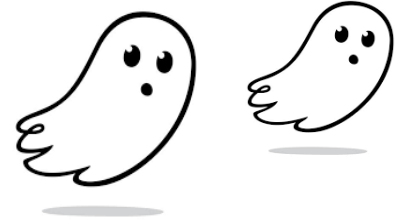


PORTMARNOCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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BOYS BASKETBALL

PLAYER OF THE MONTH: 🏆

U19: Player of the month was a tough decision this month, but we all agreed that **Martin Kostov Grealy** deserved it this month as he played greatly with his team and with his leadership led the team to keep going in the league. Well done Martin!

U16: Player of the month goes to **Rian Rogan** because he played great this month and was a good help to the team with his sportsmanship and leadership. Well done Alejandro!

TOP SCORER: 🏅

U19: Top scorer goes to **Martin Kostov Grealy** as he scored 43 points this month for his team, what a great month for Martin! Congrats!

U16: Top scorer goes to **Alejandro Sanchez** who scored a number of points for his team, great job!



INTERVIEWS FROM PLAYERS OF THE MONTH:

MARTIN KOSTOV GREALY :

How do you feel about winning player of the month?

“I feel very happy about it.”

Do you think you've improved since last season?

“Yeah, I think the coaches are really good and they helped me improve.”

What part of your game do you feel like you would like to improve most?

“Dribbling probably.”

How do you feel the season is going to go?

“I think we can win if we keep playing the way we're playing.”

Do you think you deserved this award, why/ why not?

“Um, I think I've worked pretty hard so yeah.”

What team do you think is your biggest competition?

“I think Neassains because we have lost against them.”

How do you prepare for a match?

“I don't have a routine, I just think positively and play the game with a good mindset.”

How will you aim to get player of the month next month?

“Just focus on winning games and if it happens it happens.”

What do you feel is your biggest role in the match?

“Probably passing the ball to my teammates or leadership since I'm the team's captain.”

How do you move on from a loss in a match?

“I forget about it as quickly as possible and move on about it.”

What does teamwork mean to you?

“I don't think it's possible to win without teamwork, it's really important that your team communicates.”

What is the most important skill/ trait in basketball to you?

“Playing calmly and not rushing.”



RIAN ROGAN:

How do you feel about winning player of the month?

“Even though I wasn't first pick, I'm still happy I won it.”

Do you think you've improved since last season?

“I've played a lot more since last season, I'm getting better as the season goes on.”

What part of your game do you feel like you would like to improve most?

“My shooting still needs to be worked on as I still miss a lot of shots.”

How do you feel the season is going to go?

“If we focus more, we'll have a successful season.”

Do you think you deserved this award, why/ why not?

“To be honest no, because I won last month and I think Alejandro should have won.”

What team do you think is your biggest competition?

“I would like to say Neassains because we lost to them last game, but we could beat them”

How do you prepare for a match?

“I just warm up and stretch and shoot a lot before games.”

How will you aim to get player of the month next month?

“Practicing more than other players and having a good attitude.”

What do you feel is your biggest role in the match?

“My leadership and talking on the court.”

How do you move on from a loss in a match?

“I will move on from it quickly and think about the next match.”

What does teamwork mean to you?

“Everyone has a good attitude and communicates together in a constructive way.”



🎃 U19 VS BENEAVIN 🎃

The U19 boys team played against Beneavin on the 4th of October, tip off was at 1:10pm and PCS won tip off and led to Martin Kostov-Greally scoring a lay-up in the first 5 seconds. The team played greatly with a finishing score of 67-21. Man of the match goes to Alek Moore because he played great defence, had great rebounds and scored 8 points. Top scorer is awarded to Martin with 22 points. Great win for the team!



U16 VS BENEAVIN

PCS were playing against Beneavin College on 2/10/24. The final score was 60-33 to PCS. The players who played were Ryan Mullen, Max Irwin, Samith Maturu, Thomas Simonis, Alejandro Sanchez, Rian Rogan, Tedros Graham, Max O' Meara, Oisin Foran, Sam Keenan, Issac McCabe, Thomas Wu and Andrew Moore. Player of the match was awarded to Alejandro Sanchez. Alejandro played extremely well and showed great skills throughout this game with consistent effort seen by all of the PCS players . Alejandro Sanchez was also awarded top scorer, as he played a very good match. Congratulations on a great win! Congrats to Mr. Reilly, their coach for his first win with this team. Keep up the good work!



