

*School Improvement Plan/DEIS
Summer Newsletter*



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Welcome Note

Our aim is
“To cultivate what is native to the soul”

Our approach
“Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí”

A Chairde,

We wish to celebrate the achievements of our school community and congratulate our students and staff on grasping all opportunities made available to them this term. It has been so refreshing witnessing school life return to its vibrant normalcy. We are, as always, so proud of how our students navigated through the last two years.

Our newsletter illustrates the lengths our students and staff go to improve our day to day experiences at the RCS. We are continually looking for ways to progress and grow as a school community.

We could not be more proud of our students and staff for their resilience and perseverance over the last few years. This term has been particularly busy with fantastic achievements by our students. We would like to pay particular gratitude to our teams, groups and individuals who excelled in competitions, tournaments etc. and who excelled in promoting our school and our values.

Our newsletter this year outlines our DEIS targets for the coming years and our progress so far. We would like to thank our committees for continuously working towards these targets.

We, as a team and a community, look forward to brighter days ahead in a spirit of partnership and respect.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

John Gorman
Principal

Dáire Gillen
Deputy Principal



John Gorman
PRINCIPAL



Dáire Gillen
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



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Core Values



Our Core Values

RESPECT

TEAM

KINDNESS

RESPONSIBILITY

CELEBRATE ACHIEVEMENT

STUDENT CENTERED

BEST PRACTICE

SELF ACCEPTANCE

The Rosses Community School

**Operates
reflective
practice**

**Solutions
based
approach**

**Strives
for best
practice**



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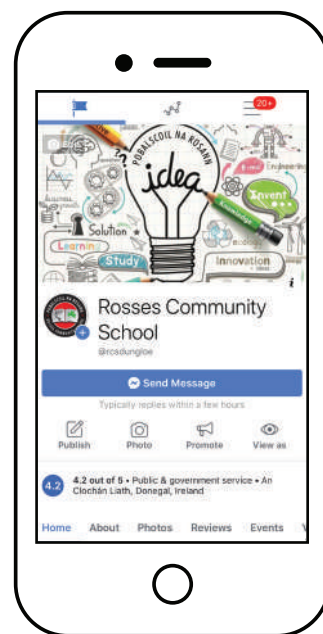
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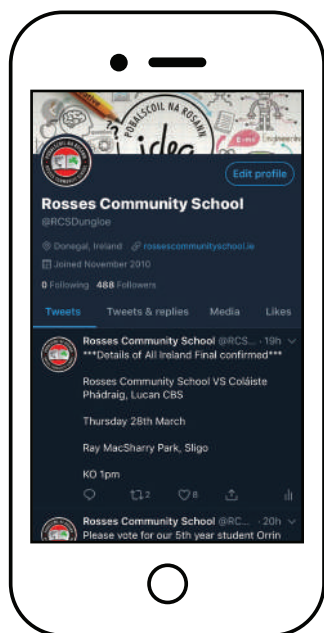
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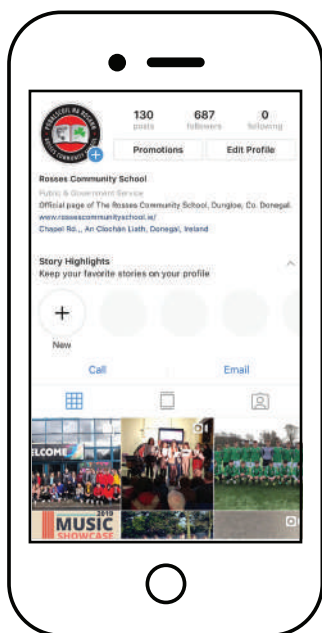
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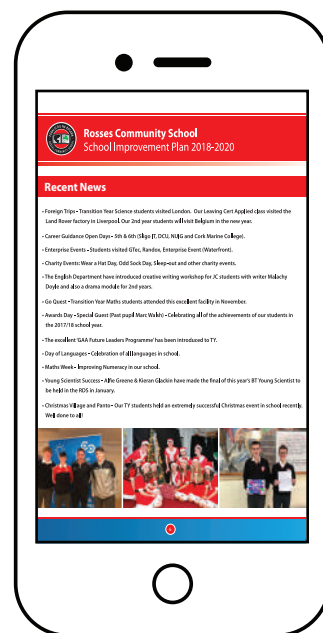
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School Attendance



110 students attended the inaugural RCS Chess tournament throughout March and April. This was run during break-times.



