

The Hub Newsletter

Summer Edition!

A Message from your Year Head

As the summer holidays rapidly approach, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our 1st year parents and guardians for your cooperation and support throughout the year.

Our 1st year students have made it to the end of their 1st year in St. Caimin's and they have progressed through all their subjects, experienced new activities, were involved in an array of clubs and participated in many school sports matches. They represented our school with pride when brought on trips away and plenty of fun was had along the way too.

I would like to wish all our students the very best in their summer exams and I hope you all have a wonderful summer break. See you all for the Parent's Information Evening at the end of August.

Kind regards,
Michelle Ryan Quinn
Year Head

Second Year Information Evening

On **Thursday the 25th of August 2022 at 6.30pm**, we will host an information evening for parents of students going into Second Year. This information night will prepare parents for the year ahead and will provide vital help and tips on how best to support your child in an educational environment, both in school and at home.



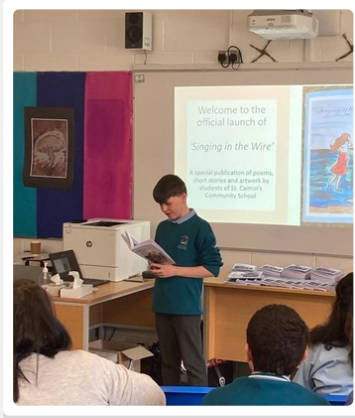
"Singing in the Wire" - A Special Book Launch

The Hub hosted a wonderful event on Wednesday the 1st of June - the official launch of "*Singing in the Wire*" - a special publication of poems, short stories and artwork produced by students of St. Caimin's Community School. The publication recognises and celebrates the unique voices of our wonderful writers and artists in the school.

There was an excellent turnout for the event and we were thrilled to welcome our contributors alongside their band of supporters including parents, guardians, siblings, friends, aunties, uncles and grandparents galore! We heard from Mr. Grimes, Ms. Whitty, Ms. Hill and Mr. Cunningham, who commended all students involved on their bravery and talent. Many students read out their poems and stories, which were very well received by the audience. Also in attendance on the evening was former St. Caimin's student Páraic McMahon, who now works as a journalist for *The Clare Echo*.

Our students from *The Hub* did themselves, their fellow classmates, and their families proud, by each contributing a fantastic piece of artwork or written work to the publication. Well done to Ava, who delivered a wonderful recitation of her poem "Dogs" at the launch, which got an impressive response from the audience! To all our students, keep writing and keep up the hard work!





School Certificates

Well done to our six students who received their Certificates of Merit recently, in acknowledgement of their superb results and dedication to study all year round.

Keep up the excellent effort!



Trip to Bunratty Castle & Shannon Aviation Museum

In recognition of their hard work throughout the year, our students enjoyed two lovely days trips in their final week of school. First up, was a visit to Bunratty, where students enjoyed a guided tour of the castle and folk park, followed by some interesting lessons in animal husbandry, thanks to their friendly tour guide, Carmel. The students saw and learned about lots of animals along the way (hens, chickens, cows, ponies, pigs) and even got to pet some of the goats and lambs. To top it off, they got to meet a friendly Irish Wolfhound, named Saoirse!

On the 2nd of June, the students visited the Shannon Aviation Museum.



All Hail, King Bobby!



Spread your wings and fly!



AJ had a little lamb...



A Visit from the Irish Air Corps

On the 9th of May, St. Caimin's Community School welcomed the Irish Air Corps, who arrived in style by helicopter in front of our whole school community.

We are very grateful to them for being so generous with their time. They visited our students in The Hub and spoke to them about their uniforms and equipment. The students also learned about cadetships, apprenticeships and general recruitment with the Irish Defence Forces.





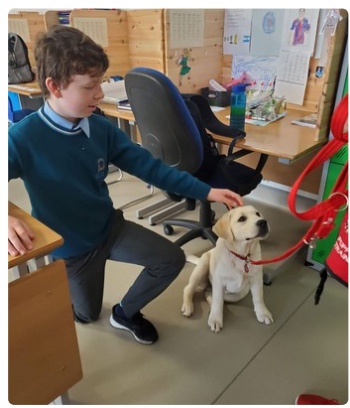
A not so 'ruff' day in school!

