

# PORTMARNOCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



### Winter 2024

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#### WHAT HAPPENED THIS WINTER

- + CIRCUS SKILL WORKSHOP
- + CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING
- + NOVEMBER ASSESSMENTS
- + SENIOR GAA MATCH
- + SELF DEFENCE WORKSHOP
- + SENIOR SHOWCASE
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# BOYS BASKETBALL

## PLAYER OF THE MONTH: 🌟

U16: As there was only 1 u16 boys match in November, The Player of the Month goes to Max Irwin as he showed great team Work and determination in this match. He never gave up and he fought for every ball - A very Well done to Max!!



## TOP SCORER: ★

U16: As there was only 1 u16 match in November, The Top Scorer goes to Alejandro Sanchez who scored a total of 11 baskets (22 points) for his team which was the majority of their scores. He scored some lovely baskets with ease - Well done Alejandro!!

## 🎀 U16s VS ST. KILIAN'S GERMAN/IRISH SCHOOL 🎀

The u16 boys played against St. Kilian's German/ Irish school on the 8th of November in UDC college. Everyone played great on the day of the match. Portmarnock lost unfortunately! The final score was 59-30 to St. Kilians. Player of the match goes to Max

Irwin as he showed great determination to fight for the ball. Alejandro scored 11 out of 30 points for the team, well done! Hard game for the boys, hard luck.

# GIRLS BASKETBALL



## PLAYER OF THE MONTH: ✨



U19: We have decided that player of the month goes to Kirsten

Mooney this month as she showcased both her defensive and attacking skills in every match this year and her determination to win was clear. She was a huge contribution to the team and a great role model as the only sixth year on the team - making this her final year of school basketball. With an incredible win in the final and an excellent season of basketball - a very well done to Kirsten Mooney!!

U16: The player of the month goes to Eva Cavanagh who played extremely well for her team, creating loads of chances and showing great leadership and teamwork this month. She played well on all ends of the court - whether it was defense or offense. Well done Eva!!!

## **TOP SCORER:**

**U19:** The Top scorer this month goes to Ria Mullan and Kirsten Mooney who scored a total of 17 baskets each making a huge contribution to all of the girls wins. Well done to you both!!

**U16:** The Top Scorer this month goes to Laura Leonard who scored a total of 20 baskets for the u16s in both of their games, helping them to win. Well done Laura!!!

## **SEASON REVIEW:**

How do you think the season is going?

It's going well as we've beaten teams by a large amount in each match.

What was your favourite match?

The semi final was our closest match and tension was high.

What was your least favourite match?

The santa sabina because there was no challenge in their team.

Anything you would change?

No.

Do you have any memorable moments as a team?

I think just winning as a team, feeling good and celebrating with the girls.



## U19s VS CLONTURK



On the 5th of November the u19 girls had a great win against Clonturk, all of the girls had an excellent performance with good defensive plays, excellent attacking opportunities and showed great teamwork and communication with everyone working exceptionally well with each other on the court. The squad consisted of Ria Mullan (Captain), Poppy Mullan, Naomi Crilly,

Kirsten Mooney, Issy Harrell, Grace Collier, Sophie Mc Donnell, Ellie Reen, Maria Hussey, Abbie Gogarty and Sophie French. The final score was 44-23 to Portmarnock CS. The top scorer goes to Kirsten Mooney who scored 17 points (8 baskets and 1 shot). Our Player of the Match also goes to Kirsten Mooney who was always open in space for her teammates and made great runs. She was strong defensively and also played a key role in attack. Overall, she showed great skill at both ends of the court and was a standout player today! Well done to all the girls and good luck in your season!hello poppy , the man of the match.