U19 BOYS VS ST KEVINS

On the 18th of October, Portmarnock CS u19 boys played against St Kevins boys. The squad consisted of Luke Brodie , Alek Moore, Alejandro Sanchez, Theo Dunne, Alex Lucas, James Gordon, Noah Davis, Leon, Matthew Kerr, Riloh Haylock, Martin Kostov-Grealy and Kyle Grainger. Player of the match was awarded to Alex Lucas for great defensive plays and excellent passing. Top Scorer goes to Martin Kostov-Grealy who scored 21 points in the game. The boys showed great teamwork and had some lovely attacking plays. The final score was 69-45 to PCS. Well done boys and good luck in your next game!!



🎃 U19s VS NEASSAINS 🎃

The U19 boys had a disappointing result on the 9th of October against Neassains. The boys were trying their best to get themselves back in the game but Neassains were too strong of a team to beat. The top scorer goes to James Gordan as he scored 3 baskets. Player of the match goes to Adam Kerr as he played extremely well however he ended up picking a bad injury, fracturing his ankle. Hard luck to the team, better luck next time!



🎃 U16s VS NEASSAINS 🎃

On the 9th of October, the u16s boys played Neassains away in Baldoye. The starting lineup for the boys was Oisín Foran, Max Irwin, Rian Rogan, Alejandro Sanchez and Ryan Mullen. The boys started the game off strong and were strong throughout the first half, despite going down in the second quarter by a little bit. The boys went down a lot in the 3rd quarter and seemed to lose a lot of focus. The boys went into the 4th quarter down by a lot but did manage to make a comeback but despite their best efforts they unfortunately came out with a loss. MOTM goes to Rian Rogan as he showed great leadership in the team and helped the boys on the court.



GIRLS BASKETBALL

PLAYER OF THE MONTH: 🏆

U19: The player of the month was a very hard decision to make, but we all agreed that it was **Sophie McDonnell**. She played great defence every game this month and was great on the attack for PCS. Amazing work sophie!



U16: The player of the month for the u16 girls was a tough decision for the coaches but we decided that **Eva Cavanagh** was the clear winner. She played great on offence and defence with great sportsmanship and teamwork. Great work Eva!

TOP SCORER: 🏆

U19: Top scorer this month is once again **Ria Mullan!** She scored a number of points for her team in their matches. Well done Ria!



U16: Top scorer goes to **Laura Lenord** for the u16 team, she is great at scoring points for her team, well done Laura!



INTERVIEW : SOPHIE MCDONNELL

How do you feel about winning player of the month?

‘Shocked.’

Do you think you’ve improved since last season?

‘Yes, as I feel my defence has become stronger.’

What part of your game do you feel like you would like to improve most?

‘I would like to improve my shooting in game play as it is not very good.’

How do you feel the season is going to go?

‘I have a good feeling about this season because it has gone well so far and we have a very strong team this term.’

Do you think you deserved this award, why/ why not?

‘Yes but i also think other players played very well this month and could of got the opportunity too’

What team do you think is your biggest competition?

‘I think Holy Faith will be very tough competitors’

How do you prepare for a match?

‘I hydrate the night before and I eat a nice meal full of carbohydrates such as pasta’

How will you aim to get player of the month next month?

‘I will try to improve my shooting in games’

What do you feel is your biggest role in the matches?

‘Defending the basket from the opposition and rebounding the ball to the team’

How do you move on from a loss in a match?

‘I try to keep my head up and focus on the next game’

What does teamwork mean to you?

‘Teamwork is not going off on your own, it’s working together and passing the ball to the person in the best position.’

What is the most important skill/ trait in basketball to you?

‘Fitness and hand eye coordination’

U19s GIRLS VS SANTA SABINA

Portmarnock girls played against Santa Sabina on the 8th of October. The squad consisted of Ria Mullan, Poppy Mullan, Issy Harrell, Grace Collier, Sophie Mc Donnell, Ava Carr, Maria Hussey, Abbie Gogarty, Stella Kennedy and Sophie French .

The team had a wonderful finishing score of 42-8! There was consistent effort from everyone and the girls showed great passion on the court.

Ria Mullan is the top scorer as she scored the majority of the points for the girls! There was no player of the match for this one as all of the girls played extremely well and there was great teamwork shown on the court, a great win for the girls!



