



*School Improvement Plan/DEIS
Summer Newsletter*



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Welcome Note

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

Our approach
“Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí”

A Chairde,

As we draw the school year to a close, we would like to take the opportunity to commend our school community on how they navigated their way through this most difficult term. Our students excelled in many ways, not least in keeping themselves and others safe.

As always, as this newsletter illustrates, our students and staff have managed to achieve outstanding results and continue to improve the experience of all at the school.

We could not be prouder of our students and staff for their resilience during the last term. We persevered and continued to provide and attend innovative lessons, engage in projects and competitions and keep each other safe during some very testing times.

We would also like to commend 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.

We, as a team, are really looking to welcoming everyone back in September.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

John Gorman
Principal

Dáire Gillen
Deputy Principal



John Gorman
PRINCIPAL



Dáire Gillen
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:

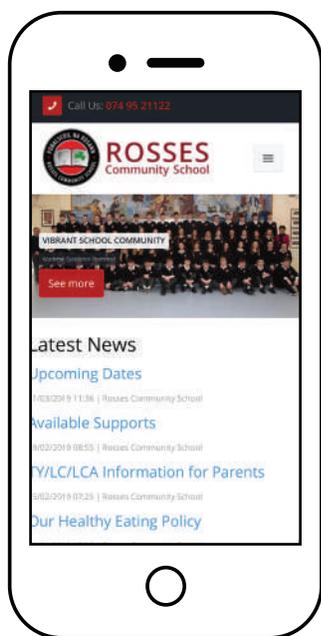
- Operates through reflective practice and reflective approach.
- Operates a solutions based approach.
- Strives for best practice.



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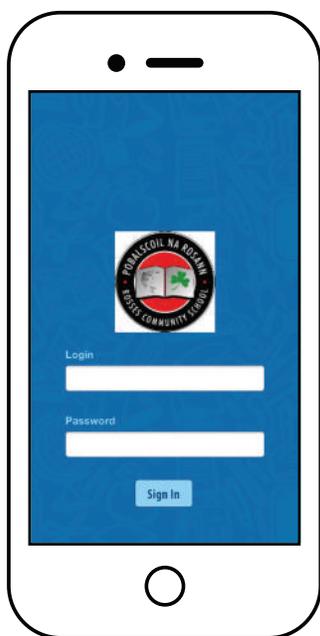
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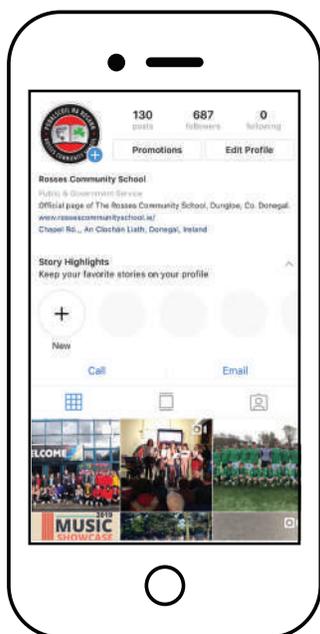
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The Pastoral Care Team

Spotlight on...

The Pastoral Care Team

Who we are...



Helena
Cunningham



Fiona
Timoney



Patricia
Graham



Dearbhla
Fox



Laura
McKinley



Mary
McLoughlin



Dáire
Gillen

What we do...

- The Pastoral Care Team works together to help students who are experiencing difficulty in their lives.
- The PC Team liaises with parents, guardians and outside agencies in assisting students to overcome the challenges they face in their daily lives.
- Students are met on a one to one basis by a PC member to support them in their wellbeing while in school.
- The PC system encompasses a range of supports that cater for the academic, social, emotional and behavioural needs of all students.
- The PC Team brings all of the school support services together to support the student in all areas of their school life in a caring and empathetic manner.

