



*School Improvement Plan/DEIS
Spring Newsletter*



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Principal's Welcome

Our aim is
"To nurture what is native to the soul"

Our approach
"Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí"



John Gorman
PRINCIPAL

Dear all,

At a time of crisis we truly get to see what we are all made of. The last few months have certainly tested our school community, with many challenging moments and events. What has been abundantly clear in all that time, is our school community rises to each and every challenge. The lockdown really showed how committed and adaptable both our staff and students have been.

Over 85% of our students attended online classes daily and our staff delivered those in a way that only about 10% of second level schools across the country could do so. The continuous pursuit of best practice, the drive for school improvement means many of our students and staff are at the cutting edge of education provision.

Our students and staff are constantly working to improve and our school improvement newsletter seeks to showcase this.

Stay safe and take care,

John Gorman
Principal



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Deputy Principal's Welcome

A Chairde,

We are delighted to be in a position to welcome our students back to school for the final term of the school year.

As I've previously stated, we could not be prouder of our students and staff for their resilience during the most recent lockdown. We persevered and continued to provide and attend innovative classes right throughout January and February and students ensured that they were in a very strong position returning to school.

Our newsletter highlights these achievements, both online and in school.

We also have a number of very exciting projects in the works, which will benefit the students and community of the Rosses for years to come.

I would also like to congratulate our school committees, who continue to work on improving our day to day experience and the service we offer for the benefit of all at the Rosses Community School.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Dáire Gillen
Deputy Principal



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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL





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Core Values

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Respect



Team



Kindness



Accountability



Celebrate Achievement



Student Centered



Best Practice



Self Acceptance

The Rosses Community School:

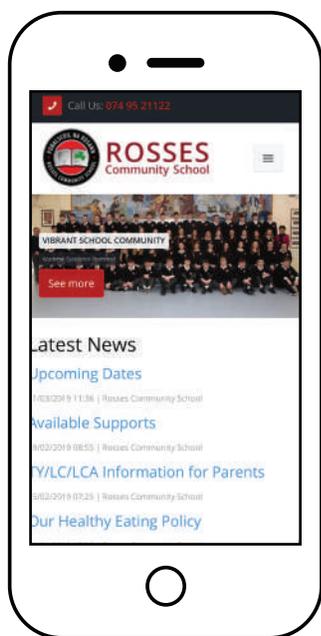
- Operates through reflective practice and reflective approach.
- Operates a solutions based approach.
- Strives for best practice.



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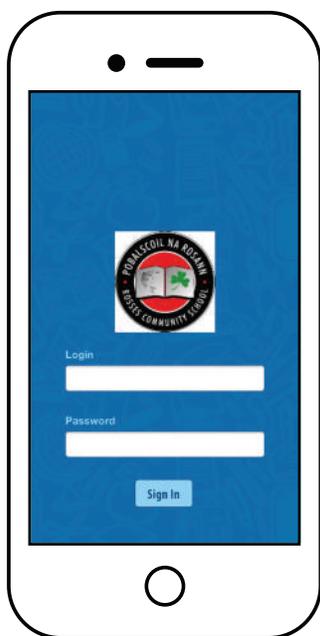
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www.rossescommunityschool.ie



