

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

"Nothing is so beautiful as Spring –
When weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush;"

This beautiful poem by Gerard Manley Hopkins which extols the wonders of the Spring season has run through my mind innumerable times these last few weeks. I'm not sure why; I, like most people, tolerate the long evenings of winter but love the freedom and opportunities the longer evenings bring. But this year it seems to mean more. The shadow that Covid-19 pandemic cast impacted on us all and my delight in this Spring emanates from the real sense of this chapter finally coming to an end. I have no doubt that we will have to live with Covid but hopefully the days of lockdowns and oppressive mitigation measures are finally behind us. The brighter days we longed for during the various lockdowns have arrived so let's make the most of our time.



It is with that real sense of optimism that I once again welcome you all to the School Yearbook. We hope that we have captured the events, the people and indeed the spirit of this last academic year. For much of the year we once again had to operate within the restrictions that were in place. However, as you leaf through the pages I hope you get the sense of the vibrant, flourishing environment that is Ballyhaunis CS.

One of the most significant events of the last number of months was the retirement of our colleague, Mr. Sean McHugh. Sean is a past pupil of the school and returned as a teacher in 2005. It was obvious from very early on that he had a real affinity with the school and indeed the students. He fostered wonderful relationships with the students in his care and also brought a real sense of mischief to the staffroom. I saw many times at first hand how Sean looked out for his students and the lengths he went to so as to ensure his students reached their potential. Late evenings in April and May were regular occurrences as Sean gave of his free time to assist those preparing for State Exams. I was a regular visitor to his room and he always took great pride exhibiting the outstanding work produced by his students. For many students the "D" Area was a refuge from the daily grind of Maths, Irish, Science etc. Here, they were able to roll up their sleeves and get stuck into something more enjoyable. Sean really understood this mindset and many students' experience of school was made more tolerable by Sean opening up his door and allowing these students the opportunity to let off some steam. Sean facilitated this because he had a clear understanding that "one size does not fit all" when it comes to education. It is perhaps the central reason as to why he was such a popular figure with students. I have no doubt that Sean was instrumental in keeping students in education and completing their Leaving Certificate. As a result, these students' future prospects were greatly enhanced and that is truly a wonderful legacy.

From a personal perspective Sean was always a great support to me and the source of wise counsel. He was always on hand to offer advice and assistance. However, the most thing I miss about Sean are the casual conversations that we had in the "D" Area. As mentioned above Sean has a wonderful sense of mischief and many a dark morning was brightened up with his great sense of humour. The chats, which could sometimes border on irreverent, lightened the load on many an occasion and set me up for the day. Sean never took himself too seriously and was always quick to bring me down to earth if I was losing the run of myself!

Needless to say, I want to wish Sean many years of health and happiness in his retirement.

It was with great sadness that I learnt of the passing of Sr. Evelyn Fahy in early March. Sr. Evelyn taught in BCS for a considerable number of years and was very highly regarded by both students and staff alike. She had a gentle, kind presence that earned the respect of the entire school community. This was very much in evidence by the huge reaction we received to her passing on our Facebook page. Former students wrote of the regard they had for her and the kindness she displayed to all. I would like to convey on behalf of the entire school community our condolences to Sr. Evelyn's family, friends and the Mercy community. May her gentle soul Rest in Peace.

Over the Easter Holidays contracts were signed with the Design Team for the proposed further extension of the school. The extension will consist of 5 general classrooms, an Art Room, a Science Lab and a SEN Unit. This is a further vote of confidence in the school as it continues to grow and flourish. This new extension will allow us to meet more comprehensively the needs of our students in the years ahead. These are indeed exciting times.

I want to pay tribute to Mr. Ginty for his hard work in compiling this excellent publication. This is a difficult task at the best of times but this year he had to once again contend with the Covid-19 pandemic which greatly complicated matters. But as always, he rose to the challenge and I wish to commend him for his efforts once again. He was, as always, ably assisted by a terrific team of teachers and students who can also take great pride from being involved in such a wonderful project. A special thanks to Fr. Farragher and Mr. McGarry who are responsible for most, if not all, of the pictures in the magazine.

As the pandemic seems to be finally coming towards an end I want to take this opportunity to thank all members of the school community for their adherence to the mitigation measures that were in place for the past two academic years. Social distancing and mask wearing were incredibly challenging but everyone did their best as we endeavoured to stay safe. I have no doubt that the efforts that we all made in school prevented the transmission of the virus and as a result people were spared serious illness or worse. A sincere thank you for your efforts.

Finally, I would like to extend my best wishes to our Leaving Certificate students who will be starting their own life journeys next year. We wish them health and happiness in whatever path they ultimately find themselves on. I sincerely hope the values and wisdom they have acquired here in BCS will sustain them in whatever challenges they may face in the years ahead.

STAFF PHOTOS



Back Row (l-r): Sean Folan, Katelyn Concannon, Francis Gormally, Shannon O'Connor, David Mitchell, Patrick McGarry, Paul Ryan, Colin Quinn, Mairead Conway, Bernadine Waldron, Michael Murray. **2nd from back (l-r):** Ciara Hunt, Micheál Ginty, Siobhan Garvey, Sinead Niland, Carmel Cox, Chloe Ryan, Padraic Shannon, Aoife Hegarty, Caroline Burns, Genevieve Murray, Paul Lawless. **2nd from front (l-r):** Colm Caulfield, Raymond Woolley, Kirsty Phillips, Claire Lawless, Siobhán Mannix, Geraldine Cunniffe, Mary Mooney, Sharon Mulroy, Antoinette Lennon, Joesphine Loftus, Olive Lyons, Edel Kinsella, Orla Phillips. **Front Row (l-r):** Patrick Noone, Grainne Glavey, Nicola Nolan, Saoirse Hoban, David McDonagh, Orla Macken, Anna Henry, Catriona Murphy, Patricia Hargaden-Whyte, Bernie Osgood. **Missing from photo:** Áine Fallon, Gillan Madden, Catherine Monaghan, Eadoin Flynn, Ann Varden, Marian Phelan, Aishling O'Brien, Séan McHugh, Ann Marie O'Reilly, Geraldine O'Loughlin, Colleen Hayes, Aoife Keane and Mairead Quinn



Trainee Teachers \ NQTs. Back Row (l-r): Conor Hunt, Rebecca Finn, Chloe Ryan, Grainne Robinson. **Front Row (l-r):** Katelyn Concannon, Lauren Casey, Joanne Coffey.



Trainee Teachers. Front Row (l-r): Sarah Lavelle, Shane Dyra, Ruth Henry. **Missing from photo:** Sean Byrne, Aoibhinn Gallagher, Saoirse Hoban, Conor Fitzmaurice.



Special Needs Assistants (l-r): Michelle Kavanagh, Geraldine Donellan, Michelle Delaney and Anne-Marie Walsh. Missing from photo: Louise Joyce



Office Staff (l-r): Justina Lyons, Patricia Gaughan and Sharon Gibbons. Missing from photo: Ellain Murphy

Sean McHugh

Best wishes to our friend and colleague Sean McHugh who retired from BCS in October. Since his arrival to the staff in 2005, Sean has been a stalwart of the school, and the 'D Area' in particular. As a past pupil of BCS he has always had a great connection to the school and the wider community.

Sean was always the consummate professional and extremely dedicated to his trade. He demanded high standards from his students and his results in State Examinations were second to none. His passion for his subjects was obvious to all, and he had an uncanny knack of transmitting this love on through his teaching. Sean had a great affinity to his students and was much loved by each and every one of them. He was often the refuge for students who needed a break from the rigours of school or whose teachers needed a break from them! Students were always greeted with a smile and welcomed in to D4 with open arms, often to the sound of the dulcet tones of Johnny Cash or Christy Moore. In recent years a more eclectic mix of dance & hip-hop tunes could be heard emanating from his room, much to the bemusement of his colleagues in D5. Ever the progressive teacher, Sean liked to keep up to date with his students. The advent of Spotify was certainly a game changer for Sean.

Sean's popularity with students was further enhanced by his involvement in coaching the 1st Year Gaelic Football team, over many years. Sean was an innovative coach, well ahead of his time in terms of squad rotation and it wasn't uncommon for him to bring enough players to field two or three teams! He took great pride in giving everyone the opportunity to don the BCS jersey and was rewarded with much silverware over the years. The Tarmey & Campbell Cup celebrations were legendary around the school.

An extremely intelligent and approachable man, Sean was a great sounding board for teachers young and old and was always on hand to give wise counsel when requested. Many of life's great mysteries in fields as diverse as politics, sport and education were resolved through the legendary discussions with Pat Noone and Sean outside D4. No topic was out of bounds for these two great minds. Who knows how many times Sam Maguire would have landed home had these two men been in charge of Mayo. The Tiger Economy crash would certainly have been avoided!

Sean will be sorely missed in the D area and for now at least, D4 will still be called 'Sean's room'. We wish him every success in his retirement. As a man of many talents and interests, no doubt Sean will be kept busy during his retirement, but we look forward to welcoming him back to visit in the near future.

by Mr. Patrick McGarry



A word from our chaplain

Ms Burns

We're living in amazing times aren't we? With the threats of a global pandemic, war in Ukraine, and the many other daily challenges we are facing, it's important to remember that life can also be wonderfully joyous, fun, and beautiful. Together, as a school community, we face the challenges of life with a sense of togetherness and hope that makes the world a better, happier place.

In a world which will always be challenging, the choice we have is between hope and despair. Choose hope. In a world which is full of violence and peace, choose peace. In a world which is full of cruelty and kindness, choose kindness. Our choices make us who we truly are. Sometimes the choices are hard to make, so we look to others for help to guide us: our parents, family, friends, and teachers. Sometimes, it is the example of others that helps us to choose the right thing to do. People can be inspirational and a force for good in the world. Think of Charlie Bird and his climb up Croagh Patrick. Charlie united many people in hope, peace, and kindness. He wrote: "My motor neurone disease was devastating but I have been overwhelmed by the support I have received from the general public. It's been a huge source of strength for me and my family. I want to use the outpouring of support to help other people...." Charlie made a choice. Other people make a daily choice to help others. Think, for example, of the nurses who care for the sick and injured every day of their working lives. How special they are, and we only really appreciate them when we need their help ourselves. This poem helps us to think about the choices that nurses make every day.

For A Nurse by John O' Donohue
In this fragile frontier-place, your kindness
Becomes a light that consoles the broken-hearted,
Awakens within desperate storms
That oasis of serenity that calls
The spirit to rise from beneath the weight of pain,
To create a new space in the person's mind
Where they gain distance from their suffering
And begin to see the invitation
To integrate and transform it.
May you embrace the beauty in what you do
And how you stand like a secret angel
Between the bleak despair of illness
And the unquenchable light of spirit
That can turn the darkest destiny towards dawn.
May you never doubt the gifts you bring;
Rather, learn from these frontiers
Wisdom for your own heart.

May you come to inherit
The blessings of your kindness
And never be without care and love
When winter enters your own life.
O' Donohue, John, *To Bless the Space Between Us* (2008),
Doubleday, New York.

As we reach the end of another incredible year at BCS, my prayer for you is that you try to make the right choices and that you support each other as much as you can. No doubt, there will be many times we make the wrong choice, but there is always another chance and another day to try again. Nobody is perfect; all we can do is try our best to be good and a positive light in the world. Together, we are strong and together we will meet all of life's challenges with courage and resilience. Thank you to everyone who showed kindness and support to others this year in our school. Have a delightful, happy summer and may your future be bright and filled with wonder and love.

Staff news

Congratulations to Ms. Hegarty on her marriage last Summer to Enda. We wish them all the best in the future.



Aoife and Enda

Congratulations to Louise and Barry on the birth of their baby boy Cillian.

Congratulations to Aishling and Alan on the birth of their baby boy Donnacha.

Congratulations to Mr. Gormally on his recent marriage to Marita. We wish them all the best in the future.



Cillian Joyce



Donnacha
O'Brien



Francis and Marita

A tribute to Sr. Evelyn Fahy

May she rest in Peace

Sr. Evelyn joined the staff of Ballyhaunis Community school in 1984, having initially taught in St. Mark's Community School, Tallaght. She qualified as a Science teacher and later went on to train as a Guidance counsellor. As well as her teaching she lived and worked with the Sisters of Mercy in St. Mark's Parish, Springfield for several years. She transferred to the Convent of Mercy Ballyhaunis in 1984 and joined the teaching staff of BCS as Guidance Counsellor, a role she excelled in until she retired from teaching in 1999. She went on to volunteer in the Knock Counselling Centre as well as continuing with her parish work in Ballyhaunis. Sr. Evelyn transferred to Galway when the Sisters of Mercy left Ballyhaunis in 2008. She continued in her role of service in Knocknacarra parish and later Renmore right up until her health began to deteriorate. She passed away peacefully on March 9th this year.

