



St. Farnan's Post-Primary School

Spring Newsletter 2022.



Message from the Principal

Happy Spring! I hope that everyone has a wonderful time to refresh and recharge over the Easter holiday period and we all wish our 6th year Leaving Certificate students the best of luck during this time with their Orals and Practical exams. As we enter the final 6 weeks of the Summer term after the Easter break, we are exploring how we retain some of the good things from our time during Covid protocols while bringing back former processes to a high level including the wearing of full uniform at all times by all students. I am working with Savi clothing and the Parents' Association to roll out compulsory PE uniform with a better quality tracksuit and we are also looking at different types of school jackets. We will welcome the Incoming 1st year students (2022/23) to our school on Saturday 7th May for CAT4 testing and again with parents for a live information meeting in school during the middle of May. Thanks to all the staff for supporting our students with the many extracurricular activities, sports and trips over the past few months and we are looking forward to our Year Group activity trips out in May also. Well done to the 3rd and 6th years on the completion of their Mocks – work hard for the remaining number of weeks and you will be well rewarded in your JC & LC. For all other students, remember to continue to do your best every day in class and with your homework. Summer exams aren't too far away! We value all our excellent, supportive community in St. Farnan's PPS which includes students, parents / guardians and staff! Thank you.

Andrew Purcell, Principal.



Congratulations to the Elected Officers of the school's Student Council - Saoirse, Suzanne, James & Faith!

Some of the Events & Successes celebrated this term!

- Career Talks to 6th year students from NUI Maynooth, Dunboyne College & St. Conleth's College
- Officers elected to the school's Student Council
- Senior Cycle Information Evening held for 3rd & 4th year students and their parents & guardians
- Information Evening held for incoming 1st year students
- TY Tours to the Mondello, Tallaght Stadium, JustLife event, Bord Gais theatre & NUI Maynooth
- Tour to Causey Farm for LCA class & Rooms 25 & 26 students
- SLCPV Trip to Tayto Park
- 5th & 6th year Agricultural Science trip to UCD Lyons Estate
- TY students Cheyanne & Aoife represented the school in the EU Parliament Model Debate representing Greece
- Support for Ukraine collection held in the school
- Anti-bullying workshops organised for 1st & 2nd year students
- Visit from Maria Walsh MEP to meet with TY students
- 2nd year students completed the World of Work programme with SAP Ireland and Business in the Community
- Our strong sporting tradition continued as teams took part in soccer, gaelic football and hurling competitions and trained in basketball and rugby
- Lots of beautiful artwork and displays around the school
- GLCA Hospitality, Catering & Tourism trip to Dublin Zoo
- Board Games Club established for the 1st year students
- LGFA Workshop with Anne Marie Doran
- Wide programme of Seachtain na Gaeilge events
- 6th year workshop on Personal Development & Goal Setting

Orlaith shines at the Irish U17 International Games



A large crowd of supporters travelled to Tallaght Stadium on Tuesday, March 29th to support TY student, Orlaith O'Mahony and her teammates in the final group game against Iceland. It was an exciting game but unfortunately the Irish lost 4-1. Orlaith played excellently and was voted Player of the Match! Well done and thanks to all the students who went on the trip and to the staff who organized tickets and buses!

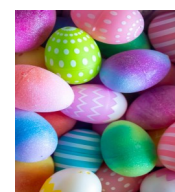
New KWETB Ethos Framework

As part of KWETB, St. Farnan's Post Primary School is committed to implementing the new Draft ETB Patrons' Framework on Ethos. ETB schools are state, co-educational, multid denominational schools underpinned by the core values of **Excellence in Education, Care, Equality, Community and Respect**. As the state provider of education, the ETB sector defines a 'multidenominational' school in the following way: In ETB schools, all students are given equal opportunities for enrolment in line with the Education (Admissions to School) Act 2018. Once enrolled, our schools strive to provide all students with equal opportunities to engage with the curriculum and school life. In all aspects of school life all members of our school communities are treated equitably regardless of their race, gender, religion/belief, age, family status, civil status, membership of the Traveller community, sexual orientation, ability or socio-economic status. Our schools provide a safe physical and social environment that reinforces a sense of belonging to the school community and wider society. They strive to enable every student to realise their full potential regardless of any aspect of their identity or background. Our schools promote a fully inclusive education that recognises the plurality of identities, beliefs and values held by students, parents and staff. We prepare open-minded, culturally sensitive and responsible citizens with a strong sense of shared values. In ETB schools, students of all religions and beliefs are treated equally. The school environment and activities do not privilege any particular group over another whilst at the same time acknowledging and facilitating students of all religions and beliefs.