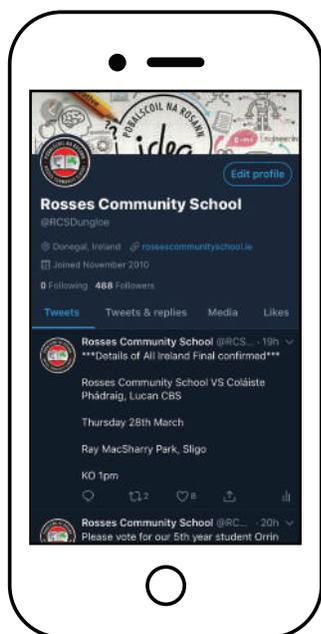
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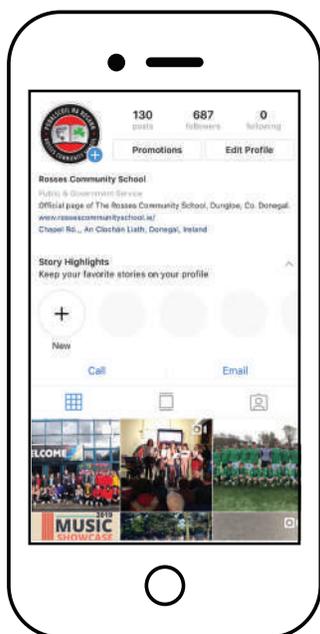
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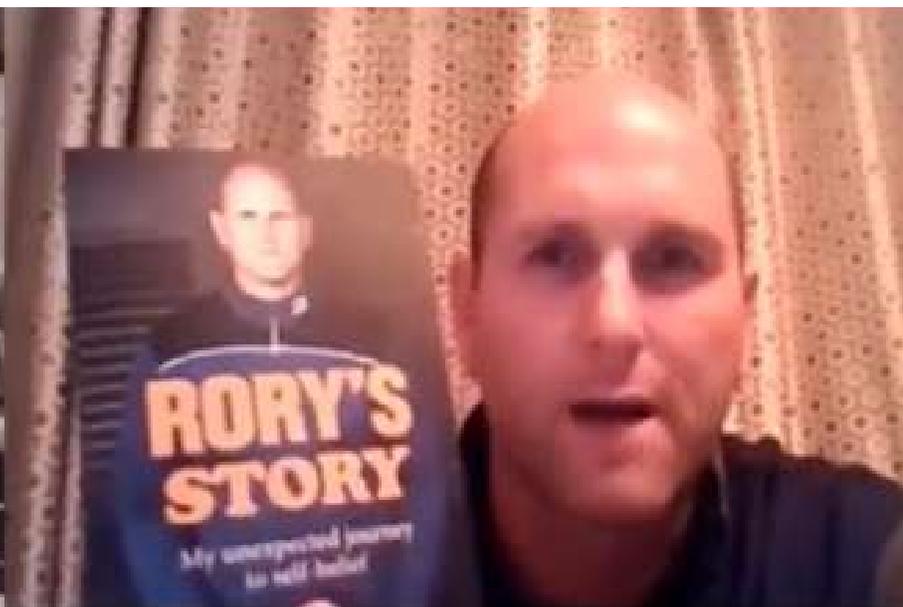
Management & Leadership



Mr Gorman with students from the newly formed RCS Angling Society in November!



Mrs Conlon with the fine festive woodwork creations of the LCA students before Christmas.



Mr Gorman talking with Rory O'Connor from 'Rory's Stories' on the importance of education being for everyone.



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Management & Leadership



Mr Gorman getting into the festive spirit before Christmas.



Mr Gillen's office door during the Christmas season!

