

## **Board of Management Agreed Report 23-2-23**

The Board would like to congratulate all the staff on an excellent WSE-MLL report from the inspectorate. It was a validation of the superb work going on in the school and the recommendations will prove very useful as we continue to improve.

The Board would like to acknowledge the success at the Young Scientist competition with 8 projects and 17 students getting into the competition.

In particular the Board would like to congratulate Lily O' Shea, Grace Kelleher and Caoimhe O' Brien receiving a special for their project on 'Passenger transport emissions modelling to inform local and National school sustainable transport policy' and the two winners of a 'highly commended' awards; Leah Coakley and Holly Wenger who won in the Technology category for their project 'Construction and Evaluation of a DIT Air Filter' and Lucy Murray for her project on 'Can Ireland sustain producing its own quality baking flour with triticale amidst the current food crisis'. Not to be outdone Ms. Foley brought home a richly deserved Educator of Excellence award for all her hard work. Well done to all students involved and to Ms. Foley, Ms. Butler and Ms. O'Keefe for getting the students ready as well as Ms. Foley and Ms. Kerrigan who accompanied the students to the competition.

The Board would like to thank Ms. McSweeney for holding a successful and well attended subject choice evening for 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year parents and students.

The Board was pleased to hear about *Ceiliuradh CEIST* on Wednesday February 1st. This is a celebration of more than 150 years of Mercy Tradition. The theme for the day was "one good deed for the planet". Rita McCabe from our school trustees, CEIST visited our school on the day. She had a training session with the student council, she gave a presentation to 4th and 5th year students, followed by a prayer service. She was given a tour of our first year gardening & composting project which is part of their "wellness " programme and she planted a tree on the school grounds. She was also treated to a visit to the "Greener Schools" pop up swap shop which is part of their efforts to raise awareness of the effects of fast fashion on the environment.

The Board extends its congratulations to:

- The Duarte sisters Marissa, Lucia and Grace who featured on the RTE show - DIY SOS The Bigger Build
- Rosie McCarthy Adair on her starring role in the movie 'Wheel of Dreams'.
- Chloe Lehane and Eugenie Kelleher for their success in the National Write a Poem Competition
- The U16.5 Camogie team on reaching the county final but unfortunately losing out to Pres Mitchelstown
- Our U19 Basketball team on reaching the All Ireland quarter finals
- Our Junior, Intermediate and Senior Cross Country teams who have qualified for the Munster Championships and Orla O'Brien who qualified as an individual in the Minor race.
- Roisin Ní Liatháin and Hayleigh O'Shea have been selected as part of the Cork U14A team for the coming year. Ruby Prendeville has been selected as part of the Cork U14B team for the coming year.

- Ciara Kelleher and Lily O Shea have been selected on both the Cork U16 football and camogie teams for the coming year.
- Caoimhe O'Brien has joined Cork City U17s soccer team.

The following policies were ratified:

- Anti Bullying Policy
- Special Education Teaching and Whole School Inclusion
- Mobile Phone Policy (amended) with one change. Under the 'Class' heading the following was added: "There should be no use of a device to take photos or record videos in class even where permission to use the device has been granted."

The Board would like to wish Transition Year students a wonderful trip to Italy at the beginning of the Easter Holidays and extends its gratitude to the teachers who are accompanying the students on the trip.

The Board looks forward to the TY Show after Easter and would like to wish the students involved, Ms. Collins and Ms. Angela Doherty (show co-ordinator) the best of luck with it.

The Board would like to acknowledge the hard work of Ms. Donovan in organising the Pre exams and for to all teachers for the hard work in ensuring they ran smoothly.

Date of next meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023