

# Festive Greetings from First Year

Christmas Newsletter 2022

## It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.....

Welcome to our Christmas Edition of the First Year Newsletter.

Our first years have been very busy this last term both academically and with extra-curricular activities.

The First year boys and girls are back training for football, camogie, hurling and soccer after school. Their hard work and dedication has been rewarded by many victories along the way. The spirit of teamwork and commitment is evident throughout the year. We have our games room open at lunch.

The First Years are looking forward to a well earned break from Wednesday, the 21st of December at 12 noon until Thursday, 5th of January and spending time recharging the batteries over Christmas.

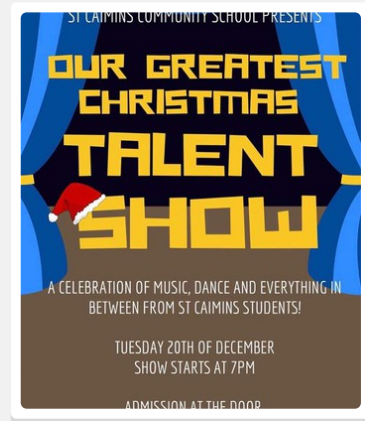
It's the most wonderful time of the year.....

On that note, I would like to thank you, the parents, for your continued support. Look after yourselves, be kind to each other and I wish you Health and Happiness over the Christmas break.



## Christmas Talent Show

Lots of our first years are gearing up for their performances in the Christmas Talent Show which is taking place on Tuesday the 20th of December at 7pm. Many first years are part of the school choir while others are even doing solo performances! Best of luck to everybody taking part, break a leg!!!!



## Winter Wonderland in the Hub

Our students from class Iarla have been very busy getting ready for the festive season.

They had a great time putting up their Christmas tree and decorating it. As well as that, they came up with a brilliant 'Grinch' themed design for their classroom door.



In other exciting news, the students had another wonderful day out at Liskennett Farm in Co. Limerick recently. They enjoyed a one-hour equestrian trail around the grounds of the farm and made lots of four-legged friends along the way!

The students in The Hub have also enjoyed lots of other activities since the October mid-term, including soccer training and matches, trad music sessions, lots of exciting Science Week experiments, gardening, cooking and woodwork (to name just a few).

Just last week, the students travelled to Carrigoran to perform alongside peers for the residents in the nursing home. The students that went with SVP got the chance to speak to the residents of the nursing home and get to know them throughout, they also gave them handmade Christmas cards, which the residents were delighted about!

Lots of festive cheer is being celebrated throughout the school, coming towards Christmas time.

## 1st Year Hurling Review - by Liam Collins

The 1st year Caimin's Hurling team played against St. Rafaels in Loughrea. The bus left at 9:40 for a one-hour drive to Loughrea. We all got changed and went on the field to do warmups. The match started well with a great goal from Josh Moroney and the sides were levelled at half time. There was a controversial decision from the referee to give Daniel Quinn a yellow card in the second half. Orainn McNerney brought us back into the game with a great goal but unfortunately we still lost the game by six points. The Man of the Match was awarded to Tommy Healy.  
Review by Liam Collins



## Indoor Soccer Tournament

Over 40 first year boys have been taking part in an indoor soccer tournament during lunch on Mondays over the past few weeks.



## 1st Year Girls Camogie

Our 1st year camogie panel were in action during the week at the Clare Camogie blitz. Captains were Olivia McMahon from Newmarket-on-Fergus, Courtney Behan from Wolfe Tones and Halle from Sixmilebridge.



## Girls Soccer

Our 1st year girls' team had a 3-0 victory in the opening round of the Clare League earlier this month. Kate Monaghan (2) and Amy Magee with the goals.

Woohoo to them!



## Girls 1st Year Hockey in St Caimins

We had our first hockey training session on Thursday 1st of December. Conor Beck was our trainer. A big thank you to **Hockey Ireland** for giving us the opportunity to get involved. Good luck to the girls!!!!!!!



## U15 Boys Soccer

Well done to our Under 15 boys soccer team who were in action in Lees Road yesterday. The boys are now through to the last 16 in Munster after an excellent 5-2 victory over Croom. Patrick Lonergan, Alex Gladysz (2), Devin Downes and Kian Dempsey with the goals. Player of the match was Adeola Adeniyi.



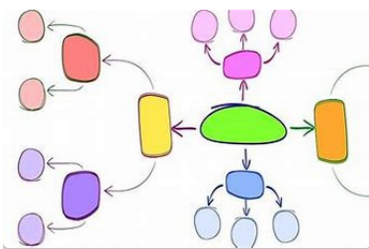
Victory for the Under 15 boys



Adiola Adeniyi in action



Line Up



## Mind map Competition

Our 1st year students have been busy designing revision mind maps for a 1st year competition. These mind map entries are based on the topic "Ancient Rome" from their history classes.

Our Winners are:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

## First Year Science Model Making

Our first year science students enjoyed model making of the plant and animal cells. See attached photos.



## Experimenting!

Ms. Cooney's first years were looking at plant cells and their own cheek cells under the microscope during science week!



## Bubbles!

First year science students were very invested in their bubble lab challenge! The bubbles they blew were HUGE!!!

## Carrigoran House

The first year music students visited Carrigoran House on Thursday the 1st of December to mark the start of the festive season. The students sang Christmas carols and entertained the residents with the music of the trad group. The performances also featured Irish dancers. The students had an



opportunity to meet the residents of Carrigoran House after their performance, where they were met with high compliments on the concert.



## A reading group in St Caimins

The 1st years are doing a great job keeping up with reading coming towards the holidays.

## Celebrate Us - Caimins Colours Day

The school took part in a Colours Day to show our support for the LGBTQ+ community. Our 1st year group was asked to wear the colour RED! The students were asked to bring in two euro if they were participating and this was donated to \_\_\_\_\_.

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1ST YEAR - RED  
2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR - ORANGE  
3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR - YELLOW  
TY/STAFF - GREEN  
LC1 - BLUE  
LC2 - PURPLE



### **Greetings from Year Head Ms Dalton.**

Wishing you and your family a happy, healthy and safe christmas. I am looking forwaqrd to working with you in 2023.

**Merry Christmas from all the First Years at St. Caimins. We hope you like our Christmas edition of our newsletter and we wish you and your families a Happy New Year!**