U19s VS HOLY FAITH CLONTARF

The u19 girls played against Holy Faith Clontarf on the 23rd of October. The starting line was Ria Mullan, Poppy Mullan, Issy Harrell, Kirsten Mooney and Maria Hussey. The girls performed strongly together and led themselves to a win! Player of the match goes to Kirsten as she played really well and showed great defense in the game. Top scorer goes to Poppy as she scored plenty of points during the game. The final score was 30-22. Well done girls!



BOYS GAA

SENIOR BOYS UNLUCKY LOSS TO CASTLEKNOCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

On Wednesday afternoon, the senior boys football team played castleknock community college in an excellent football match. The starting line up was Kyle Grainger, James Mc Namee, Killian Lyons, Theo Dunne, Daniel Burns, Jack O' Hanlon, Dylan Mc Gowan , Robert Burns, Noah Kenny, Leo Clarke , Matthew Reen, Lennox May, Aaron Mc Glynn, Sean Gorey and Finn O' Donnell.



The boys had a tough game but they didn't stop fighting and there was some very good defensive play and there was consistent effort from all the players. The final score was 1-12 to 8-12. The Player of the Match and the Top scorer goes to Aaron Mc Glynn who had an excellent game and battled for every ball. Hard luck boys!!



PORTMARNOCK TRIUMPH IN NARROW WIN OVER COLAISTE

EOIN



On Tuesday 8th October, Portmarnock's 2nd Year Boy's Gaa team completed a thrilling game with a win at home against Coláiste Eoin. The lineup started as follows; Patrick O'Chonski,

Harry Fraser, Jay Nolan, Cian Leavy, Ben McDonnell, Aidan Byrne, Aaron Mulryan, Fionnan Mallon, Jamie Mooney, Ollie Hughes, Joey Harrell, Oisín McKenna, Evan Forde, Scott Scully and Nathan Colgan.

The lads started strong, as scores were taken and frees were put over the bar, but then Scott Scully was one on one with the keeper and struck it into the net claiming the first, but not the last, goal of the game. Coláiste Eoin bounced back, with two good goals coming in quick succession in the 16th and 21st minute.

The second half started with Portmarnock trailing at the break, but it wasn't for long as Ollie Hughes was dragged down for a penalty and converted it to get Portmarnock right back in the game. Portmarnock were on firing form scoring point after point, but they dropped concentration levels as Coláiste Eoin scored a goal on the break of play. There was late drama as Portmarnock's Joey Harrell received a black card, and the number 24 for Coláiste Eoin received a red card for abusive and foul language towards the referee.

Full Time Portmarnock 2-9 : 3-5 Coláiste Eoin, it was a narrow but well deserved victory for the boys, as they gained two more points climbing the Division B table. Special credit to the coaches Mr. Black and Mr. Naughton.

GIRLS GAA

PLAYER OF THE MONTH: 🏆

SENIOR:

Player of the month goes to **Abbie Gogarty** as she played great for the team this month, she scored plenty of points and goals and showed impressive skills on the pitch, also while taking the free shots! Well done Abbie!



TOP SCORER: 🏅

SENIOR:

Top scorer for October goes to **Abbie Gogarty** who got enough goals and points in just one match to win this with 9 goals and 7 points. A great month for Abbie, congratulations!

INTERVIEW WITH PLAYER OF THE MONTH;

ABBIE GOGARTY:

How do you feel about winning the player of the month award?

“I feel honoured and privileged as there’s a lot of great players in the school”

Do you feel like they improved much from last season?

“Yes as i as i didn't get the chance to play much sport last year because i was doing junior cert.”

What part of your game do they feel like you would like to improve most?

“Probably looking up before shooting, looking for a better option.”

How do you feel like the season went?

“I think the season could've gone a bit better as we didn't get the opportunity to train our team.”

Do you think you deserved this award and why/why not

“Yes, I think I worked hard over the summer and felt confident on the pitch.”

Who do you think is going to be your biggest competition (team)

“Lorteo swords were our biggest competitor because they beat us.”

How do you prepare for the match (day before and game day)

“I would have pasta for dinner the night before.”

What do you feel is your biggest role in a match

“Taking the frees.”

How do you move on from a lost match

“I just train harder.”

What does teamwork mean to you

“Teamwork means working together as a team, I think it's important to communicate with your teammates.”

What's the biggest challenge in your sport?

“Losing, because sometimes it can take a toll on the team as a whole.”

What do you think is the most important skill in your sport?

“Accurate passing and scoring.”

