing work that has been done and to promoting physical activity and wellbeing throughout our school for years to come.



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Extraordinary achievements

Along with the awards for Student of the Year and Spirit of Newport College, many students won awards for outstanding personal achievement. These students have achieved what very few ever will, due to incredible hard work, perseverance and determination. We also wished to reward those at Junior and Senior Cycle who have gone above and beyond in the areas of Arts (Eoin Ryan, Eileen Ryan), STEM (Evangeline Hartnett, Darragh Cummins), Business (Penelope Finch, Mark Houlihan), Practical work (Olan Bethell), and Languages (Mateus Souza, Emmy Neumann).



Thanks must go to our Erasmus girls Daniela Riviera and Lena Walczk, as well as Lote Vacieta-Gabrena, who painted a wonderful mural for all of us to remember them by.



Huge congratulations to Cate O'Brien who will compete in the National finals after her achievements in the Munster Minor Athletics.



Well done to Ryan O'Neill who recently represented Munster in rugby.



Congratulations to Eabha Brophy, Tori Doyle, Grace Whelton and Faye Lynch who represent Newport College in the Gaynor Cup



Amazing work to Sean Hasset who represented Munster in Wheelchair Hurling, winning the All-Ireland this year.



Congratulations to James Ryan and Ronan Toohey who will play in the Kennedy Cup.

Arts



STEM



Business



Practical



Languages



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Pictured left: Sam Caplis and Molly Boland, this years head boy and head girl at the beginning of their tenure.
 Pictured right: Sam and Molly receiving their awards at Graduation along with Principal Donal Madden, Vice-Principal Claire Sullivan, and Yearhead Chris Keane

Student Voice

STUDENT COUNCIL

At the beginning of the school year, Student Council was elected and throughout the year they strived to make their mark on the school.

1st Year: Calvin Mooney, Abbie McGrath, Maslen Briggs, Clodagh McKiernan.

2nd Year: Holly Mugumya, Evan Carroll, Kyle Ryan.

3rd Year: Aoife Boland, Killian Van de Ven, Megan Shinnars, Colm Ryan.

TY: Seamus Bridgeman, Emily Humphreys, Luke Rainsford.

5th Year: Miesha Bogachev, Sean

Hassett, Calum Harvey.

6th year: Zack Mooney, Sam Caplis, Molly Boland, Faye Ewing, Tiernan Quaid.

Student Council were heavily involved this year with fundraising for charities such as their Daffodil Day Bake Sale. They also focused on student and teacher wellbeing through activities created for 'Mindfulness March'. Senior groups even got involved with teacher training as they highlighted the learning experience from the student perspective.

Head Boy and Head Girl

Dear Staff, Students, and Parents,

As we come to the end of a busy and exciting year, Student Council would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone in our school community for the constant support, your hard work, and the positive atmosphere you help create every day. We are especially grateful to the Parents Association for their continued involvement, generosity, and commitment to supporting school events and activities throughout the year.

To our amazing teachers, SNAs, canteen staff, reception, management, and every member of staff who keeps the school running smoothly—thank you. And to our fellow students, thank you for your teamwork, spirit, and participation in school life. On behalf of the entire Student Council, we wish you all a healthy and safe Summer Holidays.

From myself and Sam, we would like to thank everyone – staff, parents and fellow students – who made our time as Head Boy and Head Girl so enjoyable and fulfilling.

Warmest wishes, Molly and Sam.



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