



# SCOIL UÍ MHUIRÍ – NUACHTLITIR

BARN ROAD, DUNLEER, CO. LOUTH

CHRISTMAS 2024

## Trade Fair Success!

The highlight of the TY calendar took place in early December in the school gym. As usual, there were many creative and inventive business ideas along with some classics.

All students visited and enjoyed the TY Trade Fair during the day. The Trade Fair was open to the public during the evening and the local primary school also paid a visit.

A huge thank you as always to Ms. Farrell for organising this amazing event.







## SPORTS SUCCESS

A huge congratulations to all our sports teams this term. Our senior team have a final to train for after defeating Lanesborough. Our U16 team are through to the final after defeating Coláiste Chú Chulainn.

Our 2nd-year boys team are through to the Leinster Final following a great win over Ardscoil Phádraig. Scorers on the day were Aaron Murphy, Myles Downey, Mikie Farrell, Paraic McKeever, James Matthews, Lucas Kearney, and Elias Agaci.

Our camogie team had great wins over Donabate Community School and St. Louis Secondary School. Our senior girls' team also has a semi-final to prepare for after Christmas following a comprehensive win over St. Finians.

Our U17 girls soccer team had a great win over Drogheda Grammar School. Our goals came from Dearbhla Prout (2), Tiana Murray (2), Ella Mulroy (2), Danielle Cromwell (2), and Lauren Callan.



## 1ST YEAR BLITZ

A big thank you to TY Gorm, TY Dearg, TY Glas and 6 Oriel for organising a 1st-year football blitz as part of the GAA future leaders initiative. The senior students had various roles during the day including refereeing, score keeping, managing and photography. The students all had a great time. Photography credit goes to Kara Tiernan, Jake Kierans, Tymon Glaza, Sophie Lucas, Molly Flood and Cillian O'Neill.







## SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to 5th-year student Hailey Tevlin for taking part in the 'Soroptimist International Public Speaking Competition'.

This event was held on November 16th in St. Olives Community College. Hailey was brilliant and did herself and the whole school community proud.



## COLLEGE AWARENESS WEEK

Our annual College Awareness Week was held this term.

A big thank you to the fantastic parents who spoke to our 5th-year students about their college experiences and options.

6th-year students got the chance to visit DKIT and DCU during this week. Students had the opportunity to visit lecture halls and speak to college students, including past pupil Molly McDonnell, who is studying in DCU.

Local company Suretank also visited the school and spoke to our 3rd-years about apprenticeships in engineering and the DKIT bursary.



## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We had a Christmas Jumper Day on December 6th to fundraise for our Amber Flag Campaign. Congratulations to the Amber Flag Committee for organising!

A huge thank you to all who took part and raised €305.35.







## CAROL SERVICE

A huge thank you to the wonderful music department, school choir and school band for organising the Christmas carol service.



It was a great way to start the festivities for the entire school community.



## SVP ANNUAL APPEAL



A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our annual SVP food appeal.

The food and items donated will be distributed to local communities during the upcoming festive season.



## IMPORTANT LEAVING CERTIFICATE INFORMATION

The State Examinations Commission has announced that oral examinations for 6th years will continue to take place over the Easter break until 2027 at the earliest.

Please ensure that no arrangements are made for this time.

## ATTENDANCE INITIATIVE

Our attendance initiative launched again this term. A huge congratulations to all our students who improved and maintained their attendance this term. We hope to see these improvements continue in the new year. Congratulations to our winners!



- 1st-year:** Brendan Farrelly
- 2nd-year:** Lorcan O'Connor
- 3rd-year:** Ella Mulroy
- TY:** Erin Graves
- 5th-year:** Eric Kenwright
- 6th-year:** Hannah Hanratty

**Parent winners:** Marie Devine, Niamh McKeever, Valerie McGuinness, Caroline Dunne, Caroline Treadwell and Audrey Dorian



- Most Improved:**
- Christopher Maguire
- Chantelle Maguire
- Ruby Kelledy
- Jayden Hanlon
- Anthony Kelledy
- Kara Tiernan





# EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

Our 5th-years have been busy this term with educational trips.

The 5th-year Business class headed to the Tayto Factory in Tandragee. The students completed a self-guided tour and even met Mr. Tayto himself. All 5th-year students headed to Martry Mill near Kells to complete their summary report for Link Modules.

A handful of 6th-year students attended to lectures in Trinity College—one lecture on Patrick Kavanagh's poetry and one on Tracy K Smith's poetry.