SENIOR GIRLS PLAY ST. MARYS GLASNEVIN

On the 14th of October, PCS played a great match against St Marys. The starting line consisted of Kate O' Connor, Emma Mooney, Rebbeca Tracey, Sophie McDonnell, Ella O'Brennan and Shauna Doyle, Kristin Mooney and Issy Harrell, Alannah Tuite, Ciara Brogan, Ellie Reen, Abbie Gogarty and Ruby Bedford. The girls played exceptionally well, demonstrating great teamwork and communication throughout the whole match. They stayed focused and determined and managed to score multiple goals and points. They had a really good defensive line up in the second half, and showed their powerful strength. The final score was 10-12 to 0-4. to PCS. Top scorer goes to Abbie Gogarty as she scored 5 goals and 7 points. Player of the match goes to Shauna Doyle as she played really well and she fought hard for the whole match to make sure St Marys couldn't get through our excellent defence. Huge Congratulations girls on a great win!!!



SENIOR GIRLS FACE LORETO COLLEGE SWORDS

The senior girls GAA team played Loreto college Swords on the 22nd of October, their last competitive match together as a senior team this year. The team laid out as Ava Reynolds in goals, supported by Katie Archer, Mia McDermott and Ava Traynor in full back. Rebecca Tracey, Sophie McDonell and Ava Carr took the half back position whilst Kirsten Mooney and Issy Harrell held up midfield. Ella O'Brennan, Ellie Reen and Alannah



Tuite played half forward and finally Abbie Gogarty, Emma Mooney and Ruby Bedford in the full forward line. Kirsten Mooney came on as captain for her last competitive GAA match in the school.

There was a positive attitude starting out and the girls have really gelled together as a team since they came back. The team had a strong start, playing to their advantages with pace and strength but unfortunately on the day Loreto were able to score more goals. There was a lack of communication starting out but further into the game they started to work better together and that's when the points were produced and PCS began to dominate the pitch. Top scorer was Ruby Bedford with 1 goal and 3 points, making up most of PCS's scoreline. The goals were technical and precise. For her last competitive match, we had to give player of the match to our captain, Kirsten Mooney! Kirsten was always on the receiving end of every ball and was cohesive in her passing and shooting. The final score was 12-9 to 2-10 in favour of Loreto College. It was a bad day out for the girls but good luck in the rest of your matches!

CAMOGIE

UNLUCKY LOST FOR JUNIOR GIRLS VS MARYFIELD

On Friday 4th of October, the U16 junior girls played on our school pitch against Maryfield in the windy conditions. The starting line up was Caoimhe Del Bello, Sive Mangan, Diane Kennedy, Amy Dixon, Izzy Sheehy, Keelin Mc Kever, Nina Butterly (Captain), Molly White, Erin Dunne, Georgia Wilson, Laura Leonard, Holly Clarke, Emily Sweeney, Sinead Kelly, Cadhla Mc Anally.

There was a strong start for Mary's with a fast 2 goals but Portmarnock didn't give up. They showed great teamwork and scored two goals themselves but Maryfield were very determined with 4 goals and 7 points. A very tough match for the girls but they played to their abilities. Hard luck to the girls and good luck in your next match!!



SENIOR GIRLS PLAY GLASNEVIN

On the 10th of October, The senior camogie team from PCS came up against tough competitors from Glasnevin. The starting line up consisted of Grace Morgan, Nina Butterly, Diane Kennedy, Ruby Bedford, Ella O' Brennan, Rebecca Tracey, Helen Butterly (Captain) , Molly White, Leah Gallagher, Sophie Mc Donnell, Ciara Brogan, Alana Prunty, Laura Leonard, Erin Dunne and Roisin Mc Nally. The team put in a great effort, demonstrating teamwork and showing some great skills all throughout the match. Unfortunately PCS lost by 10 points as the final score was 4:2 to 6:6 to Glasnevin. The girls played really well and showed consistent effort and dedication. Player of the Match goes to Ciara Brogan as she played exceptionally well. Top scorer goes to Alannah Tuite as she scored goals and points for PCS. Well done girls and better luck next time!!

JUNIOR GIRLS VS SANTA SABINA

On the 16th of October, the junior girls played against close rivals Santa Sabina. Due to foggy weather in Howth, the match was moved to Trinity Gaels GAA Club. The starting line up consisted of Grace Morgan, Amy Dixon, Diane Kennedy, Sive Mangan, Molly O' Connor, Keelin Mc Keever, Nina Butterly, Molly White, Erin Dunne, Laura Leonard, Alana Prunty, Leah Gallagher, Holly Clarke, Cadhla Mc Anally and Aoibh Muldoon.