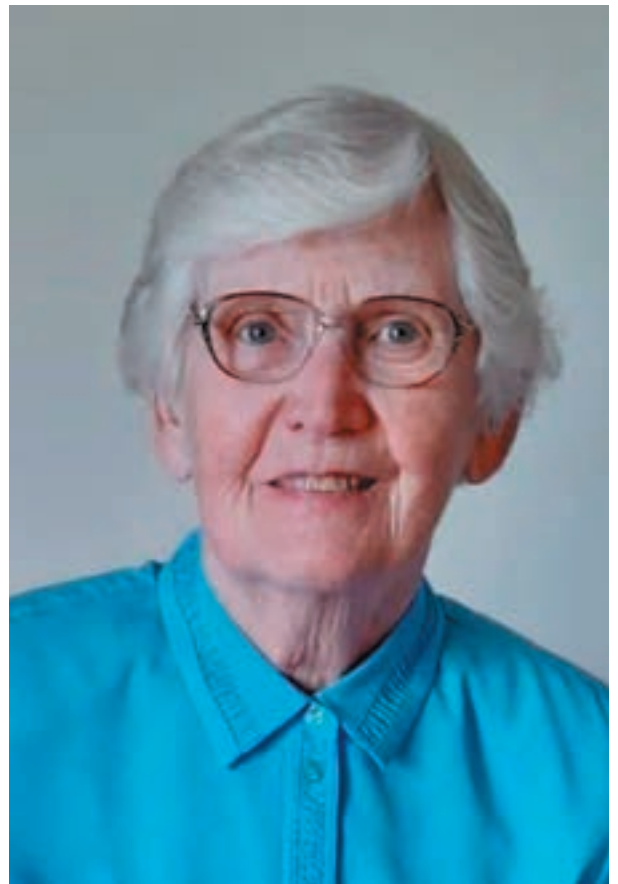
Sr. Evelyn is fondly remembered by those who knew her, she was highly regarded by both staff and students. She had a kind and gentle presence that earned her the respect of the entire school community.

The many comments on the school's social media platform as the news filtered that Sr. Evelyn has passed away are testament to the huge impact that she had on so many lives. Many past students reflected on their experience under Sr. Evelyn guidance, describing her as 'warm-hearted', 'a breath of fresh air', 'great fun', 'a wonderful person', 'very decent' and 'caring'. Sr. Evelyn had all of those characteristics in abundance.

When I joined the staff, Sr Evelyn had retired from teaching, yet she continued her connection with BCS by making herself available to provide counselling to students who found themselves in difficulty. Evelyn was a great support to me when I started out in my role as the first lay Chaplain. She gave me lots of advice and helped me to develop the skill of being an active listener. Sr. Evelyn was a kind and warm person, she took everyone at face value, no judgement was cast, she extended the hand of friendship to all. She gave a listening ear to anyone who needed it. Sr. Evelyn was young at heart and she always had an endearing twinkle in her eye. A student once reported that when they went to Sr. Evelyn earnestly seeking career advice on how to achieve their lifelong ambition of becoming the next 'Beyonce', Sr. Evelyn went along with it, while subtly directing the student down a more practical career path!

As teachers we all hope that our legacy is one where we have made a positive and lasting impression on the students we have taught. Sr. Evelyn certainly did. Sr. Evelyn passed away peacefully on March 9th surrounded by her family and the Sisters of Mercy. She has returned to her maker whom she has served her whole life. No doubt her faith and service to God has ensured she has now reached her eternal reward.

Sincere condolences to the Fahy family and the Sisters of Mercy on Evelyn's passing
Ar dheis De go raibh a hanam dílis.
Orla Macken



November We Remember

The old saying that in 'November We Remember' means that, during autumn, when the shadows lengthen, the days grow short, the cold wind starts to blow, and the leaves begin to fall from the trees, we remember those



friends and family that have passed from this world and gone to heaven to be with God in peace. Although we no longer see them, touch their hands, or hear their voices, they remain in our minds and in our hearts.

In November 2022, we remembered those of our school community - friends, family members, and colleagues - who passed away this year. We reflected on their lives with love and respect. The sacred space was a special place to pause and remember our dearly departed loved ones. The great respect shown during this time was a sign of the togetherness of our wonderful school community.

May we always recognize the power of love in our lives.

May we always remember that we are never alone, that we are always connected to others and to the eternal rhythm of the universe.

Ms Caroline Burns

1ST YEAR



1A

Back Row (l-r): Jennifer Bednarikova, Seamus Calum Pearson, Conor Smith, Lukas Bacys, Nicole Forde, Sara Brennan, Rebecca Clancy.

Middle Row (l-r): George Richards, Connor Reynolds, Dirren Murphy, Olivia Zota, Melissa Devaney, Victoria Balik-Nowak, James Flannagan, Isaac Walsh.

Front Row (l-r): Kaylin Baxter, Patryk Burda, Aun Asghar, Cían Moran, Rahan Alom, Kate Colleran.

Missing from photo: Bridget Allen, Brandon Casey, Molly Collins, Lamar Rahmani.



1B

Back Row (l-r): Éala Greally, Fionn Conlon, Michael Dee, Lauren Groarke, Oliver Patrick Cuniffée, Fiona Duffy, Aaron Finnegan,

Middle Row (l-r): Tamara Dube, Melissa Clarke, Lucy Flanagan, Rhianna Caulfield, Tom Donnellan, Zainib Shoaib, Tadhg Farrell, Aqeel Amjad, Usman Zahoor, Rahim Rizwan.

Front Row (l-r): Liam Fleming, Méabh Fleming, Aoibhinn Gallagher, John William Burke, Rafah Shawi, Kealan Flynn, Eoin McLoughlin.

Missing from the photo: Ross Ruane-Dalton



1C

Back Row (l-r): Brandon McGowan, Cian Carty, Oisín Keaveney, Paddy Vanraepenbusch, Aaron Jordan, Tomiwa Mustapha, Jorja Hession, Liam Hill.

Middle Row (l-r): Dylan Hunt, Youssef Habib, Emma McGuire, Maryam Hamze, Mary Eleanor McDonagh, Harry Waldron, Rachel Lawless, Amelia Gryczuk, Caél Hannan

Front Row (l-r): Nicole Greally, Niall Thomas Haldane, Shaifa Naveed, Mike Kayange, Erin Hibbitt, Andrei Cristian Istrate, Nikola Kosteckova,

Missing from the photo: Gwen Heneghan



1D

Back Row (l-r): John Greally, Joseph Phelan, Jack Nolan, Jamie Nolan, Saoirse McKermitt, Klaudia Kozlowska.

Middle Row (l-r): Gany Maaz, John Jennings, Sarah-Jane Keadin, Tadhg Kelly, Kevin Lukac, Grace Thomson, Emily Lyons.

Front Row (l-r): Lauren Lyons, Chloe Hurley, Caoilagh Kelly, Naomi McDonagh, Jimmy Whelan, Patrick Murphy, Ben Bryne.

Missing from the photo: Jason Finnegan, Grace Heneghan, Alex Keane, Annie Keaveney, Carlos Kirrane.



1E

Back Row (l-r): Sultan Noor, Cristiano Manke, Ariana Igemelu, Daniel Plunkett, Badar Ashif, Gustas Lukosevicius.

Middle Row (l-r): Darragh Mulrennan, Bilqys Obebe, Camila Caetano de Olivera, Ana Posaric, Alana Mongan, Ava Neary, Sinéad Mannion, Eva Boyle, Ellen Murphy.

Front Row (l-r): Luka Posaric, Jason Powers, Ruairí McWalter, Caitlin Cooper, Clodagh Mitchell, Talha Rehman, Cillian Caulfield.



1F

Back Row (l-r): Katelyn McLoughlin, Tiffany Obakpolor, Adam McGowan Vagenknecht, Daragh Rogers, Emma Caulfield, Cathal Wallace.

Middle Row (l-r): Usef Sakkar, Josh Saunders, Hudda Maqsood, Jessica Urbanova, Christina Ruane, Darragh Hunt, Adam Ronan, Megan Finnegan, Talha Tayyab.

Front Row (l-r): Logan Davis, Ruth Waldron, Sarah Hussey, Emma Swanick, Kamile Ziziunaite, Chloe Donohoe, Erik Tallosi.

Missing from photo: Zargham Mohammad Asim, Brandon Sweeney, James Tynan.

1st Year Boys Basketball

It was a very successful year for the first-year boys basketball team. After a good win against Abbey Community College, Boyle the team were lucky enough to get through to a regional semifinal. Foxford were next up in the semifinal. The lads continued to learn how to play basketball leading up to this match and put in a great performance in the semifinal to win it convincingly. Now all of a sudden, they were through to a regional final. A trip to Donegal was in store and they did not know what to expect. On arrival there they produced a wonderful performance to beat Ballymote. It was great to win a regional final and the lads enjoyed celebrating with their new cup and medals. Winning the Northwest region meant we went forward to an All-Ireland qualifier. In a great game Ballyhaunis fell well behind in the 1st and 2nd quarters of the game. However, in the last 2 quarters Ballyhaunis showed a great team spirit and brought it to within one basket at the end. A time out was called and Ballyhaunis had one try at levelling the game and unfortunately it didn't work out. They lost their last game but they can be very proud of what they have achieved this year. Hopefully, this team can go one step further in 2nd year.



Back row: Seamus Pearson, Daragh Rogers, Conor Smith, Oliver Cunniffe, Jack Nolan, Ross Ruane-Dalton, Carlos Kirrane, Jamie Nolan. **Front row:** Fionn Conlon, Ruairi McWalter, Tom Donnellan, John-William Burke, Cillian Caulfield, Jason Powers, Eoin McLoughlin, Gany Maaz, Dylan Hunt. **Missing from photo:** Eamonn Monaghan.

Remembering Anne and Liesel: Memorial Event

On Saturday April 6th, the family, friends, neighbours and wider community of Ballinlough came together to remember two very special ladies: Anne Grogan and Liesel Page. The day was filled with fun, football and laughter with men's, U9's and women's matches taking place on the main pitch at Michael Glaveys GAA Club along with other activities for the spectators around the grounds.

For the staff here in BCS, it was a moment to gather outside of school and remember our dear work colleague, Anne. A number of staff past and present represented the school on the two ladies teams involved in the memorial games. Both games were also heavily represented by past students-some had played alongside Anne while others played for Anne. The ladies games of Michael Glaveys vs BCS All Stars was ultimately won by Michael Glaveys in the final kick of the game but BCS All Stars are eagerly awaiting their second try at the cup.

Congrats to all involved on a fantastic day and a special word of thanks to the organising committee on what can only be described as a perfect tribute to their friends.



Front Row(l-r): Katelyn Concannon, Bernie Osgood, Chloe Ryan, Sinéad Garvey, Siobhán Garvey.

We Are Ireland

From our shallow rivers,
To our strong green grass
Our cold might give you shivers
Waiting for our storms to pass.

Our flowers blooming high,
Our strawberries so sweet
Watching the birds in the sky
Hearing the soft sheep bleat.

From our hard-working heroes
To our nice loyal friends,
We're much higher than zero's
We'll be together till the end.

We're Irish for our shamrock,
We're Irish for our harp
Our ships are always at dock
Our hearts are soft not sharp.

Our winters are cold
But our hearts are strong
Our souls are bright gold,
We'll sing our native songs.

We are Ireland,
We have our own language,
Its name is Irish,
It's what we nourish

It's a country we love
It's what we know,
From high and above,
Till down low
We Are Ireland
Together, forever.

By, Aqeel Amjad

1st Year Home Ec



The Big Skip Off

This year's Big Skip off was a very special event indeed. Last year we had a recording of the event without an audience so we were back with a bang, live on stage in 2022.!!!

The aim of the event is to find the students who can do the most skips in one minute. Twelve students competed in total.

The winners this year were John William Burke and Kamila Ziziunaite. The competition was impressive and it was great to see how impressively fit our 1st year skippers are.

We also had some students who sang and danced. Jennifer Bednarkova and Amara Dube performed a popular hit song and Irish dancers Aoibhinn Gallagher and Molly Collins took to the stage and danced a jig with a modern twist. Yet many felt Ross Ruane Dalton , Liam Fleming and Eoin Mc Loughlin stole the show with their energetic version of "Stop the world and let me off !

The show was led by our two presenters Sarah Brennan and Aqueel Arshad. They were so professional and confident a career in showbiz surely beckons!

The script was written by another three talented 1st year students - Connor Reynolds , Dirren Murphy and Nicole Forde. Music was skillfully incorporated by Aun Augher , Michael Dee and Olivia Zota.

All in all it was great fun and it was lovely to see our 1st years on stage. The talent that is evident in our students is truly impressive and we were all so proud of them. Thank you to all the teachers in the RE dept who helped with this event.

Most importantly, all proceeds will go to Down Syndrome Ireland.