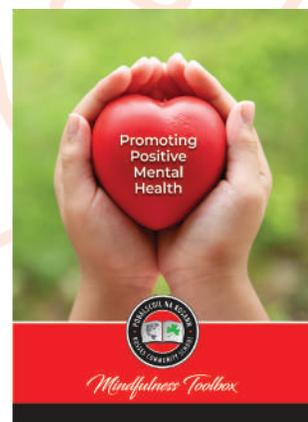
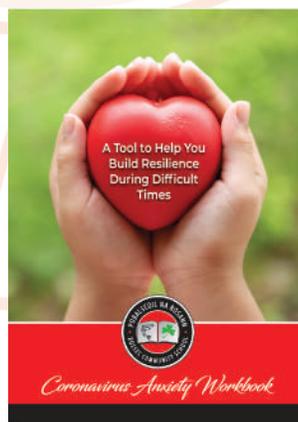
Additional Supports...



Denise O'Boyle
Psychotherapist

If referred by Pastoral Care or School Management, our Psychotherapist, Denise will meet students on a one to one basis, providing therapy to assist students cope with personal difficulties. Denise is actively working to help us develop a more integrated approach between Mental Health and education.

Our New Publications...



Committees

1. Management & Leadership
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 4. Student Attendance, Attainment & Retention
 5. Infrastructure
 6. Bealach straitséiseach na Gaeilge
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Management & Leadership



Mr Gorman and Mr Gibson wish SNA Ryan McFadden the very best as he departs the RCS. We thank him for the great work he has done with our students.



Sara Laughlin saying farewell and thank you to Drama Tutor Emma Warren, star of Les Miserables and Riverdance as she returns to the West End. Thank you on behalf of our students.

Reillys



A look at the new RCS O'Reillys sportswear range coming soon.



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Mr Gillen saying goodbye to Michael and Ciara Greene in 6th Year as they move onwards and upwards.



Carleen Gallagher has been informed that the European Society for Dermatology and Psychiatry have asked her to present two papers in June. Congratulations Carleen!



Mr Gillen wishing Jay Doherty and Patrick Marry in 6th Year and indeed all of our 6th Years farewell and best wishes.



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Teaching & Learning



6th Year students hunting for bugs during their final Biology class in the RCS with Mrs Marry.



1st Year students deep in thought during the inter-school Maths Competition in May.



Ms Aguiló and Mr Donovan Doherty teaching Spanish in a blended manner to 1st Year students.



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John Shovlin demonstrating the remote control car he built during Mr Croke's Technology class.



1st Year Spanish students exchanging letters with students in Arta, Mallorca.



The TY Young Social Innovators hard at work on their successful project on period poverty and stigma.



1st Year students enjoy learning in the great outdoors during the better weather in May.



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Partnership with Parents & Others



Mr O'Donnell, Mrs Gribben and Mr Walsh with some Dutch gifts sent by our Erasmus partner school, Corlear College in Nijkerk, Holland.



The TY Young Social Innovators group who were successful in having a motion passed by Donegal County Council, in which all their buildings will provide free sanitary items for staff and members of the public. Well done.

Speakers from the following disciplines:

- Business & Commerce
- Engineering & Apprenticeships
- Humanities
- Health Sciences
- General Sciences
- Creative Arts

Your future starts here!



The annual RCS Careers Fair took place virtually on May 11th with a series of speakers across a range of employment areas in attendance.



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Sports Studies & Physical Education
B.Ed. Sports Studies & Physical Education

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SPORT
Northern Ireland

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Healthcare Ireland

The Children's Sport Participation and Physical Activity Study 2018
CSPPA 2018

Research, Coaching, and Sporting Background



Cork ladies GAA star, Dr Orlagh Farmer presenting to our senior students on the importance of girl's sport.



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DESIGN THINKING INNOVATION CAMP