12 of our students attend swimming in Finn Valley leisure centre on a weekly basis.



Derek Reddin with some of our 5th Year students. Derek works with 42 of our students who currently attend for storytelling, drama and confidence-building activities over the course of the school year.



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School Attendance



5th Year students in Store Studios with Joe Rodgers participating in music performance and sound technology.



104 students attended a whole-school Darts competition throughout the year, 38 of whom did not compete in any other extra-curricular activity.



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School Participation



10 of our 5th Year students who attended the Everton V Newcastle game in Liverpool in April.



16 Transition Year students in Business and Economics on a visit to Trinity College, Dublin in April with Ms O'Reilly.



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School Participation



12 of our Erasmus exchange students who visited Derry with RCS students on a historical tour in May.



17 of our 5th/6th Year Art students who went to Newgrange on an Art History trip in early May with Ms O'Sullivan.



Leaving Cert student Jamie Bonner on a trip to Wild Ireland in early May.



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School Participation



Over 40 TY students who went to Barcelona for their end of year trip, a great time was had by everyone!



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Retention



Dr Orla Farmer, guest speaker, with our Camogie players. Orla engaged in workshops with our students in May on female participation in Sport. Over 100 girls are currently playing with school teams in the RCS.



Metalwork Artist Tom King spoke with 17 of our Leaving Cert Art History students in early May.



Students in I.T using Sphero Minis which were purchased under the JCSP programme in Spring. 106 students are currently availing of the JCSP programme in the RCS.



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Retention



Guest speaker Aoife McDonnell spoke with 24 athletes in the RCS about goal-setting and motivation during April.



All our Senior students attended a hugely insightful talk with guest speaker Jackie Fox in the Waterfront Hotel in March. A huge thank you to Jackie for sharing her story.



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6th Year LCA students Cody and Michaela with Mr Gillen on their Graduation Day in the RCS. We wish all our departing students all the very best in the L.Cert and beyond.



38 students from 5th Year toured ATU Letterkenny in April to experience taster sessions in Engineering and Food and Nutrition Science with Mrs Conaghan.



In late March, over 20 students from 5th Year enjoyed the IGC Donegal Branch Career Fair in ATU Donegal in Letterkenny.



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Some of our graduating 6th Year students on their Social Night in the RCS. Best of luck to everyone and well done on all you have achieved in your time with us.



Past student Mark Curran made his senior championship debut with Donegal against Down in April, well done Mark!



Our Careers notice-board in the top assembly keeps Leaving Cert students informed of third-level and career options they can avail of. 53 students are sitting the Leaving Cert in 2023 in the RCS.



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Educational Attainment



All of our 'End of Year Award' winners pictured with Michael Murphy, guest speaker on the day. Huge congratulations to all who received awards!



Winners of the inaugural RCS Chess tournament of 2023 in May. Well done Ryan, Seamus and Joe. Thanks to Shaun Boyle and Mr Kevin Boyle for setting up!