1st Year Boys Gaelic Football

The first-year boys Gaelic football team had a very busy year with their manager Mr Woolley and their TY helpers, Senan Guilfoyle and Sean Crawley. They had challenge matches, the mayo school's championship, the C Championship and there's still more matches to come with the Tarmey Cup and the Campbell Cup towards the end of the year.

They started off their year with a victory by beating St Colemans in a challenge match that was played in Began.

They then played in the Mayo Schools Championship. In the first round they played Kiltimagh in an exciting game which they went on to win!

In the second round of the championship, they were against Ballina which they unfortunately lost.

They then moved on to a playoff where they played Kiltimagh again! Despite how entertaining the game was, Ballyhaunis unfortunately lost by a point!

On the 1st of March, the team played in the C Championship. They played against St.Ciarans in Athlone. Ballyhaunis played very well and put up a great fight but St.Ciarans were just a more imposing and physical side, and we suffered a loss.

The first years still have more games to look forward to before the end of the year including the Campbell Cup and the Tarmey Cup!

We are looking forward to see how they get on!



Back Row: Conor Smith, Carlos Kirrane, Oisín Keaveney, Michael Dee, Aaron Finnegan, John Jennings, Eamon Monaghan, Seamus Pearson, Cian Carty, Jack Nolan **Front Row:** Ruairí Mcwalter, Ross Ruane-Dalton, Cillian Caulfield, Dylan Hunt, Fionn Conlon, John William Burke, Liam Fleming, Kealan Flynn, Talha Rehman, Tom Donnellan,

1st Year Boys Soccer

The first year boys soccer team had a very successful season this school year.

Their manager, Mr McGarry lead the team to victories and kept spirits high throughout the year. He was accompanied by James Flynn and Sean Keadin who were the TY helpers.

The first game the first years played was against Davitts College. It ended in an incredible score of 5-0 resulting in Ballyhaunis having their first victory of the season!!!

They went on to play against Headford which was a very tight game that ended in a draw of 3-3.

Unfortunately, they were defeated in their following two matches that were against Castlebar and Westport so the season came to an end. Well done to the lads on a good season.



BACK ROW(L-R): Sean Keadin, Seamus Pearson, Eamon Monaghan, Jack Nolan, Conor Smith, Carlos Kirrane, Oliver Cuniffe, Dylan Hunt, Usef Sakkar, James Flynn
FRONT ROW (L-R): Cillian Caulfield, Kealan Flynn, Niall Haldane, Fionn Conlon, Jason Powers, Rahan Alom, Liam Fleming, Aaron Finnegan

Leaving Cert Mentors 2021/22

6A Lillian Keane, Victoria Burcovschi, Niamh Duffy, Kelan Henry, Raif Costello, James Lyons, Orlaith Coffey, Oisín Kelly, Deirbhile Boland, Iqra Afzal, Nathan Dee, Roisin Denning, Louise Cox

6B Michelle Ryan, Paidi Murphy, Eddie Groarke, Bisma Maqsood, Lana Biesty, Beth Lloyd, Alannah Morley, Aadil Rizwan, Mohid Shahid, Martynka Ubych, Scott Jennings, Sofia Hopkova

6C Aine Glynn, Jack Sullivan, Ciara Hosty, Karen Morgan, Chloe Mulrennan, Grace Grealley, Lorna Davis, Rebecca Klein, Carragh Burke, Eilis O'Brien, Rebecca Osgood-Daly, Malaaz Hamze

6D Rosie Ganley, Claire Flanagan, Emer Delaney, Ellen Tener, Maeve Donnellan, Mark Doran, Niamh Mannion, Ahmed Tayyab, Adam Keane, Cillian McDermott



Climb with Charlie



The staff at BCS raised a total of €1330 for the 'Climb with Charlie' Campaign. They enjoyed a lovely day together in our local Cloonfad Woods. The quietness and beauty of this forest walk reminded them all of how lucky and privileged they all are.

BCS Staff First Aid



The above photo shows a number of BCS staff receiving their first aid certificates after completing an intensive course during this academic year.

2nd YEAR



2A

Back Row (l-r): Bilal Hussain, Karl Ashe, Sarah Caulfield, Aoife Collins, Emma Casey, Basmali Shawi, Shoaib Ahmad.

Middle Row (l-r): Rayn Sharif, Amy Clancy, Marissa Collins, Alisha Forde, Amar Sakkar, Yameena Parveen.

Front Row (l-r): Chantelle McDonagh, Violeta Nikolaeva, Cian O'Shaughnessy, Isaac Owusu, Kyle Burke, Muhammad Bidal.

Missing from photo: Amanda Cleary, Thomas Curtin, Eveie Grace Gibbs-Harris.



2B

Back Row (l-r): Brian Grealley, Emmanuel Fasanmi, Cathal Forde, Conor Coyne, Daniel Georgiev, Niamh Donellan.

Middle Row (l-r): Conor Grogan, Maria Vula, Chloe Fitzmaurice, Síofra Forde, Ciara Dooney, James Fitzmaurice, Casper Dorosz.

Front Row (l-r): Sarah Corcoran, Ciara Gill, Lana Spajic, Aoibhín Grealley, Leah Finnegan.

Missing from photo: David Delaney, Mark Feeney, David Georgiev, Ryan Giblin, Andrei Leva.



2C

Back Row (l-r): Magdalena Manke, Ben Reilly, Fionn Kilbride, Greta Ciutaite, Erik Holmok, Reliance Arku, Ellena Maire Coffey.

Middle Row (l-r): Fatima Shawi, Leandra Pesut, Valentina Pesut, Believe Mudimbi, Bassel Kezze, Ivan Polhos, Finbarr Regan.

Front Row (l-r): Miruna Ichim, Sean Gormley, Thomas Hayden, Darren Quinn, James Hayden, Callum Kelly.

Missing from photo: Beatrice Ichim, Samuel Polhos.



2D

Back Row (l-r): Adam Kelly, Arnas Krizka, Jason Jennings, Cameron Costello, Emma Henry.

Middle Row (l-r): Sadhbh Lyons, Alex Byrne, Rowan Johnston, Viktorija Anisovaite, Amanda Hamane, Daniel Bowen.

Front Row (l-r): Saoirse Higgins, David Lupinek, Sara Kaczmarek, Yusuf Kezze, Saule Mimaite.

Missing from photo: Lily Harrington, Edward Henry, Róisín Henry, Josh Kavanagh, Shahd Kezze, Ethan Kilbane, Eoin Loftus.



2E

Back Row (l-r): Conor Morley, Ian Murray, Keith Flannagan, Micheal Nolan, Jack Mulligan.

Middle Row (l-r): Theodara Esenoserehen, Vejune Bloztye, Ava McCormack, Ena Mrden, Kate McDermott, Emma O'Brien, Emma Mccloughlin

Front Row (l-r): Samuel Ayinla, Darragh Morris, Michael Morley, Muhammad Hashir Amin, Ruby Mulhall, Jake Powers.

Missing from photo: Shane Flannagan, Seán Joseph Haldane, Wayne Maughan, Muhammad Ismail Naseer, Arfa Nawaz, Leah Nyland.



2F

Back Row (l-r): Ciara Farrell, Keeley Ronane, Adnan Khan, Joshua Cunnane, Darragh Ronayne.

Middle Row (l-r): Emma Ruane, Emma-Jane Reinhardt, Norbert Siemionkowski, Ausrius Vaitickus, Erik Moisin, Alex Paluba.

Front Row (l-r): Brenda Da Silva, Luke Duffy, Hana Rahmani, Amelia Cherbatji, Amel Cherbatji.

Missing from photo: Katie Damron, Eoin Heneghan, Rehmeen Sohail, Daniel Solovy, Sylwester Ubych, Carl Waldron.

Anne Grogan Memorial Blitz

The Anne Grogan memorial blitz was held for the first year girls on the 4th of May 2022. The blitz was held in memory of former teacher and dear friend Anne Grogan who sadly died in 2019. Anne was a great believer in ladies football and loved nothing more than to play herself. Eight teams took part in the blitz with Salerno, Merlin College, Dunmore, Balla, St. Louis and Mount Saint Michael's travelling on the day. We also had two of our own first year girls teams. Each team got to play three games to start, with the top four teams going through to the semi-finals. There was tough competition on the day, with each team bringing their A-game to every match. Both the cup and shield finals were then played under the sun at the end of the day. In the shield final, St. Louis and Mount Saint Michael's played to see who would bring home the shield. Mount Saint Michael's were the better team in this match and won the Anne Grogan Shield. In the cup final our own Ballyhaunis A and Dunmore battled it out to see who would finish on top. It was a very close match all along with a final score difference of only one goal. Ballyhaunis A were victorious with every girl playing brilliant on the team. The captain Lucy Flanagan was then presented with the Anne Grogan cup by our own deputy principal Ms. Macken. Thanks to everyone who was involved in the day especially Ms. Kirsty Phillips, Ms. Garvey and Mr. Woolley putting lots of hard work in behind the scenes and also on the day. A special word of thanks and well done to all the TY students who played all the main roles on the day including referees, side lines men/ women, umpires, journalists, etc. They put in extremely hard work to ensure the day ran smoothly and it was a great success in the end.

By Maeve Flanagan and Caolan Boyle



2nd Year Boys Basketball

It was a very successful year for the second year boys basketball team. After a good win against Abbey Community College, Boyle followed by another good win in Ballinrobe the team were lucky enough to get through to a regional semifinal. Foxford were next up in the semifinal. The lads continued to learn how to play basketball leading up to this match and put in a great performance in the semifinal to win it convincingly. Now all of a sudden, they were through to a regional final. A trip to Donegal was in store and they did not know what to expect. On arrival there they produced a wonderful performance to beat Mogh Ene, Bundoran. In a pulsating encounter Ballyhaunis fought hard to come out on top in a tight game. It was great to win a regional final and the lads enjoyed celebrating with their new cup and medals. Winning the Northwest region meant we went forward to an All-Ireland qualifier. After a good start the game started to slip away from Ballyhaunis in the 3rd quarter and ultimately ended in defeat to an excellent Castlereagh side. They lost their last game but they can be very proud of what they have achieved this year. Hopefully, this team can go one step further in Cadet Basketball next year.



Back row: Emmanuel Fasanmi, Fionn Conlon, Adam Kelly, Mark Feeney, Josh Kavanagh, Ethan Kilbane, Brian Greally, Kyle Burke **Front row:** Norbert Siemienkowski, Issac Owusu, Jason Jennings, Jake Powers, Rowan Johnston, Tom Donnellan. **Missing from photo:** Kyle Burke, Cian O'Shagnessy, Adnan Khan, Wayne Maughan, Ausrius Vaitickus, Andrei Leva, Samuel Ayinla, Alex Byrne.

U-15 Boys Soccer



Back Row (l-r): Mathew Delaney, Derry Óg Cox, Ismail Naseer, Oisín Kelly, Adnan Khan, Desmond Yobouet, Jason Jennings, Emanuel Fasanmi, Mark Feeney, Adam Kelly, Cameron Costello, Shane Flanagan. **Front Row (l-r):** Ethan Kilbane, Kyle Burke, Thomas Hayden, Isaac Owusu, Cian O'Shaughnessy, Conor Grogan, Jake Powers, Samuel Ayinla, Fionn Delaney, Bradley Lynch Burke.

U14 Girls Football

Our U-14 season began with a bang as our side defeated St. Nathy's of Ballaghaderreen in the Centre of Excellence with a score of 3-5 to 2-2. We had a strong squad composed of 1st and 2nd year girls which made it very difficult to pick a starting 15. Our next game took place on Friday March 11th against local rivals St. Louis Kiltimagh in Kiltimagh. It was a well fought battle between the two teams but unfortunately, we were defeated. Our final game took place on the 23rd of March against Mercy Roscommon. After a very close 60 minutes, Mercy Roscommon came out on top on the day which meant that we did not qualify to the next stage of the league. Thank you to our coaches Ms. O'Connor and Ms. Niland for giving up their time to train us and bring us to matches during the year.



Back Row (l-r): Shannon Hibbitt, Emma McGuire, Fiona Duffy, Ava Neary, Sadhbh Lyons, Aoife Collins, Niamh Donnellan, Kaitlyn McLoughlin, Emma Casey, Emma Henry, Keely Ronane, Emma Jane Reinhardt, Sarah-Jane Keadin, Shauna Finn.

Front Row (l-r): Eva Boyle, Éala Greally, Lucy Flanagan, Erin Hibbitt, Sara Brennan, Caoilagh Kelly, Rachel Lawless, Jorja Hession, Leah Finnegan, Melissa Clarke.

Athletics Team

This year's North Connaught Regional athletes' final event was held in Sligo IT on the 28th of April. Congratulations to the following on qualifying to the Connaught finals, Fionn Conlon, Oisín Keavney, Conor Smith, John William Burke, John Jennings, Caoilagh Kelly, Victoria Balik- Nowak, Josh Kavanagh, Melissa Clarke, Shane Gallagher, Cathy Greally, Lydia Gannon, Carlagh Peake. Thanks to Mr. Lawless and Mr. Wooley for accompanying the team.



