



MOCKS UNDERWAY

3RD YEAR AND 6TH YEAR STUDENTS START THEIR MOCKS

BY GANGA GILL



The Caimin's Connection

What are the mocks about?

Every year when February begins, every Junior Cert and Leaving Cert student has their mocks which are practice exams that don't go towards anything but are a great way to find out where you are from a study perspective for you, your parents and especially your teachers. This year they start on the 5th of February and will run for two weeks up to the Mid Term break.

Junior Cycle Student interviews

"I'm very stressed and kind of anxious about my mocks, I feel comfortable with most of my subjects but with others like French, Irish or History not so much but I think I will do well in Geography Engineering and Science."

**-3rd year student Natan Szubinski
shared his thoughts**

"I feel very nervous about the mock exams I know I will get a good result in Maths and History but I will probably do bad in Irish and Religion, I do think my parents will be happy with how I do."

-Alex Puente shares his thoughts





STORM HITS CLOSE TO HOME!

Places across the country are battered by Storm Éowyn including St. Caimin's

By Darragh Fitzpatrick

Storm Éowyn made landfall on Ireland overnight on the 24/01/2025 and it lasted until around midday on 25/01/2025. It was a red weather warning storm which meant businesses and schools had to close their doors on Friday. People braced themselves for a storm that was supposed to be the worst storm to hit Ireland ever.

The total number of premises that were without power due to the storm was 786,000. The strongest ever winds in Ireland were recorded at Mace Head in Carna, County Galway during the storms peak. It was recorded to be 187km/h which is four kilometres faster than the previous record set in 1945. In terms of named storms, this was 31 kilometres faster than Storm Ophelia's strongest gust which was 156 km/h.

The storm left a trail of destruction across Ireland damaging places such as the Connacht GAA Air Dome and Blanchardstown's ice rink.



Connacht GAA Air Dome



Blanchardstown's ice rink.



Unfortunately, St. Caimin's didn't escape the storm and had some damage done to it. The facial on the south side of the sports hall was damaged. The area was closed off to anybody in case more if it was to come off and injure anybody. The school also remained closed on Monday due to there being no electricity in the school. The ESB crews worked hard and had the electricity restored to the school on Monday evening. The canteen also didn't serve any hot food on Tuesday or Wednesday.

At the time of writing there are still 25,000 premises without power with electrical crews from ESB and other countries such as; Austria, France and The United Kingdom coming to Ireland to assist in restoring power to homes and businesses across the country.

Sadly, there was a life lost during the storm, a driver of a car who was struck by a tree in Raphoe, County Donegal. Our condolences go out to his family and friends for their loss.



TY STUDENTS EXCEL

3 TY Students Thrive in Enterprise Car Washing Business

By Godson Onyebuchi

Three TY students Ethan Dolan, Ieaksibun Howlader and Ganga Gill have chosen car detailing as their Enterprise business. Enterprise is an 11 week rotational subject taught by Mr. O'Brien as part of the Transition Year Programme, and students are asked to come up with a business idea that could help them make some sort of income. Ethan, Ieaksibun and Ganga managed to take their car detailing idea to another level by asking the teachers around the school if they can detail their cars. The business has been a roaring success.



Interior of a cleaned car completed by the lads

You could really say that with the amount of hard work the boys are doing between them, that they have really done a fantastic job with their business and they will continue to do it for a good while.



Ieaksibun posing beside the car being cleaned

The lads' car detailing consists of waxing the exterior of the cars, cleaning out the inside of the car if it's dirty which would be done by using a vacuum especially for the carpets. Their job also consists of washing the exterior of the car, detailing the interior, wiping down the trim and the dashboard as well. To add to that, they also wash the exterior of the car too if needed and then let it dry out for a while.



Washed car done by the lads



Heartbreaking Defeats for Junior Basketball Players

By Ganga Gill

On Thursday the 30th of January, the 1st year and 2nd year boys travelled to Limerick Educate Together Secondary School (LETTS). The 1st years played two games and the 2nd years played two as well. The 2nd years first played against the U14s of LETTS and the 1st years played their U13's team. Our 2nd years were up against St Joseph's U14s and the 1st years played the U13s.



Players in action

In the first game the 2nd years played they started off really strong but began to slip after the 2nd quarter and ended up losing in the end. They were well rested for their 2nd game but the opponents were too quick and our players fought hard but it was a crushing defeat because they weren't far off winning. Calum Griffin made sure to play his best as did all the other players but you could see how hard he was trying and he always made sure to defend when he needed to and fought for the ball.



Players going up for the ball

The 1st years played a great first game and won without breaking a sweat, making their coaches proud, but in their second game the game was on the edge. Every minute each two pointer would change the outcome of the game but our players got unlucky and didn't end up winning the game.





EGG DROP COMPETITION

TY Class C Hold a Mini Egg Drop competition in Physics Class

By Godson Onyebuchi

On January 28th, TY Class C had a fun double class in which they were doing an egg drop competition. The aim of the competition was for a group of 3 people to create a contraption that would be able to keep an egg intact when dropped from the balcony upstairs to the bottom floor downstairs in the reception area.

