Scoil Uí Mhuirí
Post Primary School

Annual Report
2013 - 2014

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Introduction from Principal

I am delighted to present the Scoil Ui Mhuiri Annual Report 2013/2014. This report marks another year of exceptional progress and success for all the Scoil Ui Mhuirí school community.

We in Scoil Ui Mhuiri can take great pride in our achievements both academic and non-academic during the 2013/2014 academic year. As we reflect on the school year, we also have fond memories of successes in state examinations, enterprise competitions, musicals, debating, science competitions, sports including soccer, gaelic, basketball, rugby, athletics, to name but a few.

This Annual Report contains an outline of the main activities, developments and initiatives that took place in Scoil Ui Mhuiri during the 2013/2014 academic year. It provides a flavour of the main curricular, co-curricular and extra – curricular activities that members of the school community have engaged in over the course of the year. The Annual report provides you with a snapshot of a school year, therefore, we invite you to visit the school website, **www.scoil**ui**mhuiri.ie**, on a regular basis to gain an insight into current highlights and developments at the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge and thank the staff, both teaching and non-teaching at Scoil Ui Mhuiri. Our staff team are extremely committed to our students, their welfare and their learning. They have worked so hard throughout the year to ensure that our students achieve their full potential, whatever that may be and they have also given of their free time regularly to ensure that our students have opportunities to excel and avail of and participate in a variety of extra – curricular activities.

A word of thanks to our parents/guardians, the Board of Management and Louth Meath Education and Training Board (LMETB) for their continued support and co-operation throughout the school year.

We in Scoil Ui Mhuiri are very proud of our students' achievements both in school and outside during the 2013/2014 academic year. Our students' exemplary performance and achievements have brought great joy and huge sense of pride to the school, their families and the local community. We look forward to continued success in the 2014/2015 school year.

SECTION ONE

Introduction to and Overview of Scoil Uí Mhuirí

Scoil Uí Mhuirí is a vibrant, dynamic Post Primary School situated in the heart of the growing community of Dunleer, Co. Louth. The school opened its doors for the first time in 1954 with a student population of 55 pupils. Since then the school has grown rapidly with a current student cohort of over 640 students and a teaching staff of over 45.

Scoil Uí Mhuirí Post Primary School is owned by the Department of Education and Skills and is administered as a Learning Centre by Louth Meath Education and Training Board (LMETB). It is the policy of LMETB through the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mr. Peter Kierans, to devolve responsibility for the day to day running of the school to the Board of Management and the Principal, Ms. Fiona Kindlon and the Deputy Principal, Mr. Ray Donagh.

The school provides all of the Department of Education and Skills Programmes and proudly serves the areas of Annagassan, Clogherhead, Togher, Fieldstown, Walshestown, Tenure, Philipstown, Dromin, Kilsaran the growing area of Dunleer itself.

In Scoil Uí Mhuirí we are a learning community committed to the development of the whole person within a context which values each of its members. In Scoil Uí Mhuirí we have a vision that all of our students will develop a love of learning and a keen sense of social responsibility through a positive and happy school experience.

Our aim in Scoil Uí Mhuirí, in line with our Mission Statement, is to foster academic, social, moral, personal, positive mental health and physical development in students so that they can take their place in society as well developed, well educated, responsible citizens with pride in their community. The development of the whole person is based on personal responsibility, inter-dependence, respect for people, respect for community and respect for property. Our school seeks to instil good manners, honesty and integrity. It also seeks to teach our students to value discipline and to strive for excellence in both academic and non-academic areas.

We do this in partnership with parents/guardians whose role in supporting the school in their children's education is fully acknowledged. We place a strong emphasis on partnership with parents/guardians to ensure the best possible progress through education for each student. Education is viewed as a joint effort between students, staff, parents and school. Great emphasis is placed on mutual cooperation. Our caring and dedicated staff is committed to helping each student achieve his/her potential.

Scoil Uí Mhuirí Management and Staff also continue to maintain and develop strong links with local education providers, community groups and local enterprise to enhance the learning experience for all students in our school.

We in Scoil Uí Mhuirí are very proud of our students' achievements both in school and outside of school. Our students' exemplary performance and achievements in curricular, co-curricular and extra curricular activities have brought great joy and a huge sense of pride to the school, their families and the local community. We look forward to continued success in the coming years.

Our School Name

Our school, Scoil Uí Mhuirí is named after the late Fr. Larry Murray who was Parish Priest in Dunleer from 1937 – 1941.

Our School Uniform

Our school uniform consists of a white shirt, navy trousers/skirt, a navy jumper with the school name and crest, navy/black shoes and a navy blue school rain jacket. Our students also designed our PE uniform which consists of a polo shirt, navy blue tracksuit bottoms and a navy blue tracksuit hoody and all the PE uniform items must have the school PE crest.

Our School Logo

Our school logo evolved from a joint 'artist in residence' project which was co-ordinated by County Louth VEC and funded by the Arts council. At the time an artist specialising in sculpture design was appointed to work with students in our school and a design theme of 'Newgrange' was agreed for the Scoil Uí Mhuirí students. The winner of the project was former student Mr. Cathal Kierans. Our logo is based on the Newgrange solstice. If you walk around our sculpture you will eventually see through from one side to the other, if you see the light! Local company, Darby Engineering were selected to manufacture the final product. It was produced in sections and finally welded in place – not where it is today but in front of the old original school building. It was moved to its current location when the school was being extended in 2006.

Student Enrolment

Enrolment at the school continues to rise and the current student numbers stand at over 640. The ratio of boys to girls at the school remains at approximately 60% boys and 40% girls.

Our Results and Progression to Third Level

Our students have opportunities to take a range of subjects at all levels across the school. Our Junior Certificate students currently take ten subjects for examination purposes and our Leaving Certificate students currently take eight examinable subjects. There continues to be an increase in the number of our students taking higher level papers across all subjects areas including Maths, English and Irish. The school continues to celebrate successes regarding student results with many students achieving over 500 points at Leaving Certificate level. There continues to be a high percentage of our students who progress to Third Level education. Staff at the school review all results annually and make comparisons to previous years' results and to national averages.

Our Staff

Our highly qualified and experienced staff team comprises Principal, Deputy Principal, teaching staff, SNA, administration and ancillary staff.

Our State of the Art Buildings and Facilities

The Scoil Uí Mhuirí campus has grown rapidly since the opening of the school in 1954. At present the school has the following state of the art facilities:

- General Classrooms fully equipped and resourced with up to date ICT Facilities
- Home Economics Room
- Two Science Labs and One Demonstration Room
- Design Communication and Graphics Drawing Rooms
- Construction and Woodwork Room
- Engineering Room
- Art Room
- Music Room
- Gym Hall & Fitness Suite
- Computer Suite
- Guidance Offices
- Pastoral Offices
- Special Education Needs Suite
- Parents Room
- Playing fields
- Tennis & Basketball Courts

The School Journal

Each of our students has a school journal which is an official document which they use to record homework and use as a method of communication between home and school. The student's journal must be available for inspection by staff and parents at all times. In recent years, we have changed the design of our student journal to include photos of a selection of student successes during the year on the cover. This give students ownership of their journal and displays to parents and students the range of opportunities available to students at Scoil Uí Mhuirí.

Promoting the Scoil Uí Mhuirí Community

Our school website, facebook and twitter pages provide the most accurate and up to date information on the extensive range of subjects and programmes on offer at the school. They also provide a flavour of the main co-curricular and extra curricular activities that members of the Scoil Uí Mhuirí community engage in on a daily basis. These communication tools are updated regularly and we invite you to peruse same through our main website **www.scoiluimhuiri.ie**

School Contact Details

Our school address is Barn Road, Dunleer, Co. Louth and a google map link to our school is available on our school website **www.scoiluimhuiri.ie** .

You can also contact us on

t 041 6851344 and/or

e ScoilUiMhuiri@lmetb.ie

LMETB

Scoil Uí Mhuirí is one of the many post primary schools under LMETB. LMETB Offices are currently located at Chapel Street, Dundalk and Abbey Road, Navan. Contact with the Dundalk Office can be made on **042 9334047** and with the Navan Office on **046 9068200.** You can also find out more about LMETB by logging on to the LMETB website on **louthmeath.etb.ie**

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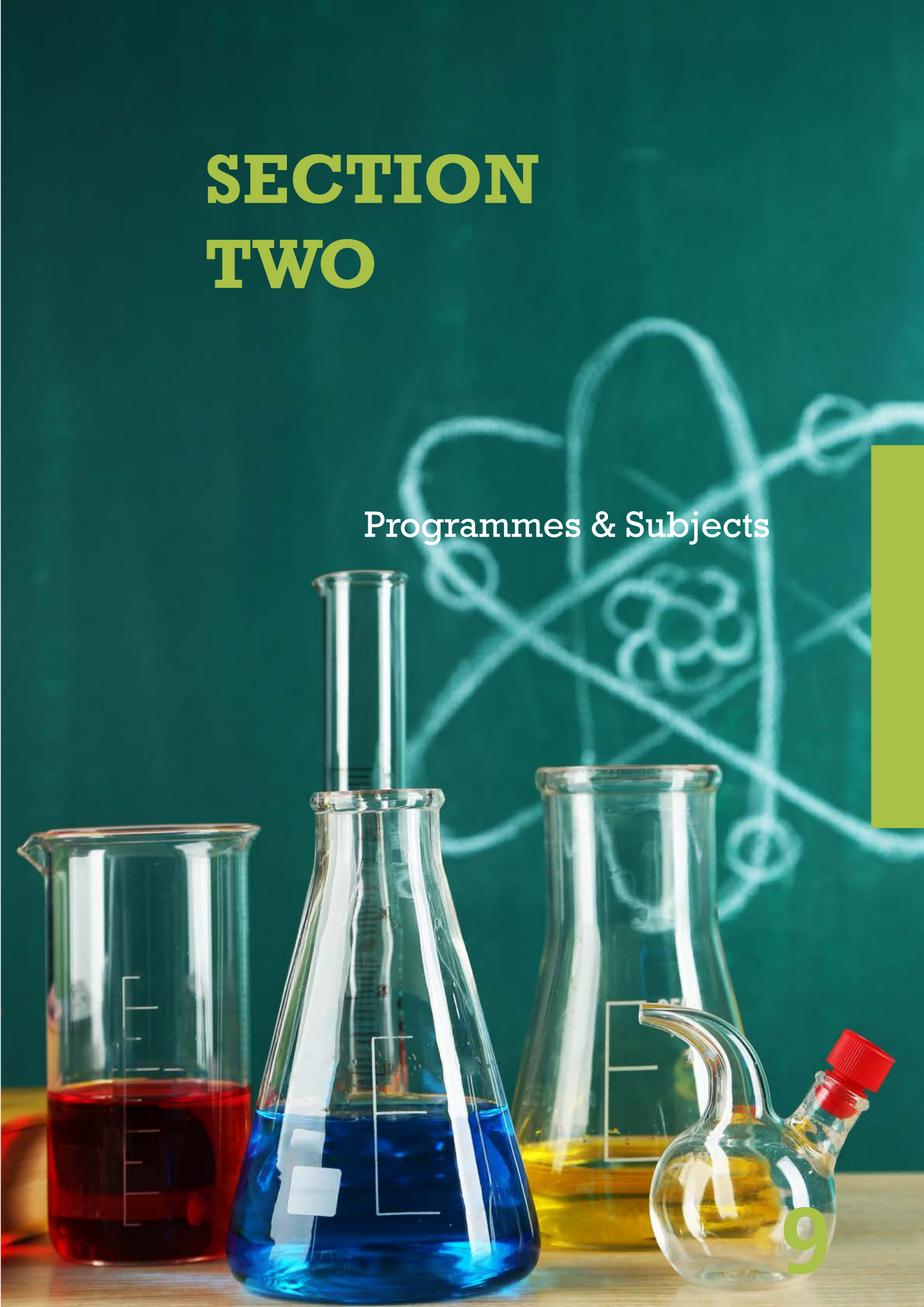
Programmes & Subjects



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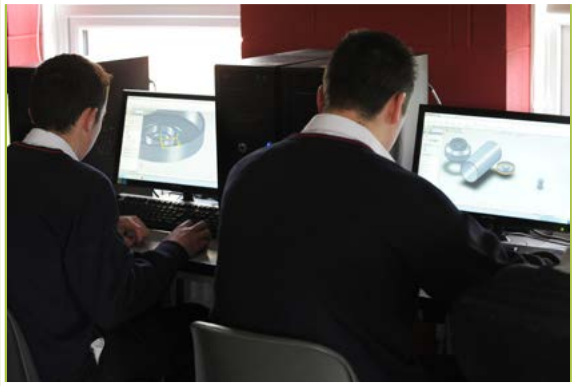

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Department of Education and Skills Programmes 2013/2014

Scoil Uí Mhuirí provides all Department of Education and Skills programmes and these are well planned and co-ordinated.

These programmes include:

- The Junior Certificate (JC)
- The Junior Certificate Schools Programme (JSCP)
- Transition Year (TY)
- The Leaving Certificate Established (LC)
- The Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)
- The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)

Core teams have been established for each of the programmes, JCSP, TY, LCA and LCVP and these teams regularly engage in review of these programmes in collaboration with management in an effort to ensure that all resources are utilised efficiently and effectively in the provision of these programmes at the school. The LCVP continues to be the Leaving Certificate of choice for the majority of Leaving Certificate students. A minority of Scoil Uí Mhuirí students are not eligible for the LCVP due to their subject choice and the DES requirement for students to be engaging in specific Vocational Subject Groupings (VSG's). Those particular students engage however with the content of the programme over the course of the two years in order to acquire the skills and competencies which the LCVP promotes. The characteristics of each of these programmes is outlined below.

1 The Junior Certificate

The Junior Certificate is a three year programme. First year students in Scoil Uí Mhuirí take twelve academic subjects thus offering them a wide range of subjects. Students choose their four option subjects after they have had an opportunity to sample all optional subjects from August – October each year. This process should ensure that students choose those subjects in which they are most likely to succeed. First Year students in Scoil Uí Mhuirí also engage in two periods of ICT each week as part of the school's commitment to ensuring that students have the ICT skills necessary to make the best use of the technology available to them in the school during their five/six years in Scoil Uí Mhuirí.

Junior Certificate Subjects 2013/2014

English	Home Economics	Religious Education	Technical Graphics
Irish	Metalwork	French/German	Business Studies
Mathematics	Materials Technology (Wood)	Science	Environmental and Social Studies
ICT	History		
Geography	Art, Craft and Design	Civic, Social and Political Education	Social Personal and Health Education
Physical Education	Technology		

2 The Junior Certificate Schools Programme (JCSP)

The Junior Certificate Schools Programme (JCSP) is a national programme of the Department of Education and Skills. It aims to provide a curriculum framework that assists schools and teachers in making the Junior Certificate more accessible to those young people who may leave school without formal qualifications. It attempts to help young people experience success and develop a positive self-image by providing a curriculum and assessment framework suitable to their needs. On completion of the programme students receive a profile which is an official record of their achievements from the Department of Education and Skills. Following the Junior Certificate, pupils may opt for Transition Year or go straight into 5th Year to follow one of the Leaving Certificate Programmes.