On the 12th of May, we had an extra special visit from Michelle and Sohe from Autism Assistance Dogs Ireland. They were presented with a cheque by our students, alongside our Young SVP Group from the proceeds of a recent bake sale.

This beautiful Labrador Sohe is currently in training to become an Assistance Dog. Assistance dogs are trained to the highest standards to provide safety to children in public places. They enable children to go out and about safely and reduce anxiety, not just for the child but for the whole family.

It takes 18-24 months to train, assess and qualify a puppy like Sohe. Then, the autism assistance dog must be matched and placed with a child.

Thanks to Michelle and Sohe for brightening our day!





First Year Boys Soccer

Congratulations to Luke Bermingham, who was part of a very successful first year soccer team that finished runners-up in the North Munster First Year League last week.

They agonisingly lost 2-1 in the League Final in UL on Friday, the 27th of May. After battling back from being 1-0 down, the equaliser came from Kian Dempsey who raced through and scored a brilliant goal. Unfortunately, the winning goal came in the last minute of the game which saw our lads miss out on their first bit of silverware.

However, it is a fantastic achievement to get to a final and well done to the team - hopefully it is the first of many finals they will play throughout their years in St. Caimin's.

Luke's coaches Mr. Corry and Mr. Duff are thrilled with the effort he has put into training and the matches throughout the year. We are all looking forward to what the future will hold for this talented

team of players. A HUGE well done to Luke, from everyone in The Hub!



First Year Girls Soccer

Recently, Ava and our first year girls played their final match of the Clare League season. In a topsy-turvy encounter with the girls from Tulla, the St Caimin's team emerged victorious with a 7-3 score line. And more importantly, all the players participated in a great afternoon in Lees Road and had a thoroughly enjoyable sporting encounter.

Thank you to Mr. Grimes & Ms. Coughlan for all their hard work training and mentoring this great bunch of girls. We look forward to more success in second year!

A huge congrats to Ava, from everyone in The Hub!



Chef AJ!

On Friday, the 27th of May, our class chef and Asian cuisine expert, AJ, put our cooking skills to the test! It wasn't an easy task, but his demonstration on how to make the perfect *'Egg Fried Rice'* went down a treat. His students on the day included Ms. Glendon-Garry, Home Ec teachers Ms. Counihan and Ms. Cleary, and his classmates Luke Gammell, Bobby Keane, Oisín Noel O' Donnell, Luke Birmingham and Ava Carroll. AJ is always a great advocate for home-cooked meals and was disgusted when he learned that anyone would use "boil in the bag" rice in their meals. To AJ, no greater crime could be committed. Thanks to AJ for being a super teacher (with great patience). He has asked that the recipe be included here for anyone who would like to try making this dish at home!

- Jasmine Rice
- Sausages
- Bacon
- Onion
- Brai (seasoning for the egg)
- 2 eggs
- Chinese Spice



**Waiting
impatiently!**



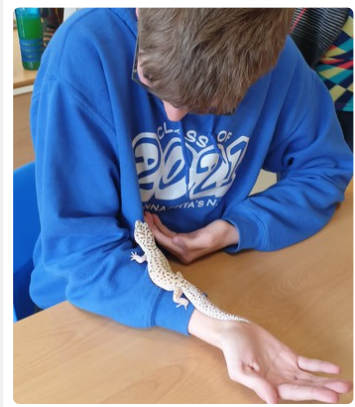
**Learning lots of
new skills!**



Mind your fingers!

Meet Our Little Friends!

Thank you to our wonderful Transition Year student and friend to The Hub, Adriana Manak, who returned for a second visit, this time introducing us to her two pet Gecko lizards. The students had a great time petting them and Adriana was very generous with her time and answered all questions the students had about the care of her pets. Come back again soon please!



A Final Note to Say Thanks...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the end of the school year for 2021/2022, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and cooperation throughout this academic year. It has been a pleasure teaching your children this year and watching them grow and progress every day. We are so proud of how hard each and every student in the hub has worked this year and they have achieved so much during their first year at St. Caimin's Community School. We hope they have enjoyed the year as much as we have and we look forward to welcoming them back in August for second year.

Finally, we wish you and your families the very best for the summer holidays!
Stay safe and enjoy the break.

Sharon Bulfin
Ms. Hill
Ms. Gooney