2nd Year Retreat to Knock

During Spring 2022, 2nd year Religion classes went on retreats to Knock with Ms Burns. They were welcomed by the retreat leaders. First, they gathered round in a circle to introduce themselves and do some ice-breaker activities. Then, they were split into groups to bond and do activities such as role plays. As the day went on, everyone felt more comfortable in each other's company. The students explored questions about faith and the challenges of life.

The day also included a tour of Knock Museum, where students learned about how people used to live, and the visits of Pope John Paul II and Pope Francis. After that, they enjoyed a tour of the Basilica and Knock grounds, finding out about the apparition of Our Lady. The students were shown the beautiful mosaic that depicted the story of the famous apparition.

At the end of the day, everyone had a better understanding of faith. A great day was had by all. Special thanks to Ms Phillips for joining us for lunch and to Ms Kavanagh for her great support on the day.

Ms Burns



Juvenile Gaelic Boys Football

Juvenile boys football had a very exciting year reaching a Connacht Final. Having overcome long time rivals such as Balla, Strokestown and Foxford the Juvenile boys showed great heart and determination throughout the year with some spirited comebacks and dominant performances. A particular highlight was the second half comeback against Balla at the Quarter Final stage which showed great team spirit and determination from the whole squad. The team was well supported by the full squad throughout the year and there was a great atmosphere of support and camaraderie that helped pull the team through some difficult patches in crucial games.

In the end we lost out to a very good Glenamaddy team in the final, held at the COE in Began, who were excellent on the day of the final and Ballyhaunis must admit that they were worthy winners on the day. Overall an excellent year and a great achievement to make it to a provincial final with lots of positives to build on for next year.



Back Row (l-r): Conor Morley, Keith Flannagan, Eoin Loftus, Sean Keane-Gormley, Ryan Giblin, Desmond Yobouet, Joshua Cunnane, James Fitzmaurice, Kyle Burke, Micheal Nolan, Cullen Glavey, Derry Óg Cox, Conor Coyne, Matthew Delaney, Oisín Kelly, Jason Jennings, Ian Murray, Mark Feeney, Adam Kelly, Cameron Costello, Reliance Arku.

Front Row (l-r): Darragh Ronayne, Thomas Hayden, Cian O'Shaughnessy, Fionn Delaney, Alex Byrne, Ethan Kilbane, Brian Grealley, Connor Grogan, David Delaney, Samuel Ayinla, Jake Powers, Michael Morley, Rowan Johnston, Bradley Lynch Burke, Darragh Morris, Luke Duffy, Shane Flannagan.

Missing from photo: Jack Mulligan, Séan Joseph Haldane, Josh Kavanagh.

3rd YEAR



3A

Back Row (l-r): Callum Lyons, Stas Vaitiekus, Jason Burke, Jarlath Concannon.

Middle Row (l-r): Jenifer Polhosova, Lauren Clancy, Shane Clarke, Dylan Groarke, Aidan Culliney.

Front row (l-r): Clara Byrne, Maeve Caulfield, Julia Buczak, Ava Brennan, Sofia Balbino Romao.

Missing from photo: Mahommed Ridwaan Alom, Aishat Ashu Egbe, Alicia Aylward, Gabriele Bacyte, Eva Casey, Oisin Casey, Harry Coyle, Maria Maciel, Simon Reilly.



3B

Back Row (l-r): Ruth Greally, Edel Fleming, Matthew Delaney, Shane Flannagan, PJ Greally, Jason Kelly.

Middle Row (l-r): Callum Mitchell, Micheál Fleming, Michael Paul McDonagh, Matthew Elwood, Cullen Glavey, Cathy Greally, Éabha Delaney, Laura Flannagan.

Front Row (l-r): Fionn Delaney, Laoise Greally, Sarah Gill, Jovanna Drobic, Madison Glavey, Lubna Marwa.

Missing from photo: Shane Finnegan, Dalla Rahmani, Aaron Thomas-Caulfield, Siam Raihan.



3C

Back Row (l-r): Carla Araujo Souza, Fernanda Nunes, Jasmine Jurakova, Pdraig Murphy, Emanuel Tolic, Serena Henry.

Middle Row (l-r): Abbey Jennings, Mahreen Asif, Oskar Chojnacki, David Owusu, Alex Leva.

Front Row (l-r): Sofia Marques, Cora Hurley, Julie Lecky, Sara Cancarevic, Emily Pereira Silva, Jennifer Da Silva.

Missing from photo: Darragh Ganley, Edward Hickman, Keeva Hunt, Martin Keely, Nathan O'Toole, Jason Kavanagh.



3D

Back Row (l-r): Áine Mannion, Sarah Dee, Carlagh Peake, Oisín Kelly, Charlie Johnston, Katie Madden.

Middle Row (l-r): Ryan McGowan Gleeson, Bradley Lynch Burke, Lydia Gannon, Seamus McDonagh, Aaron McWalter, Shannon Moylan.

Front Row (l-r): Tadhg Moore, Alesha McGarry, Paulina Koralewska, James Hussey, Jamie McGuire, Séan McGuire.

Missing from missing: Derry óg Cox, Alex Fitzmaurice, Jack Kelly, Emils Laureckis, Eva McDonagh, Ella Morley, Niamh Murphy, Leah Rogers, Irqa Tahir Mahmood.



3E

Back Row (l-r): Grainne Waldron, Oskar Dorosz, Ethan Henry, Shane Gallagher, Sean Wallace, Rebekah Monaghan.

Middle Row (l-r): Emma Doran, Orla Smith, Lucy Phillips, Sinéad O'Neill, Elizabeth Burcovski, Desmond Yobouet, Noor Ul Aman.

Front Row (l-r): Ava Padfield, Paige O'Reilly, Fiza Shoaib, Kate Tener, Orláith Regan, Carlos Lima Rocha.

Missing from photo: Nikas Aravicius, Yuzdzhann Ismailov, Dean Reidy, Kelley Ronan, Sam Tynan.

Carlagh Peake

3rd Year student Carlagh Peake, won the Gold medal at the Connaught Boxing Championships on the 1st of March. This victory secured a place at the upcoming National Championships in Dublin. It's an amazing achievement from Carlagh and we wish her the very best of luck in Dublin!



Normality

normality.
that meaning changed for
everyone
when on the 13th of March
we heard on the intercom:
"A new covid Variant has broken
out.
the school will be closed for 2
weeks"

but when those weeks turned into
months
and we heard talk of the vaccine
we realised quickly
this was the new normality

mask wearing, sanitizing
watching numbers rise.
daily walks, board games
the weeks were flying by

lockdown brought with it
its pros and cons.
school was moved online.
the days were getting long

alone stood the shopping centres
that were once full
packed are the beaches
that were once dull

limitations on travel
brought family together
restrictions and lockdowns
changed people for the better

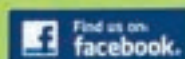
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by Fiza Shoaib

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Junior Hurling

This hurling season was a huge success with a high skill level from all players. The Season started with a blitz in the center of excellence. Ballyhaunis CS won the north connaught shield with a fantastic win over Summerhill. The final score was BCS 4:16 – Westport 2:06. Matthew Delaney was the captain. He was a great leader that led his team to victory when they won their final against Rice College. The future of BCS hurling is bright



Back Row(l-r): Keith Flanagan, Mark Feeney , Shane Gallagher, Josh Kavanagh, Cullen Glavey, Derry Og Cox, Adnan Khan, Matthew Delaney, Darragh Ganley, Ian Murray, Cathal Forde, Ryan Giblin

Front row l-r: Tadgh Moore, Alex Byrne, Ethan Kilbane, David Delaney, Dylan Groarke, Adam Kelly, Jake Powers, Fionn Delaney, Dylan Hunt, Fionn Conlon, Brian Greal

Junior Girls Gaelic Football

BCS Junior Girls Gaelic Football team were this year placed in a group with three strong teams in Mount St Michael, Claremorris; St Louis Community School, Kiltimagh and Dunmore Community School. All games were extremely competitive and every girl on the panel gave it their all both on the pitch during games and in training.

Unfortunately, the matches this year did not go in the favour of our Junior Girls and they did not progress past the group stages. However, the team are looking forward to next year with some of the panel staying at Junior Level and some moving up to Senior.

A special thank you to the TY helpers in assisting Ms. Garvey with the Junior Team this year.



Back Row (l-r): Shauna Finn, Shannon Hibbitt, Laoise Greal, Erica Byrne, Aoibhin Lynskey, Laura Flannagan, Sarah Dee, Grainne Waldron, Katie Madden, Lydia Gannon, Treasa McDermott, Orlaith Regan, Serena Henry.

Front Row (l-r): Keleigh Roddy-Cullen, Madison Glavey, Eabha Delaney, Orla Smith, Alice Curran, Shannon Moylan, Sinéad O'Neill, Leah Rogers.

Missing from photo: Alice Sullivan, Amy Clancy, Aoife Ruane, Carlagh Peake, Cathy Greal, Edel Fleming, Emma Lenehan, Emma Ruane, Jovana Drobic, Kate Doyle, Katie Damron, Lucy Phillips, Marissa Collins, Ruth Greal, Sarah Caulfield,, Sarah Corcoan, Sarah Gill, Tara Phillips, Aine Mannion, Vanessa Whelan.

BCS 5k 2022

On the 8th of April 2022, the junior students took part in a 5km fun run. It was a fantastic way of promoting fitness and well-being while having a laugh along the way. Run, walk, or jog, all who took part thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Well done to Jarlath Concannon, Oisín Casey and Shane Gallagher who came 1st 2nd and 3rd overall. And a huge congratulations to Mr. Mitchell on beating all his peers to the title of first place teacher!



Intercultural Day

Our Intercultural Day took place on March 31st. This was one of the highlights of Diversity week. There are currently 36 different cultures in B.C.S. and 18 of these showcased on the day. The study hall was transformed into a festival of colour and music as students shared language and food celebrating their pride in the countries they were representing. Throughout the day impromptu dance performances from Ireland, Syria, Pakistan, Brazil and Africa brought all students together in this celebration of diversity. A huge thanks to the Transition Year students who ran the tours so efficiently on the day and a special mention to the 2A CSPE class who were instrumental on the day.

"Diversity is not how we differ. Diversity is about embracing one another's uniqueness."



Wellness week

Emily Coffey, Lilly Duffy and Michaela Fitzmaurice.

From Monday 23rd of November to Friday 26th, the school ran our annual 'Wellness Week'. Even though COVID still had an influence on this year's Wellness Week, we did not let this diminish our hopes for a good, wholesome week. This year's theme was 'Resilience'. We can see this resilience amongst our students. Hopefully by this time next year, we will be back to normal.

Every morning we had a reflection from our lovely chaplain Ms. Caroline Burns, who reminded us to be kind to ourselves and to others. The week included many different talks and presentations from influential people. Mayo footballer Rob Hennelly started the week off with an inspiring presentation. He spoke about the low points of his career and how he overcame them. He focused on one of his toughest days, Mayo's 2016 All-Ireland defeat to Dublin and the backlash he experienced. Rob spoke openly about how low he felt after the game, and how those who reached out to him really helped him during this time. Rob urged us never to give up when facing adversity. He explained that by persevering and continuing to work hard he was able to overcome a moment that threatened to overshadow his career and thereby regained his place on the Mayo team.

Many of the speakers that came in echoed Hennelly's sentiments. Past student, Donal Byrne spoke to us about the challenges he faced when setting up his own business. He explained how he encountered many failures and losses before becoming a success. He encouraged us to 'take risks' and never be afraid to fail. Former Roscommon footballer Ronan Brady entertained us with the Cyr wheel. When faced with an injury that ended his football career, Brady decided to focus on his hobby, circus performance. Brady explained how he was initially 'terrible' at the Cyr wheel and that's why he decided to stick with it. Proving that having resilience makes all the difference when faced with life's challenges. After pursuing it for years, he perfected the art and was able to leave his teaching job and travel the world performing. He delivered an amazing performance which left us students in awe of his skills. Some of us even got to give it a go!

One of the most inspiring speeches the students and teachers of BCS has witnessed was "High Life, Low Life" by Liam Gildea. He spoke to us about his battle with his own mental health and how he is striving to look after it, even after years of struggling with it. The talk was very informative and encouraged us to learn to look after our own mental health. Our mental health is a very valuable and precious thing, especially with today's problems, and learning to look after it from a young age will help us have brighter and happier lives.

Throughout the week students took part in a variety of workshops including soccer, basketball and art. As always Mary Kathleen delighted us with line dancing for all those who got involved. For the hour we danced the Macarena and Saturday Night, etc. There was laughter and great joy not only for the students but for the teachers who joined in, such as Ms. Fallon with her 6th year students.