## 🐻 U16s VS CLONTURK 🐻

On the 5th of November, the U16 girls played a great game against Clonturk. The girls played really well, demonstrating great teamwork and communication. They showed off their powerful strength and skills and stayed focused and determined and managed to get many baskets. The final score was 17:44 to PCS. The player of the match goes to Eva Cavanagh as she played extremely well. Top Scorer goes to Laura Leonard as she scored a great total of 13 baskets!! Congratulations girls on a great win and best of luck in your next match!!





## 🎄👤 U19 GIRLS VS COLAISTE REACHRANN 🎄👤

The u19 girls played against Colaiste Reachrann on the 6th of November, they had a great game with the final score being, 42-4 to PCS. All the girls showed great sportsmanship and defence on the court, this shows by the final score! Top scorer goes to Ria Mullan because she scored the majority of the points for the girls, she scored 8 baskets in total, well done Ria! Player of the match goes to Naomi Crilly! She attacked the basket when she could, she had some great scores through contact, rebounded plenty of times and defended at a high level, all of this after being out of sports due to an injury, and this was only her 2nd game back! Congrats Naomi!

## 🐻 U16 GIRLS VS COLAISTE REACHRANN 🐻

The U16 girls played against Colaiste Reachrann on the 6th of November, this was a brilliant win for the girls with a final score of 45-18. Top scorer goes to Laura Leonard who scored loads of points for her team, Player of the match goes to Laura Leonard as well she played excellent defence throughout the game and scored many points which helped get the team the win



## U19 GIRLS VS ALEXANDER COLLEGE

The U19 girls played against Alexander College on the 21st of November, this was their first knockout game of the season so it was an important game to win if they wanted to proceed further. The girls got the win with a great scoreline of 46-20. They played great defence throughout. Top scorer goes to Ria Mullan who scored 10 points,



player of the match goes to Ria as well because she not only scored 10 points but got many assists and played good defence.

## U19 GIRLS SEMI FINAL VS GHLÓR NA MARA

On Thursday the 28th of November, The U19 Girls Basketball team played against Ghlór na Mara in their Dublin Semi-Final at home. The squad consisted of Ria Mullan (Captain) , Poppy Mullan, Kirsten Mooney, Abbie Gogarty, Stella Kennedy, Naomi Crilly, Issy Harrell, Sophie Mc Donnell, Grace Collier



and Ellie Reen. The girls had a home advantage and were hopeful that they would win this match. The final score was 40-12.

The girls played some very tight defense, blocking shots and intercepting Ghlór na Maras shots with ease. The girls were also accurate with their shooting, shooting whether they were up close to the basket and scoring a layup or scoring some lovely shots from further out. The girls used smart defense tactics - credit to their coach Paul Mullan while also making crucial shots when they needed to help them make a final.

The Top Scorer goes to Ria Mullan who scored 7 baskets (14 points) for her team, making a real difference to the scoreboard and helping the girls to win their match. The Player of the Match goes to Kirsten Mooney who played an amazing game of basketball, showcasing both her defensive and attacking skills. Her quick thinking, making passes to people in spaces creating loads of scoring opportunities and her determination to win was clear. The girls will be playing in the Dublin Final on Friday the 6th of December in the Oblates sports hall- we wish you the best of luck girls and we hope you win!





## THE U19 GIRLS BASKETBALL FINAL VS ST LOUIS

On the 6th of December, the u19 girls played against St Louis Rathmines in their Dublin Final. After



a very strong season the girls were confident that they could put up a good fight and hopefully win and go ahead to the All-Irelands. The squad consisted of Poppy Mullan, Ria Mullan (Captain), Ava Carr, Grace Collier, Sophie McDonnell, Ellie Reen, Sophie French, Maria Hussey, Kirsten Mooney, Issy Harrell, Stella Kennedy, Naomi Crilly and Abbie Gogarty. The girls all played excellent with excellent shooting and accuracy. In defense they worked

together using communication to stop St Louis from scoring by blocking their shots and putting the opposition off. With a final score of 30-28, the girls worked really well under pressure, staying composed and not dropping their heads at any point. Every player gave it their all, helping to set up excellent plays which won them the game.

