

SCOIL UÍ MHUIRÍ – NUACHTLITIR

BARN ROAD, DUNLEER, CO. LOUTH

EASTER 2026

At Scoil Uí Mhuirí, we value strong connections between school, home, and community. This year, our Parents' Classes programme has offered a warm and welcoming space for parents and guardians to come together, learn new skills, and build positive relationships.

Our 1st Year Coffee Morning provided an informal opportunity for parents to meet one another, chat with staff, and share experiences as their children settle into secondary school life. The relaxed atmosphere helped foster a sense of support and community from the very beginning of the school year. In December, parents enjoyed a creative and festive wreath-making workshop. Guided by an experienced instructor, participants designed their own unique holiday wreaths while enjoying an afternoon of craft, conversation, and seasonal cheer. The aromatherapy course introduced parents to the benefits of essential oils and simple wellbeing techniques. Over several sessions, participants learned how to create blends, promote relaxation, and incorporate aromatherapy practices into everyday life.

These initiatives reflect our commitment to fostering a strong and engaged parent community. We look forward to offering more enjoyable and enriching classes throughout the year.

TY MUSICAL

Congratulations to our wonderful TY Classes and the Musical Department for the fantastic production of 'Somewhere in Europe', which was hosted in the school gym on January 12th and 13th. Our students paid tribute to the Eurovision Song Contest with performances from Johnny Logan, Dana and Jedward. The TY students would like to thank all those who attended the musical and the many local businesses that graciously donated spot prizes for the raffle.



GERMAN AMBASSADOR VISIT

Scoil Uí Mhuirí were honoured to host His Excellency David Gill, the German Ambassador to Ireland. The ambassador was greeted by a beautiful display of music and dancing. He then met our musicians, dancers, senior prefects and German students. Past pupil, Tadhg O'Brien, made a handcrafted pen for the occasion.





ENTERPRISE EXCELLENCE IN SCOIL UÍ MHUIRÍ



Congratulations to Cillian Hand (1st year) and Erin-May McCabe and Ella Mulroy (4th year) for their amazing success in the recent Louth Local Enterprise Awards.

Cillian and his business “Cillian’s Sausage Rolls” - was the Overall Winner in the Junior Category. Erin-May and Ella and their business “Jolly Logs” - were the winners in the Most Creative Category in the Senior Category. Well done to both. Robert, Sam and James won the “One to Watch” award at the Foróige NTFE Regional Finals.

Well done to Robert, Sam, James, Mark and Liam who also participated in the Student Enterprise Awards.





SPORTING SUCCESS!

A huge congratulations to our Junior Boys Gaelic Team this term. They won the Junior Football Flood Shield following a win over St Olivers. Following this, they went on to win their Leinster Final against Coláiste Pobail Ráth Chairn. Top scorers for the team this year included Max Lavery, Myles Downey and Shay Woods. Well done to T.J Molloy and Jack Ruane (both 5th Year) who were recently awarded Lennon Sheild All-Stars for 2026.

Well done to the SUM Junior Gaelic girls who defeated Coláiste Rís in Dundalk. From the first whistle to the final score, the team showed fantastic teamwork, determination, and skill. It was a brilliant performance with great effort and talent on display from start to finish. The senior girls secured a fantastic win against Ratoath and are through to the quarter finals of Leinster. Our athletics girls attended the Dublin City Council Indoor Track relays recently and brought home plenty of silverware. Our Junior Camogie team are through to the next stage of Leinster after finishing top of their group with wins over Bush and Ballymakenny.

33 1st and 2nd Year girls participated in a LGFA development blitz in Ardee Community School. They won 2 out of 3 games. Our U15 soccer team also played Ardee recently. A single goal scored by Hillary Adeniran secured the win for the girls. Congratulations to all our athletes who competed in the North Leinster Cross Country event in the Phoenix Park.

A huge thank you to our wonderful coaches for providing training sessions after school for our students.





EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

As part of the Leaving Certificate Agricultural Science course, students spent the day in Ballyhaise for AgriAware's Walk and Talk Day. 5 Evans and 6 Danú students visited Meade Potatoes recently as part of their key assignments. A great time was had by all.

As part of Career Guidance, our 6th Year students visited O'Fiach College in Dundalk and The Apprenticeship Expo, which was held in Trim. This gave them a great insight into many possible careers post Leaving Certificate.

Senior Cycle German students enjoyed a visit to the Irish Film Institute to see the German film "Zwei zueins". This helped them with their listening and speaking skills. They then visited the Goethe Institut Dublin for a German language workshop. 2nd and 3rd Year students also visited the Goethe Institute, where they had a tour of the building and library.

5th Year Business and Technology students visited Tayto Northern Ireland to see a business in action.





STUDENT SUCCESS

Well done to 1st-Year student Fianaith King for medalling in the All-Ireland Race, finishing 5th.

Huge congratulations to Pádraig (5th Year) and Maggie Healy (3rd Year) for performing with TUD's Grangegorman College Wind Ensemble recently. They also shared the stage with their brother Tom, a former pupil.

Congratulations to Jamie McCullough, 3rd Year, who won the U16 All-Ireland Rings Championship recently. His brother Alex (1st Year) finished as runner-up. Well done!

Congratulations to 6th Year student Georgia-Mai Flynn, who won gold medals in both her mixed doubles and doubles badminton matches at the Meath Championships recently. Our 5th Year student, Aaron McGrane, won silver in the men's doubles.