1st and 2nd year students were given the opportunity to take part in the cube. This wellness activity was organised by TY students and the PE department. It allowed students to try their hand at many fun tasks and challenges such as ring toss and a blindfolded trial. It was a great chance for students to enjoy themselves and bond with one another. Everyone gave their best effort, and it was an incredibly fun experience for all involved.

This year we wanted to show our students the benefits of reading for pleasure. Our first-year students signed up to the local library. Accompanied by TY's, they were brought to the library and given a tour of the facilities by the lovely Eleanor. All students who attended were given recommendations and borrowed books. The students loved the break from their English class and said it was a very enjoyable experience. Many have become regular visitors.

Thanks to all the guest speakers who made Wellness Week so memorable. Thanks to all those who have participated in this week and its activities. Finally, a huge thanks to our wellness committee who have made this week so enjoyable. We are already looking forward to next year's events.





Hurling For Hope

Hurling For Hope was a charity fundraiser for Irish Motor Neurone Disease and Mayo Roscommon Hospice. Former Mayo footballer Keith Higgins along with family and friends soloed a sliotar over 100km from the hospice in Mayo to the hospice in Roscommon. This fundraiser was very relevant to our school community as Keith is not only a past pupil, but his brother Pierce was diagnosed with motor neurone disease in 2017. We as a school were very touched by Pierces story and decided to get behind Keith to support this great cause. On the 24th of march all senior students in the school stood outside the school with banners, flags and jerseys to cheer on the valiant walkers. We also decided on Friday the 1st of April to have a jersey day. Students were very excited to show off their county colours but more importantly to give to such an amazing cause. The student council collected money and we were delighted with the final amount! Our school community managed to raise €1250. On the 8th of April our student council presented the cheque to Pierces wife Clare and Frank Brown. It was an honour to be able to donate so much and we couldn't agree more with Keith's sentiments when he said "Clare Pierce Erin and Ellie are the real heroes"

Rebecca Mulligan and Oisin Collins



Ukraine fundraiser



Ukraine appeal

As news broke of the tragic war in Ukraine we as a school community knew we had to help. The student council gathered together and decided to help by setting up an appeal. We asked for children's clothes, nappies, toiletries, soap washing powder, adults' clothes, shoes and many more useful items. We were delighted with the response! Members of the school students and staff managed to fill 38 boxes. We partnered up with Tom Murphy from Amigo transport who collected the boxes from the school on Monday the 7th of March. This lorry full of supplies for the Ukrainian people and to our delight all our generous donations arrived safely to the Ukraine-Poland border. These were life changing and very well appreciated by all those who needed them.



Jack Delaney

Jack Delaney represented Ballyhaunis CS (and Connaught) with distinction at the All-Ireland Schools Interprovincial Finals in the National Aquatic Centre in Dublin on the 20th of March 2022.



Junior Boys Gaelic

The junior boys had a short but sweet year this year. They were led by Mr. Caulfield and helpers Maeve Flanagan and Ella Gormally.

They started off the year with a game against Balla away. Unfortunately, Balla got the better of them on the day and they lost.

But they kept their heads high as they continued to train for their next game against Foxford on home turf. Yet again Foxford were the better team on the day.

The next outing was an exciting one as it was the lads first time playing in the new dome in the Centre of Excellence. They played St. Nathy's in a challenge on the day. The day ended with a draw.

The teams next match was against Bellmullet. The long trek up was worth it as it resulted in the first win for the lads.

The last game for the lads had an unfortunate end to the year in a semifinal against Foxford at home again. It was a tough game to play. Although they didn't have a successful ending, the lads had a great time with training and playing matches.

A very special thanks to David Delaney for stepping in to help the lads this year. Also thanks to Mr. Caulfield for giving up his free time to help the lads train!



Back row: Ryan Finn, Marcus Denning, Conor Donnellan, Micheal Finnegan, Sean Crawley, Conor Henry, Daniel Hagney, Sean Brehony, Luke Ruane, Caolan Boyle, Sean Keadin, Jake Glavey, Shane Gallagher, Jarlath Concannon, Senan Guilfoyle. **Front row:** Sean McGuire, Matthew Elwood, Sean Lynskey, Oisín Kelly, Dylan Groarke, Charlie Johnston, Tadhg Moore, Fionn Delaney. **Missing from photo:** Eoghan Conlon, James Flynn, Eoin Conway.

U-17 Soccer



Back Row (l-r): Michéal Finnegan, Marcus Denning, Conor Donnellan, Seán Crawley, Caolán Boyle, Luke Ruane, Senan Guilfoyle, Daniel Hagney, Oisín Kelly, Desmond Yobouet, Francis Gormally. **Front Row(l-r):** Seán Keadin, Mohammed Alam, Derry Óg Cox, Conor Henry, Eoin McQuillan, David Owusu, Yazan Rahmani, Ljubo Spajic.

The season began with a defeat to St Muredachs in what was a close encounter. Muredachs were just a little bit stronger on the day and edged out a Ballyhaunis team missing a couple of important players. This defeat meant that the lads were to play in the shield competition. Ballyhaunis were drawn against a very much fancied Claregalway side who have been hugely successful with their sports teams lately. Ballyhaunis were huge underdogs going into the tie but upset the apple cart and turned over their opponents on a scoreline of 5-3. It was an outstanding team display in which all members of the team put in a huge effort. The team toasted their success in a deserved Supermacs on the way home. The impressive victory put the lads into a Connacht Semi-final and another trip to Galway against Colaiste na Coirbe. Minus a few bodies again, their cup run was ended in a disappointing defeat against a much better team. The team can take solace in the fact that they are capable of mixing it with some of the best teams

in Connacht as can be seen by their fantastic win against Claregalway. If they can learn from their defeats and maintain the same approach they showed against Claregalway then they will only get better. A special word of thanks to the TY helpers who were invaluable in their support this year.

Art Sculpture

The installation of our fabulous new Art Sculpture has been completed. The sculpture was designed by the renowned German artist Ralf Sander, in conjunction with BCS Art students



New Extension and Deis status

New BCS Extension

Contracts were signed on the 13th of April 2022 for the next extension of BCS. The development includes a SEN Base, 5 general classrooms and an Art room. These are exciting times for BCS as the school continues to grow and flourish.

BCS - DEIS Status

We were delighted to have received official confirmation that Ballyhaunis CS has been included in the recent expansion of the DEIS programme. This programme (Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools) will greatly assist with ensuring that all students reach their full potential.

The school will benefit from increased funding, lower pupil-teacher ratios, access to the school completion programme, plus the addition of a home-school liaison teacher.

This is a very positive development for the continued growth of BCS.



Junk Kouture 2022

This year 10 girls took part in the Junk Kouture competition. We split into three groups. We began working on our designs back in October of 2021. We used different recycled materials such as old film rolls, recycled ribbons, and storybook pages. Making our designs was a lengthy process and took plenty of hard work. In the end it was all worth it as we took pride in our final designs. Although none of the groups got through, overall it was a brilliant experience.



A vibrant collage of various artworks by BCS students, including drawings of insects, a skeleton, a hand holding a glass, a person in a mask, a person reading, and a person with a large afro. The collage is set against a dark red background.

A vibrant collage of various artworks, including portraits, landscapes, and abstract designs, displayed on a red background. The collage features a variety of styles and subjects, such as a woman's face, a dragon, a cat, a person in a hijab, and abstract patterns. The artworks are arranged in a dense, overlapping manner, creating a rich and colorful visual experience.

Transition Year



TYA

Back Row (l-r): Tara Phillips, Jason Lyons, Jake Glavey, Jack Brennan, Isabelle Cox.

Middle Row (l-r): Caolán Boyle, Daniel Hagney, Chloe Kate Byrne, Róisín Glynn

Front Row (l-r): Erica Byrne, Shannon Hibbitt, Kamile Aleksunaite, Emer Gill, Anna Murray, Shuana Finn.

Missing from photo: Daire Caulfield, Harrison Collins, Eoghan Conlon, Róisín Conway, Michéal Finnegan, Shannon Morgan, Colm Rattigan, Ethan Taylor, Daria Zota.



TYB

Back Row (l-r): Neil Keaveney, John Ross Roche, Sean Moran, Adam Noone, Seán Crawley, Senan Guilfoyle, Adam Walsh.

Middle Row (l-r): Caoilynn Ashe, Katie Hayden, Maeve Flannagan, Ella Gormley, Ciara Reynolds, Seán Lynskey, Conor Henry, Siobhán Greene, Marcus Denning.

Front Row (l-r): Alicia Cleary, Alice Curran, Aoibhin Lynskey, Emma Colleran, Laura Dillon, Leah McDermott.

Missing from photo: Trystan Folliard, Cillian Kinnarney.

TYC

Back Row (l-r): Katie Carr, Kate Doyle, Jack Delaney, Evan Small McNamara, Seán Keadin, James Flynn, Matej Stevko.

Middle Row (l-r): Isabelle Henry, Cara Keaveney, Aoife Ruane, Isobel Coggins, Conor Walsh, Eoin Conway, Kian Morley.

Front Row (l-r): Vanessa Whelan, Alice Sullivan, Jazmin Harrison, Jessalyn Jennings, Polly Cox, Chloe Henry.

Missing from photo: Jacob Flannagan, Kevin Heelan, Rhián Keane Higgins, Rianna Prendergast.



Transition Year 2021 – 2022

By Anna Murray and Isabelle Cox

The last two years have been years unlike any other. So when we came back to school last September, I think we were all a little apprehensive of how transition year would go for us, what with the uncertainty surrounding restrictions, the possibility of the schools closing again, and so on and so forth. No one's ever quite sure how a year will go, and with how life has been since 2020, we weren't quite sure what to be expecting.

But we've been very lucky this year, because for the first time in too long we actually had a *normal* year, where we got a lot of the standard TY experiences. One of our first trips of the year was off to Westport to climb Croagh Patrick, a tough but rewarding experience, and the first time climbing the reek for many of us. Not long after we went off to Shannon River Adventure Centre in Roosky, with TY A going on October 6th and TY B and C going on the 7th. Both of these days were a bit on the wet and miserable side- but it didn't make a bit of difference really, because while we started the day with land activities, by the end of the day we all ended up drenched thanks to kayaking, mud sliding and pier jumping.

Then at the start of November came the big trip of the year – Killary. We stayed there overnight, and over our two days there, we got to take part in numerous fun activities, from attempting to climb (key word, attempting) the very same Jacob's Ladder that features on Ireland's Fittest Family, to getting covered in mud from the neck down while doing the fun but filthy turf run. The two days there were realistically a short amount of time, but it certainly was long enough- though maybe that was just because those two days were jam packed with activities. Whatever the case, I can tell you for sure that it was certainly enough for us, because the bus ride home from Killary was probably the quietest school bus you'd ever see.

And Killary wasn't the last of our trips- we had a day in St Brigid's Gardens, we climbed Knocknarea, and we went to Psycho Spaghetti and Castlebar, and spent a few hours in the town too.

Of course, the year hasn't *just* been trips. We also got to do a number of workshops throughout the year, where we learned useful things such as first aid and some basic Chinese. We also had fun with things like making our own movies and investigating the perplexing assassination of JFK. All of these activities were made possible by Mr. McGarry, our fantastic TY coordinator.

And Mr. McGarry wasn't the only teacher trying to give us lots of fun opportunities in TY. Thanks to the hard work of Miss Glavey, Miss Nolan, Miss Hegarty and Miss Murray, we have written an entire original musical – Covid: The Musical. Because we just haven't had enough of covid over the past two years.

All jokes aside though- the musical *has* been fun despite its subject matter. Covid's been at the tip of everyone's tongues the last two years, and it's been a cause of worry for a lot of us. So I think for that reason, there was a lot of apprehension surrounding the musical. But it's been a fun experience, reenacting what we all went through in a lighthearted, humorous way, and I definitely think it's something that helped to bring us closer together as a year group. And really, isn't that one of the major goals of transition year? To bring together people who mightn't have known each other so well prior to TY.

And personally, I think TY has done just that for us. I obviously can't speak for everyone in the year when I say that, but I can speak for myself when I say that this year, I spoke to people I hadn't spoken to before. I became closer with people who I didn't know so well prior to this year. I did things I never would have done before and received opportunities that I wouldn't have otherwise received. The year has been thoroughly enjoyable, and I genuinely dread the end of it, and I dread going back to reality in fifth year in September. But regardless of that, and regardless of whatever the next two years of senior cycle throw at me, I'll always have these positive memories of the past year – and I hope that the rest of the TY class of 2022 can say the same.

Croagh Patrick



Shannon Adventure



Covid the Musical

On Wednesday the 27th of April the TYs of Ballyhaunis Community School took to the stage with 'Covid the Musical- A Show of Hope'. It all started back in November of 2021. Ms. Murray, Ms. Nolan, Ms. Glavey and Ms. Hegarty had come up with the unique idea of 'Covid the Musical' and from there our show was born. Over the following months all three TY classes worked tirelessly to create and edit the script and produce choreography and music to match our theme. We were glad that we had a lot of freedom when putting together the different aspects of the play because it was entirely original and had never been done before.