The Top Scorer goes to Kirsten Mooney with 15 points. She scored some excellent baskets and helped to drive them to victory. The Player of the Match goes to

Well done girls for winning after a phenomenal season of basketball and we wish you the very best of luck after Christmas in the All-Irelands!!



# BOYS GAA

## PLAYER OF THE MONTH: ✨

2ND YEAR : The Player of the Month goes to Fionan Mallon who scored a great goal and was also key in setting up many chances for his teammates. He won plenty of kick-outs from the opposition, quickly moved the ball forward, and made accurate passes to the full-forwards. He helped create a lot of opportunities for others to score in the match against Terenure College. He also played exceptionally well in the final. Well Done Fionan!!

## TOP SCORER: ★

### 2ND YEAR :

The Top Scorer of this Month could go to so many of the lads as most players had their fair share of scores this month but, the boy with the most scores was Scott Scully with 3 goals and 1 point - honourable mention to Ollie Hughes who scored 2 goals and 3 points.





On the 25th of October, the 2nd year boys gaa team headed on a long journey to Terenure College. The line up started with Paddy Ochonski in Goals, Jay Nolan, Cian Farrell and Harry Fraser in Full Back, Darragh Kennedy, Aiden Byrne and Ben Mc Donnell in Half Back, Fionan Mallon and Jamie Mooney in Midfield, Max O' Sullivan , Joey Harrell and Ollie Hughes in Half Forward and Nathan Colgan, Scott Scully, and Aaron Mulryan in Full Forward.

The boys started and finished this match very strongly with goals from Ollie Hughes, Scott Scully, Fionan Mallon, Aiden Byrne, Joshua O' Brennan, Oisin Mc Kenna and Joey Harrell helping the boys to maintain a strong lead. There was excellent defending from Cian Farrell, Darragh Kennedy, Aaron Mulryan, Ben Mc Donnell and all the other backs, winning kick outs and not letting Terenure have any easy shots.

The boys played an excellent game of football with the final score being 12-12 to 3-7 to PCS.

There was a great showcase of the boys skills with some excellent goals while also making sure that they chased back making it a hard game for Terenure.

The Top scorer could go to any of the boys as most players contributed to this high scoring game but Top scorer goes to Scott Scully with 3 goals and 1 point - an excellent performance! The Player of the match goes to Fionan Mallon who scored a great goal and was also key in setting up many chances for his teammates. He won plenty of kick-outs from the opposition, quickly moved the ball forward, and made accurate passes to the full-forwards. He helped create a lot of opportunities for others to score, while also adding to the scoreboard himself. Well done lads and best of luck in your next game!



# GIRLS GAA

## PLAYER OF THE MONTH: ✨

Player of the month goes to Erin Dunne who consistently shows exceptional skills and teamwork and her hard work on the pitch is reflected on the scoreline of every match. Erin had a great match this month against Scoil Iosa where she also received top scorer and player of the match.

## 🕯️ JUNIOR GIRLS GAA PLAY SCOIL IOSA 🕯️

On the 11th of November, for their first game of the month, the junior girls GAA team played Scoil Iosa on PCS's home turf. The game was their first home match of the season, after their initial game against St Dominics College in September away.

The girls played very well and demonstrated great use of teamwork, this made it exceptionally hard for us to choose a player that stood out but after many debates we came to a conclusion and have awarded it to Erin Dunne. Erin worked hard throughout the whole game in both areas of attacking and defending, she was always there to support every individual on the pitch and played a key role for her team in guiding them to victory. We are also proud to present Abbie Gogarty with top scorer for converting every free kick into points for the team amongst other opportunities she seized. After this match you can clearly see the teams progression and how well they all gel together, this team seems to be a joy to play with and especially to watch. Well done girls on your win and we wish you luck against Loreto Swords in the Leinster Preliminary rounds to qualify for the Quarter- Final.