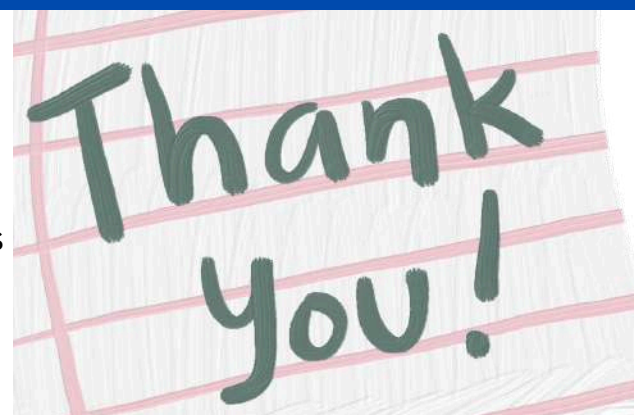
Congratulations to all our students enjoying success with local clubs, music, speech and drama.



THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all the parents and guardians who attended the Parent-Teacher meetings during the school year.

Thank you also to everyone who responded to the surveys throughout the year. Your voice matters and we really appreciate you taking the time to reply





TY UPDATES

As usual, our three TY classes were busy! This term, our students had a presentation from the ISPCC on a new wellbeing initiative called Lap and Chat. TY students also began their dance module following the fantastic success of the TY musical. Our students took turns participating in Golf and MMA training. TY students also helped run Seachtain na Gaeilge. Our students also enjoyed a visit to GoQuest escape rooms.

To celebrate World Book Day 2026, some of our Transition Year students visited Le Chéile and organised paired-reading activities. TY Setanta students started their 8-week climate literacy programme by trying dried mealworms and crickets as an alternative protein source. TY French students made crepes to mark Pancake Tuesday.

TY Technology students visited the Advanced Manufacturing Training Centre of Excellence (AMTCE) to see cutting-edge training facilities. This gives them a great insight into Leaving Certificate Technology and its potentials.

To round off another successful term, TYs had 2 weeks of Work Experience. A huge thank you, as always, to the fantastic local businesses for taking great care of our students.



WOMEN IN SPORT WEEK

Fiona Hackett visited Scoil Uí Mhuirí as part of our Women in Sport week and discussed women's participation in sport, why girls aren't physically active, why they take part, training and the menstrual cycle, good pelvic health, and the enjoyment of playing a sport. Thank you, Fiona. A range of activities were facilitated for students at lunch time also.





SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

Comhghairdeas to all our students for participating in the Seachtain na Gaeilge activities. A special mention to our TY classes for organising the quizzes and lunchtime competitions for our Junior students.

A huge míle buíochas to our wonderful Music Department and Trad Group for providing great Irish music. Our Trad Group comprises of students from all years who play a rang of instruments including guitar, banjo and fiddle. A huge thank you to local musician Brendan McCreanor, who visited us. He led a bodhrán workshop for our music students.



CBA SHOWCASE



Well done to our 2nd Years
for completing their
History CBAs recently.





FULL ATTENDANCE

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

We will be running an attendance initiative in May, so keep your eyes peeled for information.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH – DECEMBER, JANUARY & FEBRUARY

1 Atkins: Kseniia Zhurba, Jake Grogan, Ciara Woods

1 Drury: Kyle Young, Indee Kierans, Lily-Mae Lynch

1 Hall: Amber Traynor, Sam O'Connor, Lana Murphy

1 Gale: Cillian Hand, Grace Lambe, Hazel Murtagh

2 Bevan: Lily Daniels, Xavier Santiago-Young, Sophie O'Donnell

2 Doyle: Caelum Clarke, Lily-Bee Finnegan, Evan O'Brien

2 Calvi: Aoibhín Furey, Bridget Dennis, Ciarán Linden

2 Eaves: Oisín Bollar, Paige McKeeever, Oliver Flanagan

4 Ferdia: Ryan Neary, Aoife Boyes, Rioghán Walsh

4 Méabh: Tara McGinn, Rebecca Bray, Lilianna Jassa

4 Setanta: Kevin Murphy, Mark Halpenny, Darragh Hand

5 Carr: Nadine Breen, Mykhailo Nikolenko, Sam Sarsfield

5 Eliot: Adam Bradley, Caoimhe Devlin-Johnson, Amanda Murire

5 Evans: Mark Byrne, Luke Gorman, Amy McGee

5 Lee: Carly McGarry, Ryan Kelly, Nicolle Evangelista

5 Plath: Abbie Forde, Shannon Doyle, Philip Dennis

3 Dalia: Lily Carney, Ryan Murphy, Ryan McGeough

3 Flora: Din Golubs, Seán Duff, Ciara Cunningham

3 Iris: Cynthia Abi-Nakhoul, Shane Grogan, Robyn Smyth

3 Juno: Finn O'Neill, Ruby Sarsfield, Elias Agaci

6 Danú: Seán Donnelly, Sam Mullen, Emma Daniels

6 Gleann: Dayna Clinton, Ryan McCullough, Magdalena Owczarek

6 Gort: Lucy Bolger, Joshua Adeniran, Aoife Fogarty

6 Inis: Kathleen McKeeever, Tom O'Brien, Danielle Fanning

6 Macha: Isaac Smith, Sarah McGovern, Steven Kelly