3 Transition Year

The Transition Year (TY) offers pupils a broad educational experience with a view to the attainment of increased maturity, before proceeding to further study. It provides a bridge to help pupils make the transition from a highly-structured environment to one where they take greater responsibility for their own learning and decision making. Pupils participate in learning strategies which are active and experiential and which help them to develop a range of transferable critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills. Transition Year should also provide an opportunity for pupils to reflect on and develop an awareness of the value of education and training in preparing them for the ever-changing demands of the adult world of work and relationships.

In Scoil Uí Mhuirí TY remains an optional programme with a total of 24 places being offered to students for each academic year.

Transition Year Subjects/Programmes on offer in Scoil Uí Mhuirí 2013/2014

English
Mathematics
Irish
Home Economics
Biology & Physics
Business & Enterprise
Music & Drama
Religious Education
History
Physical Education
French/German
Information Technology & E-Learning
Geography
Design & Communication Graphics
Paired Reading (Primary School & First Year)
Art
Personal Development
Agricultural Science

4 The Leaving Certificate Established

The Leaving Certificate Established Programme is a two-year cycle offered to students. All Leaving Certificate subjects are offered at Higher, Ordinary and Foundation levels where applicable. In general, students study eight academic subjects for examination. In 2011/2012 we expanded our curriculum to include Construction Studies at Senior Cycle and in 2013/2014 we expanded our curriculum further at Senior Cycle to include Leaving Certificate Geography.

Leaving Certificate Subjects on offer in Scoil Uí Mhuirí 2013/2014

English
Design and Communication Graphics
Irish
Art
French
History
German
Home Economics
Mathematics
Link Modules
Business
Religion
Biology
Physical Education
Physics
Career Guidance
Technology
Engineering
Construction Studies
Geography
Music
Agricultural Science*

** Agricultural Science is currently offered through LMETB's Evening Class Programme*

5 The Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)

The LCA is a modular based Leaving Certificate incorporating a high proportion of Work Experience. It is a very popular route for students who may have more of a vocational orientation. It is an ideal progression route to PLC Courses and is highly regarded in the world of employment. The Leaving Certificate Applied was introduced to recognise the talents of all students and provide opportunities for development in terms of responsibility, self-esteem and self-knowledge. It is an innovative programme in the way students learn, in what they learn and in the way their achievements are assessed. The advantage of Leaving Certificate Applied is that it focuses on the talents of each individual student and helps students apply what they learn in the real world. The two-year programme consists of four half-year blocks called 'Sessions' and achievements are credited in each of these sessions. Student engaging in the LCA are also rewarded for their attendance as part of the programme.

6 The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)

The LCVP is an enhanced Leaving Certificate programme. Students who have specified subject combinations of subjects (VSGs) qualify to engage with the two LCVP Link Modules, Enterprise Education and Preparation for the World of Work. The LCVP therefore combines the established Leaving Certificate with the Link Modules. Active Learning Methodologies are the key to the success of this programme. There are many benefits of taking the LCVP for students whether they intend going to college, taking up employment or indeed setting up their own business. A distinction in this programme is the equivalent of a grade 'C' on a higher level paper and is therefore very valuable for students when calculating points for college.

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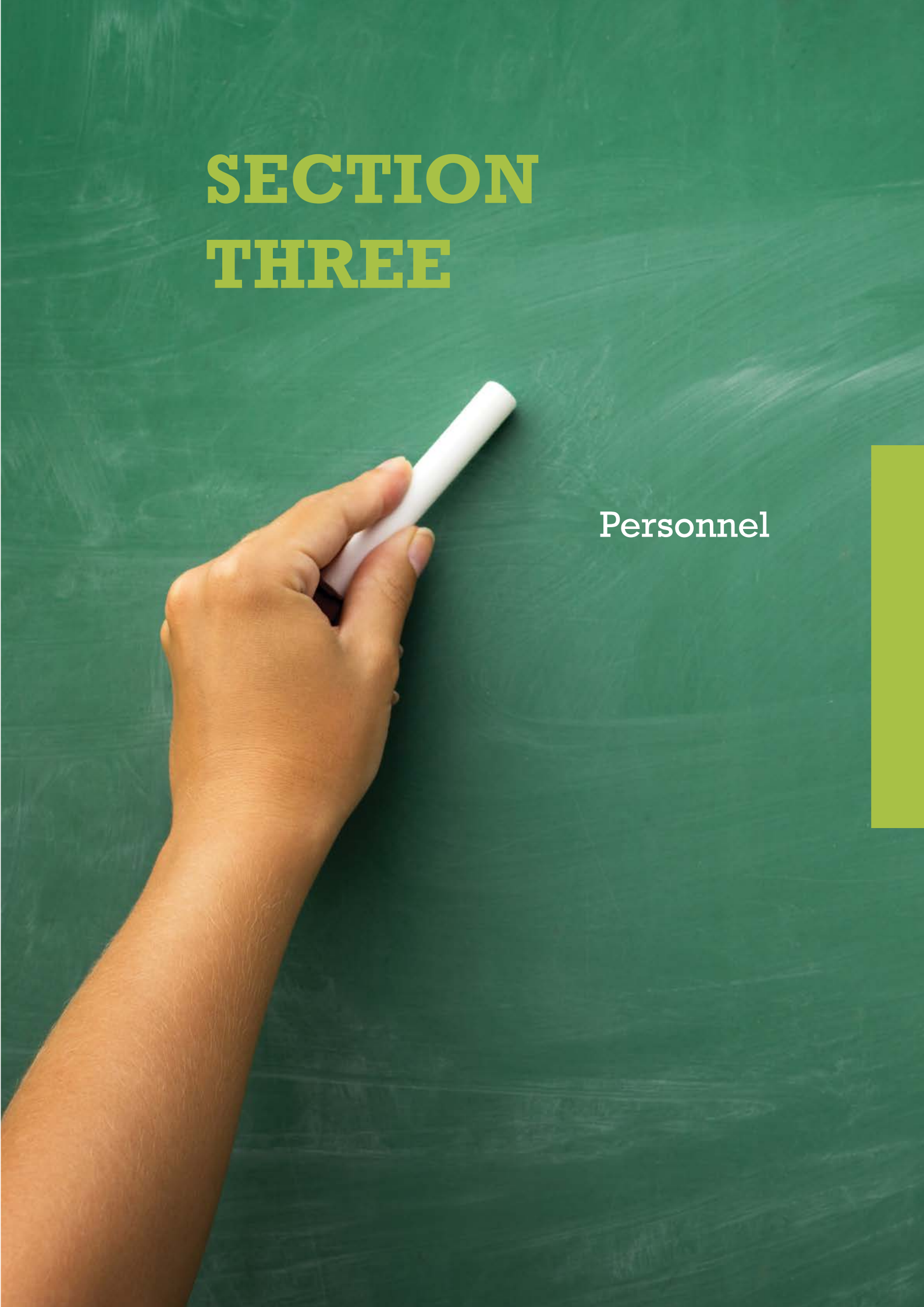
Personnel



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Scoil Ui Mhuiri
Emma Mc Donnell

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Christopher Harman

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Katie Dunne
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Personnel 2013/2014

Teaching Staff 2013/2014

Staff Member	Subject Departments
Elizabeth Barbour	Irish Department
Frances Beard	Home School Community Liaison Co-ordinator
Susan Byrne	PE Department
Martin Cassidy	Technology Department
Aileen Carey	Maths & Science Departments
Declan Clarke	Business Department
Melissa Clarke	English & Resource Departments
Nicola Clarke	Business & Maths Departments
Therese Clinton	Maths & Religion Departments
Maire Conneely	Science & Maths Departments
Mary Cox	Science & Maths Departments
Ian Cumiskey	Modern Foreign Languages Department
Gillian Curran	English, SEN & Resource Departments
Peter Devin	English & History Departments
Ray Donagh	Deputy Principal
Lorraine Duffy	English & History Departments
Fiona Duggan	PE & Geography Departments
Geraldine Friel	Home Economics & Religion Departments
Martina Farrell	Business Department
Lorna Finnegan	PE & Geography Departments
Michael Gurn	Maths Department
Colin Heaphey	Technology Department
Miriam Howard	Irish & Modern Foreign Language Departments
Niamh Hughes	English & Religion Departments
Alan Hurley	Technology & Maths Departments
Niamh Keenan	Modern Foreign Languages Department
Valerie Kelly	Business Department
Fiona Kindlon	Principal
Anne Marie Kirk	Maths & Science Departments
Noeleen Lyons	Modern Foreign Languages Department
Jackie Matthews	Irish & Modern Foreign Languages Departments
Gordon Magennis	Technology & Religion Departments
Bernadette Martin	Art Department
Aiden Matthews	Guidance Department
Brian Matthews	Technology Department
Ciara Morrison Reilly	Religion Department
Anna Mc Cready	Business Department
John Mc Gahon	Technology Department
Maria Mc Geough	Irish Department
Pamela Mulroy	English & Irish Department
Caroline Murphy	Irish & Religion Departments
Gemma Murphy	Home Economics Department
Fiona Ni Chonaill	Irish & English Departments
Kathryn Shannon	English Department
Fiona Shields	English & Music Departments

Special Needs Assistant

Debbie Faye

Administration & Ancillary Support Staff

Audrey Dorian	School Secretary
George Reynolds	School Caretaker
Agnes Reynolds	School Cleaning Services

School Completion Programme

Paula Mc Cabe	Deeside School Completion Programme, Project Worker
Paul Rosbotham	Deeside School Completion Programme, Co-ordinator

Canteen Staff (Provided by Rumbles)

Tracey	Rumbles Catering
Yvonne	Rumbles Catering
Anne	Rumbles Catering
Marie	Rumbles Catering

Job Bridge Intern

Marie Byrne	Parent Community Network Administrator
Jeremy Hughes	Buildings Maintenance Assistant

Subject Department Planning Convenors 2013/2014

Subject Departments	Convenor 2013/2014
English	Peter Devin
Gaeilge	Fiona O' Connell
Modern Foreign Languages	Niamh Keenan
Maths	Michael Gurn
Science	Aileen Carey
Technology	Brian Mathews
CSPE	Pamela Mulroy
LCVP	Miriam Howard
SPHE	Melissa Clarke
PE	Lorna Finnegan
Business Studies	Anna Mc Cready
Home Economics	Geraldine Friel
Art	Deirdre Harrington
History	Peter Devin
Geography	Fiona Duggan
Environmental & Social Studies	Niamh Keenan Peter Devin
Religion	Ciara Morrison Reilly
Music	Fiona Shields

Class Tutors 2013/2014

Year Group	Class	Tutor
1st Year	1 Corcra	Anna Mc Cready
	1 Gorm	Ciara Morrison Reilly
	1 Glas	Martina Farrell
	1 Fionn	Melissa Clarke
	1 Rua	Fiona Shields
2nd Year	2 Ash	Melissa Clarke
	2 Beech	Niamh Hughes
	2 Cedar	Niamh Keenan
	2 Oak	Ciara Morrison Reilly
	2 Rowan	Melissa Clarke
3rd Year	3 Walton	Peter Devin
	3 Tyndall	Fiona Shields
	3 Kelvin	Lorna Finnegan
	3 Callan	Mary Cox
	3 Boyle	Fiona Duggan
TY		Miriam Howard
5th Year	5 Mink	Gemma Murphy
	5 Seal	Ciara Morrison Reilly
	5 Fox	Fiona Duggan
	5 Hare	Niamh Hughes
	5 Deer	Susan Byrne
6th Year	6 Bleu	Alan Hurley
	6 Gris	Michael Gurn
	6 Rouge	Pamela Mulroy Claire Coyle
	6 Jaune	Aileen Carey
	6 Vert	Jacqueline Matthews

Student Council 2013/2014

Year	Students
1st Year	Finbar Lynch Tobi Balogun
2nd Year	Tunji iFaturoti Roisin Mc Auley
3rd Year	Nicole Connor Kane Mc Gahon
TY	Liam Fussey Una Carroll
5th Year	Kyle Murphy Nikita Kelly
6th Year	Sarah Power Jack Foley

Assistant Principals 2013/2014

Post Holder	Duties
Kathryn Shannon	Year Head 1st Year • Pastoral Care Co-ordination • Library Development
Maire Conneely	Year Head 2nd Year • 1st Year Mentoring Programme • Mock Examination Paper Co-ordination
Martin Cassidy	Year Head 3rd Year • Stock Control • Annual Awards Ceremony
Frances Beard	Year Head 5th Year • Peer Education Programme • State Examination Fees
Valerie Kelly	Year Head 6th Year • Financial & Budgetary Administration
Declan Clarke	Planning

Special Duties Teachers 2013/2014

Post Holder	Duties
Lorraine Duffy	Assistant Year Head 1st Year Student Lockers, Enrolment Day Procedures
Geraldine Friel	Assistant Year Head 5th Year Relocation of Classes for In School Exams, Co-ordinator of Events for EAL students
Jacqueline Matthews	Assistant Year Head 6th Year Website Maintenance, Co-ordinator of Anti Bullying Procedures
Mary Cox	Assistant Year Head 3rd Year School PR/Liaison with Press, First Aid
John Mc Gahon	Assistant Year Head 5th Year Co-ordinator 1st Year Sampling Programme, Assistant Health and Safety Officer
Fiona Ni Chonaill	Assistant Year Head 2nd Year Timetabling of In House Exams, Induction and Mentoring of New Teachers
Caroline Murphy	Assistant Year Head 6th Year Student of the Month Awards, Liaison with Student Council
Alan Hurley	Assistant Year Head 2nd Year Co-ordinator of LCA, Co-ordinator of ICT Department, Assistant Timetabling
Martina Farrell(Acting)	Assistant Year Head 3rd Year Liaison with local Business and Community Organisation, Compilation of Annual Report

Programme Co-ordinator

Miriam Howard	Co-ordinator of Transition Year Programme & Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)

Links with other Agencies

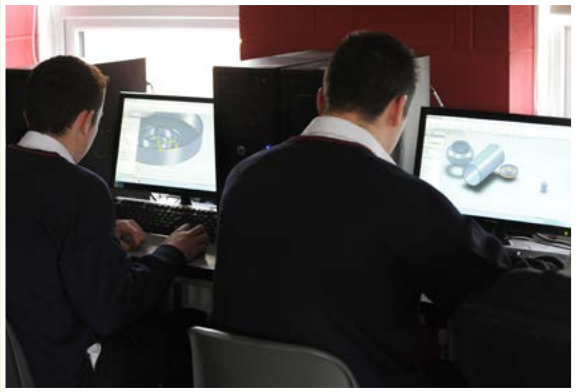
Post Holder	Duties
Pól Bond	School NEPS Psychologist
Miriam Hilliard	School SENO
Maria Kieran	EWO, NEWB
Marion Horan	EWO, NEWB

Parents Association 2013/2014

Name	Details
John Mc Conville	Chairperson
Antoinette Rourke	Vice Chairperson
Julia Keane	Secretary
Neil Cooney	Treasurer
Mairead Elmaddi	PRO

Board of Management 2013/2014

Name	Details
Liam Reilly	LMETB Representative
Tomas Sharkey	LMETB Representative
Benny Devlin	LMETB Representative
Colm Markey	LMETB Representative
Fiona Kindlon	Principal & Secretary to the Board
Miriam Howard	Staff Representative
John Mc Gahon	Staff Representative
Terri Callan	Parent Representative
Peter Keane	Parent Representative
Derek Devlin	Community Representative
Kevin Matthews	Community Representative



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Student Supports

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Student Supports

Care Support Team

At Scoil Uí Mhuirí, the Care Support Team meet once a week to consider how the school community is responding to the overall needs of the school community but in particular the student and more specifically those students dealing with particular challenges. At these meetings decisions are taken regarding allocation of supports to these students with a view to monitoring the implementation of same and review of the effectiveness of the supports at a later meeting. The Care Support Team at the school comprises the Principal, Deputy Principal, HSCLO, the Guidance Counsellor, SEN Co-ordinator, SPHE Co-ordinator and the SCP Project Worker.

