



*School Improvement Plan/DEIS
Autumn/Winter 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"

The purpose of our newsletter is to highlight all the many positive things that have happened in the last quarter of the school year. This information newsletter will allow our stakeholders to view our improvements, under school self evaluation and to also highlight our progress under our DEIS status.

We have had a very positive start to the new school year. We have seen great developments in a number of pilot projects that we are involved in with the Department of Education and other bodies. We are a Physics pilot school, for Irish language planning. We are also part of a pilot with the GAA, 'Going Well' initiative, with 16 other schools in the country. During this period also, the school was awarded a TESA gold award, for innovation in schools. We have seen further development of our apprenticeship programmes this term.

This year in our Leaving Certificate results we had over 70% of our students continuing into third level and over 22% into apprenticeships.

Part of the newsletter process is to inform you of developments, but also to inform you that if there are areas of school that we need to improve that there is an open line of communication. This can be done either face to face, or by email correspondence. We will always endeavour to react to this and to promote the positivity of school, in any way that we can.

Wishing you all the best for the second term.

John Gorman
Principal



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PRINCIPAL



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Deputy Principal's Welcome

A Chairde,

As we approach the end of term, we endeavour, through our newsletter, to give you a small insight into some of the wonderful happenings in our school over the last term. Great work has been done by all, staff and students, in such a wide range of activities with the ongoing support of our parent body. Over the last number of months, we have had students excel in both academic and non-academic areas. We are exceedingly proud of their success.

Since the beginning of the school year we have had a number of exciting new developments at school. We are extremely proud of the introduction of the new 'Cearnóg', recently opened by the Minister of education. This area in school is designed to promote or language and culture in a fun, dynamic and inclusive environment. I would like to take this opportunity to thank 'Coiste na Gaeilge' for their efforts in seeing this project to fruition.

This year, we also launched 'Bealach na Rosann/ The Rosses Way', an exciting new activity initiative launched by Prof. Niall Moyna, DCU and dedicated to our colleague Dawn Croke. The initiative has proven to be a massive success and I look forward to seeing it grow and develop for the betterment of the entire school community.

I would like to pay particular tribute to our sports students and their coaches, who have showcased the talent, drive and abilities of our students on a county, provincial and national level - we are very proud of you all.

It is all this variety and activity that makes our school an interesting, dynamic place that is constantly challenging and stimulating.

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

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Encouragement

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Collaboration

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Kindness

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Accountability

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Celebrate achievement

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Student Centered

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Best Practice

The Rosses Community School operates through reflective practice and reflective approach to all aspects of school life.

The Rosses Community School operates a solutions based approach to all aspects of school life.

The Rosses Community School strives for best practice in all aspects of school life.



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Tommy McGee



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The school wishes to offer its condolences to the family of the late Tommy McGee, former Principal of the Rosses Community School from 1973 to 1988.

Tommy overseen the opening of the Rosses Community School which resulted in the amalgamation of the high school in Dungloe and the technical school in Loughanure. Tommy overseen the new buildings and the early development of the school and the school community will always be grateful for his role in that.

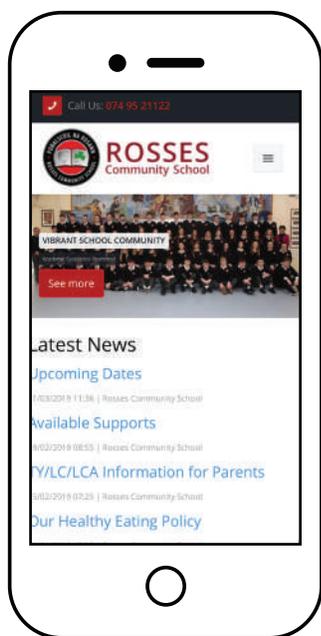
We offer our deepest condolences to Tommy's family and we also wish to thank Tommy for all that he did in developing the early part of the school's history.