# CAMOGIE



## **PLAYER OF THE MONTH:** ✨

Player of the month for our winter newsletter is Molly White who also received player of the match in their game against Glasnevin. It was hard to choose a player of the month as the girls only played two games this month and their win was as a result of great individual performances from everyone but Molly White stood out on the pitch this game and has been a dependable player since the season started in September.

## **INTERVIEWS FROM PLAYER OF THE MONTH**

What do you do to prepare for your matches?

I get a good night of quality sleep and warm up thoroughly before the game starts

What part of your game would you like to improve next season?

I'd like to work more on my shooting

What's your motivation during a match?

Seeing my friends on the pitch helps me keep going even if we're losing

What do you think about the team's chemistry?

We work really well together because we're all friends outside the team and a lot of us play together in our clubs

What do you feel is your biggest strength in sport?

My teammates say i'm fast and use it to move the ball up the pitch

How do you feel about winning player of the month?

I am very glad that out of all the people from a very strong team I was chosen

Do you think you've improved from last season?

Yes I have worked hard to improve my defensive skills

How do you feel about starting senior camogie next year?

Excited because there will be new people to play with and new teams

How do you manage balancing your schoolwork and sport with your exams and the junior cert coming up?

I use sport to focus when I study and relieve stress

## JUNIOR GIRLS PCS VS GLASNEVIN



On the 22nd of November the junior girls played an incredible match against Glasnevin. The girls demonstrated their great skills and showed great teamwork throughout the whole match. The squad consisted of Megan Lalor Doyle, Emma Hayden, Diane Kennedy, Keelin Mc Keever, Molly O'connor, Ella O'Brennan, Nina Butterly, Molly White, Erin Dunne, Leah Gallagher, Sophie Mc Donnell, Alana Prunty, Georgia Wilson, Cadhla Mc Anally and Laura Leonard . Top scorer goes to

Alana Prunty as she scored many points for PCS and showed off her skills and incredible strength . The player of the match

goes to Molly White as she worked hard the entire match and helped others when needed. The final score was 9-7 to 2-2 to PCS, a great win. Massive well done girls!! Best of luck in your next match!

# BOYS SOCCER

## **PLAYER OF THE MONTH:** ✨

U17: The player of the month for November goes to Senan Finn

## **TOP SCORER:** ★

U17: Cillian McCauley was top scorer in the month of November with 7 goals.

## **✧+ INTERVIEWS FROM PLAYERS OF THE MONTH ✧+**

### **How do you feel about winning this award?**

I feel very proud to win this award because I feel I have worked very hard this month.

### **Do you think you deserve this award?**

Yes, because of the hard work and commitment I put into the team this month.

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

Nothing, I played and tried my best.

### **How do you prepare for a match?**

I put on my boots and I'm ready to go.

### **What team do you think is your biggest competition?**

St Pauls because they always have some really great talent.



# HUGE LEAD FOR U17 BOYS SOCCER

On the 4th of November, Portmarnock U17 boys faced Oakland CC. The team made the journey out to Offaly early on Monday morning and had a substantial win, with a 11 goal lead. Playing a 4-1-4-1 formation, the team sheet laid out as Jack Farrelly in goals, Alex Jones in right back, Senan Finn (C) and Tadi Chikoko in centre back, Ronan McNally in left back, supported by Alek Moore in CDM, Rian Rogan and Zach Murray in centre midfield, and Luke Cullen and Cillian McCauley along the wings. Finally, Jack Burke was the striker on the day.



It was a great performance from an already strong team and the goal difference was a testament to their efforts. There were high spirits all around and a positive atmosphere on the pitch and off on the sidelines. It was a dramatic match to say the least and the last minute penalty, taken by Jack Farrelly and followed up by Tadi Chikoko, was the cherry on top, finishing the game on a high note.