Our journey to the final product was not always easy, we encountered many creative differences, but we worked collaboratively to come up with a show that was entirely ours. There were a lot of long days spent perfecting our scenes, doing dress rehearsals, mic checks and getting everything ready for the big day.

The week of the show the stage was built, the lights were put up and excitement for the big day was building. The school was buzzing with anticipation for the long-awaited TY musical. On the day makeup was done hair was curled and that was just the boys. The costumes were perfected, and it was time to take the stage. The lights went down, 'A Million Dreams' began, and the show began.

The musical had everything from Queen to Gwen Stefanni. We had an array of characters from students to material girls, mummies, healthcare heroes, businessmen, and Gardai, we had it all! The show provided our audience with a wave of emotions, they laughed, they cried and even cringed at a few corny jokes. The curtain closed and we all took our final bows. We were overcome with relief that all our hard work had paid off. Overall, it was an enormous success. We were all thrilled but not as much as the four people that made it happen. A huge thanks to Ms. Nolan, Ms. Hegarty, Ms. Glavey and Ms. Murray for putting in such a huge amount of time and effort into the show and believing that we could pull off such a big production.





Killary

In October 2021, the transition years took a night away to Killary adventure centre. We didn't know what to expect or how to pack for the trip but we packed for all four seasons. We all enjoyed the unique experience, and were happy to go on trip after all the restrictions. It's not everyday you get to wake up and eat your breakfast with your whole year or race through a mud run together or take part in evening activities and enjoy each others company without phones or tv. Although it was a cold day we didn't notice the rain when we were hip deep in a bog struggling to move. I remember everyone trying to get to the shower first as we were all numb with the cold, unfortunately, the showers weren't what we were all used to at home but they did the job. In the evening we were all fed and watered, and lights were out by 10! I do think it brought our year closer together and was truly a good bonding experience for everyone who went. It was definitely a highlight of the year for many and I would recommend going to anyone!

-Isobel Coggins



Irish Erasmus Mobility



Italy Mobility

To kick off the Erasmus Mobility Trip, 5 Transition Year girls set off to Norcia, Italy with Ms. Hardigan-Whyte and Mr. McGarry. The Erasmus Programme is a European Exchange where students get the opportunity to travel to another country and learn about their culture and language. During all of our Erasmus Mobility trips we communicated through English and French.

We spent our first day in Norcia where the students in the secondary school held a welcoming ceremony where we got to see the culture in their town. We got to see many famous landmarks in Italy and some hidden treasures! During our week we got to visit some beautiful towns like Perugia, Spoleto & Assisi. We visited St. Benedict's Cathedral in Assisi, the art in the church was spectacular. It was an exciting few days in Norcia learning about their culture and getting to know the students from Spain, France, Italy and the Reunion Islands.

On our final day we set off for Rome early in the morning. We got there and started our sightseeing straight away. We saw the Colosseum, the Trevi Fountain, & the Spanish Steps. It was a jam-packed day filled with shopping, eating Italian food and enjoying the sun in Rome. We said goodbye to our Erasmus friends and headed back home to Ireland after a memorable trip to Italy. It was a fantastic trip overall and both the students and teachers enjoyed it very much. Many thanks to Ms Hargaden-Whyte and Mr. McGarry for accompanying us on the mobility.



5th YEAR



5A

Back Row (l-r): Gabriel Alves Ferreira, Phillip Costello, Leigh Fitzpatrick, Josh Cleary, Conor Donnellan, Eoghan Duffy, Oisín Collins.

Middle Row (l-r): Lilly Duffy, Millie Keogh, Stella Gale, Michaela Fitzmaurice, Erin Mills, Kate Flanagan, Viktória Lavrovicová, Alex Coffey.

Front Row (l-r): Caoimhe Delaney, Niamh Coyne, Micheál Finn Richardson, Cicely Costello, Ciara Fitzmaurice, Amy Flemming.

Missing from photo: Kian Burke, Harry Fagan.



5B

Back Row (l-r): Ahmad Naveed, Victoria Fasanmi, Nicole Madoda, Vanessa Graciova, Katarina Strapková, Austėja Armonaviciute, Darragh Tarmey.

Middle Row (l-r): Lorant Lukac, Maryam Ashraf, Aicha Sakkar, Noor Sharif, Jade Groarke, Meadhbh Monaghan, Moon Shabbir, Mahad Maqsood.

Front Row (l-r): Ali Kezze, Rawan Rahmani, Alannah Hession, Mia Fitzmaurice, Dean Coyne, Seán Brehony.

Missing from photo: Emily Coffey, Katelyn Coyne, Rayan Rahmani, Shauna Small McNamara, Ahmad Zahoor.



5C

Back Row (l-r): Ríain Murphy-Maitland, Ryan Finn, Fiachra Glavey, Megan McGuire.

Middle Row (l-r): Chanel Marques, Aimee Kerrigan, Jessica Gannon, Aoife Gill, Aoife Loftus, Darragh Madden.

Front Row (l-r): Holly Gallagher, Nicole Kirrane, Rebecca Gavin, Treasa McDermott, Rebecca Mulligan, Nia Murphy.

Missing from photo: Rowan Earls, Leah Greally, Aaron Kelly, Emma Lenehan, Conor McGuire, Evan McLoughlin.



5D

Back Row (l-r): David Smith, Luke Ruane, Matthew Johnston, Eoin Ryan, Mark Jordan, James Greally.

Middle Row (l-r): Jack Fleming, Deimantas Uzuras, Sedra Shawi, Isha Younas, Kéleigh Roddy-Cullen, Ava Walsh.

Front Row (l-r): Sarah Ronayne, Saoirse Waldron, Mia Ronane, Chloe Kirrane, Amy Haldane, Eva Henry.

Missing from photo: Claire Ruane, Daniel Sharman, Tehreem Sohail, Kate Tynan, Patrick Ward.

Achill 2022

The Fifth Years went to Achill at the start of April. We did many activities such as Kayaking, canoeing, surfing, stand up paddle boarding, rock climbing and archery. The activities took place in the lake and the sea. We also got to venture around Achill, learning about the history of the island such as the deserted village and the rare sightings of the basking sharks.

The trip was fun and was a great way to bond with each other and I recommend it to all future 5th years! Thanks to Mr. Ryan and Ms. O'Connor for accompanying us on this epic experience.

Treasa McDermott



LCVP

Ms. Osgood's 5B LCVP & 5th Business class were delighted to welcome Mairead O'Shea, Communications Director of See Her Elected to our classroom. Mairead facilitated a workshop on The Need for Gender Equality & Diversity in Our local Councils and in all decision making that shapes our lives.

See Her Elected is a collaboration between 50:50 Northwest & the Women's Manifesto Project- organisations with strong links at grassroots level. It is developing an innovative rural strategy to ensure women from our rural constituencies gain their rightful place on our councils and in Dáil Éireann.

Students agreed that for 2022 we are still not adequately addressing the reflection of our society as it is today in the local authorities. Out of 30 county Councilors

Mayo only has 2 female county councilors.



LCA 1



8A

Back Row (l-r): Serena Squire Keane, Shanice Sturdy, Ljubo Spajic, Abdullah Ashraf, Eduards Hámanis, Simon Morley.

Front Row (l-r): Niki Nikolaev, Maria Eduarda Caetano de Olivera, Emanuelle Silva Nunes, Stefania Sarisska.

Missing from photo: Annie Mcdonagh, Kerry Niland, James Ronan.

Remembering Ashling Murphy

This year, we were all shocked and deeply saddened by the tragic death of Ashling Murphy in Tullamore. Such a wonderful, talented, and brilliant light was extinguished. Ashling was much-loved and hugely respected and we pray that her beautiful soul rests in eternal peace.

We remember her family and friends at this very sad time. May God bless them and give them comfort and strength in the years ahead. As a school, we held a special walk of remembrance for Ashling, which was a beautiful tribute to her life.

Ms Burns



LCA Go karting Trip

Our LCA1&2 students enjoyed a fun day out at Pallas karting in Galway. The first thing they did was watch the safety brief. Then they got suited, booted, and headed out on the track. They ended doing 25 laps. Then they headed off to supermacs. Congratulations to LCA1 student James Ronan who passed the checkered flag in first position and took home the prestigious BCS LCA karting trophy. The LCA would like to thank teachers Mr Ryan and Mr Woolley for accompanying them on this trip.



LCA2 Construction

LCA - Graphics & Construction Studies Projects

Fantastic creativity and craftsmanship on display from our LCA2 students. Each product was designed by the individual student and produced using 100% recycled pallets. Well done to everyone involved.



Mayo Garda Youth Award Winner



Congratulations to BCS student Eilis O'Brien, who recently won the overall award at the prestigious Mayo Garda Community Awards. Eilis is a wonderful young lady and a real role model for young people in our School and community. Among the attendees at this event were the Chief Superintendent of An Garda Síochána Ray McMahon, Sergeant Tony Lavery, and Jeff Nolan from event sponsors Supervalu Ballyhaunis.

LC Results 2021



Congratulations to 2021 Leaving Certificate students Cian Walsh, Kate Delaney and Auredas Armonavicius, who each received a maximum score of 625 points in their recent LC results. It is a fantastic achievement and testament to their hard work and dedication throughout their time in BCS. We wish them every success in the future.

Junior and Senior Basketball

Our senior boys basketball team started out against Foxford. They fought hard but unfortunately Foxford were too strong for us. The Junior boys had an impressive win on the same day against Foxford. Both teams then went on to play St.Tiernans, Crossmolina. Unfortunately both teams lost, however, the junior game was very tight game and they were very unfortunate to lose. The senior team then went on to play St.Colemans. They lost in a very tight game. That was the end of the season just as it felt like we were only getting started. The Junior team can look forward to Senior basketball after a good showing at Junior Basketball and hopefully our Senior lads who are leaving us have some good memories of representing their school in Basketball.

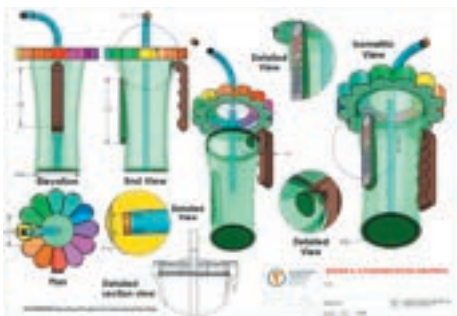
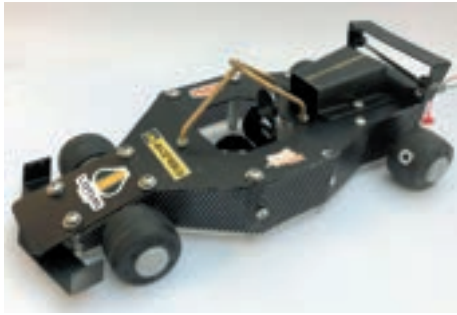


Senior boys Basketball team

Back row: Darragh Madden, Trystan Folliard, Darren Keadin, Darren Concannon, Kian Bourke, Nathan Dee, Conor McGuire. **Front row:** Sean Lynskey, Aidan Sloyan, Kelan Henry, Matthew Frayne, Daniel Hagney.

Missing from photo: Edward Groarke, Ljubo Spajic, Nathan Byrne, Jack Sullivan, Jack Madden, Darragh McDermot- Cunningham, Niall Regan, Paidi Murphy, Micheal Finnegan, Conor Henry, Mike Wiktor, Adam Keane, James Lyons, Caolan Boyle.

LC Engineering, DCG and Woodwork Projects





Aoibheann Crawley



2021 Leaving Certificate student Aoibheann Crawley was recently awarded the Trinity College Dublin Entrance Exhibition Award. This award was to be given to incoming 1st Year students who received the highest points from their LC exams. We wish Aoibheann every success in her future.

Debs Committee



Back Row (l-r): Jack Sullivan, Páidi Murphy, Mikey Regan, Elizabeth Lloyd

Front Row (l-r): Leah Guilfoyle, Ellen Tener, Lilian Keane.



Grad Committee

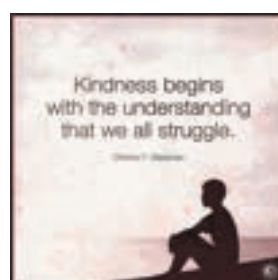
Back Row (l-r): Niamh Duffy, Niamh Grealley, Claire Flannagan, Orlaith Coffey.

Front Row (l-r): Naill Regan, Megan Ronane, Edward Groarke.

Kindness at the core of our values at BCS

Our Kindness Tree display showed how much we value being kind to every member of our community. Each student has been invited to write about what kindness means to them on a leaf which has been placed on the tree. Thank you to every student in BCS who took the time to contribute to the tree and to Ms Lennon and her wonderfully talented Art students who designed and painted the display. Our aim is to promote and nurture kindness by thinking carefully about how we act and speak to each other, and being courageous when we see people who need our help. In a world where we can be anything, we choose to be kind. This is a daily challenge, but responding to it will enrich our own lives as well as those of others. No act of kindness is ever wasted and we do things for others, not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who we are.