School Completion Programme

The School Completion Programme (SCP) was set up as part of the Department of Education and Skills (DES) DEIS Strategy – Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools. Its aim is to increase the numbers of young people staying in primary and second level school and in doing so improve the numbers of pupils who successfully complete the Senior Cycle, or the equivalent.

The SCP operates in 470 primary schools and 224 post-primary schools including Scoil Uí Mhuirí Post Primary School. There are 124 local SCP projects employing 248 full-time, 627 part-time and 2,211 sessional and other staff. Each of the 124 local SCP projects is led by a management committee comprising school principals, HSCL co-ordinators, parents and voluntary and statutory agencies. At a national level, SCP is supported by a national leadership team within the Senior Management Team of the Educational Welfare Services of the Child and Family Agency, with responsibility for overseeing the operation and work of the local projects.

Scoil Uí Mhuirí Post Primary School is a member of the Deeside School Completion Programme which consists of seven schools at both primary and post primary level in rural Louth and Meath. At post primary level the other schools in our cluster are O' Carolan College, Nobber, Co. Meath and Ardee Community School, Ardee, Co. Louth. SCP Project Workers work closely with staff in these post primary schools on a daily basis to ensure that our young people are supported and encouraged to reach their full potential.

In Scoil Uí Mhuirí, SCP work focuses on targeting and providing supports to young people identified to be most at risk of early school leaving and includes:

- Identifying and supporting children at risk of not reaching their potential in the educational system because of poor attendance, participation and retention via initiatives such as breakfast clubs; homework clubs; after school supports; mentoring programmes; and therapeutic interventions
- Ensuring that schools have in place the appropriate procedures to monitor, identify and respond to attendance, participation and retention issues
- Implementing transfer programmes to support young people transitioning from primary to post-primary school

Our SCP Project Worker, Paula Mc Cabe works with students in individual and small group settings. As part of her work, Paula builds trusting and supportive relationship with students and their parents/guardians with the aim being to create a positive school experience for all. To enhance their work the SCP team also work closely with other agencies and groups within the community. This collaborative work ensures that our students, their families, our school and our community can gain access to and gain benefit from the range of support services locally and regionally.

During the 2013/2014 academic year, SCP at Scoil Uí Mhuirí worked closely with the Child and Family Agency of the HSE, St. Vincent de Paul, the National Educational Welfare Board (NEWB), the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), the Irish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children (ISPCC), Youth Work Ireland, An Garda Siochana and the Juvenile Liaison Officers (JLOs).

Home School Community Liaison Scheme

The Home School Community Liaison Scheme (HSCL) is a Department of Education and Skills (DES) initiative that was set up to combat educational disadvantage in accordance with the DEIS initiative (Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools).

The scheme works by developing partnerships between parents, teachers and the community to improve pupils' learning opportunities and assist their retention and participation in the educational system.

The HSCL Scheme is managed and coordinated by a national leadership team within the Senior Management Team of the Educational Welfare Services of Child and Family Agency. Their role supports just over 400 HSCL Co-ordinators, serving 605 schools. In Scoil Uí Mhuirí the HSCLO for 2013/2014 was Ms. Frances Beard.

During the 2013/2014 academic year, Ms. Beard visited many families to discuss challenges emerging and to consider any supports that could be put in place to ensure that students remained in the education system and were supported within the school environment.

The involvement of parents is key to the HSCL's service vision. Parents are provided with an opportunity to be involved in their child's education through community initiatives, designed to support literacy, numeracy and positive engagement.

Initiatives currently operated by HSCL coordinators for students and parents include:

- Literacy and numeracy initiatives (e.g. Maths for fun, Maths Eyes, Science for fun Reading for Fun, One Book One Community, Storysacks)
- Structured information briefings/courses pertinent to the life of the child in school e.g. transfer from primary to post-primary, cyber-bullying and health issues etc
- Supports and courses such as parenting skills, speech therapy and FETAC accredited courses, e.g. Maths, Irish Language, IT., Child Care. During the 2013/2014 academic year a range of courses were provided for parents.

Guidance Department

Our Guidance Department engages in a range of activities over the school year including:

- Counselling
  Helping students to explore their thoughts and feelings and the choices open to them; giving care and support to students learning to cope with the many aspects of growing up
- Assessment
  Helping students to obtain self-understanding through the use of psychometric tests and other inventories
- Information
  Providing students with objective and factual data in education and training opportunities, occupations, labour, market information, entitlements etc
- Advice
  Making suggestions based on the advisor's own knowledge and experience and the information available at the time.
- Educational Development Programmes
  Facilitating the transfer of knowledge and skills relating to studying, examination performance, choices of subjects and levels.
- Personal and Social Development Programmes
  Facilitating the transfer of knowledge and skills relating to a student's personal and social development, self-awareness, decision-making and planning.

SEN Department

The SEN department at the school provides a range of support for students with Special Education Needs at the school. This includes the following:

- Identification and application for support hours for students requiring additional support as identified by the Special Education Needs Organiser (SENO)
- Identification of students in need of additional learning support and resource teaching subject to the availability of resources
- Profiling of students' needs and liaison with subject teachers regarding differentiation of curriculum and discussion around learning goals and targets for individual students
- Learning support for students who are on a reduced timetable
- Literacy, Numeracy and Social Skills training for individual and small groups of students subject to the availability of resources
- Processing of referrals from subject teachers
- Timetabling supports for students including individual one to work sessions, small group support, team teaching and shadow groups for particular subjects
- Liaison with Parents of students with Special Education Needs
- Links with Primary School Principals and 6th Class teachers
- Liaison with school support personnel including the SENO, the school's NEPS Psychologist, visiting teacher for the Deaf and the Education Welfare Services of Tusla
- Preparation of documentation regarding SEN Policy and allocation of teaching supports to students
- Identification and participation in CPD to strive towards best practice in allocation and implementation of SEN resources at the school
- Liaison with Special Needs Assistants at the school

Year Head

The Year Head has a vital function of leading, co-ordinating and inspiring the students of a particular year group and liaising with the class teachers involved as well as with the Principal and Deputy Principal. The responsibilities of the Year Head include the following:

- Encourage all students to achieve their potential
- Acknowledge improvement and success within the Year Group
- Monitor attendance, punctuality, school uniform and general progress
- Take morning assemblies and registration
- Follow up on students not making progress
- Deal with more serious or persistent breaches of discipline
- Support Class Tutors in relation to raising standards

Class Tutor

The Class Tutor is assigned to a particular tutor class and has a special role in the life of that class for the entire year. He/she aims to create a well motivated, happy class group where each member is valued and where high standards in all aspects of the student's life are encouraged. In the relationship of trust and respect that develops between the Class Tutor and the tutor class, there are opportunities to discuss and deal with concerns of a general or an individual nature. The role of the Class Tutor is primarily pastoral in nature.

He/she will:

- Develop a good relationship with his/her Form Class
- Work with Form Class to raise standards in terms of academic achievement and general behaviour
- Monitor, encourage, advise, guide and set targets to encourage success.
- Support Class Teacher if requested
- Give instruction on the correct use of the School Journal
- Monitor the School Journal on a monthly basis or more often if necessary
- Sign off on the examination reports home for their class groups

Class Teacher

Each teacher not only instructs students in the course content of the particular subject but works to ensure that each student is enabled to derive the maximum benefit from the class, develop a good pattern of study and homework and reach the highest standards possible.

1st Year Transfer and Transition Programme 2013/2014

The transition from primary to post primary education has been noted as a critical educational step for many children. Transfer Programmes assist in the transition from Primary to Post Primary, as they provide information on the new system and structures which the young person will encounter. They prepare the child by encouraging them to identify strategies which will assist them in overcoming the difficulties which may arise and they also provide a forum for the young person transferring to express their concerns, fears and also hopes they may have during the change process.

In Scoil Uí Mhuirí, the transfer and transition programme for 1st year students is facilitated by the School Completion Programme Personnel. The following transfer and transition activities took place during the 2013/2014 academic year:

- One day induction for 1st Year students in August 2013
- Follow up review sessions for 1st Year students in October 2013
- Review for 1st Year students in May 2014
- One day Transfer and Transition Programme for incoming 1st Years September 2014 in May and June 2014

The main aims of the transfer and transition days were to provide opportunities for the students to get to know the school and each other, to reflect on the positive and negative experiences in primary school and to identify possible negatives and positives about commencing post primary school. During the programmes students also had opportunities to explore time tabling at second level, use of the student journal and content of the various school policies and their role and responsibilities as students.

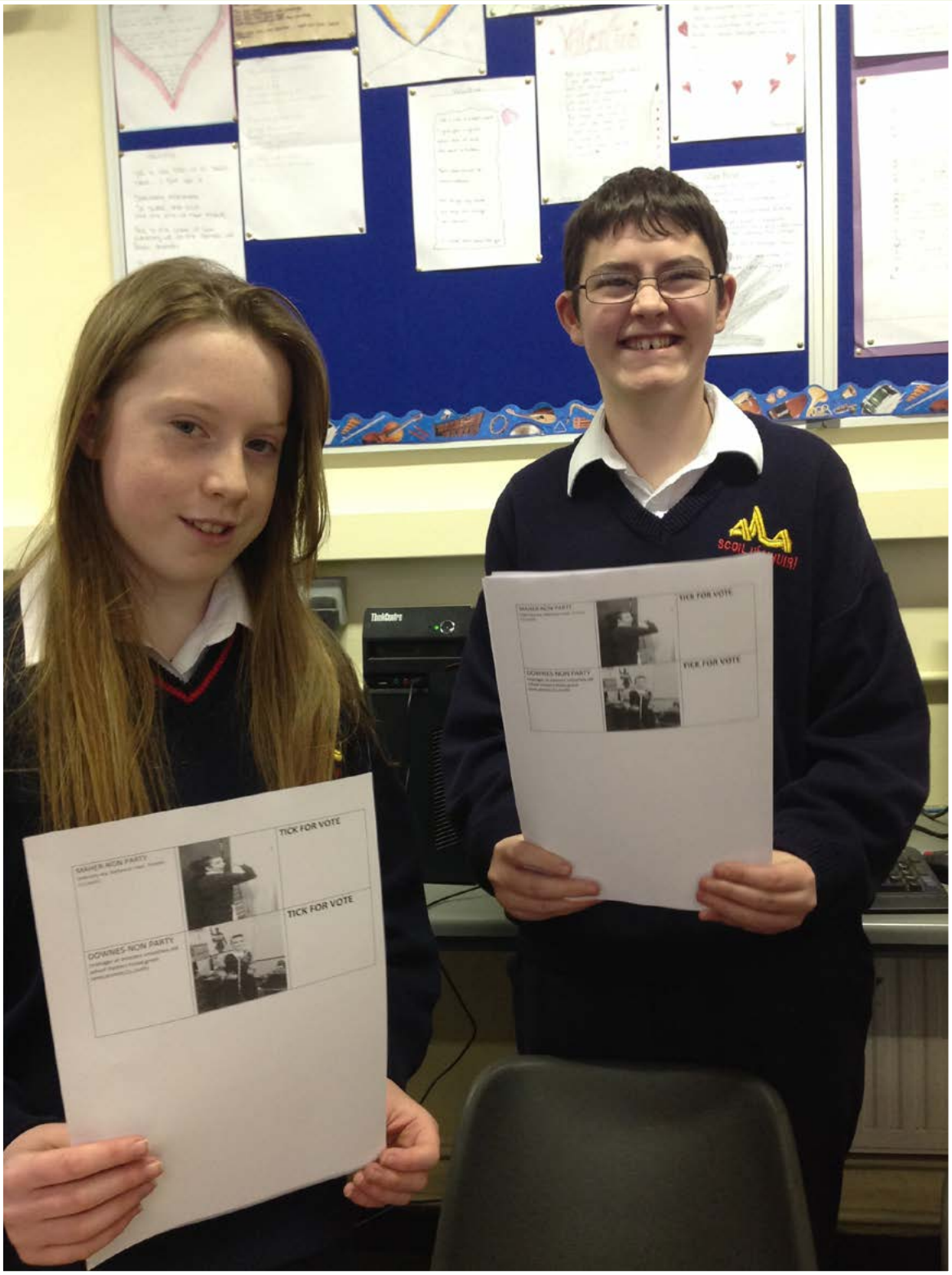
Students also had opportunities to listen to the experiences of the current 1st Year students.

Mentoring system

As part of the transfer and transition programme from primary to post primary school for 1st Year students, we assign senior students as mentors for our 1st Year students.

SECTION FIVE

School Policies, Planning School Self Evaluation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SECTION FIVE

School Policies 2013/2014

Child Protection Policy

The Board of Management of Scoil Uí Mhuirí has adopted fully and without modification the Department of Education and Skills Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary schools as part of the school's overall Child Protection Policy.

The Board of Management of the school has appointed Ms. Fiona Kindlon, Principal, as the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) and Mr. Ray Donagh, Deputy Principal as the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLP). The DLP will continue to act as a liaison with outside agencies and as a resource person to any staff member or volunteer who has child protection concerns.

The Principal in her role as Secretary to the Board of Management, as requested by the Department of Education and Skills reported at each meeting of the school's Board of Management on the number of cases in which advice was sought and the number of referrals made to Tusla, the Child and Family Agency.

Child Protection Information notices have been placed at various points through the school and information has been provided to parents and all staff on the school's Child Protection Policy.