Key Dates for next term

- Apr. 10th:** Leaving Cert. Orals in Irish, Spanish and French & Music Practical exams begin
- Apr. 25th–27th:** TY Gaeltacht Trip to Colaiste Acla, Co. Maigh Eo
- May 3rd:** TY Guest Speaker from the Dogs Trust
- May 6th:** Skipping workshops for TYs &
- May 7th:** Incoming 1st year students Entrance Assessment
- May 10th:** TY Trip to the Little Museum of Dublin & Treasure Hunt in St. Stephen's Green
- May 17th:** TY Dance & Fitness Class
- May 23rd-28th:** TY Community Work Placement Week
- May 26th:** 6th year Graduation Celebration
- May 30th:** Summer house exams begin
- June 1st:** TY Graduation Celebration
- June 3rd:** School closes for the summer break
- June 8th:** State Examinations begin





Celebration of Partnership with SAP



We had a wonderful conclusion to the World of Work Programme on March 24th when the Second Year students involved in this

innovative project presented their thoughts and reflections to representatives from SAP Ireland, Business in the Community and school management. Well done and thank you to the students for their superb participation - they were very highly complimented by Victoria, Jo, Maurice, their Year Head, Ms. Bracken and Mr. Purcell, Principal. We were delighted to present SAP with a beautiful commemorative plaque made by Mr. Malone in appreciation of eight years of this excellent partnership!



St. Farnan's Transition Year Update

The students in Transition Year Class Bailey have had a very busy few months since Christmas. In addition to their core course work and taster senior cycle modules, the TYs have had guest speakers including Maria Walsh MEP, Cllr. Brendan Wyse and Vincent Butler from Simon. They have enjoyed several workshops which included Coding, STEM, First Aid, Emotional & Mental Health, a fun morning on Segways and Dance & Fitness. They went to the JustLife event in Naas, visited Mondello, NUIM & the Bord Gais, to name but a few. They have been involved in many school events including coaching younger teams, organising matches and charity events. Cheyanne and Aoife represented the school very honourably at the EU Model Debate and Orlaith represented her country as part of the Irish U17 soccer team! They continue to do their work experience and will be doing a week of Community Work Experience in May with the theme of "giving back". They are a fantastic bunch and they have been an absolute pleasure to work with all year! Well done and thank you all for your cooperation and participation!

HSCCL Update: 2022 has definitely entered with a blast! Thank you to 1st and 2nd year parents/guardians who completed the HSCCL courses survey. This term has seen a successful book club and a lovely coffee morning with our current 1st year parents and guardians. It was so lovely to meet you face to face for a chat and a cuppa. After Easter we will hit the ground running with parents courses in cupcake decorating and hanging baskets. An important date for your diary is Tuesday April 26th when we will hold a Mental Health Literacy workshop that evening at 7.30pm. Wishing you all a lovely Easter. Jennifer.



Update from the Music Dept.!

Our Music students in all years have been very busy practicing this term. The TY students were also very lucky to have been brought to see that hit musical "Chicago" in the Bord Gais theatre on April 6th!



Wishing all our students, parents and staff a very happy and peaceful Easter break!
St. Farnan's will reopen on Monday, April 25th 2022.



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Sports Update -

Sport in St Farnan's Post Primary has been in full flow since the Winter break with numerous teams in action across all sports.

Soccer The under 19 girls Soccer Team are into the League quarter final against Dominican College Wicklow. They were tested in a close match by St Kevin's Community college, Dunlavin, but progressed on a score line of 2-1 to the home team. The quarter final fixtures are yet to be decided but should be some time after break. Thank you to Mr Malone and Miss McKenna for organising.



Gaelic Football

The first Year boys football team had a very positive run in the brother Hubert competition. They topped their group with two wins against Colaiste Clavin and Colaiste na Mi. This had the team progress to the highest

tier of the competition; The Brother Hubert Cup. The team unfortunately lost out to a very strong Colaiste Eoin from Hacketstown in the cup semi-final. Although they fell close to the final hurdle, there is a sense of great anticipation for this great 1st year football team. Thank you to Mr Langton and Mr Creegan for organising.

The 2nd Year boys also are close to getting silver wear. They defeated a strong St Oliver's of Drogheda in the Semi-final. They are due to play Banagher College in the final which was due on the 04.04.22 but has since been postponed until after the Easter holidays. Thank you to Mr Langton and Mr Creegan for organising.

The Junior Football team also missed out on progressing to the knock out stages of the shield as they lost out to a very strong St Kevin's of Dunlavin. The team were 11 points



down at half time but showed great resilience and belief to claw it back to 2 points in the difference. Thank you to Mr Langton and Mr Creegan for organising.

Basketball

There is basketball training after school every Thursday for 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th year from 16:00 - 17:30. If there is any information needed about this please speak to Mr. Hayes.

Hurling/Camogie

The boys first year hurling Leinster Cup final vs St Pauls Secondary school of Monasterevin will be played on the 6th of May in St Conleth's park. More information will be released closer to the date. Thanks to Mr Delaney and Miss Delaney for organising this.

The Junior Camogie league is starting the Friday the 8th of April with a match against Boyne Community school. Best of luck to all the girls and Miss Smullen and Miss Delaney.

Thank you to all parties who got involved in sport in St Farnan's PPS this year. After a few years of cancellations in sports due to Covid, it is great to get sport back up and running. We look forward to continuing this after the Easter break and on into next year.