Ms Burns



In A World Where
You Can Be Anything,
Be Kind.

BCS Senior Ladies

2021 Season

We were a whole year without school football due to the pandemic and so, needless to say, we were all very excited to get started this year – we missed it so much! Our year started off with a great win over our rivals Dunmore Community School in a fantastic battle with a score line of 6-13 to 3-15. This impressive start to the year propelled us to progress through to a Connaught semi-final after another two strenuous and tight games against Louisburgh and Mercy College Sligo where we also achieved narrow and well-fought wins. In the semi-final, we met an impressive side from St. Mary's Secondary School Ballina, which resulted in a loss for BCS, and heartbreak for Ms. K. Phillips and our team.

Memory Lane

This was a disappointing end for the Leaving Cert students who were on the team, as it was our final year of school football. This group of girls were fortunate enough to have a great leader like Ms. Phillips since U-14's, who guided us along the way and moulded us into the team and players we are today. Our campaign together began way back in October 2017, as second year students, we were the eldest on the team and we knew we had to put the work in if we wanted to progress from our previous year.

As we were the first Ladies Gaelic team to reach the provincial semi-final stages in the school in years, it was a grievous loss in Collooney, Co. Sligo against an experienced Ursuline College side. This sparked a new ambition for Ladies Football in the school, as we now entered our first year as a Junior team. Again, we had a very successful start to the year unfortunately missing out on a spot in the Connaught final in 2019. This misfortune continued into our final year of Junior football in Transition Year, when we yet again narrowly lost in a Connaught semi-final.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, there was no football in the 2020-2021 season but we were more eager than ever to make the most of our final year of school football. This was the most heart-breaking year of all as we ended our school football experience with yet again another loss. However, we had the pleasure of captaining this amazing team of girls to another Connaught semi-final. It was a bitter sweet ending but, in the end, we could not be prouder of how the girls have carried themselves throughout our years in BCS. We will be sad to leave school without a Connaught title but we have no doubt that a ladies team will bring back silverware in the coming years.

Needless to say, none of this would have been possible without our amazing coach, Ms Kirsty Phillips. We can't thank her enough for her unwilling dedication to both us, and ladies' football in the school. Ms Garvey, Ms O'Connor and Ms Concannon also deserve honourable mentions who also contributed to ladies' football this year.

Written by – Lillian Keane & Beth Lloyd.

Photos - Memory Lane (team of 2017-2022)

Take a look for yourselves on pg 64.



Senior Girls

Back Row (l-r): Shauna Finn, Niamh Duffy, Shannon Hibbitt, Maeve Flanagan, Chanel Marques, Katie Madden, Sinead O'Neill, Ciara Fitzmaurice, Mia Ronane, Siobhán Greene

Front Row(l-r): Émer Delaney, Niamh Coyne, Leah Rogers, Saoirse Delaney, Lillian Keane, Elizabeth Lloyd, Caoimhe Delaney, Eva Henry, Roisin Denning.

Missing from Photo: Alice Curran, Alice Sullivan, Aoibhin Lynskey, Aoife Ruane, Cathy Grealley, Eabha Delaney, Erica Byrne, Isobel Coggins, Kate Doyle, Laura Flanagan, Lilly Duffy, Megan McGuire, Sarah Dee, Tara Phillips, Treasa Mcdermott, Vanessa Whelan.

Prayers for Examination Time

Prayer for Examination Time

God of Wisdom: Guide me as I choose questions and in the way I answer them.

God of Peace: Keep me calm so that I will do the best that I can.

God of Understanding: Help me put all of this into perspective.

I ask these prayers in the name of Jesus, friend of students, Amen.

Prayer for those preparing for exams

Dear Lord, as I take this exam, I thank you that my value is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me.

Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together.

Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way.

As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked.

Help me to remain focused and calm, confident in the facts and in my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today, you are there with me.

Amen.

A Prayer for Students taking Exams

God love them and sustain them;

Renew and support them with your strength;

Pour out your spirit of wisdom on them; Help them to remain calm and to attend carefully to the questions asked;

Help them to think clearly, to remember accurately and to express themselves well.

May they reflect the best of the work they have done and the best of the teaching they have received.

May your love be upon them O Lord as they place all their trust in you.

May the power of your love enable them to accomplish what is right and good.

Amen.

LEAVING CERT CLASS 2022



Iqra Afzal



Ali Ahmad



Aadal Ashraf



Muhammad Saad Asif



Lana Biesty



Pijus Bloze



Deirbhile Boland



Victoria Burcovski



Michael Burke



Nathan Byrne



Ronan Clarke



Orlaith Coffey



Darren Concannon



Ethan Cooke



Raif Costello



Louise Cox



Fleur Crowshaw



Lorna Davis



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Maeve Donnellan



James Dooney



Mark Doran



James Duffy



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Claire Flanagan



Darragh Flynn



Matthew Frayne



Rosie Ganley



Shane Gavin



Aine Glynn



Dylan Golden



Cathal Greally



Grace Grealy



Niamh Greally



Edward Groarke



Leah Guilfoyle



Malaaz Hamze



Geri-Maye Henry



Jessica Henry



Kelan Henry



Lorna Higgins



Sofia Hopkova



Ciara Hosty



Ivan Iliev



Scott Jennings



Shauna Jennings



Dagne Kalainaitė



Darren Keadin



Adam Keane



Lilian Keane



Oisín Kelly



Bader Kezze



Caragh Kilcoyne Burke



Yordan Kirchev



Rebecca Klein



Kyah Legg



Elizabeth Llyod



Roisín Lynskey



James Lyons



Rebecca Lyons



Jack Madden



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Brian McHugh



Caoimhe Moran



Karen Morgan



Alannah Morley



Philip Morris



Sarah Morris



Chloe Mulrennan



Asad Munir



Paidi Murphy



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Rebecca Osgood Daly



Miroslav Polhos



Simona Polhosova



Yazan Rahmani



Daniel Regan



Mikey Regan



Niall Regan



Rory Regan



Shane Reidy



Aadil Rizwan



Megan Ronane



Conor Ruane



Michelle Ryan



Waleed Sakkar



Zahir Sattar



Mohid Shahid



Areeba Shahzadi



Aidan Sloyan



Jack Sullivan



Haider Ali Sultan



Ahmed Tayyab



Ellen Tener



6th Year Retreat

In March 2022, 6th Year students enjoyed time off from their busy schedule in Ballyhaunis Parochial Hall with retreat co-ordinator, Declan Browne. The reaction from the students was very positive, with several saying that it was one of the best days of their lives!

The students said that they felt enabled to face the future with self-confidence and hope and they highly recommended the retreat experience. There was a combination of reflections and emotions during the day, with plenty of fun, as well as deep thinking. Students were encouraged to talk openly and honestly with each other and to share their feelings in a meaningful way. Well done to everyone who attended and a sincere thank you to Ms Osgood, who joined us for tea and moral support. Special thanks to Declan Browne for sharing his wonderful gift with us. We truly value it!

Ms Burns

Yearbook Editors Message

Yearbook 2022 has a feel of a return to normal about it. From February when restrictions were all but lifted most activities were allowed to go ahead and there was a flurry of activity about the BCS corridors for the last few months which is reflected in this publication.

As always the Yearbook could not be created without the cooperation of all staff and students so I would like to thank everyone for their help along the way. Thank you to the TY students who were always willing to volunteer for any Yearbook related work.

Fr. Stephen as always has come through for us with some excellent photography throughout. I would also like to thank Mr. McGarry who always makes my life easy with his major input into the publication.

Thanks also to all of the teaching staff without who the publication would not be possible. I must also thank David McDonagh and Orla Macken who again are a huge help in making the publication possible.

I would like to also say a big thank you to Fintan O'Connell and Sean McCormack for their work in ensuring we again have a fantastic publication.

Finally I would like to wish all out Leaving Cert, Junior Cert and LCA students best of luck with their exams and all the best in whatever their next endeavor may be.

M. Ginty

Senior Boys Football 2021-2022

Our senior boys Gaelic team, managed by Mr Mitchell, had an unlucky year this year. They began the Flanagan Cup campaign with a trip to St. Louis Community School. Unfortunately, after a good fight, the lads came out on the wrong side of it, losing by 3 points. Next the boys were at home against Balla. Once again, the boys were unfortunate not to get the win. With spirits down, the team trained hard, learnt from their mistakes, and managed to come out with a win against Foxford, to bring the league to a close.

With the Championship around the corner, the boys, with the help of Mr Mitchell and David Delaney, got down to work. They put in tremendous effort training on cold, rainy evenings and were all set for the first round of the championship against Scoil Mhuire, Strokestown. The team travelled up to Strokestown and were all set for a good battle. Ballyhaunis got off to a good start, with some impressive scores, however Strokestown soon began to find their feet and went 8 points clear, after a clinical first half display. The lads never threw in the towel and never gave up on the game. Sadly, it wasn't their day, but the lads can be proud of the determination and heart they showed. This is a young squad, with many talented footballers so the future is still bright! Many thanks to Mr Mitchell and Mr Caulfield, for dedicating his time to the team and also a very special thanks to David Delaney for his time and dedication throughout the year! It was really appreciated by all here in BCS!



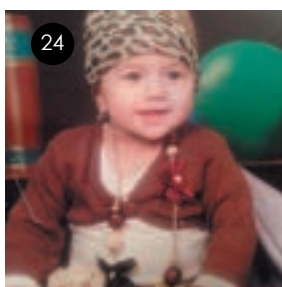
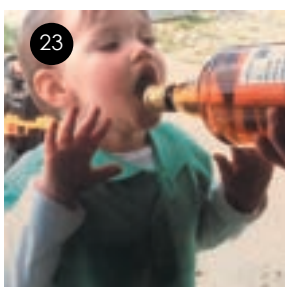
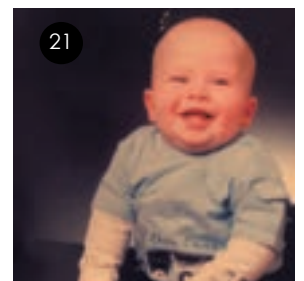
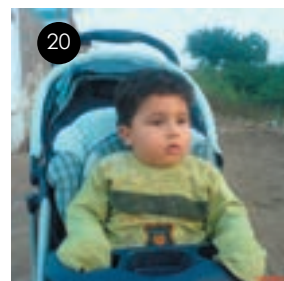
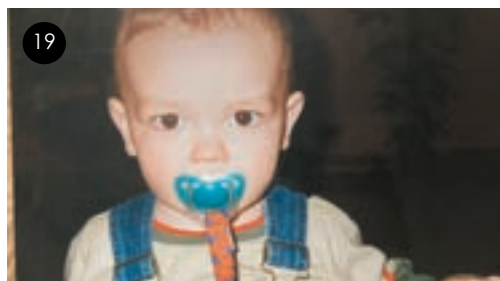
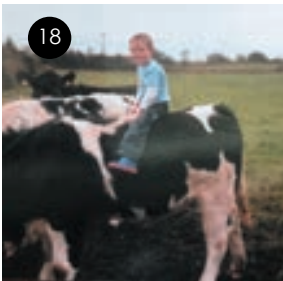
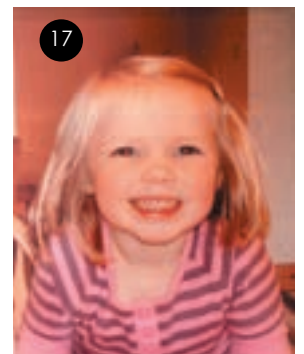
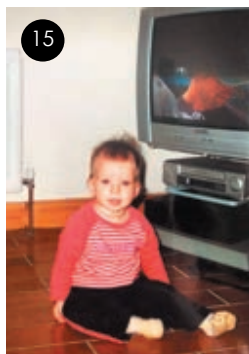
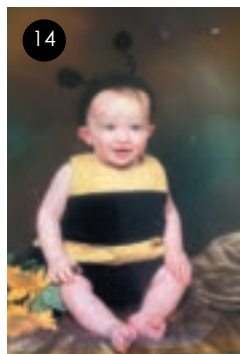
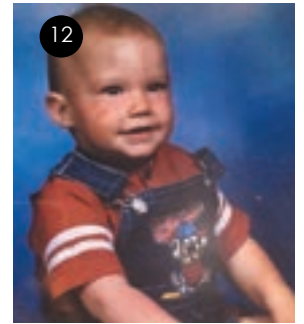
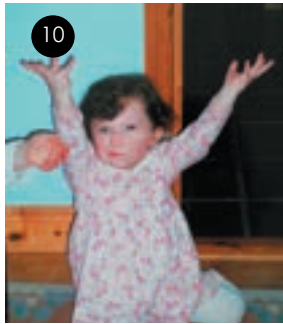
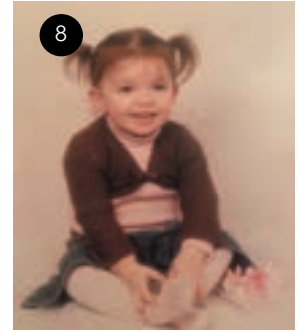
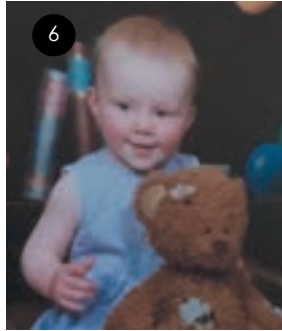
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Front row (l-r): Eoghan Duffy, Sean Lynskey, Darragh Flynn, Mikey Regan, Darren Concannon, Daniel Hagney, Aidan Sloyan, Matthew Frayne, Conor Henry, Micheal Finn-Richardson, Niall Regan