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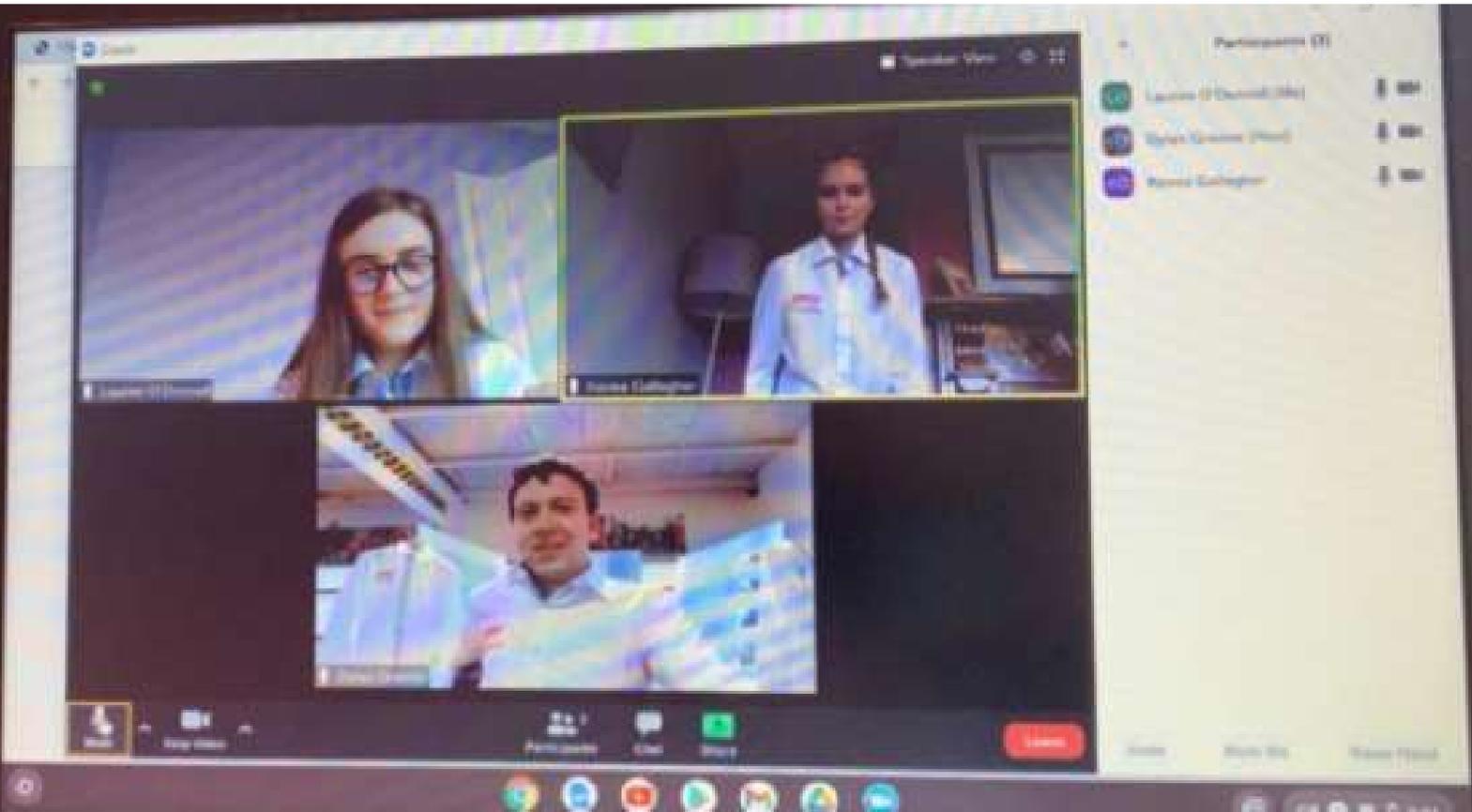
5th Year Business and Economics students participating in the Blue Economy Innovation Camp with their speakers.

1st Year Team Maths Competition

St. Columba's Comprehensive, Glenties
versus
Rosces Community School, Dungloe



An inter-school 1st Year Maths competition was held between the RCS Dungloe and St Columba's Comp, Glenties in Mid-May. Well done to all involved.



TY Students Lauren, Kevea and Dylan competing in the F1 in Schools Competition.



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Ms O'Reilly's 5th year Business and Economics students presented with certificates for participating in the Blue Economy Innovation Camp.



The Winning Team - Emilyly Croke, Kian Greene, Gráinne Mc Glynn & Edel Carr who created a business proposal to develop a Seaweed Based Skin Care Business in Burtonport.



TY student Jamie Bonner was a winner of the Young Writers of Ireland award in May. His poem will now be published in a book, congratulations Jamie and Ms McKinley too.