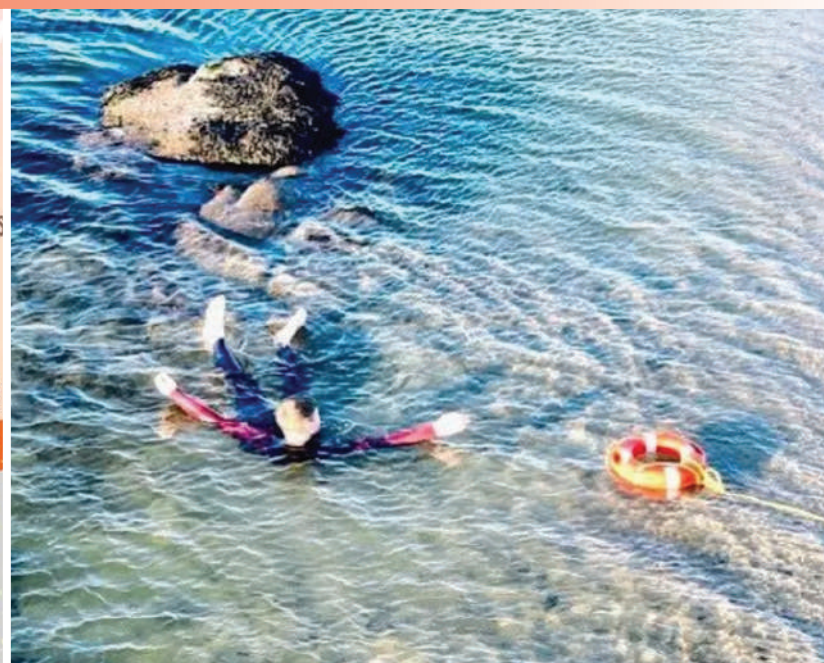


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Our YSI TY team 'Menstrual Waves' won the Silver Prize at the National Young Social Innovators Awards in Croke Park in early May. Phenomenal achievement girls!



The winning photograph in the 'Movement of Light' Mental Health and Wellbeing photography competition which was taken by TY student Úna Sweeney, well done Úna!



Our TY students of 'Neptune Seafeed' mini-company who are European Champions of the Euronext Blue Economy Challenge after winning in early May. An incredible achievement, well done lads!



A selection of the large number of our students who competed in Scifest 2023 in ATU Letterkenny in mid-May. Students had the opportunity to present their projects to the judges and were commended for the quality of their work. Huge well done to all.