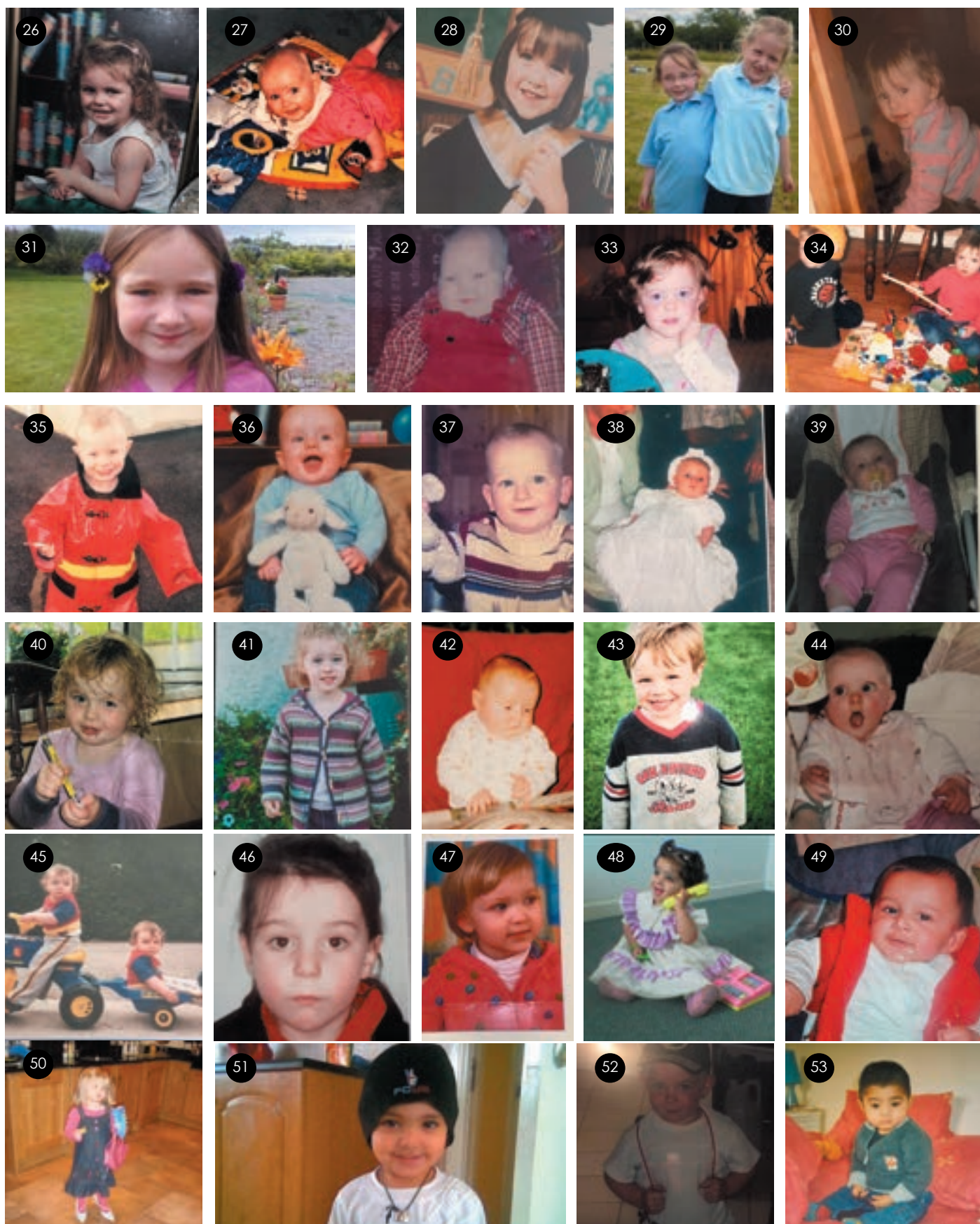
Senior Camogie team



Back row-l-r
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Front row- l-r
Niamh Greally, Aoibhin Lynskey, Eabha Delaney, Saoirse Delaney, Maeve Flanagan, Caoimhe Delaney, Cathy Greally, Kate Tener, Aoibhin Greally, Emma O'Brien, Geri Maye henry, Sarah Caulfield.

BABY PHOTOS





1-Victoria Burcovschi, 2-Sofia Hopkova, 3-Shauna Jennings, 4-Shane Reidy, 5-Shane Gavin, 6-Sarah Morris, 7-Saoirse Delaney, 8-Roisin Denning, 9-Rebecca Osgood-Daily, 10-Rebecca Klein, 11-Raif Costello, 12-Paidi Murphy, 13-Orlaith Coffey, 14-Oisín Kelly, 15-Nikita Tighe, 16-Niamh Mannion, 17-Niamh Greally, 18-Niall Regan, 19-Nathan Dee, 20-Mohid Shahid, 21-Michael Burke, 22-Megan Ronane, 23-Mark Doran, 24-Malaaz Hamze, 25-Maeve Donnellan, 26-Louise Cox, 27-Lorna Davis, 28-Lillian Keane, 29-Leah Guilfoyle & Áine Glynn, 30-Lana Biesty, 31-Kyah Legg, 32-Kelan Henry, 33-Jessica Henry, 34-James & Rebecca Lyons, 35-James Lyons, 36-James Duffy, 37-Jack Sullivan, 38-Geri-Maye Henry, 39-Emer Delaney, 40-Ellen Tener, 41-Eilis O'Brien, 42-Eddie Groarke, 43-Dylan Golden, 44-Deirble Boland, 45-Cilian & Daire McDermott, 46-Ciara Hosty, 47-Caoimhe Moran, 48-Bisma Maqsood, 49-Ali Ahmad, 50-Alannah Morley, 51-Ahmed Tayyab, 52-Adam Keane, 53-Aadl Rizwan

Leaving Cert Awards 2022



Soundest

Cathal Grealley & Rebecca Lyons

Jeremy Kyle Guest

Jack Sullivan & Fleur Crowshaw

Class Clown

Eddie Groarke & Saoirse Delaney

Id'd at 30

Matthew Frayne & Saoirse Delaney

First to make a Million

Ali Ahmad & Áine Glynn

First to drop out

Mikey Regan & Lana Biesty

Scan of the Year

Shane Gavin & Claire Flanagan

Most likely to become president

Kelan Henry & Niamh Duffy

Musician

Oisín Kelly & Victoria Burchovschi

Win Lotto, Lose ticket

Niall Regan & Leah Guilfoyle

Nerd of the Year

Raif Costello & Lorna Davis

Best Hair

Rory Regan & Niamh Grealley

Most likely not to return from the Debs

Paidi Murphy & Megan Ronane

Sportsperson

Darren Concannon & Lilian Keane

Best person to bring home to the Auld Lady

James Lyons & Shauna Jennings

Most likely to go on Love Island

Jack Madden & Beth Lloyd

Babe of the Year

Aidan Sloyan & Niamh Grealley

Bromance/ Sister act

Darragh Flynn & Shane Gavin

Rosie Ganley & Alannah Morley

Couple of the Year

Shane Reidy & Orlaith Coffey

Ethan Cooke & Chloe Mulrennan

MEMORY LANE

Class of 2022, we have finally come to the end of our 6 years at BCS. We've grown and matured in all ways imaginable, some of us more than others. We have been to hell and back with one another including the covid 19 global pandemic, but we've always made time for each other and our friendships.... and of course, our social lives. The theme we have chosen for our graduation is "Integrity is everything: how you treat people tells all". We chose this theme as we believe we embraced the difficulties of not only entering fifth year as two separate year groups but the impact of the coronavirus which led to many absences in our relationships with each other. Although this marks the end of our journey in BCS, as the old saying goes, 'when one door closes, another one opens. We would like to now reflect on our years here in this school, please sit back, relax and take a trip down memory lane with us.

We came into 1st year fresh out of primary school, unaware of what BCS would hold in store for us.

We began the year with a bonding trip to Athenry, and 1A proved to be troublesome class from the get go, but 3 hours and 3 cremated busses later they finally joined us. The usual antics of the talent show prevailed with the boys from Ballinlough performing a beautiful rendition of "Ireland's call" ...needless to say we were all speechless... in particular Mr McHugh.

Of course, we thought we were the top dogs in second year since we weren't at the bottom of the table anymore. Constructions were being carried out on the school as the extension was underway, which primarily meant one thing- we could be late for class. Ms Quinn might even argue that that's the issue with us 5 years later – we'd like to now thank Ms Quinn for always ensuring we're at least five minutes late for class. Along with the extension came the prefabs, and surprisingly the teacher's attendance was even worse than ours.

Third year wasn't long coming around and the big JC was just around the corner. As part of our religion project, we took a trip to Galway to visit the Poor Clare's with Ms Flynn and Ms Fallon. The year consisted of several trips including 3A's trek to Dublin Zoo with Mr Ryan, where he got some great ideas for styling his beard in the orangutan section. As the Junior Cert. approached, we had our own version of "Romeo and Juliet" with tales of Mrs. And Mr. Fallon. Naturally, the stress of the exams led to the decision to do Transition Year and take a year of relaxation.

We travelled to Killary for a bonding trip like no other. It gave us an eye opener into the real world consisting of bad food and cold showers. Throughout the year we travelled to Claremorris for horse riding, and it turns out Lana is nearly as allergic to horses as she is to coming to school. The annual competition of Junk Couture came around and it slowly became our personality trait, as well as Mr McGarry's ... even if he doesn't like to admit it. TY was cut short due to the pandemic but I'm pretty sure I can speak on behalf of the entire year that we didn't mind the six-month summer that was ahead of us. It was a relief to the junior certificate class of 2020, when it was announced they would not sit the exams... instead they would receive accredited grades and fly into fifth year.

There was a big shock in the camp when we returned to school in September. Fifth year brought a whole new dynamic to school with social distancing, masks, sanitiser, and worst of all – WORK! Mr Duffy was given the impossible task of minding us upstairs, ensuring that masks were being worn and that the sanitiser fights stayed to a minimum. Due to the extent of the pandemic, we did not return after Christmas and classes moved online. Mr Lawless kept us on our toes with his PE assignments, and we surprisingly responded more to those than our actual exam subjects – sorry Ms Madden. When we went around to our classes, Ms Mannion's geography class seemed to be the highlight of fifth year, but everything quickly changed when you came back Ms Nolan – Shane Gavin has not been the same since.

Finally, we were in sixth year, the wait was over, and we were now the big dogs of the school... no more worrying about teachers giving out to us (except a few that will not be mentioned) We rang in Halloween break with a non-uniform day which resulted in Mr McDonagh confiscating Jack Sullivans Homer Simpson onesie...rumour has it for his own use. The lads quickly made themselves at home in the F area bathrooms with a minimum of 15 of them in there at all times. There are almost 60 teachers in the school and still Gerry Glavey was the only person who could put manners on any of them. We had the pleasure of watching the TY musical this year, in which Ms Glavey played a massive role. Ms Glavey began her job in BCS the same year that we entered. We have been there for her through her engagement, her wedding, her first child and she is now expecting her second...We might have completed six years here but how many have you done Ms Glavey? The introduction of the Super league was a keen idea from the teachers, it was an excuse for the teachers to flatten the students, the students to flatten the teachers, and not get into trouble for it. What was not to love? The orals and practicals proved to be a very stressful time for us, but we struggled through, nevertheless. As the year progressed, our attendance did quite the opposite. I believe we were one of the only years in the history of BCS to ever be called out for our attendance... of course Beth wasn't in that day.

Lastly, we would like to thank every teacher, and member of staff, for putting up with us through the good and the not so good. We greatly appreciate everything that you have done for us, and you will all be missed. On behalf of the class of 2022, we thank you for preparing us in every way possible not only for our Leaving Certificate but also for life – we cannot put it into words how much it means to us. We entered the school as children and are now leaving as young adults, well most of us are.

Our memory lane stops here, but its ok you can visit it anytime you like.

MEMORY LANE