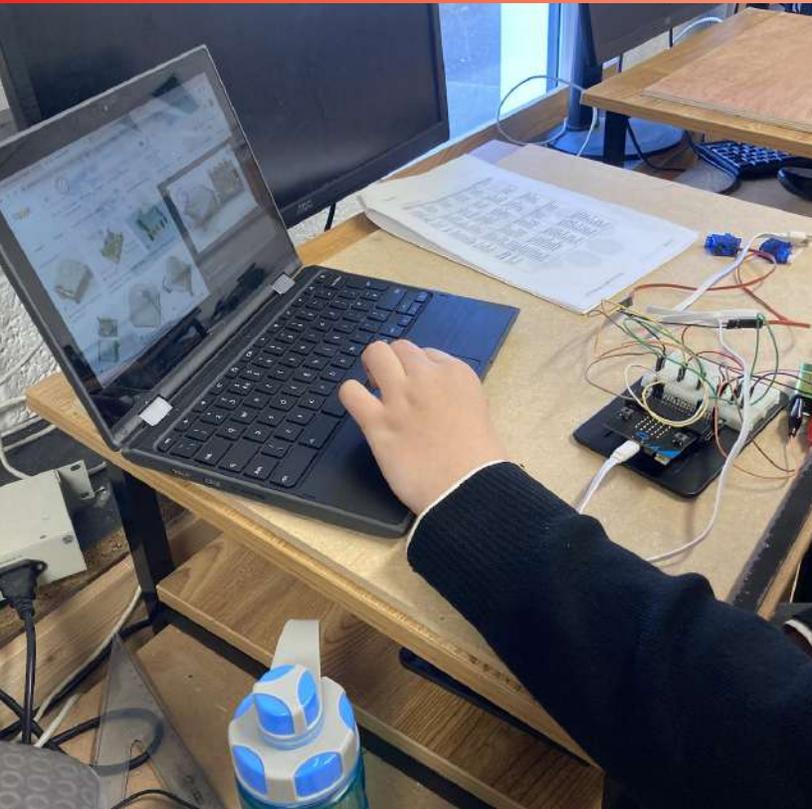


Our Head Girl Ciara and Head Boy Owen highlighting 'Anti-Bullying Week' which took place in early November.

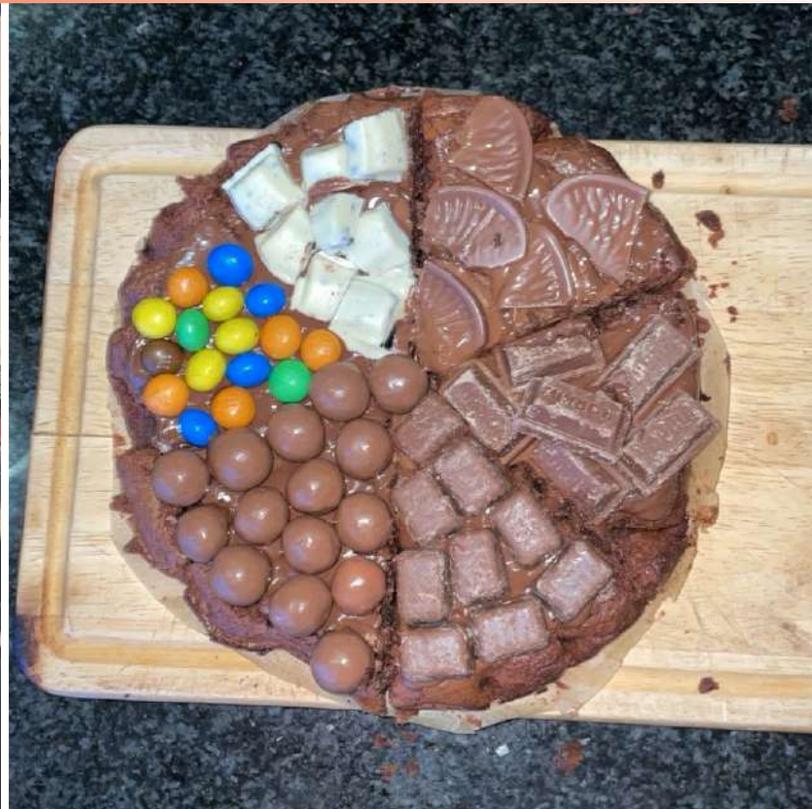


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Teaching & Learning



Computer Science students in Mr Boyle's class working on projects.



A fabulous brownie-cake from Eleanor-Rose & Sarah-Jane in Mrs Conlon's 5th Year Home Economics class.



Mr Boyle's 3rd Year Science students building and testing energy conversion devices.