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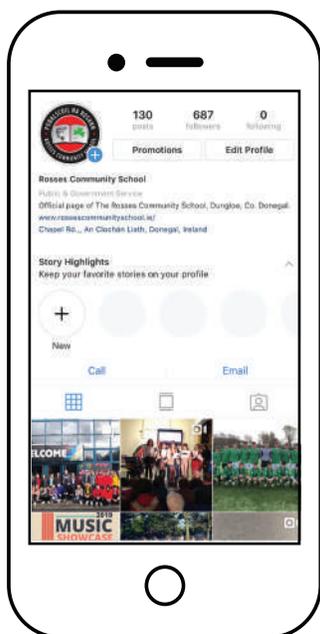
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Dates for your diary

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Thursday 9th January

Young Scientist Trip to Dublin

Friday 10th January

Anniversary Mass for Ms Dawn Croke

Tuesday 14th January

Sportshall Athletics Regional Finals in RCS

Thursday 16th January

JCT Cluster Day - Students at home

Friday 17th January

Shane Martin Student & Staff Talk

Thursday 23rd January

TY Wellbeing Evening Seminar - all welcome

Friday 24th January

Non-Uniform Day in aid of Down Syndrome Ireland

Saturday 25th January

2nd Erasmus Trip - Spain

Monday 3rd February

Mock Exams begin - 3rd and 6th Years

Tuesday 4th February

1st Year induction for incoming students

Thursday 6th February

Incoming Parent Information Evening

Monday 10th February

5th Year LCVP Work Experience - full week

Friday 14th February

Non-Uniform Day in aid of Motor Neurone

Friday 14th February

Mid-Term Break begins

Tuesday 25th February

Skills at Work visit to LYIT

Wednesday 26th February

LCVP / LCA / TY Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 11th March

3rd & 6th Year Parent Teacher Meeting



Committees

1. Management & Leadership
 2. Teaching & Learning
 3. Partnership with Parents & Others
 4. Student Attendance, Attainment & Retention
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 6. Bealach straitséiseach na Gaeilge
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Management and Leadership

TESA-Certified Schools

Second Level Schools

Assumption Secondary School	Silver	Mount Carmel Secondary School	Bronze
Balbriggan Community College	Bronze	Mount Mercy College	Silver
Ballinteer Community School	Bronze	Moyle Park College	Silver
Beech Hill College	Bronze	Mulroy College	Bronze
Colaiste Eamon Ris	Gold	Newpark Comprehensive School	Bronze
Clarín College	Bronze	Ó Fiaich College	Gold
Colaiste an Eachréidh	Bronze	O'Connell Secondary School	Bronze
Colaiste Bhaile Chláir	Bronze	Our Lady of Mercy College	Silver
Colaiste Daibhéid	Silver	Presentation Secondary School	Gold
Colaiste na Coirbe	Bronze	Rice College	Bronze
Colaiste Ris	Bronze	Rockford Manor Secondary School	Bronze
De La Salle College	Silver	Rossa Community School	Gold
Deansrath Community College	Bronze	Royal School Cavan	Silver
Desmond College	Gold	Scoil Mhuire Buncrana	Gold
Errigal College	Silver	St. Aidan's C.B.S	Bronze
Gairmscoil Chú Uladh	Bronze	St. Aidan's Comprehensive School	Bronze
Gairmscoil Mhic Diarmada	Bronze	St. Aloysius' College	Silver
Glanmire Community College	Silver	St. Aloysius Secondary School	Gold
Gort Community School	Gold	St. Augustine's College	Bronze
Grange Community College	Gold	St. Columba's College	Gold
C.B.S James' Street	Silver	St. Flannan's College	Silver
Limerick Educate Together Secondary	Bronze	St. Joseph of Cluny Secondary School	Bronze
Loreto College	Bronze	St. Patrick's Comprehensive School	Silver
Loreto Community School	Silver	St. Paul's C.B.S Secondary School	Silver
Loreto Secondary School	Silver	St. Vincent's Secondary School	Silver
Margaret Aylward Community College	Bronze	Stepaside Educate Together	
Mercy College	Gold	Secondary School	Bronze
Merlin College	Gold	Ursuline College Sligo	Silver



TESA

The Entrepreneurial School Awards

The Entrepreneurial School Awards (TESA) recognises and celebrates outstanding commitment to entrepreneurship education, which aims to provide opportunities for young people to develop the ability to think positively, to identify opportunities to make things happen, to have the self-confidence to achieve their goals, and to use their talents to build a better society (economically and socially).