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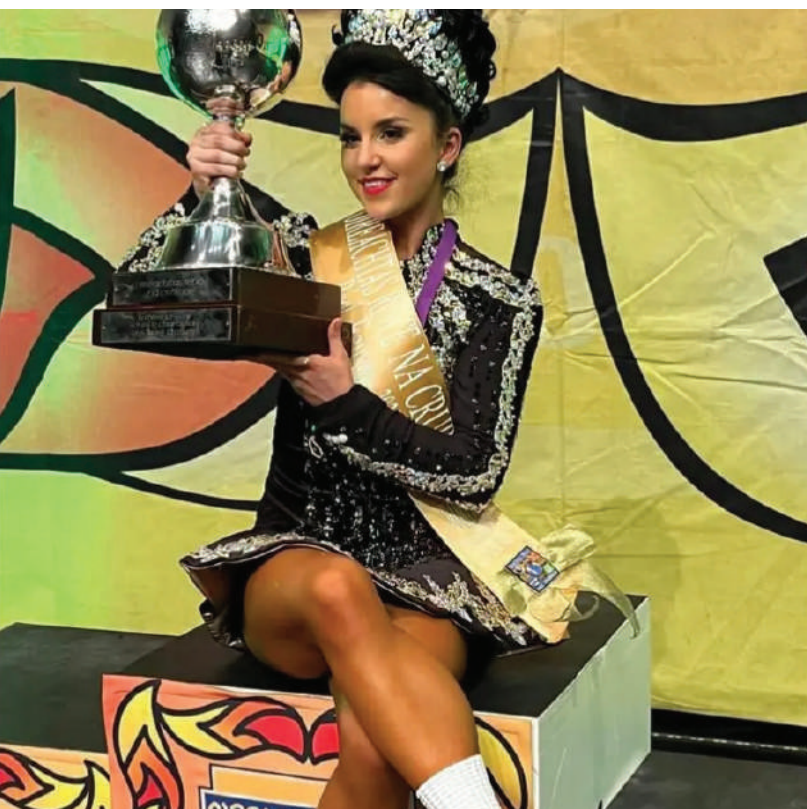
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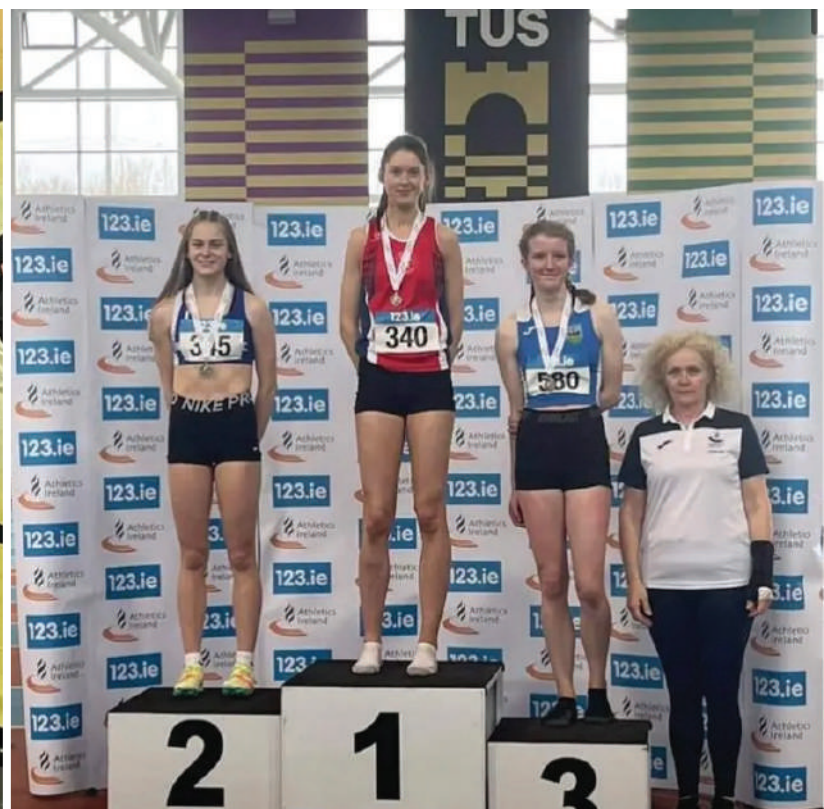
Congratulations to 3rd Year student Breegeen Boner who received a certificate of participation for her poster entry for the Francophonie Poster competition of 2023.



Congratulations to Luke Clerkin who has represented the Donegal Minor Football team this Spring in championship, well done Luke.



Massive congratulations to 6th Year student Emily Colangelo who became a World Champion in Irish Dancing in Montreal in early April. Remarkable feat Emily!



Huge well done to Amy Timoney who achieved a Silver Medal in the U17 Long Jump at the National Indoor Athletics Championships at the beginning of April.



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Well done to 3rd Year student David Geoghegan who captained the U17 Ulster Rugby team in early April against Royal School Armagh.



Michael Logue who achieved a Silver Medal in the Shot-put at the National Indoor Athletics Championships at the beginning of April. Great achievement Michael.



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RCS students who are members of the Donegal Minor Ladies Gaelic Football panel, keep up the great work girls!



The RCS U14.5 Boys Gaelic Football team who won the Ulster Shield Semi-Final against Loreto, Coleraine in late March. Well done lads.



Well done to TY exchange student Sergio Oliva who took part in the Dublin City Finals of Junk Kouture in early May!



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The U14 Girls Gaelic Football team who progressed to the Ulster Semi-Final in late March. Excellent achievement girls!



All-Ireland Gold Medal for Oisín Gillespie in 1st Year in the High Jump at the National Indoor Athletics Championships at the beginning of April. Magnificent achievement Oisín!