The girls had a tough game against Santa Sabina with a final score of 4-8 to 0-4. The girls battled until the final whistle and did not let any ball go easy. The Top scorer was Sorcha Lowry with 2 excellent points and she helped to set up chances. The Player of the Match goes to Diane Kennedy who was excellent in full back taking the puck out, battling for every ball and making good clearances. Hard luck girls and we wish you good luck in your next match!!

SENIOR GIRLS VS ST COLMCILLES

On the 21st of October, the senior girls played a very tough match against St Colmcilles. The girls played very well and fought for the ball during the whole match. They demonstrated great teamwork and skills. PCS played very well but they unfortunately lost and the final score was 4:15 to 4 points. The team put in great effort and never gave up. Top scorer goes to Georgia Wilson as she scored 2 points for PCS. The player of the match Helen Butterly as she played really well and she fought until the final whistle. Hard luck girls and better luck next time!!!



BOYS SOCCER

PCS 3-2 ACC: Portmarnock U19's Fight Off Comeback as They Progress to 2nd Round of Leinster Cup

On Friday 30th September, PCS U19 Boys Soccer Team travelled away to Ashbourne in what resulted in a 3-2 win for PCS. The PCS lineup was Kyle Grainger, Matthew Reen, Matthew Goti, Senan Finn, Aaron McGlynn, Jack O'Hanlon, Ben Sullivan, Jamie Flynn, Sam Case, Cian Wilson, Kody Honer

Portmarnock scored in the opening minutes, with a header from Sam Case giving Portmarnock a 1-0 lead. Then, in the 21st minute, Aaron McGlynn scored a belter of a goal, coming from outside the box on the half volley which smashed off the underside of the crossbar and in. Portmarnock made it a 3-0 lead coming into half time, with another goal coming from Sam Case.



Within the first few minutes of the first half, Ashbourne's number 10 grabbed a goal back with a great shot from outside the box. Ashbourne then grabbed a second through a composed finish from their number 15 in the 70th minute. It looked like Ashbourne had a comeback in them, but Portmarnock held them off until the final whistle.

Man of the Match goes to Sam Case with his two goals, and special credit to the two coaches on the day Mr. Curran and Mr. Maguire.

FT: 3-2 Portmarnock.

U19s VS ST.PAULS

The game started off good for PCS with Ben Sullivan finding the net early on to open the scoring. Not long later Cian Wilson doubled the lead with a tidy finish. Pauls found their equaliser through their number 7 shortly after. Only 5 minutes later Cian Wilson tapped in his second of the game making it 3-1. The first half ended 3-1. Minutes into the second half Ben Sullivan increased the PCS lead to 4, however after some sloppy defending, Pauls found the net once again. Sean Jones netted the 5th for PCS following a rebound, however yet again, Pauls scored their 3rd through a header at the back post. Sean Jones scored his second to make it 6-3 finishing off a strong win for PCS ending 6-3.



PCS VS ST PAULS 2nd year team

Despite Mr Black's best efforts to put them off, nothing could prevent the Portmarnock U15s today. In a match that will live long in the memory, Portmarnock ran riot with a resounding 8-1 victory, leaving their opponents shell-shocked and in complete disarray. It was a game

where everything clicked, and the result was never in doubt from the moment the first whistle blew as Mr Grey's band of merry men set out to win the game. It was very hard to choose only one player as the whole team played very well however the player of the match was awarded Rob Cotter who stuck out on the field, well done.



PCS VS ST PETERS COLLEGE U15 TEAM



On Thursday 24th October the Portmarnock U15 Boys Soccer team suffered a 1-0 loss to St Peters College in Dunboyne Meath. The lads were coached by Mr. Black and the lineup was as follows:

GK: Paddy O'Chonski

Defence: Caelan Smullen, Aidan Byrne, Rob Cotter, Ben McDonnell

Midfield: Ryan Bolton, Zach Murray, Ollie Hughes

Forwards: Scott Scully, Luke Cullen, Zach Holmes

The boys started well with chances coming in the 9th and 20th minute, with shots straight at the keeper from Luke Cullen and Rob Cotter. Peters struck back with a powerful shot parried away by goalkeeper Paddy O'Chonski in the 24th minute. Portmarnock were missing a good number of chances, and it finished 0-0 going into half time.

There was a substitution at the break, with Ollie Kiernan coming on for Zach Holmes. A big chance came a few minutes into the second half, with a low driven cross from Zach Murray ended up at the feet of Ollie Hughes, but he just couldn't keep control of it as it headed over the crossbar for a goal kick.