Admissions Policy

Our Admissions Policy is available to down load from the school's website **www.scoiluimhuiri.ie** and is also available on request from the main office at the school. It is intended that our Admissions Policy should provide clarity for parents/guardians on all issues related to the enrolment of pupils in the school and to facilitate the enrolment process. Our Admissions Policy also outlines the process for parents/guardians who are applying for a transfer place for their son/daughter from another school to Scoil Uí Mhuirí.

Attendance Policy

Our Attendance Policy is available to download from the school's website **www.scoiluimhuiri.ie** and is also available on request from the main office at the school. The rationale for our Attendance Policy includes ensuring that students benefit fully from the range of opportunities available to them in Scoil Uí Mhuirí and ensuring that all students, their parents/guardians and staff are aware of their responsibilities to ensure high levels of attendance. We also wish to encourage and promote best practice regards regular and punctual attendance by all students and to create an awareness among the student body that a good school attendance record enhances opportunities in the area of training and employment

Code of Behaviour

Our Code of Behaviour is available to download from the school's website **www.scoiluimhuiri.ie** and is also available on request from the main office at the school. The Code of Behaviour of Scoil Uí Mhuirí has been devised to encourage positive behaviour and to create the best environment conducive to teaching, learning and personal development. There are three strands to the Code of Behaviour: The School Charter, the Parent/ School Contract and the Discipline Procedures.

Anti Bullying Policy

The Board of Management of Scoil Uí Mhuirí has adopted fully and without modification the Department of Education and Skills Anti Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post Primary schools as part of the school's overall Anti Bullying Policy. Every student in Scoil Ui Mhuiri has the right to enjoy school without fear of intimidation or harassment. Every staff member has the right to a work life free from intimidation or harassment. Every parent has the right to feel that their children are safe from bullying while at school. The whole school community, staff, students and parents has a responsibility to ensure that all members feel safe and happy at school. In particular people who witness bullying behaviour or who know that it is happening have a responsibility to report it so that it can be stopped. Our Anti Bullying policy is available to download from **www.scoiluimhuiri.ie** and is also available from the main office at the school.

Homework Policy

In Scoil Uí Mhuirí we believe that homework in an integral part of every student's learning. We believe that homework has a major role to play in consolidating work done in school and in allowing students develop as independent learners. Our Homework Policy aims to ensure consistent approaches to the setting and reviewing of homework and to ensure an equitable distribution of homework and to reduce pressure on students from homework overload. Our Homework Policy is available to download from the school's website **www.scoiluimhuiri.ie** and is also available on request from the main office at the school.

Computer and Internet/Email Acceptable Use Policy

Our Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) is available to download from the school's website **www.scoiluimhuiri.ie** and is also available on request from the main office at the school. The aim of our AUP is to ensure that pupils attending Scoil Uí Mhuirí will benefit from learning opportunities offered by the school's computer resources in a safe and effective manner. Students are expected to follow the rules of our AUP and all legal requirements in the use of the school's computer system.

CCTV Policy

Our CCTV Policy is available to download from the school's website **www.scoiluimhuiri.ie** and is also available on request from the main office at the school.

CCTV systems are installed both internally and externally in premises for the purpose of enhancing security of the building and its associated equipment as well as creating a mindfulness among the occupants, at any one time, that a surveillance security system is in operation within and/or in the external environs of the premises during both the daylight and night hours each day.

The purpose of this policy is to regulate the use of Closed Circuit Television and its associated technology in the monitoring of both the internal and external environs of the school premises.

Critical Incident Management Plan

In keeping with our School Mission Statement, the Board of Management is committed to the care of staff and students in our school. Our Critical Incident Management Plan (CIMP) refers to the response taken by this school should a Critical Incident occur. As each Critical Incident will require the school to respond in a manner appropriate to that particular incident at that time, this CIMP is intended to serve as a general outline of procedures to be followed in the event of a Critical Incident occur.

Educational Tours Policy

Scoil Uí Mhuirí accepts that the objective of an educational tour should be that it should provide a significant benefit in the educational, intellectual, cultural and social developments of the students. In line with our Mission Statement we recognise that engagement in a variety of experiences and cultures is part of a holistic education.

Our Educational Tours Policy is applicable to all members of staff who organise such trips and to the students and parents/guardians who are participating in these activities.

Our Educational Tours Policy is available to download from the school's website **www.scoiluimhuiri.ie** and is also available on request from the main office at the school.

Health and Safety Statement

Scoil Uí Mhuirí is committed to achieving and maintaining high standards of health and safety for all staff, pupils, visitors and others. There are a range of policies and procedures which underpin our safety management system. Our Safety Statement is not intended to be final or exhaustive but addresses the fundamental aspects of maintaining a safe environment and systems of work.

Pastoral Care Policy

Scoil Uí Mhuirí realises its core aims and goals through a variety of means, including our Pastoral Care Policy. We understand pastoral care as an approach to education which endeavours to value and develop each member of the school community. It promotes learning at every level of the student. Each member of the school community has access to the relevant pastoral care structures and procedures, each is invited to play their part in contributing to the pastoral ethos of the school community. More than anything else we seek to nurture positive relationships as the core resource in developing a pastoral approach. Our Pastoral Care Policy endeavours to put in place the framework necessary to underpin and support this approach.

Special Educational Needs Policy

We the staff in Scoil Uí Mhuirí value each individual and educate towards an inclusive society both in our school and in the local community. Our mission statement is based upon a commitment to inclusion which is expressed through the idea that all students are valued, supported and their strengths are recognised; there should be open communication based on mutual respect and trust; we should actively seek to bring about the best possible outcomes for all of our students; and supporting individual achievements is an integral part of improving school effectiveness.

Scoil Uí Mhuirí's Special Educational Needs Policy has been developed from a number of documents to ensure that students with Special Educational Needs are given the opportunity to achieve their full potential in school.

Work Experience Policy

Work Experience allows for students to experience the world of work, learn new skills, become motivated in their attitude to school work and be more informed about career choices.

Our Work Experience Policy applies to all programmes with a Work Experience element in particular LCA, LCVP and TY. Our Work Experience Policy is designed to meet the official requirements of these Senior Cycle Programmes as specified by the Department of Education and Skills.

DEIS Plan

Scoil Uí Mhuirí is a DEIS School and as part of our DEIS status we continually plan to meet targets in eight areas which include attendance, retention, literacy, numeracy, attainment, progression, partnership with parents and partnership with others. Various initiatives and strategies are put in place to enable us work towards our targets and regular review and evaluation takes place to monitor progress. Our 2013/2016 DEIS Plan has been completed and is being implemented at the school.

School Self Evaluation

School Self Evaluation (SSE) is a collaborative, reflective, inclusive process of internal school review. During SSE, the principal, deputy principal and teachers, under the direction of the board of management and the patron and in consultation with the parents and students, engage in reflective enquiry on the work of the school. School self-evaluation is primarily about school improvement and development. School self-evaluation enables schools:

- To take the initiative in improving the quality of education that they provide for their students.
- To affirm and build on what is working well.
- To identify areas in need of development and to decide on actions that should be taken to bring about improvements in those areas.
- To report to the school community about the strengths in the work of the school and its priori-ties for improvement and development.

Teachers reflect on their work and on the learning that their students achieve as part of their daily professional work. School self-evaluation places greater emphasis on collecting, examining and sharing evidence about the work of the school when making decisions about what is working well and what areas need to be improved and developed. School self-evaluation improves students' learning.

As outlined in the Department of Education and Skills Circular Letter 0040/2012 all schools must engage in an SSE Process. Presently, at Scoil Uí Mhuirí we are engaging in SSE in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Student Engagement in Learning. We are currently designing a new section on our school website for our school self evaluation information and reports.

SECTION SIX

Teaching & Learning at Scoil Uí Mhuirí

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Subject Departments

In Scoil Uí Mhuirí subject specialists place a great emphasis on collaborative planning and review by working closely together in subject departments. Each subject department appoints a Subject Convenor who is responsible for co-ordinating the department for an academic year. Generally this role of subject convenor is rotated among department members from year to year. Formal and informal subject department planning meetings take place on a regular basis and subject departments are encouraged to use these opportunities to discuss a range of items including subject syllabi, resources for teaching and learning, CPD, research on best practice in the subject area, differentiated strategies, assessment approaches including formative and summative assessment, inclusion of students with Special Educational Needs, subject department approaches to literacy and numeracy and integration of ICT into teaching and learning.

Membership of Teacher Professional Networks

Subject teachers at Scoil Uí Mhuirí are encouraged to become members of their Subject and Programme Specific Teacher Professional Networks and/or Subject Associations. Department members find these networks and associations extremely beneficial for keeping them up to date with the latest developments, changes, resources and assessment techniques. These meetings and national conferences also provide an opportunity for networking with teachers from other schools.

Teacher Based Classrooms

Teacher-based classrooms are the norm at Scoil Uí Mhuirí and each classroom is fully equipped with a PC, data projector and high speed broadband connection. In the practical classrooms there has been a massive investment in specialised equipment and resources to ensure students have access to high quality teaching and learning in those subject areas also. Subject teachers are encouraged to display students' work in classrooms and to use posters, charts, newspaper articles etc as an aid to teaching and learning.

Rapport between Students and Teachers

A warm relationship between teachers and students characterises lessons in Scoil Uí Mhuirí. Teaching staff take time to get to know their students' names and to identify teaching and learning strategies to include all learners in the classroom.

Supporting students with Special Educational Needs

All teachers at Scoil Uí Mhuirí play a key role in bringing about the successful inclusion of students with SEN in our school. Students with SEN are welcomed and we work actively and collaboratively to ensure that these students are integrated quickly and effectively into the relevant classroom. Teachers make themselves aware of the special educational needs of students in their classrooms at the outset and regular communication takes place with colleagues in the Learning Support/ Resource/SEN Department. Their expertise and input is crucial in ensuring that we are customising our lesson plans to meet the diverse needs of these particular students.

We strive to create a supportive, caring environment for SEN students and we avail of opportunities to affirm them in their ability to learn and participate in school life. We also ensure that we enhance the support available to those students in our school who are receiving learning support/resource hours. Advice sought could relate to teaching and methodologies which would support teaching and learning for these students, textbooks, in class seating preferences of individual students, setting homework, formulating tests/assignments/resources, accommodations for in house assessment and reporting procedures for such students.

If any teacher feels that a particular student may benefit from learning support/resource hours within the school, referrals are made to the Learning Support/Resource department in the school.

All teaching staff has access to a copy of the Post Primary Guidelines on 'Inclusion of Students with Special Education Needs' on the Teachers Drive on the server and they are encouraged to reference this when planning for teaching and learning with SEN students.

Active Teaching and Learning Methodologies

Teachers across the school use a wide variety of active teaching and learning methodologies to engage the range of student interests and abilities and to enhance student understanding and learning of the subject. Specific methodologies being used at present include:

- Pairwork
- Self Assessment
- Groupwork
- Peer Assessment
- Differentiated Worksheets
- KWL Sheets
- Project work
- Show me Boards
- DVD's
- Post its
- Mindmaps
- Quizzes
- You Tube Clips
- Cloze tests
- Teacher Tube Clips
- Powerpoint presentations
- Wordsearches
- Handouts
- Crosswords
- Graphic Organisers
- News Clips
- Interactive quizzes
- Discussion
- TV Programmes
- Debate
- Case Studies
- Newspaper articles
- Self Assessment
- Visitors to the classroom
- Peer Assessment
- Visits out
- Show me Boards
- Websites
- Teaching and Learning Apps
- Podcasts
- Timelines
- CD ROMs
- Wordwalls
- Journal articles
- Wall Charts
- Past pupils
- Student generated resources
- iPads as a teaching & learning tool

Use of ICT in Teaching and Learning

Teachers across the school use ICT in a variety of ways:

1. Planning for teaching and learning
2. During specific classes
3. Developing materials for use in the classroom e.g. quizzes, worksheets, crosswords, differentiated handouts etc
4. Generating a range of evaluative techniques for checking for student understanding
5. Student Attendance and Reporting
6. Communication via email, school website, twitter and facebook pages

The majority of staff are also using iPads in Teaching and Learning. In the 2013/2014 year we piloted the use of iPads as a teaching & learning tool in Transition Year.

Assessment at Scoil Uí Mhuirí

All members of the teaching staff recognise the importance of both formative and summative assessment approaches within their classrooms. Within classrooms, teachers utilise a range of formative assessment approaches including:

- Sharing Learning Outcomes
- Sharing Success Criteria
- Questionning – Open Ended and Closed Questions/ Targeted and Global Questioning Techniques
- Self and Peer Assessment
- Formative Feedback

Teaching staff appreciate and understand the inextricable link between the intensive use of formative assessment techniques within the classroom and the results which which students achieve after engaging in summative assessments.

Formal tests are held twice yearly and the results are communicated to students and parents through written reports. Every effort is made by teachers within the school to give students an opportunity to review test results and identify where they have done well and areas where they need to improve.

Parent teacher meetings provide an additional opportunity to discuss each student's academic and personal progress. If a teacher has a concern about a particular's student's progress within a subject, a conversation takes place with the student and if necessary arrangements will be made to contact home and/or organise a meeting with the student and his/her parents/guardians.

In the case of all tests/assignments/project work etc teachers record the results achieved by the individual students in their teacher diary and on the online reporting system at the school.

Homework

All subject department teachers are encouraged to regularly assign homework to students. The type of homework given may vary from class to class but at all times the homework assigned should be designed to support and re-inforce class learning. Examples of the types of homework assigned include question completion, reading texts, research in newspapers, research in the home, internet based research, project work etc. Students are facilitated in recording their homework in their school journals. Teachers across the departments also ensure that they are following and applying the school homework policy within their classrooms.

Department Results

Early in each school year, department members meet formally to review the examination results of Scoil Uí Mhuirí students and to compare those results with national averages and with the previous year's results in that subject.

A template has been developed within the school for recording the relevant information. Observations are made and decisions are taken regarding any changes that need to be initiated. These changes may relate to teaching and learning of subjects, promotion and uptake of subject at school level, options structure, timetabling and resources to name but a few. Where applicable the subject department co-ordinator may request a meeting with school management and/or prepare a submission for school management on the results from the department.

Marking schemes and chief examiners reports on subjects are also referenced by subject teachers. These documents can both inform discussion and debate among department members and are a vital resource in assisting with subject department and individual planning for teaching and learning.

Department of Education and Skills Inspections 2013/2014

Subject Inspection Science and Biology

The Department of Education and Skills carried out an Inspection of Science and Biology in the school on 16 October 2013. The Inspection activities carried out included: a review of relevant documents, discussion with principal and teachers, interaction with students, observation of teaching and learning during four lessons over six class periods, examination of students' work and feedback to the principal and the subject department teachers Aileen Carey, Maire Conneely, Mary Cox and Anne Marie Kirk.