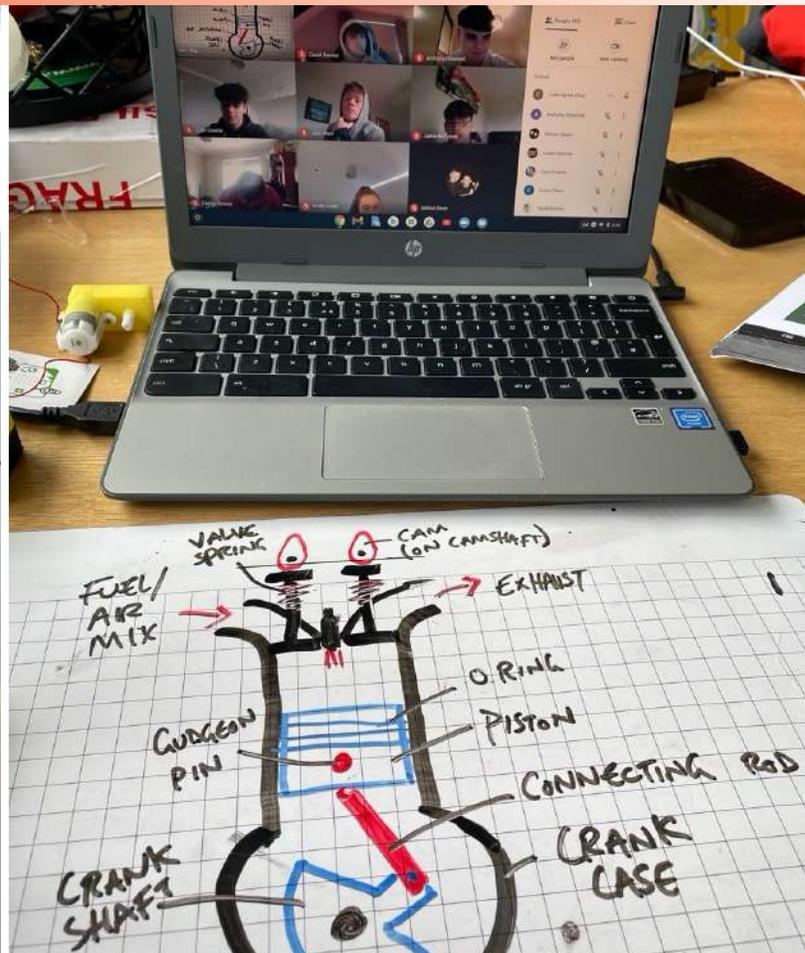


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Emma Wilson from Mr Walsh's 1st Year History class showcasing a model of a monastery in Early Christian Ireland.



Mr Byrne's 5th Year Engineering class learning online about a 4-stroke engine in January.



Creative work from our 2nd Year Construction students in the run-up to Christmas.



Some excellent History work from Amy D Wilson in Mr Forrestal's 1st Year class.



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Partnership with Parents & Others



2nd Year Business Studies students taking part in the LYIT World of Work Programme in Ms O'Reilly's class.



TY students handing over a cheque for €176 to the SVP after a successful fund-raising campaign before Christmas.



TY and 5th Year students after an excellent talk with Adam Speers on health, nutrition and fitness.



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Mary Ferry from Genesis after speaking to TY & 5th Year students about courses available in November.



Students in Mallorca reading their Christmas cards from Mrs Gribben's Spanish class. The school has engaged in Erasmus exchanges with students there previously.



TY students with food donations from their fund-raising drive for SVP prior to Christmas. A big success.



Students and staff who competed in the 'Run in the Dark' in aid of the Mark Pollock Trust.



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Student Attendance, Attainment & Retention

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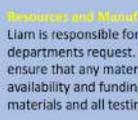
Team Manager & Engineering: Dylan Greene

Dylan's job of team manager is to ensure that throughout the competition the team's progress is running smoothly. As a part of the role he must supervise all aspects of the project to ensure the goals & work of all team members are aligned and interconnected. He is also the primary designer in charge of the software needed to design the virtual car.