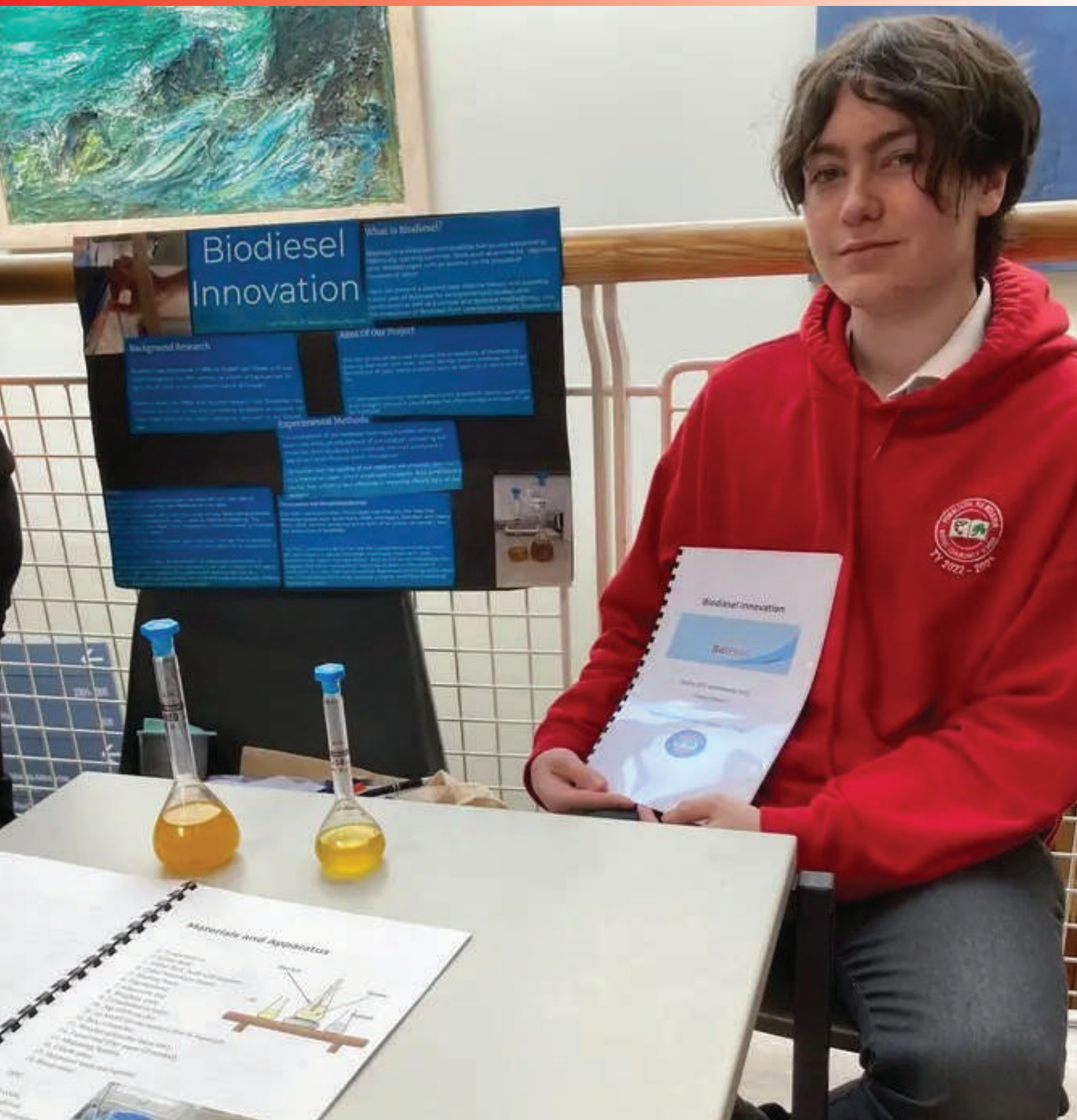


Congratulations to Ellie Boyle in TY who won 1st Prize nationally in the 'Constructing Your Future Competition', a brilliant feat!



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Congratulations to TY student Liam Bonner who won the 'Eirgrid Climate and Delivering a Cleaner Energy Future' Award at Scifest 2023 in ATU Donegal, Letterkenny in mid-May. Well done Liam!



