



St. Pat's CS NEWS



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St Bridget's Day & Spring 2022

St. Brigid,

You were a woman of peace.

You brought harmony where
there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness.

You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover
those who are troubled and anxious,
and may peace be firmly rooted
in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and
to reverence all God has made.

Brigid, you were a voice for
the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness
that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater
wholeness in mind, body and spirit.

Amen.



*As spring begins our
Daffodils are starting
to open up all over the
school. Our TY's take
part in planting bulbs
in autumn each year.*

Ms.Kiernan made wonderful crosses with students.



Green Schools

Students recently completed a week of Tutor time for students on Environmental awareness in the school. At the end of the week there was elections for a new Green Schools Committee in the school composed of students from all years, as well as staff members. The aim is to promote our school as a Green School into the future.

We are also in talks with Meath County Council on the installation of three touchless water fillers within the school, the aim of which is to eliminate the use of disposable plastic bottles in the school. This will involve staff and students committing to bringing in refillable water bottles.

Second Years continue their great job with litter picking after lunch hour aiding our caretakers in their invaluable work in maintaining a clean and tidy environment. If there are parents who feel they can help in any way with Green Schools or Environmental Awareness please get in touch.



Rugby

The Post Christmas Period offered no rest for our Senior and Junior Rugby Teams as they embarked on their Vinnie Murray and Fr Godfrey Cup journeys respectively.

The senior team, captained by Oisín Heffernan narrowly lost a warm up game against Wilson's Hospital before they took on Kings Hospital in the Cup in Donnybrook. Our boys put in a tremendous effort but the Dublin side were just too physically strong, running out easy victors. Cian O'Sullivan and Finn McNally did manage to hit the scoreboard on the Day. The Seniors will enter the Vinnie Murray Shield after the Mid Term Break.

Our Juniors have had a tremendous run in the Fr Godfrey Cup. In Round 1, Phillip Smyth showed nerves of steel to kick a match winning penalty with the last kick of the game against Ard Scoil na Tríonóide, Athy. (25-24). Try Scorers on the day were Adam McHugh, Sean Reilly, Ciaran Scott and Smyth.

In the Quarter Final, on the big stage in Donnybrook, the boys faced a St Andrews Side backed by a huge support. However, inspired by a Scott Hatrick and precision Smyth kicking, we secured a Semi Final spot with a 33-20 win.

(Luke Kennedy and Ciall Flynn being the other Try Scorers on the Day).

Unfortunately our Juniors were defeated by Temple Carrig after a great battle on Thursday last (TC 16, St. Pat's 14). Well done to both team and managers over the last few weeks. (Mr C.Murphy & Mr J.McGuinness).



Click to read [Independant report on the Junior Semi Final.](#)



Athletics

Phoenix Park North Leinster Cross Country

St. Patrick's classical school cross country and athletics team took part in the North Leinster cross country competition. St.Pat's took part in four categories: minor boys, junior boys, intermediate boys and senior boys.

Minor boys competed first running a distance of 1.8km team members include Martin keane, Tadhg caffery, Jack Fitzgerald, Tom logan and Ben Sharkey the lads had a good start amongst the pack jostling for position off the line this race also had one of the widest field spread of the day.

Junior boys ran a distance of 2.5km team members include Joey Hegarty who came home in 5th overall earning a place in the leinsters other members were Oran Meade, Colin Duffy, Jake Ryan and Eoin Rogers. It was most likely the most packed crowd of the day as the St.Pat's boys along with other schools were positioned just off the track this stampede caused a couple of fallers off the line luckily none of them from St. Pat's.

Inter Boys ran a distance of 4km team members including Joseph Mullen who claimed 7th overall receiving a place in the leinster competition Sean McGuinness, Dean Ryan, Cillian Fox, Cillian Owens, Tim Cronin, Nathan Ryan and Peter Price all took part in this race.

Senior Boys finished off the day in style. Running 5km they claimed silver with 2nd place in the teams event with Thomas Cully finishing 12th and Adam Gillsenan finishing 14th both those lads qualify for a Leinster place. Cillian Moss and Kian Mcgee also contributed to the second place both qualifying for Leinster as part of the team Francesco Kearney, Josh Faherty, Jake Brisco and Jake cassarly all taking part in the race.

This week the Leinster Finals are on Wednesday 16th February. We wish the following students best of luck in their events: Joey Hegarty (Junior Final), Joseph Mullen (Intermediate final) and Thomas Cully and Adam Gilsenan (Senior final). The senior boys team will also compete in their event on Thursday 17th.

Written by Sean Brady (5th Yr)



TY Update & Show

Since the TYs have returned after christmas we have all been very busy, Especially with the Dance show 'Dancing Through The Decades'. We have been learning new dances with the choreographer Gráinne Kennedy. The TYs have been split into two groups, doing different styles of dance. The show will be on 10th of March and we are all looking forward to it. The TYs have gone on a group tour of Dublin with Mr Murphy and Mr Coogan. The TYs visited many historical places such as Dublin Castle & The GPO. A number of TY students who took the YSI module have been working away at things such as Bringing in the Irish wheelchair association into school. In this module the TYs were given a talk by the IWA and then were given the chance to play some wheelchair basketball. The TYs also set up a student teacher match at lunch to raise money for the wheelchair association, this was a great success.