Graphic Designer - Kevea Gallagher

Kevea's role is to create and maintain the profile of the team in all materials and representations. This includes creating the team colours, logo, promotional materials, sponsorship packs, uniforms and the outer appearance of the car. Her job is also to create a website where the media manager will update the public on the progress of the team. She will work closely with Liam in designing and printing any promotional materials and the pit display



Resources and Manufacturing: Liam Romer

Liam is responsible for sourcing materials that the design & engineering departments request. He must be in contact with the all members to ensure that any materials requested are suitable and achievable in terms of availability and funding. He is responsible for purchasing all manufacturing materials and all testing materials.



Sponsorship and Media: Lauren O'Connell

Lauren's job will be finding and securing sponsorships with different companies and maintaining positive relations with them. She is also responsible for promoting the team such as putting information on the website and putting promotional materials on social media platforms to ensure the team's brand gets as much exposure as it can. She liaises closely with Liam to ensure available funding is allocated in the most efficient way and with Kevea to ensure a sponsor's ethos are represented correctly

Our 'F1 in Schools' TY team working on and preparing for the competition. Great work Dylan, Kevea, Liam and Lauren.



Patrick McGarvey in 5th Year signing his first pro-contract with Finn Harps. Well done Patrick!



All the winners from the school's 'Anti-Bullying Week' poetry and art competitions. Well done to all!



Caitin Kennedy TY with Ms. McKinley winning a prize in the Nationwide TY Flash Fiction and Poetry Categories in the Allingham Arts Schools Competition.



Laila-Grace McBride TY with Ms. Rodgers after winning a prize in the Nationwide TY Flash Fiction & Poetry Categories in the Allingham Arts Schools Competition.



Tori McIntyre TY with Mr. Walsh winning a prize in the Nationwide TY Flash Fiction and Poetry Categories in the Allingham Arts Schools Competition.

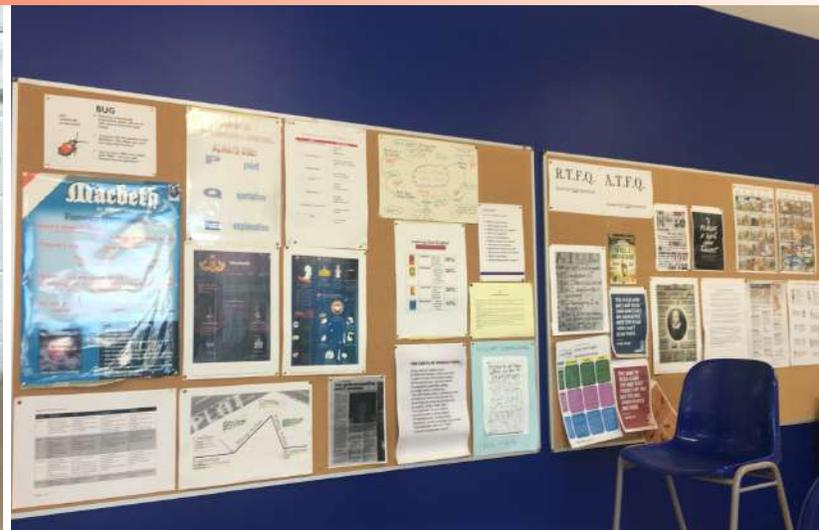


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Infrastructure



Newly installed display cabinets in practical rooms.



Many of our classrooms have recently been painted.



The new floor recently laid in our Art room.



The RCS doing its part in recycling waste with separate bins in all assemblies.



New lighting and ceilings have been installed in rooms across the school during closures.

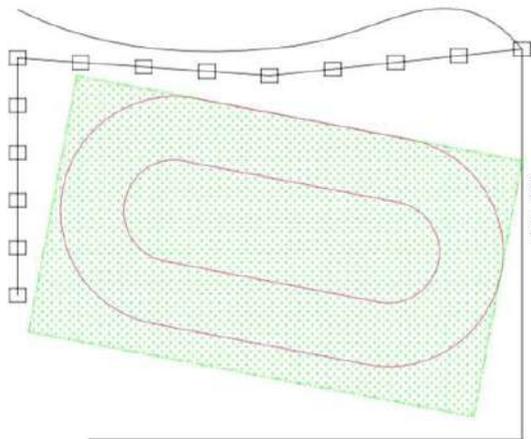


The astro-turf pitch surface recently refreshed and ready for action.