Mr Kevin Boyle's TY Students Lauren, Kevea and Dylan and their great work in the F1 in Schools Competition.



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2nd year Business students receiving certificates for participating in the Donegal Student Enterprise Programme.



John Shovlin and Aine Sweeney receiving their awards for winning the Ulster Schools Skills Challenge in March/April. Congratulations!



Winners of the Donegal Student Enterprise Intermediate Category: Conor Mc Bride, Cianán Mc Daid, Eoghan O'Hagan, Dylan Doherty and Luke Clerkin.



2nd place in the Donegal Student Enterprise Intermediate Category: Ellie Boyle, Ella Mc Bride, Alannah O'Donnell, Millie Hanlon and Rihanna McCready



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TY Students Heather Doherty and Caitlin Kennedy receiving their certificates of completion for the Tourism Insight course.



The RCS team who came second-place in the 1st Year Maths competition v Glenties. Well done Breegeen Boner, Owen Morris, Ryan O'Donnell and David Geoghegan.



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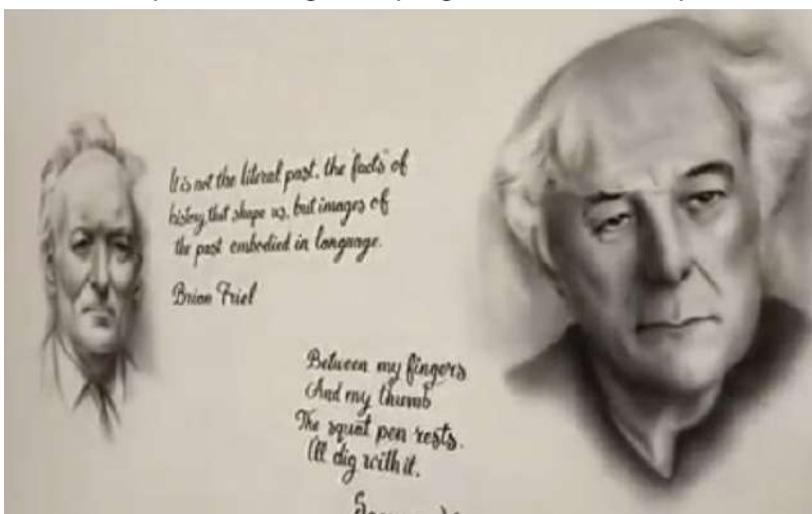
Flags erected in recent weeks at the entrance to the RCS.



Our new pitch making swift progress towards completion.



Learning Algebra on the way to class!
Well done to our Maths teachers on this clever initiative.



Murals of the late, great Brian Friel and Seamus Heaney along our school corridors.



The lads in the band making good use of Store Studios with Mr Joe Rodgers and Mr Tony MacRuairí.



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Our new indoor Golf Simulator in the RCS gym.
A great asset for golfers!



Fractions, percentages and decimals on the stairs near
our Maths classrooms.



The newly-refurbished boarding along the astro-turf pitch with our core values displayed around the field.



Nuachtlitir Samhraidh

Bealach straitséiseach na Gaelige sa scoil



Tháinig Amy agus Emma Nic Liam san dara áit sa chomórtas bÁCála. Bhí cuma deas ar na briosaí!



Bhuaigh Megan Ní Chaffraigh an chéad dhuais don chomórtas bÁCála a bhí ar siúl le linn Seachtain na Gaelige. Coinnigh leis an bhcáil anois!



Maith sibh - tuillte go hiomlán agaibh! Fuair gach scoláire dearbhán ó Choiste Phleanáil Teanga na Rosann. Summer Bowman, Alannah Ní Dhónaill, Sarah Ní Bhreathnach, Lauren Ní Dhómhnaill, Pádraig Mac Gairbheith, Kara Ní Dhochartaigh



Gaeilgeoir na Míosa (Aibreán) - Comhghairdeachas Chloe Ní Bhaoill, Joe Mac Giolla Rua, Fionn Ó Dochartaigh, Emma M Ní hArlaí, Hannah Ní Sheaclainn & Mollaí Ní Bhreathnach.