Player of the match and top scorer goes to Cillian McCauley, it was a great individual performance but he also showcased his exceptional communication and teamwork skills. He scored half of all goals scored by Porto and assisted the majority of the others. The final score was 12-1. It was a great match for the lads, who have an exceedingly hopeful season ahead of them. Good luck in your next match! .



## **U17 BOYS VS LUTTRELLSTOWN**

On the 28th of November, the U17 boys played a great match against Luttrellstown. The starting team was Jack Farrelly, Ronan McNally, Senan Finn, Robert Cotter, Alek Moore, Alex Jones, Zach Murray, Rian Rogan, Niall Keeting, Cillian McCauley and Conor Sheehan. On the sideline was Jake Beckett, Jack Burke, Jack Clarke, Luke Cullen, Carl Doran, Victor Gutierrez Mesa, Finn O'Donnell, Craig Smith, Tadi Chikoko, Niall Sullivan and Jack Walsh. For the first half, PCS were fighting for the ball, as the other team got a goal. However, Cillian McCauley got a goal, making the first half 1-1 until the last few minutes. In the second half, our goalie Jack Farrelly unfortunately got injured and had to come off. Jack Clarke came on for the end of the second half. Luttrellstown scored a goal putting them in the lead. PCS were working extremely hard in offence to even the score that they let down their defence. In the last 5 minutes Luttrellstown unfortunately scored 2 lucky goals. The final score of the match was 1-4. Man of the match was Senan Finn!

## **AMAZING WIN AGAINST ST PAULS**



On the 3rd of december the u17s boys played an amazing match against St Paul's. The starting team was Shane O'brien, Ronan Mcnally, Tadi Chikoko, Finn O'donell, Robert Cotter, Alek Moore, Alex Jones, Rian Rogan, Cillian McCauley, Senan Finn and Conor Sheehan. On the sideline was Jack Walsh, Victor Guitierrez Mesa, Craig Smith, Jack Walsh, Jack Farrelly, Carl Doran and Jack Burke. In the first

half PCS were working hard to keep possession of the ball and they were playing really well. Conor scored a great goal putting PCS in the lead. PCS had many attempts at goals and were dominating the pitch.



In the second half of the match PCS players came back on with confidence. Conor scored another goal. St Pauls were trying to even out the score and unfortunately scored a goal, however PCS were still in the lead and determined to stay that way. Rian took an outstanding shot from the halfway line and it went over everyone's heads and into the goal. The players and the sideline had a huge celebration and were very impressed. After this another great goal was scored by Cillian. PCS played a brilliant game and put St Pauls to shame. Well done boys !! The final score was 4-1. Man of the match was Shane O'Brien.



# TENNIS BLITZ

## Mixed Tennis blitz

On the 6th of November, Portmarnock Community School competed in the Tennis blitz against Hartstown Community School. The first game for the girls was Sophie Sheanon and Anna O Hanlon, Sophie and Anna showed great teamwork while playing this match. They won game 1 by 3-0. The boys started with PCS 2 v.s HCS, they started off strong with Ben Randall scoring a good point. But Leon Niemczyk played brilliantly, With getting 2 scores making PCS win with a score of 40-20.



## Girls winners

1st place- HCS Girls 1 - Reneta Dumea + Melanie Ureche

2nd place- PCS Girls 1- Sophie Sheanon + Laura Leonard

3rd place- PCS Girls 2- Anna O Hanlon + Ella Walshe



## Boys winners

1st place- PCS Boys 1- Ben Randall + Leon Niemczyk

2nd place- HCS Boys 5- Aiden o'Connell + Jack Clarke

3rd place- PCS Boys 5- Roman Daly + Matthew Kidney



The Players showed amazing teamwork and great sportsmanship throughout this Blitz. Everyone who participated played amazing and represented our school so well. Congratulations to everyone who played in the tennis blitz and well done !

