

SCOIL UÍ MHUIRÍ – NUACHTLITIR

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MAY 2024

Class of 2023 - Scholarship Success

At our annual awards day, we welcomed back two members from the Class of 2023. Both Emily Halpenny and Oisín Murphy received the 'Excellence in State Examinations' Award for 2023.

Emily is studying Gaeilge and History at Dublin City University. Emily has received two entrance scholarships to further her studies - one from DCU and one from the JP McManus Scholarship Fund. While accepting her JP McManus Scholarship, Emily detailed her love of the Irish language and gave a special mention to her inspirational teachers whom she met during her time in Scoil Uí Mhuirí. Oisín is attending Trinity College Dublin and studying Chemical Sciences. Oisín received an entrance scholarship from Trinity College. Oisín also received an LMETB 'Excellence in Education' award for his academic success in Scoil Uí Mhuirí. Oisín's parents accepted his award on his behalf.

It was great to welcome both Emily and Oisín back and we are so proud of their achievements.

A special mention to Jonny Jones who received a UCD entrance scholarship.



Principals Welcome and Thank You

Another successful year in Scoil Uí Mhuirí has come to an end, and what a year it was! We have had successes both academically and with our extra-curricular activities.

On behalf of the staff of Scoil Uí Mhuirí, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the parents and guardians for their support during the academic year. I would like to thank the Parents Association for their continued support throughout the year with policy changes and development.

We wish all members of the Scoil Uí Mhuirí community a happy and healthy summer and we cannot wait to see you back in August.



End of Year Awards

Subject Awards

Junior Gaeilge	Hailey Tevlin	Junior Geography	Jamie Nevins-Stacey
Senior Gaeilge	Adam McGovern & Holly Hoey	Junior Home Ec.	Danielle Cromwell
Junior English	Luke Clarke	Senior Home Ec.	Aimee Brady
Senior English	Sorcha Reilly	Junior Business Studies	Hailey Tevlin
Junior Maths	Caoimhe Devlin-Johnson	Senior Business	Euan McCabe
Senior Maths	Cathal Moynagh	Accounting	Sarah Murphy
Junior French	Caoimhe Devlin Johnson	LCVP	Cathal Moynagh
Senior French	Caroline Kerrin	Junior History	Mya Malone
Junior German	Teddy Rigney	Junior Art	Amy McGee
Senior German	Adam McGovern	Senior Art	Samantha Nulty
Junior Spanish	Isobel Keating	Junior Music	Francis Chisnell
Senior Spanish	Naia Maher-Hernando	Senior Music	Tom Healy
Junior Science	Hailey Tevlin	English and Communications	Barry Cooney
Biology	Naia Maher-Hernando	Leisure and Recreation	Cian Fagan
Chemistry	Naia Maher-Hernando	Social Education	Áine Kelledy
Agricultural Science	Ruth Kelly	Vocational Preparation	Alanna Sharkey



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End of Year Awards

Subject, Sport & Extra-Curricular Awards

Junior Technology	Rhys Sheridan	Boys U16 Gaelic	T.J Molloy
Senior Technology	Conan Corrigan	Boys Senior Gaelic	Ciarán Caffrey & Jack Murtagh
Junior Engineering	Cathal Clinton	Junior Camogie	Caitlín McCullough
Senior Engineering	Jake Kearney	Girls Junior Basketball	Liliana Jassa
Junior Graphics	Robert McCabe	Girls Senior Basketball	Danielle Cromwell
Liam Cosgrove Cup for Wood Technology	Cathal Clinton	Boys Junior Basketball	Elliot Kirwan
Construction Studies	Caoimhin McLaughlin	Athlete of the Year	Max Lavery
Junior P.E.	Shannon Doyle	Gaeltacht Scholarship	Oisín Prout Andrew Traynor Hannah Hanratty Lucy Richardson Maya McCabe Sally Sheridan Hailey Tevlin Laoise Fogarty Molly Reynolds Caoimhe Devlin Johnson Saoirse O'Brien Mark Halpenny Tom Murphy Adam Malone
Senior P.E.	Euan McCabe		
Boys Junior Soccer	T.J Molloy		
Boys Senior Soccer	Fionn Murphy		
Girls Junior Gaelic	Nadine Breen		
Girls Senior Gaelic	Lucy Sheridan		
Boys 1st Year Gaelic	Mikie Farrell	Gaisce Award	Kyle O'Reilly
Boys U14 Gaelic	Max Lavery	Contribution to Scoil Uí Mhuirí Music	Lara King