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Literacy and Numeracy



1st Year students Aidan Glackin and Maya Grubb who also won in the RCS section of the Irish Junior Maths Competition. Well done to you both.



1st Year student Joey Gillespie who came out top in the school for the Irish Junior Maths Competition. Well done Joey!



A newly installed mini-library which has popped up beside English classrooms in recent months to encourage student reading.

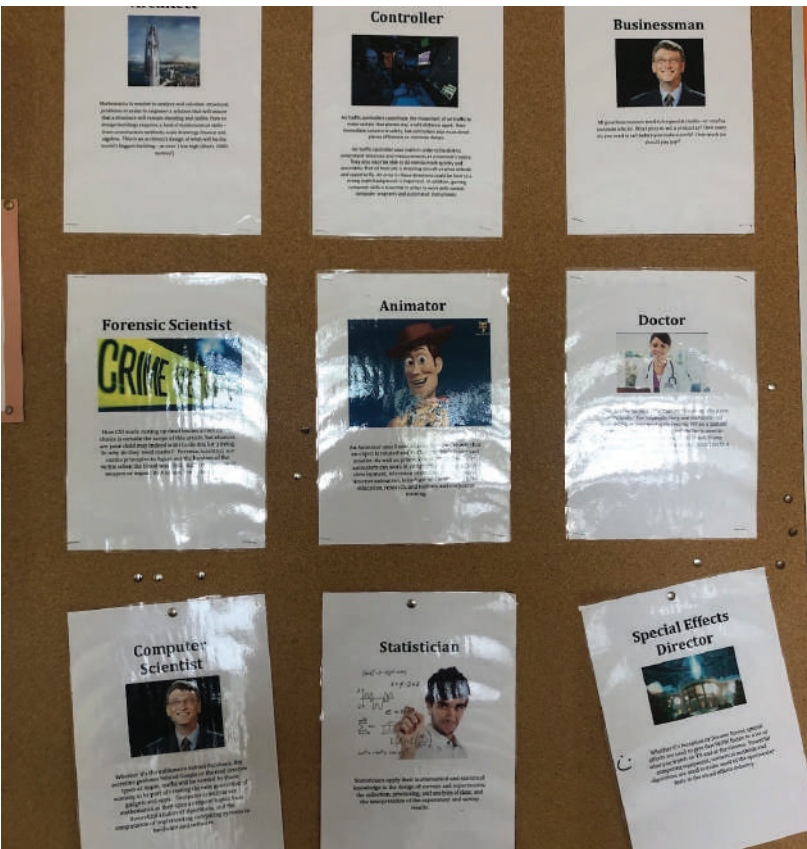


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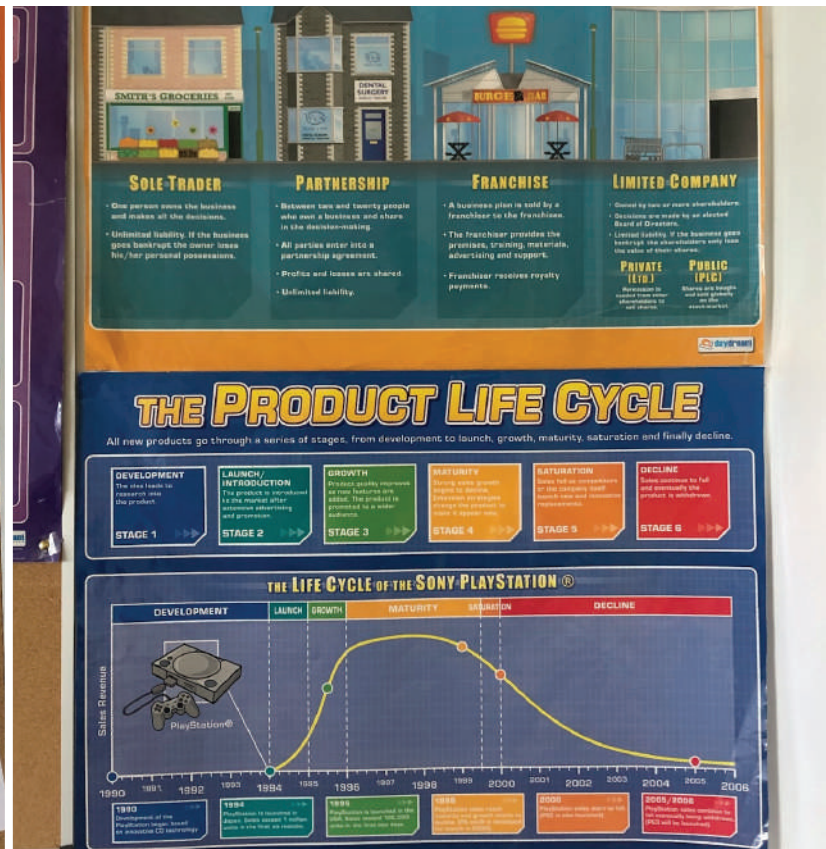
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Multilingual signs in English/Ukrainian which have been installed around the school to support almost 30 of our Ukrainian students through the RCS.