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Infrastructure - New Projects 2021

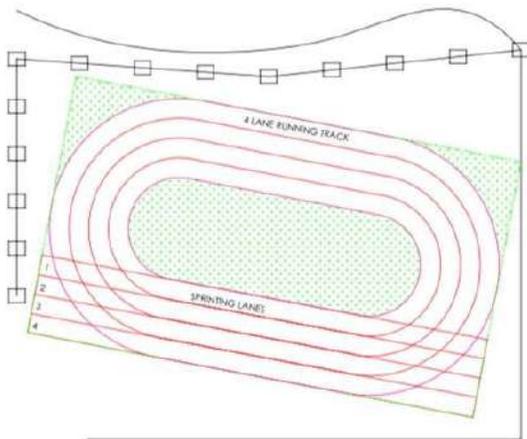
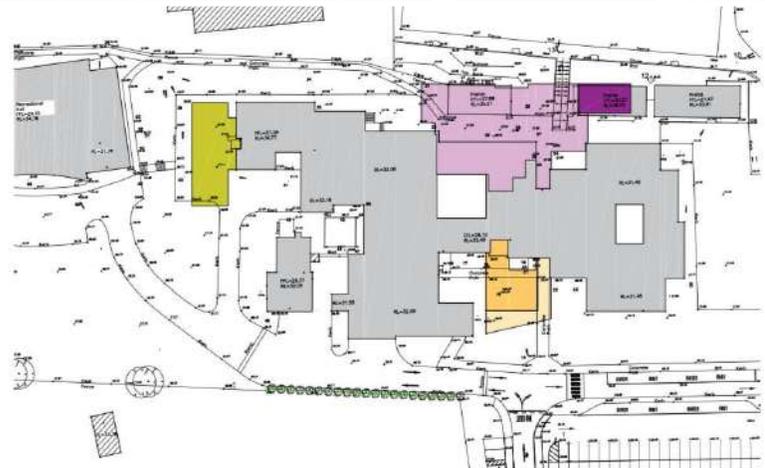


RUNNING TRACK CURRENTLY
49X29M
PROPOSED NEW PITCH AREA
EXTENDED TO 70X33M

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EXTENDED AREA OF 70X33M
ALSO SUITABLE FOR NEW 4 LANE
RUNNING TRACK WITH SPRINT
LANE ON SIDE

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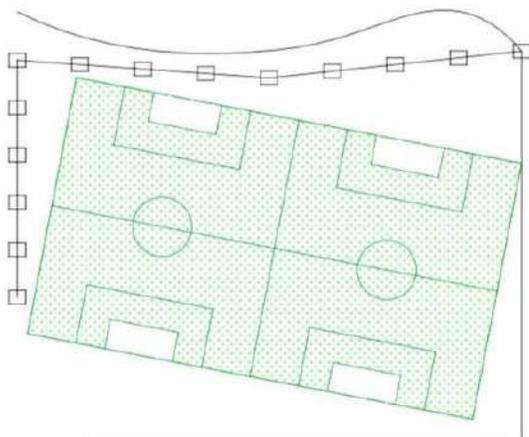


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PROPOSED FINISHES

- ALLOW FOR LOW MAINTENANCE EXTERNAL CLADDING AND/ OR DARK GREY BRICK TO NEW FRONT BLOCK.
- ALLOW FOR ENTRANCE CANOPY
- ALLOW FOR VERTICAL ROOF LEVEL WINDOWS TO NEW SEN CLASSROOM.
- 2 STORY SIDE BLOCK AND SEN BACK EXTENSION TO BE RENDERED. WINDOW DETAIL DESIGN SIMILAR TO AND PREVIOUS EXTENSION. (SEE PICTURE) ALLOW FOR VARIOUS COLOURS EXTERNALLY.
- ALLOW FOR LANDSCAPE OF NEW/ RE-PURPOSED COURTYARD.