TESA also establishes a forum in which best practise is recognised and shared.



TESA

The Entrepreneurial School Awards
CERTIFIED SCHOOL



Junior Achievement Ireland
INSPIRING YOUNG MINDS



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Management and Leadership



Ms Nuria Aguilo and Ms Claire O'Donnell taking part in an exchange week with Erasmus in Denmark.



Our Coiste na Gaelige team in the RCS.



Mrs Gribbin and Ms Aguilo attending the first Erasmus transnational meeting in Nijkerk, Holland.



Minister for Education, Joe McHugh visiting the RCS.

**CHANGE
STARTS
WITH**



#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK
11th - 15th NOVEMBER 2019

Our annual Anti-Bullying week campaign was held in school in November. Well done to all involved.



Head Girl Justine Boyle and Head Boy Martin Mannion during the RCS Anti-Bullying week this year.



Best wishes to our former colleague, French and Irish teacher Mr Gerry Doherty who retired in September. We wish him the very best in retirement.



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Teaching and Learning



International Day of Languages was held in the RCS on October 10th.



6th yr students in the Gaiety Theatre attending 'The Playboy of the Western World' as part of their English course.



TY students during their Science trip in London in October.



Senior students - forensics workshop in our gym.



TY students on the annual Science trip in London - Oct



Mairead Ní Mhaonaigh holding a traditional Irish music workshop with our students in October.



RCS students at the National Ploughing Championships.



TY students experimenting at the Forensic workshop - L'Oreal Young Scientist Centre in the Royal Institute, London



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Partnership with Parents and Others



Max, John & Maeve visiting Dungloe Fire station with their teachers.



Dungloe Fire Station - Max, John & Maeve ready for action!



Bhí BBC i mbun taifeadta sa scoil. Rinne síad taifeadadh aré chluichí Gaelacha a bhfuil baint ag baill Choiste na Gaelige leo. Beidh an clár ar an teilifís gan mhoill. Maith sibh!



TY students at the Dolmen Centre & Doon Fort in Portnoo.



Lorraine Murray from Donegal ETB speaking to our students about apprenticeship opportunities in October.



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Partnership with Parents and Others



Our 6th Year LCA students in Rosses Radio for an assessment task in December.



Our Erasmus students enjoying their time in Denmark!



Leaving Cert students working in Gartan for their Leaving Cert Geography field assignment.



TY, LCA & 5th yr Technology & Engineering students visiting Liverpool for a tour of the Jaguar and Landrover factories.



Slainte Tirchonail group and Packie Bonner donating 1994 season cap to the school community post their fundraiser



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Student Attendance, Attainment and Retention



Well done Finlay Thomson - 2nd Year who won an Excellence in Stem Award at the Scifest National Final in Dublin.



Our former student Niamh Carr receiving the UCD Ad Astra award recently. Well done Niamh!



Our Prefects for the year 2019/2020. Well done to all!



Our Head Boy and Head Girl for 2019/2020, Mairtin Mannion and Justine Boyle.



Our wonderful Erne Cup winning U20 Senior Ladies GAA team defeated St. Columba's Stranorlar in the Ulster final.



Former student Kevin O'Donnell receiving a national award - National Engineering Technology Teachers Association. Former pupil Dylan O'Donnell also received an award.



Our former students Dylan O'Donnell, Luke McDermott & Conor Rodgers who are now training with the National Maritime College of Ireland. Well done gentlemen.