Chances kept coming for Portmarnock, but in the end it was Peters who scored, as a whipped free kick from the right side ended up for a bullet header into the top left corner in the dying minutes of the game.

Full time Portmarnock 0-1 Peters. A disappointing result for the lads, with Man of the Match going to Zach Murray for his stellar performance in midfield. Special credit to the two coaches on the day, Mr. Black and Ms. Geoghagen. Thanks for reading!

PLAYER OF THE MONTH U19s:

Player of the month for u19s football goes to **Senan Finn**, he had great performances at centre back and showed great confidence in saying what to do and when to do it.

U19s

How do you feel about winning this award?

“I feel honoured and happy to win this award.”

Do you think you deserved this award?

“Yes I do think I deserved this award, because I worked hard and gave everything to the team.”

Are you satisfied with your performances in the games?

“Yes.”

How far do you think the 19s team will go?

“I think the team will go above and beyond what we achieved last year and we will win the all Ireland like we did with the u17s last year.”

What do you feel you can improve on for next month?

“I think that the team can concede less goals than the 5 goals this month and score many more than last month.”

How do you prepare for a match?

“I put on my boots and I’m ready to go.”

How will you aim to get player of the month again next month?

“Concede less goals and score a goal.”

What do you feel is your biggest role in the matches?

“Leadership”

What team do you think is your biggest competition?

“Belvedere because they knocked us out of both competitions last year.”

Do you think you have improved since last season?

“Yes, I think I improved my abilities on the ball and my composure.”



U17s:

Cillian McCauley

How do you feel about winning this award?

“Im very proud of winning the award and it will definitely boost my confidence for further matches”

Do you think you deserved this award?

“Yes, I do think I deserved this award. I put my heart and soul into the game.”

Are you satisfied with your performance in the game?

“I'm very satisfied with my performance and most importantly the team's performance, everyone played great, especially in the second half.”

How far do you think the 17s team will go?

“I think we can go all the way again like last year”

What do you feel you can improve on for next month?

“I think making good runs in behind will help a lot”

How do you prepare for a match?

“I eat the right foods and do the warmup correctly”

How will you aim to get player of the month again next month?

“Scoring and creating more goals”

What do you feel is your biggest role in the matches?

“Scoring goals!”

What team do you think is your biggest competition?

“I think St.Pauls are our biggest competitors”

Do you think you have improved since last season?

“Yes, I think I improved, especially on the physicality side of my game.”



GIRLS SOCCER

SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER LOSE TO ST LOUIS

On the 2nd of October the senior girls football team took on St Louis from Rathmines. PCS were playing in Gannon Park and were looking to start their season strong with a win. PCS coached by Ms Geoghegan and Mr Grey, decided on a starting lineup in a 4-3-3 formation which consisted of



Stella Kennedy, Abigail Eddery, Ellie Reen, Issy Harrell, Eva Sperin, Layla Kelly, Grace Collier, Mia Mcdermott, Tara Dorgan, Jamie Mccann and Ella O'Brennan. The captain for the game was Jamie Mccann.

St Louis went 4-0 up within the first 30 minutes of the game. PCS were unfortunate with a lot of the decisions made by the referee who gave an offside goal towards St Louis and was giving every decision in the favour of St Louis. PCS didn't drop their heads and started to press and created some really great chances. Eventually PCS got one back through Jamie Mccann after great press which led to the keeper misplacing a pass which sent her through and scoring to bring PCS back into the game. Shortly after, they kept up the press and Sophie Mcdonell who chipped the ball from 35 yards out and scored to give PCS hope. St Louis managed to score 2 more right before the half to go 6-2 up going into the second half. PCS unfortunately could not score in the second half and conceded 2 but managed to play much better football and showed how strong of a team they can be! Unlucky to the girls but keep your heads up for the rest of the season!

TIGHT GAME AGAINST LORETO BALBRIGGAN FOR THE SENIOR GIRLS TEAM

On the 23rd of October, The senior girls team played against Loreto Balbriggan in Gannon Park in one of the early rounds of the cup. Winning this match would mean that the girls would be in a Cup Quarter-Final so spirits were high and excited in the warm-up.

The girls decided to line up in a 4-3-3 formation which consisted of Kate Bamford, Louise Kanza, Kess Dunne, Layla Kelly, Sophie O' Donnell, Ava Brogan, Mia Mc Dermott, Alana Prunty, Erin Dunne, Ella O' Brennan and Kellie Emmett.