The main findings of the Inspection were as follows:

- The quality of teaching and learning observed in les sons ranged from good to excellent.
- Excellent practices were observed in the use of differ entiated teaching strategies,assessment for learning strategies and learner to learner assessment.
- Teachers adopted a wide range of teaching methodologies using appropriate resources.
- Learning is well monitored
- Discipline is very good and an atmosphere of work was evident in all classrooms visited.

The Board of Management, staff, students and parents of Scoil Uí Mhuirí welcomed the very positive and affirming report on the teaching and learning of Science and Biology in the school. In particular we are delighted that the Inspector highlighted the quality work of the Science Department in a number of areas including the quality of teaching and learning, the use of differentiated teaching strategies, assessment for learning strategies and learner to learner assessment.

We felt the work of the Science Department was very well acknowledged and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Science Department for their continued hard work and congratulate them on this inspection report.

A copy of the Inspection Report is available to download on our school website **www.scoiluimhuiri.ie** under the 'Inspections Report' tab.

SECTION SEVEN

Selection of Student Achievements

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Selection of Student Achievements & Awards 2013/2014

Scoil Uí Mhuirí Annual Awards Ceremony 2014

The Scoil Uí Mhuirí annual year group Awards Ceremonies took place during May 2014. The Awards Ceremonies which are one of the key events in the school calendar provides the school with an opportunity to recognise and celebrate students' achievements during the academic year. The range of awards presented reflected all aspects of school life in Scoil Uí Mhuirí. Once again, 2013/2014 has been an enormously successful year for Scoil Uí Mhuirí and the Scoil Uí Mhuirí community can take great pride in the range of achievements both academic and non academic over the past year. Ms. Kindlon, Principal stated "We are really proud of our students' achievements and we wish them continued success in the years ahead both in school and outside of it as well. Our students' achievements bring great joy and a huge sense of pride to the school, their families and the local community. We encourage all Scoil Uí Mhuirí students to maintain their exemplary performance in the coming school year."

Ms. Kindlon also paid tribute to the staff, both teaching and non-teaching at Scoil Uí Mhuirí. Our teachers are extremely committed to our students, their welfare and their learning. They have worked so hard throughout the year to ensure that our students achieve their full potential, whatever that may be and they have also given of their free time at breaktimes, lunchtimes, after school, during mid term breaks and holidays to ensure that our students have opportunities to avail of and participate in a variety of extra curricular activities.

The school also extended a special word of thanks to our sponsors for their continued support and commitment to the students, staff and management of Scoil Uí Mhuirí throughout the academic year. This year awards were sponsored by the Parents Association, JF Travel, LAN Consultants, Glen Dimplex, Dunleer Parish Credit Union, the Sound Shop/TLT Drogheda, Bank of Ireland and Hoey's Timber. The range of awards presented included Student of the Year, Full Attendance, Subject Specific Awards, Athletics, Gaelic, Basketball, Swimming, Debating, Green Schools and the LMETB Civic and Community Spirit Award to name but a few.

Student of the Month Awards

At the end of each month in Scoil Uí Mhuirí, our teaching staff have an opportunity to nominate students for the 'Student of the Month Award' and in doing so they consider a range of factors including rewarding students who consistently work to a high standard, students who co-operate and contribute in class, students who have made a marked improvement in their work and their attitude to school life, students who are positively engaged in extra-curricular activities and students who make a very valuable contribution to the life of Scoil Uí Mhuirí.
We in Scoil Uí Mhuirí would like to thank Dunleer Parish Credit Union who very kindly sponsor our **Student of the Month Awards**. Our winners in 2013/2014 were as follows:

Month/Year	Junior Winner	Senior Winner
April 2014	Katie Hoey	Robert Mc Evoy
March 2014	Aoife Callaghan	Chelsea Halpenny
February 2014	Christopher Clarke	Katie Byrne
January 2014	Seoda Matthews	Michael O'Hare
December 2013	Kelly Clarke	Laura Byrne
November 2013	Conor Matthews	Erica Quinn
October 2013	Anna Sarsfield	Claire Gregory
September 2013	Stephen Foley	Jack Foley

Congratulations to all our winners and indeed to all those students who were nominated from each of our class groups throughout the year.

Senior Boys Gaelic Team win the Lennon Shield

Congrats to our Senior Boys Gaelic Team on winning the Lennon Shield in Darver on 22 November 2013. This is a fantastic achievement for the school, the team and the teachers/coaches, Mr. Mathews and Mr Heaphy. Many thanks to the many parents, students and past pupils who supported our winning team in Darver that evening.

Athletics Team Success in Rhode Island, USA

In September 2013, a number of our Athletics team travelled to the USA with Dunleer AC to compete at the Ocean State Cross Country event. Congratulations to Seoda Matthews, Conor Matthews and Leah Cassidy on winning medals at the event and well done to all our students who participated in the event. A big thank you to Ms. Matthews and Mr. A Matthews for accompanying our students on this trip.

Scoil Uí Mhuirí's Cathal has creative writing piece published

Congratulations to 6th Year student Cathal Sweeney who had a creative writing piece published in the Centre for Talented Youth in Ireland (CTYI) book "Words to Tie to Bricks" which is available in all bookshops.

The CTYI is a place where young people who excel in different academic and creative areas get a chance to meet other students of similar ability and share some common ground. Cathal has attended a number of workshops in the CTYI over the past few years.

Enterprising TY Students

Congratulations to Adam Montague, TY, who won an Environmental Award at the Louth County Enterprise Board's Student Enterprise Awards with his business idea 'Bin Lock'. Congrats also to Darragh Mc Evoy and Gearoid Conlon who took part in the Regional Finals of the Junior Achievement Mini Company Programme with their business idea 'Evergreen Craft'.

Scoil Uí Mhuirí students take part in Junk Kouture

Congrats to Scoil Uí Mhuirí's students Ashling Shannon, Ciara Mc Grory, Aoife Gregory, Jessica Sullivan and Sadhbh Mc Cann who took part in Trashion Fashion 2014 and Junk Kouture competitions in DkIT & DCU.

Ben secures under 15 All Ireland Handball Award

Congratulations to Scoil Uí Mhuirí's Ben Devlin, 3rd Year who was crowned under 15 All Ireland Handball Champion.

Scoil Uí Mhuirí's Debating Team Activities

The debating team had a very active year. We took part in two significant competitions and shone well in both. Our team of Cathal Sweeney, Rory Daly, Ciaran O'Rourke and Jack Healy have shown a lot of commitment and hard work over the last couple of years. In the National Concern debates we were plagued for months by cancellations; from the other side and from ourselves. However, we eventually got to have some victories under our sleeve before being beaten by Scoil Mhuire, Trim. The motion was Overseas Aid is a luxury we can no longer afford. We opposed the motion valiantly. They beat us but since they are All Ireland champions we weren't too upset. The lads have really improved and their confidence publically has grown significantly. Public speaking is one of the most intimidating practices in the world – it's great to see these lads develop that skill.

Our next port of call was the LMFM Great Debate. We take part every year and the standard is always very high. We were narrowly pipped by Greenhills in Drogheda on the riveting motion we should not have to pay for our own water. Again, the team did us proud, especially Cathal Sweeney.

We will be promoting the idea of debating a lot more over the next few years: especially among Junior Cycle as public speaking will be part of the new Junior Certificate English course. Our plan for next year is to get both a senior and junior team up and running and compete with other local schools. We can look back on a progressive year in 2013/14 and look forward to even better things ahead.

Athletics Team Activities

The Athletics team had a very successful year in 2013/14, competing both at home and abroad. In September the Scoil Uí Mhuirí athletes teamed up with Dunleer Athletic Club and travelled to Warwick Rhode Island for the Ocean State Cross Country event. The team of 19 students brought home 7 medals, with Scoil Uí Mhuirí students claiming 3. Conor Matthews, 1st year finished 5th out of 200 runners to take a prized top 5 medal, while Seoda Matthews and Leah Cassidy, both 2nd Year finished 9th and 22nd to take top 30 medals.

In the Drogheda and District Schools Country in October, the junior girls under 15 were silver team medallists, featuring Gráinne Murray, Seoda Matthews, Leah Cassidy and Siobhan Farrelly. The North Leinster Schools' Cross Country was a tough event in the Columb Barracks in Westmeath in January. Scoil Uí Mhuirí had two top 12 finishers who in turn qualified for the Leinster Schools' Cross Country Championships, with Conor Matthews qualifying in the Minor Boys and Seoda Matthews in the Junior Girls. The North Leinster Schools' Track & Field Championships and Leinster Schools' Track & Field Championships provided a great finale for the schools' athletics season with some great performances at a range of events in Santry.

Liam Fussey didn't disappoint with a silver medal in the North Leinster Inter Boys javelin event. Adeola Ifaturoti won a bronze medal in the North Leinster Schools shot putt in the Inter girls section and finished 5th in the Leinster Championships. Ronan Kelly had a great first outing at the North Leinster Schools and in the javelin competition received a coveted bronze and went on to win another bronze in the Leinster Schools javelin competition two weeks later, in the Minor boys section. Seoda Matthews won her heat in the North Leinster Schools 75m hurdles Junior girls and went on to finish 3rd with a fine bronze in the final. Abi Sasore also had a great North Leinster competition, this time in the senior boys' high jump. Abi secured a bronze medal for his valiant efforts.

1st Year Football Blitz

Congratulations to the 1st Yr Football team and their coach Mr. Gurn on winning all their games at the Louth GAA blitz in Darver on 22 October 2013.

Senior Girls Football

Congratulations Ms. Lynch, Ms. Byrne and the Senior Ladies Football Team on reaching the final of the Louth GAA girls blitz in Darver during the school year.

Tall Ships Scholarships

For the past number of years the Parents Association and JF Travel have supported our students by financing a scholarship to join a Tall Ship for a voyage of approximately ten days. This year two lucky 5th Year Scoil Uí Mhuirí students, Kaeli Van Rhijn and Ciaran O' Rourke travelled to Cork in June 2014 to board the Spirit of Oysterhaven as part of the Tall Ships Challenge. Ciaran and Kaeli joined other young people from the Drogheda area to sail the ship from Kinsale to Drogheda arriving in time for the Irish Maritime Festival 2014. We would like to thank the Parents Association and JF Travel for their continued support for our Tall Ships Scholarships and we look forward to further scholarships being awarded in the coming years.

Paralympian Eilish Byrne launches Sky Sports Programme at Scoil Uí Mhuirí

Scoil Uí Mhuirí were delighted to welcome Paralympian Eilish Byrne to the school on Thursday 31 November 2013 to launch the Sky Sports Programme for our JCSP and LCA students. The Sky Sports Programme teaches students six keys to success including: Mental Toughness, Hunger to Achieve, People Skills, Life Knowledge, Breaking Barriers and Planning for Success.

Themed Weeks at Scoil Uí Mhuirí 2013/2014

Study Skills Week 2013

Scoil Uí Mhuirí's Study Skills week proved a big hit with Louth GAA captain, Paddy Keenan popping along to present the prizes. Organised by Ms. Mc Cready and Mr. Clarke, the week involved a range of activities and exercises to develop the students' study skills.

The aim was to help students to organise their homework and study time, design their own study space and learn about various studying techniques which will help them throughout their time in school and college.

As part of the week, two competitions were held. The first involved the students devising their own motivational quote. The winning quote was devised by Calum Grimes, "Experience tells you what you can do, confidence allows you to do it". Courtney Mundow, 5th Year took the runner up prize for the quote: "Revise, Educate, Apply, Dedicate, Read".

The second competition asked the students to design their ideal study space. The winning design was produced by Kayla Crilly, 3rd Year with Niamh Mc Govern, 1st Year taking the runner up prize. Presenting the prizes, Paddy Keenan praised the students for their excellent competition entries and he strongly advised the students to make the most of the opportunities they can avail of in Scoil Uí Mhuirí. Referring to his own sporting achievements, he stated that anything that was worth achieving required hard work and dedication.

As a follow up to Study Skills week, Ms. Mc Cready and Mr. Clarke facilitated a talk for parents/guardians on Study Skills which was held on Wednesday 11 December 2013. Those in attendance were impressed with the range of strategies presented to assist and support their son/daughter with their homework and study.

Anti Bullying Week 2013

Our Anti Bullying week commenced on the 7th October 2013 and included a range of activities for students in all year groups across the school. We also encouraged our staff to perhaps schedule the activities across the month of October to keep Anti Bullying alive in the minds of all across the school. Some of the activities we engaged in included:

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd Year teachers of SPHE, Religion and CSPE facilitated a class each with their students where bullying was the theme
- CSPE teachers examined cyber bullying under the "social" aspect of the CSPE syllabus
- SPHE teachers/form tutors focused on the procedures in school for reporting bullying behaviour
- Religion teachers facilitated discussion around the effects of bullying as well as discussing identity, relationships and sexual identity (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender)
- All teachers were encouraged to reinforce the contents of the school's anti-bullying policy
- English teachers promoted competitions with essays, letter writing and posters to address the topic
- At senior level Religion teachers addressed the theme of bullying and the Guidance Counsellor and LCVP teachers discussed bullying in the work place
- Year Heads met with their year group at morning assembly to discuss the procedures for reporting bullying in the school
- TY students developed an online quiz for all first year ICT classes which goes through the anti bullying policy, ensuring students read the policy due to the nature of the questions. Students need to repeat the quiz until they get all questions right, ensuring they have read and understand the policy.
- First, second and third year students engaged in Anti Bullying drama workshops and the local Gardai facilitated the Connect with Respect Programme.

Scoil Uí Mhuirí's Science Week 2013

Scoil Uí Mhuirí's Science Week took place in November 2013. A range of different activities and events were organised including Science Demonstrations and a Science Display for 1st Year students which was facilitated by the TY students.

During the demonstration Cillian Crosbie and Michael Daly made slime using glue, water, food colouring and corn starch. Una Carroll and Shannon Mc Auley taught the first years how to play twinkle twinkle little star using waste pipe and their physics knowledge. Dearbhla Mc Groder and Jack Rogers displayed an array of colours using acids, bases and universal indicator. Andy Power and Adam Montague made a mini CO2 fire extinguisher using vinegar and bread soda. Aoife Gregory and Ashling Shannon made a lava lamp using oil and warm water with food colouring, they also demonstrated dancing raisins using diet 7up. Thomas Dorian put an egg into a small bottle by creating a vacuum. Tony Smith and David Holdcroft displayed the forces of momentum using a basketball and tennis ball. Darragh Mc Evoy and Gearoid Conlon finished off with a spectacular Diet coke and mentos volcano.

Congrats and well done to all those involved.

Enterprise Week

Scoil Uí Mhuirí's Enterprise Week took place in December 2013 and included a range of activities and events all aimed at promoting the importance of enterprise among our student cohort. On the Monday of the week, the sold out signs were up for the Transition Year class annual trade fair. Students were invited to attend with their teachers from 2-3:30pm that day and parents were invited along in the evening. A name the logo business quiz also took place during lunchtime. Tuesday's quiz focused on name the entrepreneur.