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Subject, Sport & Extra-Curricular Awards





End of Year Awards

State Examinations, Le Chéile & Student of the Year

Excellence in State Examinations Leaving Certificate 2023	Emily Halpenny	Student of the Year 2 Carr	Aoife Boyes
		Student of the Year 2 Eliot	Tara McGinn
Excellence in State Examinations Leaving Certificate 2023	Oisín Murphy	Student of the Year 2 Lee	Liliana Jassa
		Student of the Year 2 Plath	Misha Nikdenko
Le Chéile Student of the Year	Jake Kierans	Overall 2nd Year Student of the Year	Peter Farrell
Le Chéile Most Improved Student	Jake Murray McGee	Student of the Year 3 Macha	Lucy Fox
		Student of the Year 3 Danú	Pádraig Healy
Le Chéile Rising Star	Mark Byrne	Student of the Year 3 Banba	Hailey Tevlin
Le Chéile Participation and Positive Attitude to School Life	Katileho Mahasha	Student of the Year 3 Eirú	Darya Carter
		Student of the Year 3 Fódla	Amy McGee
Student of the Year 1 Iris	Deirdre Gora	Overall 3rd Year Student of the Year	Noemi Agaci
Student of the Year 1 Dalia	Freya Devlin		
Student of the Year 1 Flora	Kaitlin Lennon	Student of the Year TY Gort	Sinéad Fitzpatrick
Student of the Year 1 Juno	Saoirse O'Reilly	Student of the Year TY Gleann	Kyle O'Reilly
Student of the Year 1 Rhya	Alicia Reynolds	Student of the Year TY Inis	Steven Kelly
Overall Student of the Year 1st Year	Kaitlin Lennon	Overall TY Student of the Year	Sirin Farina



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State Examinations & Student of the Year - Photos





End of Year Awards

LMETB Core Values & Overall Awards

Student of the Year 5 Rath	Emilia Bulat
Student of the Year 5 Oriel	Molly Flood
Student of the Year 5 Setanta	Cillian Kerr
Student of the Year 5 Méabh	Naoise McCabe
Student of the Year 5 Ferdia	Elli-Mae Woods
Overall 5th Year Student of the Year	Molly Flood
Student of the Year 6 Boyne	Adam McGovern
Student of the Year 6 Liffey	Barry Cooney
Student of the Year 6 Fane	Caoimhín Prout
Student of the Year 6 Glyde	Holly Hoey
Junior Excellence in Education	Hailey Tevlin
Senior Excellence in Education	Cathal Moynagh
Spirit of Scoil Uí Mhuirí	Eoghan McCabe
Care and Community	Rebecca Cromwell
LMETB Civic	Beth Smyth
Overall 6th Year Student of the Year	Michelle Nherera
Students' Student of the Year	Luke Reilly





Extra-Curricular Trips & Activities

Our final term was packed with plenty of academic trips.

Our TY students visited Emain Macha in Co. Armagh, one of Ireland's most famous archaeological sites. TY students also visited the Battle of the Boyne site. 18 TY girls attended a STEM workshop in DKIT. This workshop aims to increase the number of females studying and working in the STEM fields.

The 1st and 2nd Year GAA players enjoyed a fun-filled day in Croke Park. 2nd Year students and their tutors also visited Causey Farm to end the year. They spent the day exploring the farm, making brown bread and bog jumping. 5th Year History students visited Kilmainham Gaol and Glasnevin Cemetery.