The PCS girls had an excellent first half of defending with only one unlucky goal for Loreto Balbriggan at half time. There were great chances from Erin Dunne and Kellie Emmett which went just over the bar.

The girls didn't lose hope at half time and kept their heads held high. With a pep-talk from the girls coaches Mr Grey and Ms Geoghegan - the girls were full of energy for the second half. With a lovely goal from Aisling Keane being the equaliser, the girls were hopeful that they could win. There were two sneaky goals within 10 minutes of each other for Loreto Balbriggan but Pcs kept trying to make chances to get the score back to equal. Erin Dunne scored a cracking goal with five minutes to go, making the score 3-2. As the referee blew the final whistle the girls were devastated with a loss, meaning they are out of the cup but they played some lovely football overall and they definitely impressed their coaches.

Our top-scorer was between two players for this match - Aisling Keane and Erin Dunne who both scored an excellent goal each. The player of the match goes to Alana Prunty who ran the pitch in center midfield and when asked to drop into center back she had some excellent clearances while also having a few chances on goal herself.

Hard luck to the girls and we wish you goodluck in your upcoming league games!

HURLING

JUNIOR BOY HURLERS DEFEATED BY TEMPLEOGUE

On Thursday 24th of October PCS Junior Hurlers hosted Templeogue college with the boys suffering a 4 point loss. PCS lined out as follows Josh Fahey, Louis Rittweger, Jack Johnston, Frankie May, Oisín Cronin, Aaron Mulryan, Alex Harris, Seb Kenny, Brian McIntyre, Tadhg McGowan, Darragh Fay, Donnacha Lynch, Darragh Kennedy, Cian Leavy and Eoghan Madden.

PCS started off well although the strong start was soon weakened. Templeogue got the first goal of the game to make it a 4 point game at 1-6 to 5 points. The Templeogue goal was cancelled out quickly as Darragh Kennedy latched onto a brilliant ball by Darragh Fay and found the back of the net. The half time score PCS 1-7 Templeogue 1-9

Templeogue started the second half well and their centre half forward found space and finished to get their second goal of the game. Eoghan Madden got the second PCS goal of the game firing past the keeper. PCS worked hard and a late Oisín Cronin goal showed a glimmer of hope for the boys but proved unsuccessful in the end. The full time score: PCS 3-11 Templeogue 2-18



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

1ST Year MATHS QUIZ

On the 17th of October the 1st years had a maths quiz organised by the maths department and Ms. O'Brien's TY maths class, 4C. There were 8 rounds, 6 questions in each and the students had 6 minutes to complete the questions. Aoife Fagan, Abbie Gogarty and Amelie Kenny were writing the scores on the board so the students could see their scores during the quiz. Alex Mooney, Naomi Crilly and Niall Sullivan were correcting their answers. Thanks to Ms. S O'Brien and the maths department for organising the quiz.

MATHS WEEK QUESTIONS:

What is 7?

1 is 3

3 is 5

5 is 4

4 is 4

What is 7?

Ans: 5

The following equation is wrong: $101-102=1$

A) Move one numeral to make it correct

B) Move one line to make it correct

Ans:

a) Move the 2 to make $101-10^2=1$

b) Move the line from equals sign so the equation now read

$$101=102-1$$

MATHS WEEKS JOKES:

1) I ordered a takeaway from the local Chinese last night. I ordered a 23, a 13, a 31 and a 79. I had to take them back. They tasted odd.

2) Why did the teacher subtract tan from sin? Just cos.

3) Who invented fractions? Henry the $\frac{1}{8}$



HALLOWEEN DRESS UP DAY

On the last Wednesday of the month, it was time for the annual Halloween dress up day. The event was run by the prefects and marked their first fundraising event of the year. They asked for a contribution of €2 per student in aid of their chosen charity. A substantial sum of €1000 euro was raised for this great cause. Both teachers and students were transformed into their Halloween ensembles and there were many unrecognisable faces walking the school's corridors. An extraordinary amount of work went into the costumes and thank you to everyone who made an effort on the day!

Below we've featured some of the marvellous costumes that arrived at school on Wednesday;



FRIENDSHIP WEEK CONCERT

On the 25th of October, the school had their annual friendship week concert. First years, second years and sixth years got the great opportunity to watch it. The choir opened the concert alongside the orchestra singing “lean on me”, all acts were amazing, bringing a smile to the viewers faces and getting the crowd going. A familiar face, Ms Clarke, also participated as she sang “You've got a friend in me”, this brought joy and laughter to all that watched. The friendship week concert seems to never disappoint, well done to everyone who had a part to play on and off the stage.