One of the highlights of Wednesday was a visit to the school from local entrepreneur Mr. Patrick Joy, Suretank, Dunleer who had been recently awarded the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year award. 5th and 6th Year students had an opportunity to meet with Patrick and listen to the amazing success story that is Suretank in Dunleer. Personnel from Bank of Ireland in Dunleer also set up stands at lunchtime on Wednesday for students who wished to open their own bank accounts.

On Thursday the focus was on women in enterprise and we were delighted to welcome Linda from the Zone in Navan to speak to our 3rd Year Business Studies students on setting up and running her own business. 6th Year students who had an interest in banking had an opportunity to visit the Bank of Ireland in Dunleer to research some career possibilities in the Banking Sector.

Throughout the week quizzes, wordsearches and case studies were available for all students. Our first year students also had opportunities to work on a new invention project and the results and proposals were outstanding.

Scoil Uí Mhuirí's 'Think Good, Feel Good' Week

This week was designed to provide an opportunity for students to openly and proactively discuss their Mental Health while also promoting good practice in looking after it. Scoil Uí Mhuirí's Think Good Feel Good Positive Mental Health Week 2014 kicked off each morning with our morning meet and greet. Each day we had the 'Agency of the day', random acts of kindness, at your service cards and teacher appreciation cards.

During lunchtimes we had a comedy club and Mind, Body and Soul classes took place in the gym with the aim of encouraging people to engage more in physical activity, in turn promoting mental well-being. The classes offered were Cheerleading, Kickboxing, Yoga and Tai Chi.

Guest speakers during the week included Mr. Enda Murphy and a member of Aware's 'Beat the Blues' Schools Team addressed students on Tuesday and Wednesday of the week. Mr. Enda Murphy also gave a talk to parents on Wednesday evening addressing the issue of 'Looking after your Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health'.

Members of the Student Council along with Principal, Ms. Kindlon and HSCLO Ms. Beard attended the Cycle Against Suicide Student Leaders Congress in the RDS Dublin on Wednesday and brought a key message back to all: "It's ok not to feel ok and it's absolutely ok to ask for help."

The theme of our week this year was 'Stamp Out Stigma' regarding Mental Health. The Principal Ms. Kindlon along with the Student Council Chairperson, Liam Fussey facilitated the closing ceremony and reflection which brought the very successful week to a close on Friday evening. Congrats to all involved in particular a thanks to the co-ordinators of the week, Ms. Paula Mc Cabe, SCP Co-ordinator and Ms. Melissa Clarke, Teacher.

Scoil Uí Mhuirí's Seachtain na Gaeilge 2014

Transition Year students took the reins on this years' Seachtain na Gaeilge in Scoil Uí Mhuirí by organising daily events, activities and competitions for students around the school. Break time activities included a treasure hunt, crossword and wordsearch puzzles written and organised by TY's. Some first and second years took part in an organised 'Tráth na gCeist' held in the assembly hall during the week.

Football was taught through Irish by TY's Gearoid Conlon , Darragh McEvoy and Úna Carroll. Aisling Shannon, Aoife Gregory and Shannon McAuley spent their week teaching first year classes popular songs through Irish. Thomas Dorian was DJ for Scoil Uí Mhuirí's Irish Radio.

Towards the end the week, there was a 'Lá Éadaí' where students were encouraged to dress up in green for St. Patrick's weekend, the winner for best dressed went to Labheoise Ní Chartaigh in second year.

Technology Subjects Week 2013/2014

Scoil Uí Mhuirí's Inaugural Technology Subjects Week took place during the week of 24 March 2014. A range of activities were organised for students including visits to local enterprises, visiting speakers, wood carving workshops and a Tractor visit!

The purpose of the wood carving workshop was to introduce students to 3D carving and also to invite other students into the classroom to see their peers in action working on a 'leaf carving'. The Tractor visit was organised to showcase some 'real life' applications of Engineering and Metalwork that students are learning in their classes every day.

Mr. Cassidy along with his Technology class visited Glen Dimplex in Dunleer while Mr. Mc Gahon travelled to Moffetts Engineering in Dundalk with his Technology class.

Active Schools Week at Scoil Uí Mhuirí

Scoil Uí Mhuirí's Active Schools Week was action packed from beginning to end. Each morning students tested their knowledge of sport and physical activity with a variety of quizzes and dingbats.

On Wednesday we had a very active lunchtime. Students signed up to learn how to play GAA handball by two local experts, Sean Devlin and Stuart Heslin. They got to practice on our newly constructed handball wall in the gym, which was designed and built by our 5th Year Leaving Cert Applied class as part of their task in leisure and recreation.

Also on Wednesday we were very excited to have Olympian and modern pentathlon, Natalia Coyle amongst our staff. Natalia was invited into our school as part of the sky sports living for sport project, which was launched this year in the school. A select number of students followed a sky sports: living for sports project throughout the year, taking part in a variety of gym activities and archery at lunchtimes. Natalia worked with this group for a full day on motivation, goal setting and using sport as a tool for lifelong success.

On Thursday we had 'beat the bleep' in the sports hall. A large number of students signed up to test their fitness level. Our highest achiever on the day was Sean Faulkner who managed an impressive 11.5 score on the beep test.

On Thursday afternoon our fastest students from the annual 'mile run challenge' were invited to participate in an 'invitational mile'. Students were taken to the Dunleer track where their times were recorded for the mile run. Our fastest student this year was Conal Maher who ran a very quick 5mins 11secs.

Sports day was held on the Friday and it topped off what was a great week. Students earned tickets by competing in various activities including tug of war, welly throwing, penalty shoot out, basketball, skipping and silly races. A ticket enabled students to enter the hall where they could join in the fun on the bouncy castles and challenge each other at sumo wrestling and gladiators. A very enjoyable day was had by all.

Green Schools Committee Activities

The green schools team at Scoil Uí Mhuirí comprises students who are passionate about the environment and agriculture. During 2013/2014 the following activities were carried out by the school's committee:

- UNESCO workshop attended in Dublin
- Water Forum workshop in the Pillo Hotel Ashbourne
- During Green Schools Week we ran daily quizzes and conducted a water survey within the school
- Ms Byrnes CSPE class entered the Water Forum Poster Competition
- We accumulated the rubbish generated over one school day and displayed it to raise awareness of how much waste we produce
- We used school paper waste was used to produce briquettes
- We recycled old oil containers and produced hand painted flower pots
- We liaised with Damian O'Callaghan who runs the Dundalk group of GIY Ireland with a view to working alongside him in developing green schools. After consultation with Damian, the Green Schools Committee got their hands on the polytunnel, sections were created and a range of vegetables were planted and the area cleared around the tunnel with the much appreciated help from George. Plans are underway to develop the courtyard in the centre of the school as a Mediterranean haven!!!

Green Schools are aiming to expand the Green Schools team with all years taking some responsibility to develop different areas around the school. Wogan's Hardware Store generously donated to the green school fund this year. Thanks to all the volunteers involved for giving up their time generously making our school environment a greener place.

Musical Activities at Scoil Uí Mhuirí 2013/2014

TY's students perform 'Grease – the Musical'

In February 2014 the sold out signs were up for three nights when our TY class performed Grease the musical to packed audiences. This year's musical was directed by Ms. Miriam Howard, Ms. Melissa Clarke and Ms. Fiona Shields. Our own Mr. Cumiskey also provided the musical accompaniment over the three nights.

Our annual TY Musical is part of our TY Personal Development Module which is a very popular element of the TY Programme at our school. Indeed many students state that their engagement with the musical is the highlight of the TY for them.

Those involved in the musical have opportunities to develop a range of transferable skills including team work, organizational, planning, leadership and delegation along with a range of qualities including confidence, determination, motivation and self – discipline.

Scoil Uí Mhuirí students perform at LMETB Musical Extravaganza

Congratulations to Ms. Shields and our talented students who performed at the Inaugural LMETB Musical Extravaganza in the TLT Drogheda on Thursday 13 March 2014.

Our TY students performed some pieces from Grease-Summer Nights and the choir performed Kodaline's version of Same Love. Congratulations also to Jack Rogers TY, who co-hosted the event on the evening. Well done to all.

Selection of ICT Student Projects 2013/2014

Integration of ICT in Teaching and Learning in the RE Classroom

TY Dissolving Boundaries Initiative

TY students have been using their iPads to facilitate cross-cultural links between schools: Scoil Ui Mhuiri and Loreto Grammar Omagh. The topic of this dissolving boundaries project was poverty and each week students posted blogs, profiles and wikis on the dissolving boundaries site. Guest speakers visited the class during the year to present their experience of poverty. Speakers to date included: Petra and Maire from the Drogheda Samaritans, Garda Kevin Conway, Melissa Kearney from ISPCC and Karen Mc Menamin from Youth Connects. Video conferencing for debating particular topics on poverty between groups within both schools took place after the Easter break.

Collaborative Mobile Learning Project in Religious Education

The aim of this collaborative project between students at Scoil Ui Mhuiri and Willow Park, Blackrock College, Dublin was to learn about 'Images of God' through the use of smartphones. This mobile learning experience advanced students understanding of images of God through a collaborative, personal and authentic learning environment through on-line secured forums, song, videos, digital pictures and PowerPoint presentations during a weekly class from October to December 2013 and from April to the end of this academic year.

Participants included first year post primary students from 1 Gorm at Scoil Ui Mhuiri, Dunleer and St John's class at Willow Park, under the supervision of their teachers; Ms Sheehan and Ms Morrison-Reilly. Feedback concluded that students found this a positive and engaging learning experience especially the creative side to video production and collaborative learning through the secure mobile online forum via Edmodo.

Selection of Educational Outings 2013/2014

Scoil Uí Mhuirí's Physics Educational Outings

Under the RDS Library Speakers series, Scoil Ui Mhuiri Senior Physics students were delighted to attend the RDS Concert Hall on Monday 25th November 2013 to hear Professor Eilam Gross deliver a lecture called "How the Higgs boson was discovered: The Inside Story". Professor Gross headed up the Atlas Project at CERN in Switzerland which led to the discovery of the most ephemeral particle in nature, the "God particle". The students were fascinated to get the inside story from a professional particle physicist involved in the most exciting discovery of recent times! Since 2010, the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) has been colliding protons together at almost the speed of light, recreating conditions that last existed one billionth of a second after the Big Bang, when our universe came into existence.

Scoil Ui Mhuiri TY Physics class also visited UCD for the CERN Travelling Exhibition 'Mission Higgs' on October 23rd 2014. This gave students the opportunity to broaden their understanding of Particle Physics which forms part of the Leaving Certificate course. They were given a tour of the exhibition by a post-graduate student and afterwards attended a lecture on the topic by senior lecturer Dr. Ronan McNulty. Dr. McNulty reviewed the physics leading up to the discovery of the Higgs boson, and detailed the Irish involvement in experimental particle physics from the 1950s to the present collaborations working on the Large Hadron Collider at CERN. The students' interest was piqued by the awarding of the 2013 Nobel prize in Physics to Francois Englert and Peter Higgs earlier in the month for their discovery of the 'Higgs' boson.

Reporting on Educational Outings and Invited Speakers The Student Voice 2013/2014

2 Oak Student Patrick Smyth reports on 2 Oak's visit to Leinster House

It was Wednesday, the 12th of March, 2014 and the sun was shining brightly at Leinster House to welcome us, the CSPE class of 2 Oak from Scoil Uí Mhuiri, Dunleer. We decided that our action project for the CSPE Junior Cert would be a trip to Leinster House and as part of the action project, we the students organised the whole trip ourselves. We were all very excited on the way up on the bus and couldn't wait to see what our nation's house of parliament was like.

Straight after morning assembly, the class met up at the front of the school with our CSPE teacher, Ms. Mulroy, and left on a bus to Leinster House. There was a great buzz on the way up and we arrived at Leinster House in time for our appointment at 10:30. Once we got there, we were told to be silent as important Government work was going on in the building. We were first brought to the Dáil, where we were taken to the gallery above it so that we could watch the debate going on. It was very interesting to watch as we could see how the debating process worked. It was here where we met up with the Fine Gael TD, Fergus O'Dowd. He was contacted by a student in our class, Louise McCarthy, who asked him if he would give us a tour of Leinster House, to which he kindly agreed to do.

First, he brought us to a big hall with portraits of all the past Taoisigh and he told us the history of Leinster House. Before the Republic of Ireland was formed, when Ireland was ruled by England, the house was owned and lived in by Lord James FitzGerald. It began being built in 1745 and finished in 1748. Back then it was called Kildare House, but when Lord James FitzGerald became the Duke of Leinster, it was re-named Leinster House.

A descendant of his, Lord Edward FitzGerald, who occasionally resided in Leinster House, was involved in the United Irishmen and was part of the 1798 Irish Rebellion. His participation in this cost him his life. After the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921 and the Irish Free State began to come into being, the search for a house of parliament started. Leinster House became the house of parliament in 1922..

Later, we were brought through a corridor that had portraits of all the past Ceann Comhairles. One, Pádraig Faulkner, lived in Dunleer and was the great-uncle of a student in our class, Micheál Mac Giolla Coda! We were then brought to the Seanad. Here we watched a discussion on mortgage arrears. This was also very interesting as we saw the Seanad live in action. The Seanad is in a beautiful large room, as it is in what used to be a ballroom from before the time Leinster House was the house of parliament.

Mr. O'Dowd then brought us to a few rooms near the front of the building. He told us about the time the USA president, John F. Kennedy, presented Ireland with a flag for all their help in the American Civil War. He also showed us a copy of the Declaration of Independence presented to the British during the 1916 Easter Rising. We also met with John Drennam, a political editor for the Sunday Independent.

Mr. O'Dowd then had to rush off for his Government duties, but not before leaving us to the VIP treatment in the Leinster House restaurant. We all got a free can of Coke and a bar of chocolate. We all had a really good time on our Leinster House trip. It was very interesting and we learned a lot. One student, Morgan Matthews, said "I liked it because I could see all of the historical items and I thought watching the debate in the Dáil was very interesting" Another, Katy Duggan, said "I liked the trip to Leinster House because I thought it was cool to watch the discussions in the Seanad" Louise McCarthy said "I thought the tour with Fergus O'Dowd was very good because he made it very interesting and he told us about the history behind Leinster House." We all learned a lot that day and are really glad that we chose the trip to Leinster House to be our action project.

Senator Ronan Mullen visits Scoil Uí Mhuirí - Report by Morgan Matthews Matthews, 2 Oak

It was Wednesday, the 6th of March when the CSPE class of 2 Oak were greeted by Senator Rónán Mullen, who had been invited to our wonderful school to share his knowledge of the Seanad with us. His visit had been arranged by none only then the students of our class themselves, and everyone was extremely excited to see him.