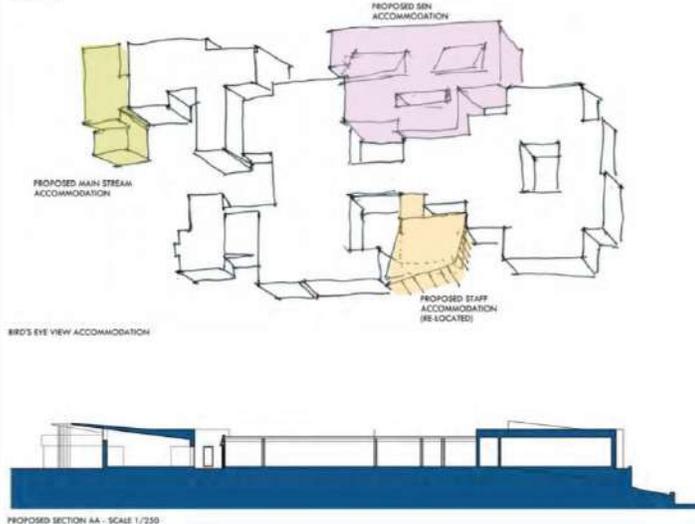


EXTENDED AREA IS ALSO SUITABLE
FOR 2 FOOTBALL PITCHES WITH AN
AREA OF 35X33M EACH.

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PROPOSED SECTION AA - SCALE 1/250

Proposed new running track / pitch area. New accommodation blocks projected to start summer 2021.



Nuachtlitir an Earraigh

Bealach straitséiseach na Gaelige sa scoil



Muinteoir Mac Ruairi agus na daltaí ag imirt cluichi sa Coiste na Gaelige.



Na daltaí ag damhsa gach Deardaoin le Ms O'Reilly.



Neil agus Eamon sa triú bliain ag breathnú ar na cluichi sa Coiste na Gaelige.



Noa O Fril - Buaiteoir don chomortas 'Dushlan Ceangal a 4'. Bhi an comortas a reachtail ag scolairi sa chead bhliain ata mar bhaill de Choiste na nDaltaí. Maith sibh!



Gaeilgeoiri na Miosa do Mhi na Nollag. Tugadh dearbhain do na scolairi o Choiste Pleanail Teanga na Rosan. Ta muid fíor-bhuioch as an tacaíocht.



'Beatha teanga i a labhairt.' Maith sibh.



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Student Council / Student Voice



Budding entrepreneurs in LCA selling their Christmas decorative pieces from Woodwork class. Great work.



Students at Mullaghderg beach shooting a video of their 'Christmas Lights' video with Ms Laughlin.



Ms Laughlin's students filming further scenes for the 'Christmas Lights' video which has now been viewed thousands of times!

The Christmas lights video can be viewed here:



[Christmas Lights](#)



[Part 1](#)



[Part 2](#)

Our Christmas concert was done virtually this year.
You can view it in two parts here:

