

Agreed Report of the Board of Management Meeting Tuesday, 14th January 2025

BT Young Scientist Success

The Board would like to acknowledge the school's success at this year's BT Young Scientist Exhibition. St. Mary's had 15 projects qualify for the exhibition, the highest number in the country. Notable awards included:

- Aine O'Leary: Department of Education Special Award and Highly Commended.
- Cara O'Brien and Eabha Ní Chonaola: Highly Commended.
- Ella White and Amy McCullagh: Display Award.

St. Mary's also won "Best School in the Republic of Ireland." This award is based on the schools performance over the past 3 years and the board would like to acknowledge and congratulate all 67 students who have exhibited over that time and in particular thanks to Ms. Foley, Ms. O'Keeffe, and Ms. Butler for their dedication to Young Scientist.

Camogie Achievements

The Board would like to acknowledge the achievements of our camogie teams over the past few months:

- The Intermediate team won the Cork Colleges Cup in November, defeating Tramore.
 - On 11th January, the Senior team secured the Munster Title with a victory over Newport and will proceed to the All-Ireland Semi-Final on 1st February. Congratulations to the players and coaches Ms. McSweeney, Mr. Liam Slattery, and Ms. Lehane.
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Senior Football

- The Senior Football team advanced to the Munster Final with a win over Mount Mercy. The Board extends its congratulations to all players and to coaches Mr Quill, Mr. Galvin
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Transition Year Show: 'Barbie Unboxed'

- The TY production, held over three sold-out nights at the Briery Gap, was a resounding success. The Board would like to complement all involved including the students who acted, sang, danced, stage managed, did PR and all the other roles associated with the show as well as Director / Writer Angela Doherty, TY Co-ordinator Sean Quill, Musical Co-ordinators Aoibheann Queally & Orla Hogan and everyone else who helped out over .

Christmas Day Celebrations

- The annual Christmas Day Celebrations on 12th December featured a Carol Service, Christmas dinner cooked by Trish, a visit from Santa Claus himself and entertainment. The Board thanks Ms. Donovan, Ms. Queally, Ms. O'Donoghue, the Student Council, and Trish for their contributions.

The Board would also like to acknowledge the following:

- Ms. O'Donoghue, Ms. O'Donovan, and Ms. Murphy for organizing the 6th year wellbeing trip to Killarney
- The choir who performed at Cork Airport in the lead up to Christmas. Thanks to Ms Collins and Ms. Donovan who led them and organised the trip.
- TY students participated in the Christmas market at Macroom Town Hall as part of Mini Company this year and to Ms. O'Donoghue & Mr. Galvin for their work in getting the students ready.
- First Year student Aine Lucey performed on the Late Late Toy Show as part of the Chocolate Swappers String Quartet.

The Board is looking into the expansion of the CCTV system in the school

Next Meeting: 25th February 2025