Everyone was given around 20-25 minutes to create their own contraption. Each contraption was very unique and everyone managed to complete it in the given time and make a great attempt. Some eggs did in fact crack when dropped from the balcony upstairs but many groups were able to successfully drop their eggs down without cracking. It seemed that the best way for the egg not to crack was to do a parachute for the egg.



Students posing with their eggs

The process of making a parachute ended up working very well for the groups because when you have a parachute, it slows down the contraption while falling by creating air resistance which basically means that it catches the wind while falling and eases you from a fast speed that would smash the egg to a speed that is more manageable and creates a decent landing for the egg so it doesn't end up smashing.

Overall this was a really nice activity created by Ms. Fallon and the students enjoyed it alot.



Students dropping their eggs from the balcony



Students discussing and creating their contraptions





STUDENTS MAKE ST. BRIGID'S DAY CROSSES

By Darragh Fitzpatrick

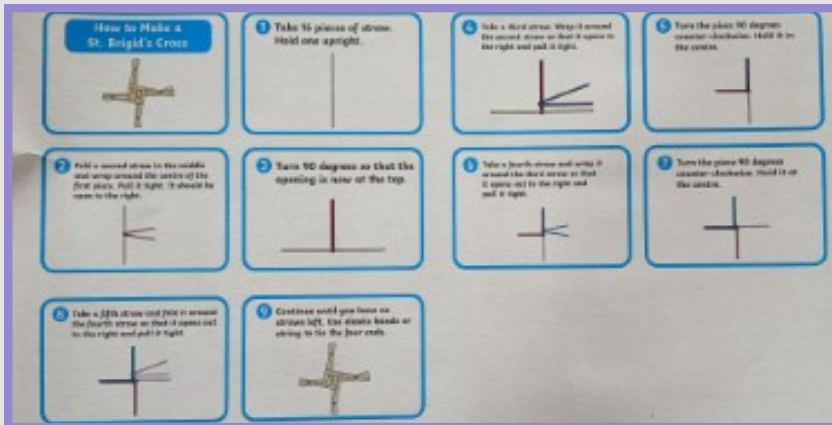
In the run up to St. Brigid's day, one of our TY classes and two of our first-year classes made St. Brigid's Crosses. St. Brigid's crosses are made to celebrate one of Ireland's patron saints, St. Brigid. The crosses are usually made from straw or rushes. It is an Irish tradition for people to go out to a nearby field and collect some rushes or take some straw from a bale and make crosses out of them. They are typically hung above the door of a house to ward off evil. The crosses can be identified very easily by their distinctive design. They usually have four legs all connecting to a square in the middle.

The first St. Brigid's cross was made by St. Brigid. She was visiting a dying chieftain, and she picked some rushes off the ground and weaved them into the first St. Brigid's cross. She then explained the story of Jesus and all of Jesus's teachings to him. Before the chieftain died, he had become a Christian.



A picture of a St. Brigid's cross.

Students took on the challenge of making the crosses. Some had made them before, while for others, it was their first time making them so it took them a while to get used to the method of it. Overall students from all three classes put in an excellent effort in making them. Some students even made crosses for the teachers and other members of staff in the school.



A guide on how to make a St. Brigid's cross



One of our student's busy making a St. Brigid's Cross



Box of crosses given to teachers and other staff members on St. Brigid's Day



NORTH MUNSTER CROSS COUNTRY

By Ieaksibun Howlader

A group of talented athletes from St. Caimin's had another successful campaign recently, with great performances in the North Munster's Cross Country Event in Pallaskenry.

First Years Glen Hughes and Dylan Keane took silver and bronze in the minor boys race and together with Darragh Sheedy and Blake Corbett, their team secured gold medals.

Pádraig Chaplin & Molly Moroney both qualified for the Munster's with fantastic individual performances. I think they did amazing and they have definitely made their school, their teachers and their parents proud.



Students competing at the Cross Country event



Students in action at Cross Country



All participants at the starting line

Our Senior Girls took home team bronze medals and secured their place in Munsters.
Well Done Everyone!



2ND YEAR PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

By Ieaksibun Howlader



On February 4th, the 2nd years have their parent teacher meetings. The parent teacher meetings are set so the parents of the students can see how their children are getting on in school. It also helps students focus all year round so they don't mess around for the first half of the year because attitude in class also plays a big role too.

We interviewed two 2nd year students about the upcoming parent teacher meetings

"I feel good but kind of nervous about the upcoming parent teacher meetings. I think I did well in my tests especially in my Geography and Engineering classes and I am weakest in Maths and History. Sometimes I concentrate in class but I do lose focus easily. Overall I think my parents will be happy."

Anton O' Brien gives his thoughts

"I feel a tiny bit nervous but I do think my parents will be happy with how I am doing. I engage well in class but I think I can do better. I think my best subjects are Graphics and Home Economics but my worst are German and Maths."

Franklyn Onyebuchi gives his thoughts