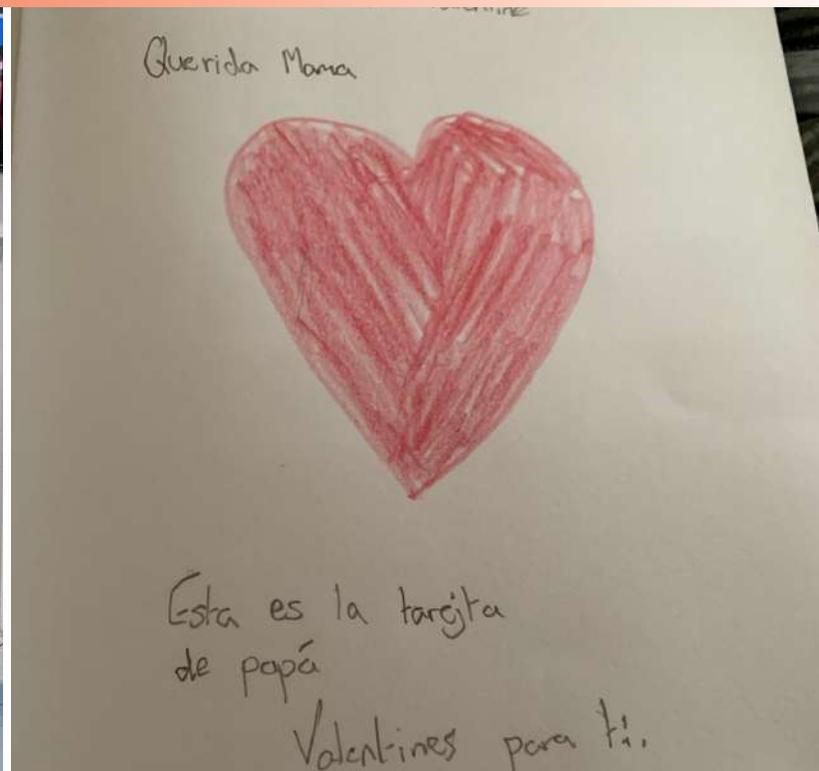


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Covid didn't stop our students and staff from getting in the festive spirit back in December.



Mrs Gribben's 1D class produced some Spanish Valentine's Day cards while learning online.



A sample of the fantastic artwork on display during Anti-Bullying week in the RCS in November.

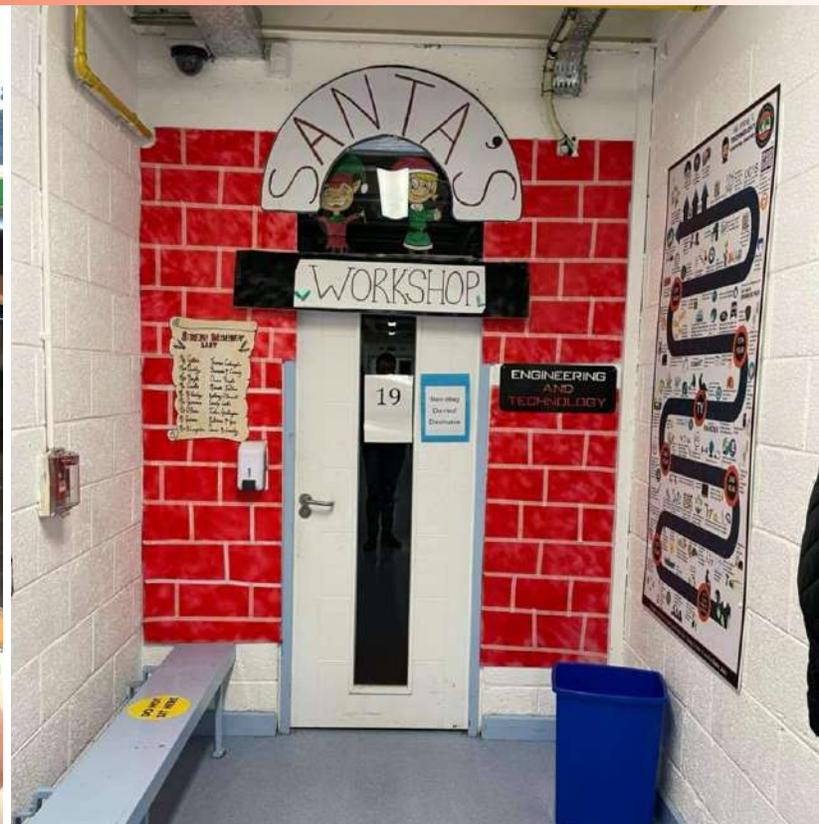


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Maeve Monaghan enjoying an Art class in November. Lovely artwork Maeve!



Mr Byrne's Engineering classroom looking festive in December.



Mr Walsh is serenaded and given a cake for his 30th birthday by 5th Year students.



The rain didn't stop Emma Hyland from doing her daily activity walk while learning online from home!



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