# SWIMMING GALA

## SWIMMING GALA IN NEWTOWN PARK

On the 4th of December, students from all years took part in the schools swim gala in NewPark Comprehensive School in Blackrock. There were races in BackCrawl, Breaststroke, Frontcrawl and Freestyle. The Junior Girls who competed were Daphne, Megan, Faye Barber, Faye O'Brien, Sophia, Ella and there was one Senior Girl - Sophie Mc Donnell. The Junior boys who competed were Tadgh,



Cian, Charlie, Kauan, Leon and also one Senior Boy - Daniel Liu. There was many medals won by PCS students like the 1st year girls freestyle 50m Freestyle (Faye o, Daphne, Sophia, Ella) where the girls won 3rd place, 1st and 2nd year boys 50m freestyle (Charlie, Kauan, Tadgh and Cian) who won 2nd place, 3rd year boys 50m freestyle (Daniel, Tadgh, Charlie, Cian) -who 1st place and the senior girls 50m freestyle (Sophie, Megan, Sophia, Faye) who won 1st place. There was a total of 14 Gold Medals, 9 Silver Medals and 7 Bronze Medals. A very well done to everybody who competed and won medals!! And a special mention to Mr Mc Neive and Ms Gonzalez who helped to coach and organize the Swimming Gala!! See below for links for the list of Medal Winners and their races.



# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

## POLITICAL DEBATE

On the 26th of November five guest speakers, of different parties, came in to participate in a debate (Alan Farrell - Fine Gael, Joan Hopkins - Social democrats, Dean Mulligan - Independents for Change, Ann Graves - Sinn Fein and Duncan Smith - Labour party). The debate began with a brief introduction by the speakers with them stating their name and party of which they were a part of. The first question asked by students was what is the government's plan and action to tackle homelessness?





# TY ACTIVITIES

## 🎉 4D TRIP TO ESCAPE ROOM 🎉

On Friday the 8th of November Mr Maguire took his beloved tutor class 4D to the escape room in the city centre with Ms Lalor as well. The class met at the Jervis Luas stop and walked from there to the escape rooms. Mr Maguire split the class into 4 different teams. Teams 1 and 2 took part in the 'Take on' challenge in the escape room while Team 3 and 4 took part in the Mafia challenge. Team 1 stole the Take On challenge from Team 2 winning

by mere seconds as there was a fierce competition between the 2 teams. Team 4 beat Team 3 in the Mafia challenge by only a close margin as the two teams were very determined to win.



Mr Maguire then gave the class a statue hunt around the city centre, with all the same teams. The teams had to get a photo with each of the 6 statues Mr Maguire had given and we were

informed that time would be taken off if Mr Maguire and Ms Lalor got some giggles from the photos. Some teams came prepared with props and some didn't. Once all the statues were found the teams would have to find Mr Maguire and Ms Lalor in the Jervis shopping centre. After a long race the eventual champions was Team 2 who took home the title of

fastest team as they had beaten 2nd place by 20 minutes! A great day out for the class and great thanks to Mr Maguire for bringing us and Ms Lalor for accompanying.

## POSITIVE THINKING WORKSHOP

review/interview

**Did you enjoy the workshop why/why not?**

~ "no I didn't enjoy it as I thought it was quite boring"

**What was your favourite/least favourite part of the workshop?**

~ "my favourite part was when we got to research stuff and im my least favourite part was having to sit there so long"

**What was the most interesting part in the workshop?**

~ "I think the most interesting part was learning ways to think positively."



## CIRCUS WORKSHOP

review/interview

**Did you enjoy the workshop why/why not?**

~ "I really enjoyed the workshop, I liked learning to juggle."

**What was your favourite/least favourite part of the workshop?**

~ "my favourite part of the workshop was balancing the feather on my finger as i thought it was pretty cool. My least favourite part was the warm up because it was boring."

**What was the most difficult part in the workshop?**

~ "even though it was fun, learning to juggle was quite difficult and takes a lot of practice."



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