Some of the careers in Maths which our students are made aware of in class, bringing greater focus to the benefits of good Numeracy skills.



Text-rich classrooms which emphasise the use of 'Keywords' are a core element of our agreed Literacy strategy, used in all subjects by all 426 students.



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Partnership with Parents and Others



Mr Carey and his hard-working students received the Green Flag Award for the RCS, a fantastic achievement! Well done to all involved.



Amy Gallagher in 5th Year presenting Breid Gallagher with 450 euro from our Daffodil Day fundraiser for the Irish Cancer Society in March.



Roses Community School
Annual Golf Classic
May 26th 2023
Cruit Island Golf Club
Kincasslagh, Co. Donegal, F94 NX78



- 4 person team
- Entry Fee: €120 (per team of 4)

In aid of the RCS Sports Development Fund

SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS

- A3 Sign**
with your business name at tee
€200
- A4 Sign**
with your business name at tee
€100
- PRIZE**
any donation to event welcome!

Our successful end of year Golf Classic which took place in aid of the RCS Sports Development Fund at the end of May. Many thanks to all who participated on the day.



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Partnership with Parents and Others



Our fundraising walk for 'Relay for Life' and Down Syndrome Donegal which took place in early May. All 426 students in the school participated in the walk. 520 Euro was raised and divided between these two fantastic charities.



12 of our Erasmus exchange students who visited in early May are seen here practising their Gaelic Football skills!



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Management & Leadership



Mr Gorman with Conor, Aidan and Leah as they promote the Irish language through the 'Fáinne na Gaelige' initiative.



Mr Gorman and Mr Gillen with Maks on his last day in the RCS, we wish you all the best in your next chapter Maks!



Mr Gillen with Leah and Conor in April after the awards ceremony for 'Fainne na Gaelige.'



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Management & Leadership



Mr Gorman speaking to graduating 6th Year students during their in-school dinner in advance of their 'Social Night' in May.



Mr Gorman with PE teacher Amy McBride before her recent wedding. Congratulations Ms McBride!



The RCS now has full 'Green Flag' Status since April and the flag now flies proudly outside our building.



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Teaching & Learning



Team members of 'Real Sociedad' who won the 3D 'La Liga de Vocabulario' competition in Spanish class. They worked in teams to register the highest score in Junior Cycle vocabulary every week.



Mr Walsh's 2nd Year English class enjoying some end of week reading-time during April.



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Transition year students Michael O Donnell and John Gerard Boyle recently completed STEM based projects with their teacher Mr. Byrne. Projects were based on targeting their interests and they designed and manufactured model tractors, diggers, and trailers from scratch. 164 students from 1st to 6th Year currently study Woodwork.



These fantastic self-portraits by TY students are currently on display near the Art room. 107 students currently study Art in the RCS.



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5th Year student Jack Tracey completing his end of year project in 5th Year Technology with Mr Byrne where he designed and made an airport baggage handling system. Over 90 students study Engineering and Technology in school currently.