He arrived during our 10:50 AM break and was greeted at the gate of the school by a member of our class, Jason Durrigan. He was directed to our classroom where he calmly waited for the class to arrive and take their seats. I was lucky enough to grab a seat in the front row, where I paid close attention to the Senator as he talked about his past and how he became a member of the Seanad. He told us how he had worked in the Dundalk Institute of Technology from 1994 to 1996, then moved on to work in the Communications Office of the Archdio-cese of Dublin and even appeared as a spokesperson for the Archdiocese.

He also mentioned that he had written weekly columns in the Irish Examiner and later moved on to the Irish Daily Mail, before he was elected to the Seanad in 2007. Near the end of the talk, everyone in the class was given some homemade treats, such as rocky road, cookies and muffins, all made by students in our class. Delicious! Ciaran Hogan, a student in our class, read out a thank you speech to the senator, thanking him for taking the time out of his day to come all the way to our school and speak with us.

Overall, it was a fantastic day and I think I speak for everyone in my class when I say that it was a great experience.

Year Group Graduations 2013/2014

Transition Year Graduation Class 2014

Congratulations to our TY class of 2014 who graduated on Monday 26th May 2014. It was a very busy year for our TY students between work placement, mini company activities and trade fair, their musical, piloting iPads in teaching and learning and taking part in the TY triathlon in Drumcar to name but a few of the activities for the year. On 26th May the students and their parents/guardians gathered in the school where each student was presented with their TY Certificate which indicated if they have secured a pass, merit or a distinction for their work over the year. Students were also presented with a portfolio of certificated from courses and modules they had completed during the year.

On their Graduation evening we also presented a range of awards to the TY students including the Inaugural LMETB Spirit Award 2014 which was presented to Thomas Dorian.

Congratulations to all our TY students and well done to Ms. Howard and her TY teaching team on yet another successful TY year.

Scoil Uí Mhuirí 6th Year Awards & Graduation Ceremony 2014

Tuesday 20th May 2014, was a very special day for our 6th Year students as they celebrated their Graduation from Scoil Uí Mhuirí. Throughout the morning a series of activities were planned for the 6th Years including their Annual Awards Ceremony and a presentation from Mr. Shane Martin, Moodwatchers.

Finally on Tuesday evening 20th May 2014, our 6th Year students, their Parents/Guardians and Scoil Uí Mhuirí staff members gathered in St. Brigid's Church Dunleer for our 6th Year Graduation Ceremony. The evening provided us with an opportunity to honour our 6th Year students and congratulate had on their hard work, commitment, dedication and achievements during their time at Scoil Uí Mhuirí.

Towards the end of the evening the students were presented with their Graduation Certificate by Ms. Kindlon, Principal, Mr. Donagh, Deputy Principal and Ms. Kelly, Year Head. We would like to thank all students and staff members involved in preparing for this special occasion. We wish all our 6th Year students every success in the future.

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SECTION EIGHT

State Examination Success

Scoil Uí Mhuirí students excel in State Examinations 2014

There was great excitement in Scoil Uí Mhuirí on Wednesday 13th August 2014 and Wednesday 10th September 2014 when the Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate classes of 2014 collected their results. Once again this year, our students have excelled and the collective results of all our examination students are outstanding. Achievements like this demonstrate that commitment and hard work on the part of students is rewarded by fantastic results. In general there was a marked increase in the numbers of students taking higher level papers in a range of subjects and this is a trend that should continue in the future.

Exceptional results were achieved in a range of subjects. A number of our Leaving Certificate students achieved well over 500 points and are currently pursuing courses and careers in a range of areas. Our Junior Certificate students have progressed to Senior Cycle where they are engaging in either Transition Year, the Established Leaving Certificate, the Leaving Certificate Applied or the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme.

An analysis of the school's Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate results has been completed by school management and subject departments and comparisons have been made with last year's results both locally and nationally.

We would like to once again congratulate our students on their wonderful results and to publicly acknowledge and thank the highly committed, supportive and professional teaching staff at the school for the hard work they have done with our students in preparation for these examinations.

Scoil Uí Mhuirí High Achievers honoured at LMETB Awards Ceremony

Friday 5th September 2014 was a special evening for three students from Scoil Uí Mhuirí, Dunleer who received awards for outstanding performance in the Leaving Certificate Examinations 2014. With a student population of over 650 students Ms. Kindlon, Principal stated that the collective results of all students were excellent but Friday 5th provided an opportunity to award the highest male achiever, Samuel Mc Keown, the highest female achiever, Karen Byrne and the LCA student of the Year, Jamie Murphy.

Ms. Kindlon explained that during their time in the school, these students were exemplary students who were enthusiastic, talented, focused and committed and who consistently worked to a very high standard. They excelled in academic and non academic areas both within and outside school. They brought enthusiasm to all aspects of Scoil Ui Mhuiri life and they were always willing to help in whatever way they could. Their teachers considered them to be excellent students who were a pleasure to have in the classroom. They were well respected among management, staff and students at Scoil Uí Mhuirí and at all times were found to be caring, courteous, co-operative, reliable and helpful young people.

Ms. Kindlon congratulated the students on their achievements to date and wished them well in the future as they head off to college. Karen is taking up a place in NUIM studying Biological and Biomedical Sciences, Jamie will take up a place in OFI to do a Creative Media Course and Samuel will walk through those famous Trinity gates to study a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics.

Ms. Kindlon also paid tribute to the students' teachers for their efforts in ensuring that Scoil Uí Mhuirí's students avail of high quality teaching and learning thus enabling them to progress their career when they complete their Leaving Certificate.

Congrats to all, a very proud moment for the students, their families, their teachers and the wider Scoil Uí Mhuirí community.

SECTION NINE

Partnership with Parents

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Coffee Morning for 1st Year Parents

A coffee morning was held for Parents/Guardians of those students who had commenced 1st Year in September 2013. Parents had an opportunity to meet with other parents and short information and review sessions were facilitated by the Principal, Deputy Principal, SEN co-ordinator, Guidance Counsellor, SCP Project Worker, SPHE Co-ordinator and the HSCLO. Members of the Student Mentor team also addressed the Parents and Guardians explaining their role in the Transfer Process.

Parents Association AGM 2013

The Parents Association held their AGM on Wednesday 27 November 2013. During the AGM Officers for the 2013/2014 academic year were elected. Ms. Kindlon, Principal and Mr. Liam Reilly, Chairperson, Board of Management addressed the AGM. Ms. Kindlon thanked the outgoing officers for their work over the past year and for their dedication and commitment to the Scoil Uí Mhuirí community. Guest speaker on the evening was Sheila O' Malley, praticalparenting.ie. Sheila facilitated a presentation and discussion around practical parenting and internet and cyber safety.

Open Night 2013

On Thursday 24 October 2013, Scoil Uí Mhuirí opened its doors to 5th & 6th class students and their parents/guardians from local primary schools. Over 500 people were in attendance on the night and they were very impressed by the state of the art facilities, range of programmes and courses on offer and the level of support provided by the school to ease the transition from primary to post primary school.

Visitors to the school had an opportunity to visit classrooms and meet with subject teachers and students to find out more about specific subjects and programmes on offer at the school. Congrats & thanks to all our staff and students for their work in preparation for open evening - another Scoil Uí Mhuirí success story.

Parents Association Meetings

The Parents Association meet on the second Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in the school and as always the monthly meeting of the Parents Association meeting was open to all parents to attend. Ms. Kindlon, Principal, attended many of the meetings of the Parents Association throughout the school year. Mr. Alan Hurley and Mr. Brian Matthews from the teaching staff in the Technology Subjects Department and Ms. Jacqueline Matthews, Modern Foreign Languages Department and Athletics Coach at the school attended meetings of the Parents Association to discuss possible collaborative projects.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher Meetings took place for all year groups throughout the school year. The Parent/Teacher meetings provided opportunities for parents/guardians to meet with their son's/daughter's teachers and to discuss how they are progressing in school. Parents/Guardians also had an opportunity to meet with the relevant Year Head to discuss any areas of concern or identify further support needed for students.

Information regarding these meetings was circulated to parents via letter, student journal and the school texting system. Parents were encouraged to indicate whether they would attend the meetings via return slips to the main office. Attendance at these meetings was monitored and percentage attendance rates for each Year Group compiled, details of which are kept on file at the school. The Home School Community Liaison Officer, Ms. Frances Beard engaged in further follow up with Parents/Guardians who had not attended the meetings.

In cases where Parents/Guardians could not attend the meeting they were advised to contact the school to schedule a follow up appointment with relevant personnel.

Study Skills Methodologies Information Session

As a follow up to our Annual Study Skills week, Ms. Anna Mc Cready (Business Department) and Mr. Declan Clarke (Business Department) facilitated an information session for parents/guardians on Study Skills Methodologies which was held on Wednesday 11 December 2013. Those in attendance were impressed with the range of strategies presented to assist them in supporting their son/daughter with their homework and study.

Parents Classes

Scoil Uí Mhuirí's Home School Community Liaison Officer, Ms. Frances Beard, scheduled a range of very successful classes for parents during the school year. These courses included Computers for Beginners, Beauty and Personal Care, Conversational Irish classes for Parents and First Aid Classes. Both the Maths and Improver Maths Classes proved extremely beneficial to parents in supporting their son/daughter with the Project Maths Syllabus. A group of parents completed their examination in Junior Certificate Maths in the 2014 State Examinations. Congratulations to those participants on fantastic results. A transfer and transition programme for parents of sixth class students transferring to Scoil Uí Mhuirí in September 2014 was also organised. The content of this programme included exploration of the differences between primary and post primary schooling.

Once again this year, we thank the staff of LMETB for assisting us in securing valuable funding to ensure that we can offer a wide variety and choice of free day time classes and courses for our parents and guardians.

Promoting Positive Mental Health

During our annual, Positive Mental Health Week, 'Think Good, Feel Good', Parents and Guardians were invited to attend an evening session on 'Looking after your Emotional Well Being and Mental Health' which was facilitated by Mr. Enda Murphy, Cognitive Behavioural Therapist. Close to one hundred and fifty Parents and Guardians were in attendance on the night.

Senior Cycle Options Night 2014

Parents/Guardians and students from TY and 3rd Year were invited to attend a Senior Cycle Options Night prior to the Easter break. The purpose of this evening session was to introduce Senior Cycle options for students including the Leaving Certificate (Established), the Transition Year Programme, the Leaving Certificate Applied and the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme. Leaving Certificate subjects and Career Options were also discussed. The session was facilitated by the Principal, Deputy Principal, Guidance Counsellor Mr. Aiden Matthews, LCA Co-ordinator Mr. Alan Hurley and the TY and LCVP Co-ordinator Ms. Miriam Howard. A new comprehensive Senior Cycle Options Pack was distributed to all at the event. A question and answer session followed the presentation. The procedure for applying for LCA and TY as outlined in our Admissions Policy was outlined for all present.

Information Session for Parents/ Guardians of Incoming 1st Years September 2014

In February 2014, as our incoming 1st Year students for September 2014 were taking their Assessment Tests, an information session for Parents and Guardians was held in the school. The focus of this session included information on the structure of the school day, curriculum provision, school facilities, school policies and plans, extra curricular activities, school uniform, book rental scheme and the procedure for applying to Bus Eireann for school transport for the 2014/2015 academic year.

School Uniform Ballot

As requested by the Minister for Education and Skills in Circular Letter 0063/2013, Scoil Uí Mhuirí engaged in a consultation with Parents/Guardians regarding the school uniform. The template questionnaire provided by the Department of Education and Skills was circulated to Parents/Guardians, the results analysed and presented to the Board of Management. The results indicated strongly that Parents/Guardians wished to retain the current school uniform.

Parents Association session for Parents/ Guardians on Anti Bullying Procedures

Parents/Guardians were invited to attend an information session on the Department of Education and Skills, Anti Bullying Procedures which was organised by the Parents Association. The session was facilitated by members of the National Parents Association Post Primary and ran for two hours. The session focused on the sections of the new Anti Bullying Procedures for Post Primary Schools and also covered areas such as supporting your child regarding issues of bullying. The training was funded by the Department of Education and Skills under the Anti Bullying Action Plan.

Parents Association Sponsor Awards for Students with Full School Attendance for the Year 2013/2014

This year the Parents Association sponsored prizes for those students across all year groups who didn't miss any days at school over the course of the year. These awards were made by Parents Association Personnel during our Annual Awards Ceremony at the end of the school year. This also provided an opportunity to remind students about the impact attendance has on performance at school and on future opportunities and to refer to our Attendance Policy at the school. We look forward to an increase in the number of students receiving this particular award next year.

School Reports

Reports for 3rd and 6th Year students were distributed to Parents and Guardians on a six weekly basis throughout the school. This year saw the introduction of some 'comment only' reports as part of our work on the area of Formative Assessment at the school. Reports for all students were distributed in December 2013 and June 2014.

School Newsletters

Newsletters were circulated to all Parents and Guardians three times during the year which included December 2013, March 2014 and June 2014. These newsletters provided a flavour of what was happening in the school. Copies of these can be accessed on our school website **www.scoiluimhuiri.ie** under the Publications tab.

Social Media

Parents were encouraged to keep up to date with what was happening at the school via our School website, our School Twitter page and our School Trips Facebook Page which are both accessible through our school website. **www.scoiluimhuiri.ie**

Press Releases

A range of press releases with accompanying photos celebrating achievements at Scoil Uí Mhuirí were printed in local and regional papers including the Mid Louth Independent, Dundalk Democrat (County Edition), Drogheda and Dundalk Leader and the Argus Newspapers.