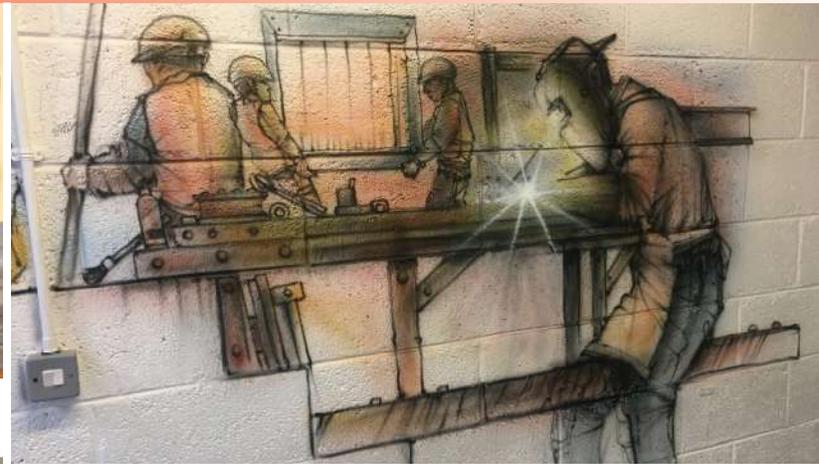


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The first phase of the new upgrade of the Woodwork/Construction Studies department.



The new paintings in our Construction and Engineering departments.



Capturing the fishing tradition of the Rosses.



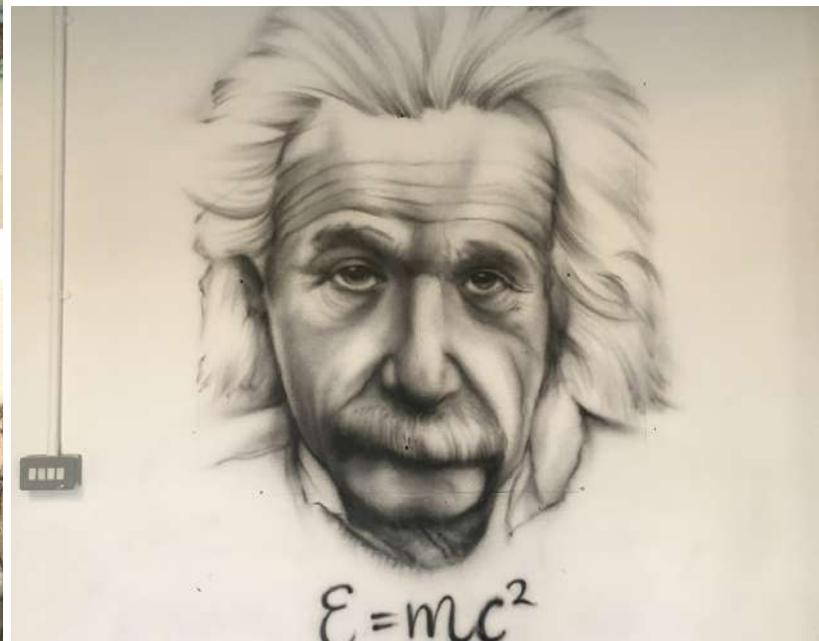
New Woodwork/Construction Studies equipment in school this term.



Ancient Irish scenes in our History department.



Remembering bygone days at the RCS.



Albert Einstein providing inspiration in our Science and Maths Departments. Mural by Kevin Gallagher.



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Our newly refurbished Gym and equipment at the RCS





Nuachtlitir an Fhómhair/Gheimhridh Bealach straitséiseach na Gaelige



Roinnt dár gcuid daltaí agus íomhánna de mhór scríbhneoirí na nua litríochta Gaelige as an cheantar sa chúla.



Onóir a thabhairt anseo i gCearnóg na Gaelige, don traidisiúin láidir ceoil dúchasach atá againn sa cheantar.



I gcuideachta daltaí na séú bliana tá Gerry Doherty, atá ag éirí as achuid dualgasmar mhúinteoir. Tá muid buíoch do Gerry as ucht na hoibre a rinne sé ar son ár dteanga dhúchais i bPobalscoil na Rosann.



Neil agus Caitlin Kennedy as an dara agus an tríú bliain i mbun ceoil ag coirm cheoil na Nollag. Maith sibh!