Our U14 Boys Gaelic football team unfortunately lost to Ballymakenny in their Moore Shield Final. The lads worked tirelessly until the end and did the school proud.

Five of our Senior Gaelic team were presented with Lennon Shield All Stars recently in DKIT. Congratulations to Caoimhín, Charlie, Dylan, T.J. and Brendan on this remarkable achievement.

In late April, we hosted 68 girls from Donabate Community College and Skerries Community College. These teams played our 1st Year girls' soccer team.

Congratulations to Lucy Sheridan, Hannah Hanratty and Maya McCabe who were part of the Louth Minor Ladies Leinster winning team.

Well done to Max Lavery who came 2nd in the North Leinster 800m race. Max also won the bronze medal in the Leinster Junior Boys 800m. He has now qualified for the All-Ireland Schools Finals in Tullamore.





Extra-Curricular Trips & Activities

TY and 5th Year Agricultural Science students had a busy term. TY Gleann broke ground on one of the school gardens. Thank you to Lorna Finegan for supporting our students with this initiative.

Our 5th Year Agricultural Science students visited Andrew Purcell and Alf McGlew's dairy farm for a revision session on grassland management ahead of the summer assessments.

We also held our annual 'Active Schools Week' in May. Our students had the chance to participate in badminton and Brazilian jiu-jitsu at lunchtime. A big thank you to Austin from Drogheda Quay Cycles & the Louth Sports Partnership for coming in to talk to our students about Bike Safety!

Congratulations to 1st Year Students Ryan McGeough and Ryan Murphy. They claimed 2nd place in the National French Competition organised by the French Teachers Association.

Our 5th Years organised two fundraisers recently for LCVP. 5 Meabh held a movie day with the 1st Years which raised 325 euro for SOSAD. 5 Ferdia organised a pyjama day and raised 250 euro for Williams Syndrome Ireland. Well done all!

Congratulations to our 3rd Year JCSP students for receiving their Profiles of Achievement this term!

Congratulations to the Green Schools Committee who were awarded the Green Flag for Travel in the Fairways hotel. This flag was received for all their hard work over the last 2 years.





Scoil Uí Mhuirí Students Representing Ireland

Many incredible sporting talents have walked the halls of Scoil Uí Mhuirí over the years. We currently have 3 students representing Ireland in various sports.

Kayla Murray, 6th Year, has represented Ireland in Taekwondo for many years. Recently, she secured a gold medal in Doncaster for Team Ireland, all while studying for her Leaving Certificate.

Congratulations Kayla, we are so proud!

Grace Conway, 5th Year, bagged herself a Silver European medal and an All-Ireland Title within 10 days. Firstly, she fought in the European Boxing Confederation Youth Championships in Croatia, taking home a silver medal. She then represented her club, Tredagh Boxing Academy, in the All-Ireland Boxing Championships and came out with her 6th All-Ireland Title in a row! Well done Grace, we are so proud of you!

Lastly, T.J Molloy, 3rd Year, spent time with the U15 Ireland Squad at the 'Torneo Delle Nazioni'. T.J. showed his incredible potential with a goal in the tournament! Well done T.J., we are so proud!



Skiing Trip 2024

In March this year 31 students from TY and 5th Year travelled to our favourite ski spot of Ehrwald, Austria with Ms. Lyons, Mr. Magennis and Ms. Gregor.

We spent each day perfecting our snow ploughs at ski school until we were ready to progress to the summit, which most students did with ease! Our evenings were spent in the beautiful village of Ehrwald, shopping in the nearby German town of Garmisch-Partenkirchen, swimming in the thermal waters of Reutte and bonding together over quiz nights, silent discos and karaoke.

Was für eine tolle Reise! Bis nächstes Jahr Ehrwald.