In School Appointments

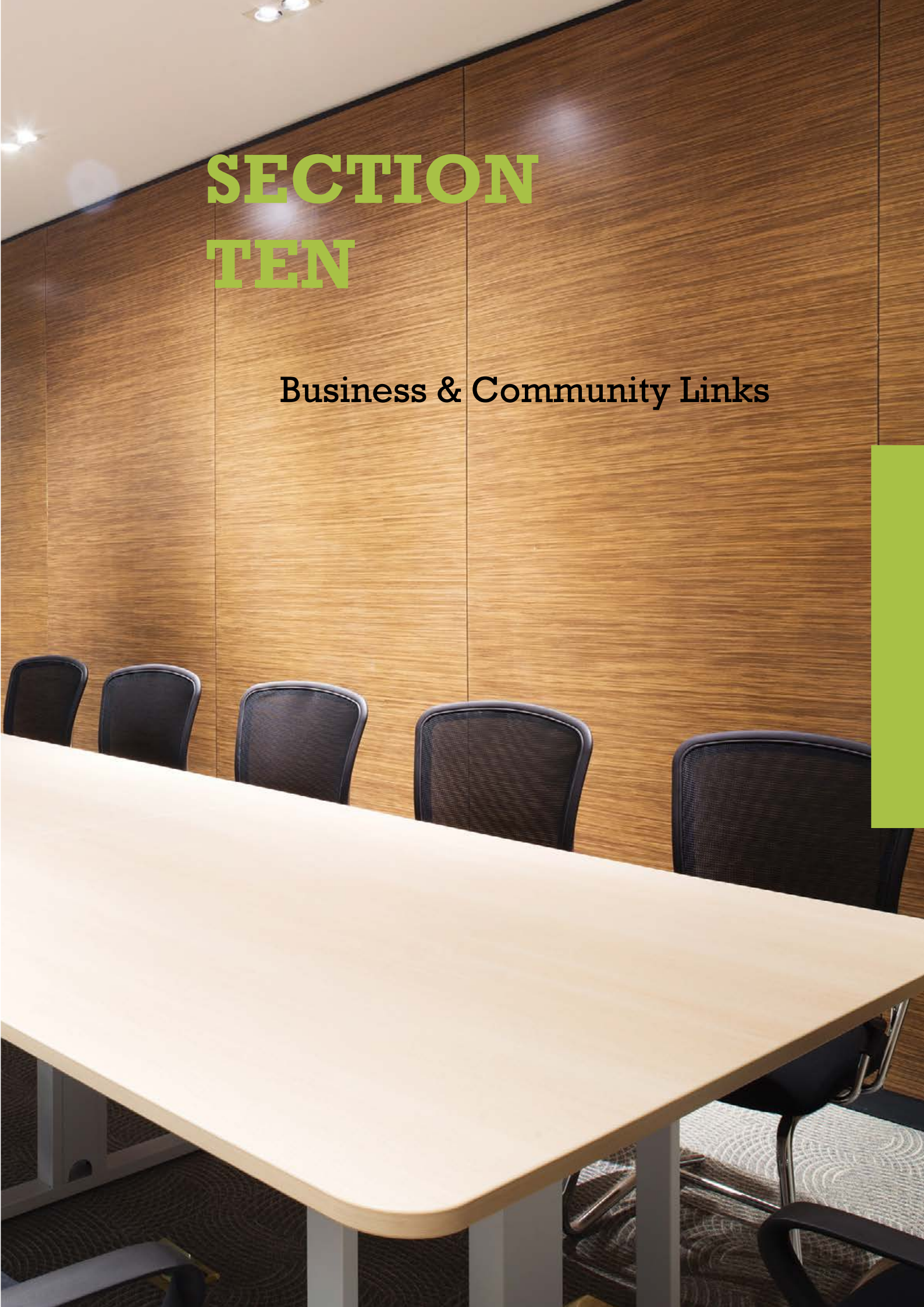
Staff members including the Principal, Deputy Principal, Care Team Members, Year Heads and teaching staff were available to meet with Parents and Guardians by appointment throughout the school year.

Home School Visits

The HSCLO, Ms. Frances Beard and the SCP Project Worker, Ms. Paula Mc Cabe visited many of our Parents and Guardians in their homes to discuss student attendance matters, issues around classroom engagement and to identify, discuss and review any specific supports required for our student cohort and their families.

Other

Regular contact with home via letter, text, email and phone calls continued throughout the year.



SECTION TEN

Business & Community Links

Business Community Links 2013/2014

Glen Dimplex Ireland & Scoil Uí Mhuirí launch Technology Scholarship Programme

Glen Dimplex Ireland in partnership with Scoil Uí Mhuirí Post Primary School, Dunleer, were delighted to announce a new Annual Scholarship programme for Senior Technology students in the 2013/2014 academic year.

As part of the ongoing partnership between the company and the school, two Summer Technology Work Experience Scholarships were made available to 5th year students, commencing in 2014.

The programme involved eight weeks on site at the two Glen Dimplex facilities in Dunleer. Both students had four weeks at each site where they received hands-on experience in both research and development, and manufacturing. The students had an opportunity to follow the complete process from product design right through all the manufacturing stages to full product assembly and testing.

The programme has been designed to enhance the students' learning in the Leaving Certificate Technology course work, providing exposure to real world examples of topics they have studied in the classroom. We hope that the experience provided will enable the students to further develop their academic, social and personal skills and enable them to make more informed choices about career paths in the future. Students will receive hands-on experiences in the following areas:

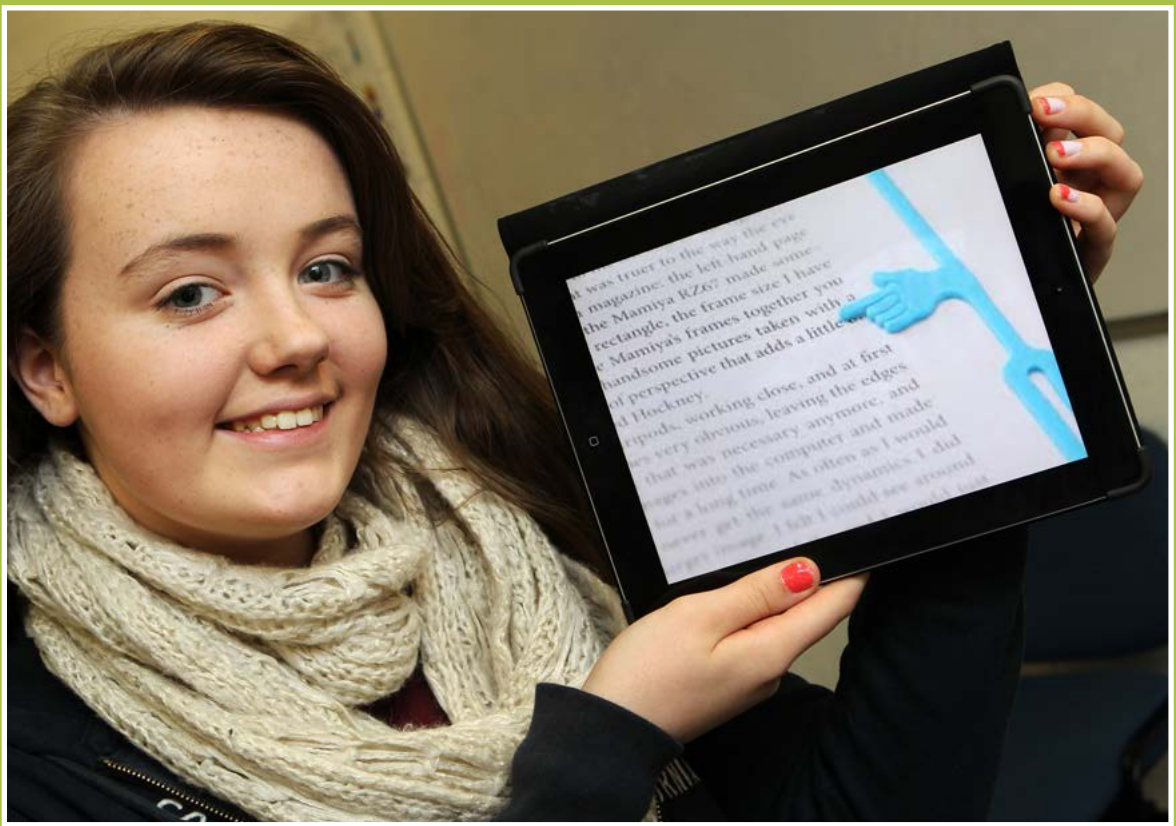
Research & Development (R&D)

Dunleer is the Global headquarters of the Glen Dimplex Research and Development Group, with two R&D facilities in Dunleer. The R&D Centre on Barn Road covers a broad range of product design, development & testing that in-cludes electric fires (including the Opti-myst range of products), gas fires & fan heaters. Other developments include the pioneering technology of Quantum heaters. Renewables R&D on the Ardee Road includes the development of Heat Pumps, Smartrads, Heating Cylinders & Smart Controls; all for the renewables market worldwide. Students will have the opportunity to work with the engineering teams as they develop and test the products of the future.

Manufacturing

Dunleer is the now the sole Glen Dimplex manufacturing base in Ireland and students will have the opportunity to experience a wide range of integrated manufacturing processes. These processes include CAD/CAM Technologies, 3D printing, CNC pressing, metal fabrication & welding of metal components. As well as finishing techniques such as powder coating, silk screen printing, injection moulding, pad printing of plastic parts and the production of EPS packaging used for finished products. The components produced will be assembled on the 17 production lines that produce the finished products for markets in Ireland, the UK, across Europe, Russia, Japan, Australia and North America.

Congrats to our 2014 Scholarship winners, Conall Maher and Christopher Harmon, 5th Year students. Sincere thanks to Mr. Pat Coyne, Glen Dimplex, for leading this collaborative project with Scoil Uí Mhuirí on behalf of Glen Dimplex Ireland. Exciting times ahead with innovative and creative collaborative projects like this one!



Dunleer Parish Credit Union

In Scoil Uí Mhuirí we continue to work locally with the Dunleer Parish Credit Union who kindly sponsor our Student of the Month Awards for our Junior and Senior Students. The Credit Union also sponsor our Business Student of the Year Awards at our end of year Awards Ceremony. During the 2013/2014 academic year, we also introduced iPads for our TY students on a pilot basis. Having considered the cost of iPads for our parents/guardians we offered a variety of methods of payment for same including one off payment, number of fixed instalments or a finance option from the local Parish Credit Union. We would like to thank all those in our local Parish Credit Union for their work in this regard.

Bank of Ireland Dunleer

Sincere thanks to all at Bank of Ireland for their continued commitment to the students of Scoil Uí Mhuirí throughout the 2013/2014 academic year. Bank of Ireland sponsored our overall Student of the Year Awards Academic and Spirit Awards at our annual Awards Ceremony at the end of the school year. During Enterprise Week students also had opportunities to meet BOI personnel and open their own bank accounts. The Manager also was one of our Business Dragons at our annual TY Dragons Den Event in December 2013.

TY Dragons Den 2013

Once again this year our local Business Dragons joined us in the school for the Annual TY Dragons Den event. They included Mr. Thomas Clare, Thomas Clare & Co Certified Accountants, Joe Torris, Newsagents Dunleer, Michael Durnin, Durnin's Butchers, Anne Reilly, Paycheck Plus, Colm Prendergast , Bank of Ireland, Dunleer, Peggy Mc Glynn, Louth County Enterprise Board, Regina Kelledy, Laura Torris, Little Rascals, Dunleer, Jim Dunne, JF Travel

Sound Shop Drogheda

Many thanks to Tommy and Patrick Leddy and all at the Sound Shop Drogheda for their sponsorship of our Annual Music Awards at our end of year Awards Ceremony.

Use of Facilities 2013/2014

Dunleer AC

Once again this year our local Athletics club, Dunleer AC, have utilised our facilities for their weekly training sessions. The club engaged in training for young people aged 5, 6 and 7 on Tuesday evenings at the school and on Friday evenings Circuit Training for the 12+ years young people takes place in the school gym.

PDST (t4) Teacher Professional Development

Scoil Uí Mhuirí were delighted to open our facilities up to PDST (t4), the Department of Education and Skills National Support Service for training sessions in the evenings and at weekends for Technology Subject Department teachers across the region. Those in attendance had an opportunity to view and work in our exceptional Technology related specialised and well resourced classrooms.

LMETB Youth Work Course

The school continued to host the LMETB FETAC Level 5 Youth Work Course throughout the school year. This programme is organised by the LMETB Youth Officer for Louth, Ian Walker.

LMETB Summer Camps

During August 2014 Scoil Uí Mhuirí hosted the LMETB Cookery Summer Camp for 8 – 13 year olds. Participants prepared and cooked a variety of savoury and sweet dishes under the supervision of experienced professionals over the few days. Further information on LMETB Easter and Summer Camps available from Ian Walker, Youth Officer, Louth, LMETB on 042 9334047.

LMETB Youth Grants Awards

In December 2013, over 150 young people and youth club volunteers gathered in Scoil Uí Mhuirí to receive their grant cheques as part of the Louth Meath Education and Training Board 2013 Local Youth Club Grant Scheme. The grants which were presented by Paralympian, Eilish Byrne, were awarded to youth clubs and organisations in the voluntary sector to assist with running costs, purchase of equipment and hire expenses. Those in attendance were also treated to performances of Christmas Carols by the Drogheda Brass Band.

Music Generation Classes

Music Generation Louth is a music service for the county that aims to help children and young people access vocal and instrumental tuition in their local area. It is led by LMETB and is part of Music Generation, a national programme for music education initiated by Music Network with seed funding from U2 and the Ireland Funds. Create Louth and LMETB provide local partnership income.

Since September 2012, Music Generation Louth has offered a programme of music tuition for children and young people in the Dunleer area with a selection of classes on offer at Scoil Uí Mhuirí in a wide selection of instruments and musical styles catering for beginners through to advanced level students. Both individual and group lessons are available. Classes take place in the evening time. Instrumental hire is also available to those enrolling in classes with hire costs ranging from €15 to €45 per term, depending on the choice of instrument.

Full details are available on the Music Generation website:
www.musicgenerationlouth.ie
For further information, and to enrol,
t 042 9364635 or
E musicgeneration@lmetb.ie

Irish Blood Transfusion Service (IBTS)

During this academic year, we were delighted to open our gym on several occasions to the Irish Blood Transfusion Service who are now using Scoil Uí Mhuirí as their Dunleer base for blood donations at various stages throughout the year. The large impressive gym and the school campus with ample parking space combined with an increase in the number of blood donors in the area has resulted in a very successful partnership been developed.

Let's Go Summer Camp

In July 2014 we were delighted to welcome young people from the locality who were attending the Let's Go Summer Camp at the school. The Let's Go Summer Camp offers two programmes of activities, one for the 5-6 years olds and the second for the 7-13 year olds. The camp runs for one week at the school.

Do you wish to enquire about using our facilities?

Should you wish to enquire about using our facilities at the school, please contact us at **041 6851344.**

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Welcome from the Principal and Deputy Principal
Welcome to Scoil Ui Mhuiri's website. Scoil Ui Mhuiri is a vibrant, dynamic Post Primary school situated in the heart of the growing community of Dunleer, Co. Louth. The school has grown and developed since its opening in 1964 when 55 pupils were enrolled. Today there is a student cohort of over 600 with a teaching staff of 45. In Scoil Ui Mhuiri we are a learning community committed to the development of the whole person within a context which values each of its members.
In Scoil Ui Mhuiri we have a vision that all of our students will develop a love of learning and a keen sense of social responsibility through a positive and happy school experience. We hope they will develop as caring, well-adjusted individuals, who will succeed in life and contribute positively to the wider community. Our caring and dedicated staff is committed to helping each student achieve his/her potential. The Scoil Ui Mhuiri community prides itself on providing a positive atmosphere for students' academic, social and personal growth. We urge all our students to work diligently and participate fully in school life to ensure that they benefit fully from the wonderful opportunities offered to them during their time here in Scoil Ui Mhuiri.
The school proudly serves the areas of Annagassan, Clogherhead, Fieldstown, Walshetown, Tenure, Philipstown, Dromin, Kilsaran, Togher and the growing region of Dunleer itself. Having forged strong ties with the local community and industry, Scoil Ui Mhuiri is today rightfully regarded as a leading light of education in the north east region.
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