Comhghairdeas le Neil, Eimear, Hannah, Caitlin agus Eoghan, a bhuaigh craobh Scór Chontae Dhún na nGall. Maith iad!



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Student Council/ Student Voice



Patrick McGarvey with his Irish U17 cap for 2019 & Packie Bonner who donated his 1994 cap to the Slainte Tirchonail fundraiser



2nd Year students doing a 'taste-test' as market research for their Business class.



2nd yr students entertaining during the Christmas concert.



Fiachra McGettigan performing during our Christmas concert recently.



Our RCS Erasmus students performing for their Danish friends during the trip there.



RCS student Grainne McGlynn receiving the Volunteer Recognition Award. Grainne is also Mayor of Donegal Youth Council. Well done!



6th Year LCA students recording sample broadcasting material on their visit to Rosses Radio in December.



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Wellbeing



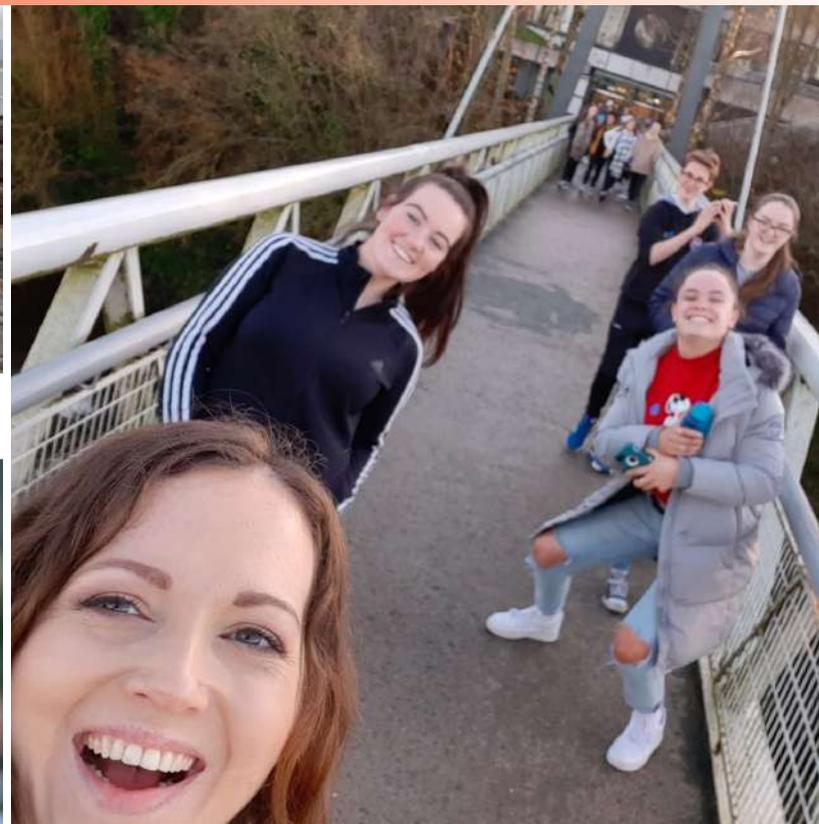
Ms Joanne Doherty's TY Cultural Studies class visiting Religious sites in the Rosses.



Amy Greene in 3rd Year representing NI & Ulster at the British & Irish Mountain Running Championships. Amy came 2nd at the U17 All Ireland XC Championships.



5th Year Technology and Engineering students visiting the Marine College in Cork for the NMCI open day.



Ms O'Hart's Art History Trip during December 2019 to Newgrange and IMMA in Dublin.



John Shovlin in 3rd Year practicing his skills at Dungloe Fire Station in November.



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Wellbeing



3rd Year girls attending Glenveagh National Park in September as part of their CBA2 in Visual Art.



Garda Patrick McGlynn giving senior students a drug and alcohol awareness talk in early October.



5th year mentors and the anti-bullying award winners



6th Year students enjoying their final Christmas concert!



1st Year students attending the 'Bin It' talk during November, raising awareness of littering.



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