Amazon Web Services

As part of the 'Business in the Community' initiative, Scoil Uí Mhuirí were delighted to be paired with Amazon Web Services for another year. The 2nd Year Business students, along with their teacher Mr. Davenport, paid a visit to Amazon Web Services in Dublin and received a tour of the facilities. AWS also visited the school and hosted workshops on presentation skills, sustainability and business skills.



As part of their sustainability project, the students along with their teacher Mr. Davenport spent some time brightening up the front of the school. Former student and award winner Stephen McMullan of Tigh an Iúir Local Honey, gave our 2nd Year Business Studies class an excellent and informative talk on the importance of Honey Bees and their crucial role in sustainability.

Cycle Against Suicide

On Monday, April 29th, students and staff took to the roads to support 'Cycle Against Suicide' and shine a light on an issue that affects us all, mental health. It is a topic that is often overlooked and stigma and silence too often shroud the conversation. As a school community, we wanted to make an important statement - that seeking help is a sign of strength. We wanted to break down barriers, raise awareness and foster understanding.

A group of TY students braved the elements and cycled from Dunleer to Clogherhead and back. They were supported along the way by teachers, Gardaí and the Order of Malta. Thank you to Ms. Culleton for organising.



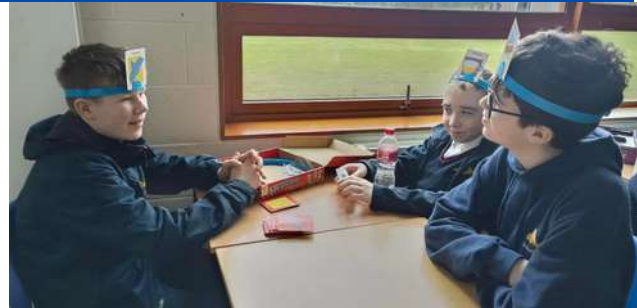


Literacy Week

For Literacy Week, all students participated in the Junior and Senior spelling bees. A winner was crowned in each class along with our overall Junior Winner, Dinasijs Golubs and our overall Senior Winner, Saoirse Carron.

5th Year English students also welcomed successful author Florence Gillan into the school for a talk. She offered invaluable insights into the world of writing and storytelling to our students.

Students also participated in word-based board games at lunchtime. Thanks to the English Department for organising a wonderful week.



Enterprise Excellence!

This term saw two of our students represent their families and school communities in National Enterprise competitions.

First up was Sirin Farina (TY) and her company Buzzy Balm. She competed in the Foróige NTFE National Final in Richmond Barracks, Co. Dublin. Sirin earned a spot in the top 8 Young Entrepreneurs in Ireland.

Next up was Mark Kelly (2nd Year) and his company MK Keyrings. He travelled to Mullingar for the Student Enterprise National Final.

Well done to Sirin and Mark on their remarkable achievements!





Sports Day

We held our annual sports day in May and what a day it was! The sun shone all day and our students embraced all the activities. Students participated in Gaelic, soccer, tag rugby, athletics, obstacles and basketball. For lunch, students enjoyed a BBQ and some ice cream.

After lunch, it was all about the teachers' versus 6th Year students' matches. The 6th-year girls got the better of the female teachers. The male teachers came out on top against the 6th-year boys' soccer teams. A huge thank you to our P.E. Department for organising a wonderful day.



6th Year Graduation



Our 6th Years bid an emotional farewell to Scoil Uí Mhuirí on May 23rd. They started their final school day with breakfast in the school canteen. After this, they attended a talk by Cllr. John Sheridan and cleaned out their lockers for the last time.

That evening we held a special graduation ceremony in the school gym. The students shared the stage in song and shared some funny memories from their time in Scoil Uí Mhuirí. A huge thank you to Mr. McGahon for all his work with this group over the past number of years.

We also held a graduation ceremony on Monday for our Le Chéile students. Students brought up gifts and read memories of their time in Scoil Uí Mhuirí. It was an emotional goodbye and we wish them all well in the future. A big thank you to Niamh Keenan for all her work with this group.



A huge thank you to all the teachers involved in organising the graduation ceremony and helping out on the night.