Seo daltaí na hIdirbhliana ag éisteacht le Máistir Ó Ceallaigh agus é i mbun cainte faoi Naomh Colmcille san amharclann.



Chruthaigh Caitlin Ní Chinnéide na híomhánna so mar dhréacht do na leabharmharcanna a bheidh ar fáil againn bhliain seo chugainn. Tallann dochreidte aici.

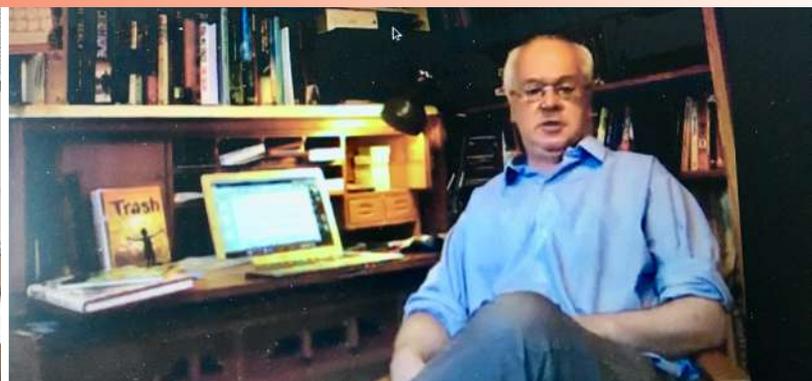


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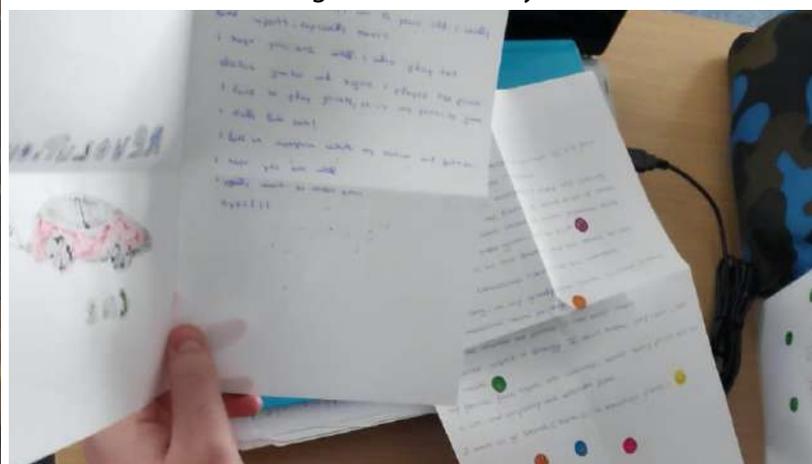
Student Council / Student Voice



John Shovlin hitting the high notes in Store Studios in recent weeks.



Author of Junior Cert novel 'Trash' Andy Mulligan answering questions from 2nd/3rd Year RCS students in April. Well done to all and Ms Rodgers, Ms McKinley and Mr Walsh.



1st Year students conversing by letter with students in Arta, Mallorca.



Leaving Cert mentors presented with certificates and pens last week. Well done on your work with 1st Year students.



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Student Council / Student Voice



Head Boy and Girl for 2021/2022 Patrick McGarvey and Grainne McGlynn.
Deputy Head Boy and Girl Sean Hyland and Hannah Houston. Well done to all!



Senior Prefects 2021/2022: Dylan Wallace, Emilly Croke, Jack Ward, Orla McCready,
Matthew Comiskey, Sarah Mullis Byrne, John Paul Bonner and Eleanor Rose O'Donnell



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Wellbeing



6th Year students Kieran, Patrick and Alfie watching memories on screen of their time in the RCS as they say farewell.



LCA students say thank you and farewell to SNA Lorraine Boyle on their final day.



Maks, Odhran, John, Maeve and Michaela with Joe Rodgers and Ryan McFadden outside the music studio in April.



Our TY Young Social Innovators. Well done girls!



Blue Hanlon's beautiful fashion dress designs. Lovely work Blue, well done!



Some lovely personalised cupcakes at the end of year from Eimear Walsh. Much appreciated from all the RCS staff!



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