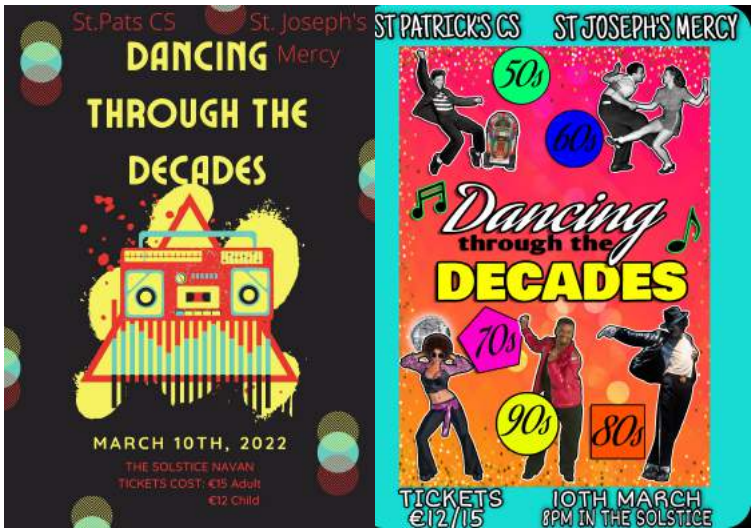


TY students visiting Dublin Castle

Upcoming TY Show
St Pat's & St Joseph's Mercy Present
'Dancing Through the Decades'
Thursday 10th March 8pm
Ticket available on Solstice Art Centre



Sample of the posters our students created with Ms Healy for their show.



St Pats Traditional Irish Music Group ‘An Uaimh’

Jaw Dropping Siansa Session Set.



An Uaimh playing for our Advent Service

An Uaimh is the name of St. Pat's Traditional group who play sessions every Tuesday up in the music room with band leader Mr Jason McGuinness. The group is a welcome space that values participation, creativity and improvisation, and is open to all musicians in the school. An Uaimh recently arranged, recorded and produced a setlist of music for the Siansa Gael Linn Traditional festival.

The group is no stranger to diversity, opting to perform five completely different styles of Traditional music in the set. The set opens with a jig, named 'Lark in The Morning', as the band plays explosively in unison as a lead-in to the strong melody line played on the banjo, accordion and fiddle by Seán Reilly, Sean Brady and Mr McGuinness. Supporting this melody is the harmonic section, featuring Alex Sheridan on the piano and Oscar Seery on guitar. The jig concludes with a transition into 'Napoleon Crosses The Alps', a rhythmic march driven forward by the rhythm section, a welcoming constant thanks to the metronomic playing of Blake McGarry on bodhrán. We are then shifted in an entirely new direction as the tempo and mood shifts to the softer style of an old Gaelic song as the band begins to sing 'Samhradh Samhradh', sung as a two part vocal harmony as Gaeilge with the band backing the vocalists. A strong staple of this part is the Tin Whistle

improvisation played by Séimí Byrne, creating an expansive atmosphere for the listener. As the song concludes, the band slides straight into the next tune, Military Two Step, an uptempo and jovial sounding tune. To finish the set, the band plays a famous standard of Traditional sets, 'Cooley's Reel', a complete shift in tonality from the 'Military Two Step' that serves in creating the dramatic ending this set deserves.

This set is a testament to the talents of the St. Pat's Student Body, and would not be possible without the contributions of talented and eager musicians and their supportive teachers. Such an achievement could only be surpassed with the addition of more talent to the line up, if you play an instrument and are willing to explore new horizons, please do come up to the music room to play with the band, they are always open to mixing up the experience with new ideas and fusions of genres. As the old Irish Seanfhocail says, "Leagfaidh tua beag crann mór", your contributions, big or small, will always be capable of achieving a great purpose, and that is especially true for the enrichment you can experience contributing to a group as wonderful as An Uaimh.

Written by Oscar Seery (5th Yr Music Student)

Click [HERE](#) to hear the set!

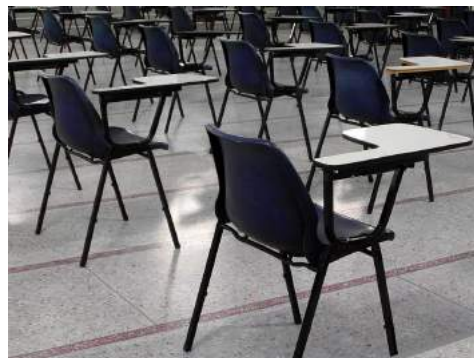
Oscar Seery and Sean Reilly



Mock Exams & Well Wishes

We returned to St. Pat's after Christmas, almost five months into the school year. As always the school year moves extremely quickly due to the various ongoing events like Football, Hurling, Rugby the various clubs and of course the everyday classes. It's obvious that we are entering the business end of the year in many respects in terms of sporting events and of course the all important Leaving and Junior Certificate exams which take place in June. Currently, the sixth year & third year students are studying for their mock examinations. I would like to wish all students good luck in these respective exams.

Head Perfect - James Cahill.



Best of luck to all our students in their exams over the coming days & enjoy the mid-term break!

100 Years

In January President Michael D Higgins unveiled a plaque marking 100 years to the day since Dublin Castle was handed over by the British administration to the Provisional Irish Government.

In December our History Department organised an historical week to commemorate the signing of the Anglo Irish Treaty. This marked 100 years since the Treaty was signed which cemented the partition of Ireland.

A number of our students in December and January visited Dublin Castle to mark this event. This was organised by Mr J.Coogan and Mr N.Boyle.



100 year timeline in the school main hall.



The Term in Pictures







Find more information about the pictures above on our [school website](#) & facebook page.