6th Year students in Gartan carrying out their Ecology Field Studies during April with Mrs Marry.



Maks on a trip to Crolley Distillery in April this year where he learned about manufacturing, engineering and business within the company.



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Infrastructure



The new car-park is taking shape on the grounds of the RCS.



The new buildings project has gathered pace in April and May as new classrooms are on their way!



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Infrastructure



The next stage of the new astro-turf pitch is now underway for completion.



Mini-Spheros which were purchased in late March as part of the JCSP fund are a welcome addition to our STEM infrastructure.



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Bealach straitséiseach na Gaeilge



Gnáth Déardaoin ag am lóin sa scoil anseo le múinteoirí agus scoláirí i mbun damhsa agus ceoil.



'Lá nach ndéanann sé dearmad de'. Maks Krawczyk ina shuí sa chathair mhór i Raidió na Gaeltachta le linn a chuairte ar an stiúideo. Buíochas mór le Damien Ó Dónaill agus a fhoireann uilig.



Jamie McGlynn ag bronnadh 'Fáinne na Gaeilge' ar Owen Bonner ag an ócáid bhronnta.



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Bealach straitséiseach na Gaeilge



Gnáth Déardaoin ag am lóin sa scoil anseo le 'Seanúr' grúpa traidisiúnta na scoláirí agus iad i mbun ceoil.



Scoláirí ó Choiste na Gaeilge le John Shovlin, Jamie McGlynn agus Blue Hanlon ag bronnadh 'Fáinne na Gaeilge' ar Keelan Gallagher ag an ócáid bhronnta.



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Bealach straitséiseach na Gaeilge

An Slabhra
gan Bhriseadh



Saibhreas
Féiniúlacht
Oidhreach

Fógra úr deartha do, 'Feis Chultúrtha na Rosann'.



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Bealach straitséiseach na Gaeilge



D'éirigh go hiontach le 'Feis Chultúrtha na Rosann'. Comórtas filíochta, amhrán agus ceoil a bhí ag tarraingt as tallann na ndaltaí bunscoile as na ceantair máguaird. Tá an coiste fíor buíoch de na heagraíochtaí uilig a thug



Feis Chultúrtha i bPobalscoil na Rosann i rith na Bealtaine.



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Student Council / Student Voice



Our newly selected 5th Year Mentors for the 2023/24 school year from the current Transition Year group, well done to all who were chosen after interview!



A reward trip to Arena 7 for our outgoing 5th Year Mentors took place during April. Thank you all for your dedication and enthusiasm.



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Our team of Prefects who were recently chosen for the 2023/24 school year. Congratulations to all who were chosen.



Publications designed by our YSI Silver Medal award winning team 'Menstrual Waves'; the epitome of Student Voice, fantastic work by everyone involved.



Our Head Boy and Head Girl for the next school year in 2023/24, Finlay Thomson and Tara Geoghegan. Well done to you both!



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Our fantastic 'School of Rock' performers made their voices heard when they brought the house down in late March at the school concert. Brilliant effort from everyone involved!



The 1st Year Sports Day which was held in late March and organised by our 5th Year mentors, a very well run and enjoyable event.



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Wellbeing



Some of our students rowing on the water in mid-May. Thanks to Paul McGonigle and Kincasslagh Rowing Club for facilitating. 10 students currently take part in Rowing in the RCS weekly in the gym.



Focused and excited faces among 1st Year students in late March during the 1st Year Sports Day. 87 students from 1st Year took part.



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Wellbeing



The 'Destress Wall' in Mrs McLoughlin's room which encourages students to use Art as a form of relaxation and time-out during a busy school day if needed.



Over 40 of our students competed in the Donegal Track and Field Championships at Lifford AC track in late April.



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Wellbeing



10 of our students who competed in the Badminton tournament in Pobalscoil Ghaoth Dobhair in May.



The Camogie team's final training session with Donegal Camogie coach Derek Kelly in May.



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