5 Danú surveyed the local area for Gaeilge and also completed their catering questionnaire as part of their key assignments for this term. Thank you to all local businesses for facilitating this! 5 Danú also paid a visit to DIFE and took part in various workshops.







## GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK

Geography Awareness Week was held this term. Students participated in daily Dingbats during tutor time and a daily quiz was also held in the foyer at lunchtime. Congratulations to all the winners.

TY students also carried out a research project which entailed looking at the awareness of Geography within Scoil Uí Mhuirí and Dunleer. A lead topic in this research was the awareness around climate change.



## ROTARY CLUB YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to Kathleen McKeever (5 Inis) for being the school winner in the Dundalk Rotary Club Youth Leadership Competition.

Kathleen, along with Ms. Farrell was awarded her prize in the Ballymac hotel. Well done Kathleen, we are so proud of your amazing achievement!



## ENTERPRISE WEEK

We also held enterprise week this term.

During this week, students completed dingbats during tutor time. 1st-year and 2nd-year business studies students participated in a quiz organised by the TY students.

A huge thank you to the Business department for organising these events!



## RETURN SCHEME

Thanks to the Greenschools committee, the school now has two orange Re-turn bins - one in the foyer and one in the gym. Students are encouraged to use them properly.

The money collected from this scheme will help the Greenschools committee to launch new initiatives.







## TY UPDATES

TY students have had another busy term.

Bríd and Diane from the Intellectual Property Office of Ireland spoke to all students regarding enterprise.

TY students also visited DKIT, where they toured the campus and were invited to attend a performance of 'The Lesson', which was performed by final-year BA Theatre and Film Practice students.

Students from TY Dearg and Ms. Steedman held a bake sale to raise money for the TY musical. This year's musical will be held on January 20th and 21st in the school gym.

TY students are taking part in a Cross Border Initiative for Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering. We hosted Belfast Royal Academy students who collaborated with our students to develop new skills in the design thinking area around paper aeroplanes.



## STAND UP/ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

We held our annual Stand Up/Anti-bullying week at the beginning of this term.

To begin this week, our student council raised our LGBTQ+ and Cineáltas Flags.

A games club was held during lunchtime. Our amazing school band and Mark Byrne (TY) provided great music in the foyer at lunchtime.

A big thank you to the Home Economics teachers and students for baking delicious buns for all our students. Staff also participated in a DiversiTIE and BiSOCKtuality day.

Outcomers visited the school and delivered a workshop to all 5th Year students.

To finish the week, all students were encouraged to wear a rainbow colour for a whole-school photo. Thank you to Darragh Grimes (1 Eaves) for using his drone to take the amazing photos.







## FULL ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to all our students with full attendance for October and November. Each student was presented with a certificate during assembly. Keep up the great work everyone!



## STUDENT OF THE MONTH – OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

**1 Bevan:** Jade Berrill, Lucy Callanar  
**1 Calvi:** Madison McCloskey, Jasmine Dillon  
**1 Doyle:** John Bray, Caidhla Duffy  
**1 Eaves:** Noah Devlin-Johnson, Anna Cromwell

**4 Dearg:** T.J Molloy, Abigail Daly  
**4 Glas:** Ryan Kelly, Mark Byrne  
**4 Gorm:** Shannon Doyle, Róisín Duff

**2 Juno:** Saoirse O'Reilly, Patrick Reynolds  
**2 Iris:** Hannah McKenna, Madison Tevlin  
**2 Flora:** Charlie Clarke, Deirdre Gora  
**2 Dalia:** Millie Joyce, Maggie Healy

**5 Inis:** Eloise Marshall-Collins, Kathleen McKeever  
**5 Macha:** Ava Matthews, Steven Kelly  
**5 Gort:** Mark Geraghty, Kyle O'Reilly  
**5 Gleann:** Glynn Dillon, Ava Callanar  
**5 Danú:** James Neacy, Ruby Sheridan

**3 Carr:** Rachel Hanna, Aoife Boyes  
**3 Lee:** Peter Farrell, Caitlin Smith-Donagan  
**3 Eliot:** Rebekah McCullough, Maggie Daley  
**3 Plath:** Millie Collins, Kevin Murphy  
**Overall Junior:** Charlie Clarke, Aoife Boyes

**6 Ferdia:** Andrew Traynor, Kori-Lee Logue  
**6 Setanta:** Conor McCullough, Catha McCabe  
**6 Méabh:** Calum Coyle, Naoise McCabe  
**6 Rath:** Saoirse Carron  
**6 Oriel:** Seán Harmon, Cillian O'Neill  
**Overall Senior:** Glynn Dillon, Steven Kelly