TY ACTIVITIES

HAMILTON

Transition Year students had the exciting opportunity to attend a special school showing of Hamilton at the Bord Gáis Energy Theatre on the 1st of October, a great way to start an exciting month. The musical is a biography of Alexander Hamilton's life as a founding father and a lawyer during the American Revolution. The cast was incredible and the acting was outstanding. There were rap battles, lots of hip hop and even some ballads. The show was entertaining and engaging whilst being very informative about such a significant event in history from an unconventional perspective. After the show, students took part in an exclusive Q&A session with the cast and crew, where they gained insights into the production process, different roles within a production company, and advice from cast members. This was an enriching and invaluable experience for the students interested in theatre, and offered a rare behind the scenes look.



REPTILE HAVEN

On the first Thursday of the month, the TY's took part in the Reptile Haven workshop. We were lucky enough to have Ben and Melanie visit our school and showcase their reptiles to us. The workshop went in tutor groups throughout the day in the stage and the balcony in order for there to be enough room for the giant 10ft Python. The sessions started with a safety demonstration, letting us know that the domesticated snakes won't bite but reminded us to be



mindful of how we handled them. As the first few reptiles were let out of their boxes, a few brave faces went pale. It took a while to get into the flow of things but soon everyone was a little bit less tense and we could pet and hold them more comfortably. There was a huge variety of reptiles such as corn snakes, giant tortoises and bearded dragons.



A fan favourite of the day was Tamala, the Ambilobe Chameleon.

She was a stunning hot red colour, changing into shades of green and blue depending on heat and light. Her display included a lesson on camouflage and gender expression in the wild. Her striking colour was not her only trick as she hung by her tail on the branch and extended her tongue 2x her body length.

The workshop left everybody amazed and grateful for the great opportunity. It was definitely a day people will remember, conquering many people's fears and stepping into peoples boundaries.



JUNIOR CYCLE RESULTS

On Wednesday the 9th of October, the TY students received their Junior Cycle results. They had been waiting in anticipation since June and the day had finally come. There was a mix of excitement and anxiety in the atmosphere but overall after the envelopes had been opened there was an overwhelming feeling of happiness. No matter what your result is, whether you were disappointed or elated, everyone should be proud of the work they put in as the day marked a milestone in your education. Well done to the TY's and good luck on their new adventure.



PODCASTING WORKSHOP

4th Years have learned how to make and produce a podcast recently. Students worked with a man named Kevin from Createschool and he taught them the basics of podcasting and how to make one. Students had to come up with a name for their podcast based on what it was going to be about, and then they had to create a logo for their podcast that also associated with the topics that were going to be discussed. When they did that, they moved on to making an intro. First they had to make a beat that introduced the podcast, and then the podcast members had to introduce themselves. They then moved on to the actual podcast, as they interviewed different people from around the school about different topics. They then edited the podcast around when enough was done and finally sent it to Kevin to be published. The 4th years now are left with skills to make a podcast that they'll never forget!



SONG SCHOOL WORKSHOP

On the 14th and 15th of October the 4th years attended the Song School Workshop. Students worked with a man named Kev to learn how to write and produce their very own songs. Students had to begin by getting into small groups and making up the lyrics to their song. Then the students had to make up a band name and decide what instruments they would be using throughout their song. First students had to create a beat to go with their song. Then students had to record what instruments they were using during the song. When all that was put together the song was sung by the singer of the group, and recorded onto a laptop. TYs really enjoyed this workshop and would recommend it to students going into TY in years to come!

KILLIAN COLLINS MEMORIAL

On Wednesday 9th of October, The Second years from 2F and close friends of Killians went to the beach as a memorial for Killian Collins 14th birthday. They made their way down to the beach, accompanied by teachers and Killians family to release red balloons - the colours of his favourite club Liverpool to wish Killian a happy heavenly birthday. As a school community we remember Killian and we always keep him and his family in our thoughts.

“You’ll never walk alone” - Liverpool FC





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SENIOR GIRLS CAMOGIE VS GLASNEVIN

☰ senior girls camogie`

SENIOR GIRLS GAA VS ST MARY'S GLASNEVIN

☰ Senoir girls gaa

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☰ JUNIOR GIRLS CAMOGIE PLAY SANTA SABINA

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☰ 2nd Year Boys GAA

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☰ Senior camogie

