





# Easter Newsletter - April 2020

## 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,

I hope that you and your family are having a nice and peaceful Easter break and are staying safe and well. Our Easter Newsletter is a chance to celebrate the last term at a very unique time for all of us.

We wish all our Leaving Certs and Junior Certs well in the new arrangements. Keep your focus and continue to practice and engage with your work. Do your best and that's all anyone can ever ask. Look after yourselves and please reach out if you need help from your school.

Please ensure to engage fully in the final week of term, in preparation for the revised arrangements. We want the very best for all of you and together we can work towards this.

We could not be any more proud of our student body and all our staff. As you have proven over the last few years, you can face any challenge with strength, respect and community spirit. It is a real privilege to work with all of you

We are the envy of many school communities in the country due to work we have done in the technology area over the last 5 years, this has now really stood to us. However, we look forward very much to seeing you all in person back on the Chapel Road very soon.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all well in the coming weeks. We look forward to working with all of you and having a positive final term.

Stay safe and take care,

**John Gorman**  
**Principal**



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## Deputy Principal's Welcome

A Chairde,

I hope that you and your family had a nice and peaceful Easter break and are staying safe and well during these very unique days. This is an Easter Newsletter of a very different kind. With these publications from the RCS, our aim is always to keep you informed and celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students. We wish to continue this, however our achievements during this term have taken on a very different guise.

Our students and staff have excelled in adapting to our present circumstances and, for that, I wish to sincerely congratulate you all. Online lessons are taking place seamlessly and students are engaging with their work during this difficult period. Teachers and students have adapted to their new working environment very well, while supporting and caring for their families at home.

The creativity, ingenuity and resilience of our school community is on show in this newsletter, and, of that, we are extremely proud.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all well in the coming weeks. The people of the Rosses have truly shown their generosity of spirit and their care for the community.

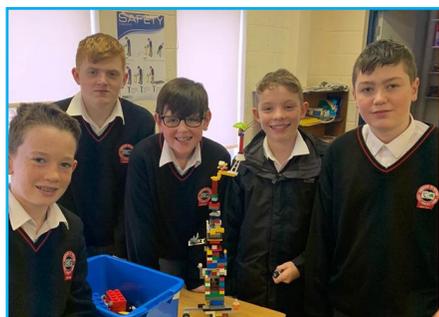
Stay safe and take care,

Le gach dea-ghuí,

**Dáire Gillen**  
**Deputy Principal**



*Dáire Gillen*  
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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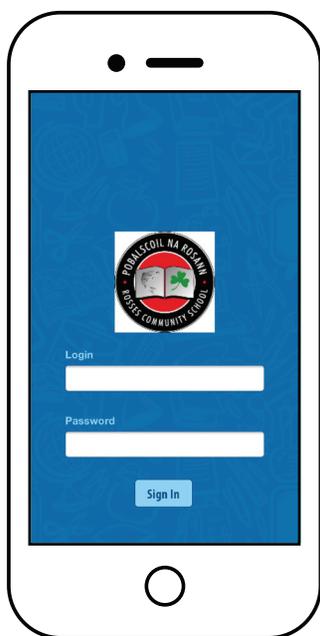
## Keeping You Informed

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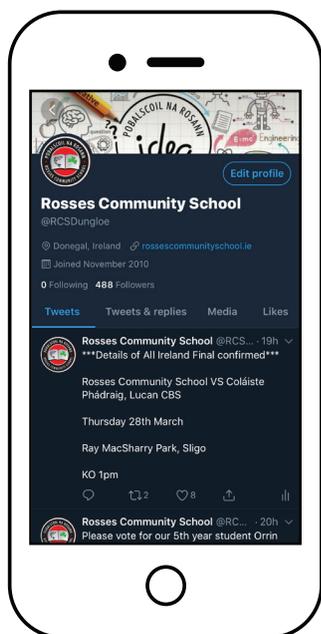
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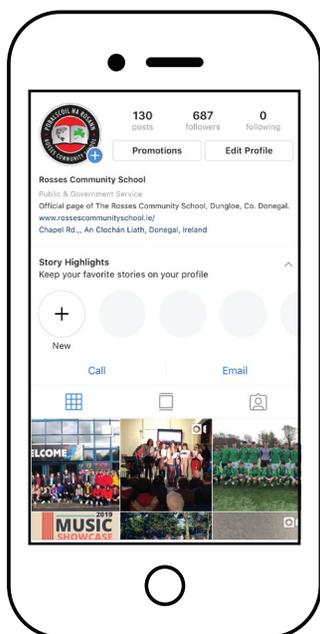
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# Committees

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  5. Infrastructure
  6. Bealach straitséiseach na Gaeilge
  7. Student Council / Student Voice
  8. Wellbeing
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## Management and Leadership



Mr Gorman and Mr Gillen with TY student Grainne McGlynn who was shortlisted for the Pramerica Spirit of the Community award. Well done Grainne.



Mr Gorman and staff listening to author Jude Morrow recently discussing his experiences with autism; a brilliant talk from an inspiring man!



The RCS Prefects Present  
**SUBJECT OPEN DAY**

For parents of incoming 1st Years & students entering senior cycle. This is a great opportunity to speak to staff one to one about their subject. Special Needs & Pastoral Care Teams will also be available to meet with parents.



Mr Gillen meeting incoming 1st Year students during Induction Week in February.

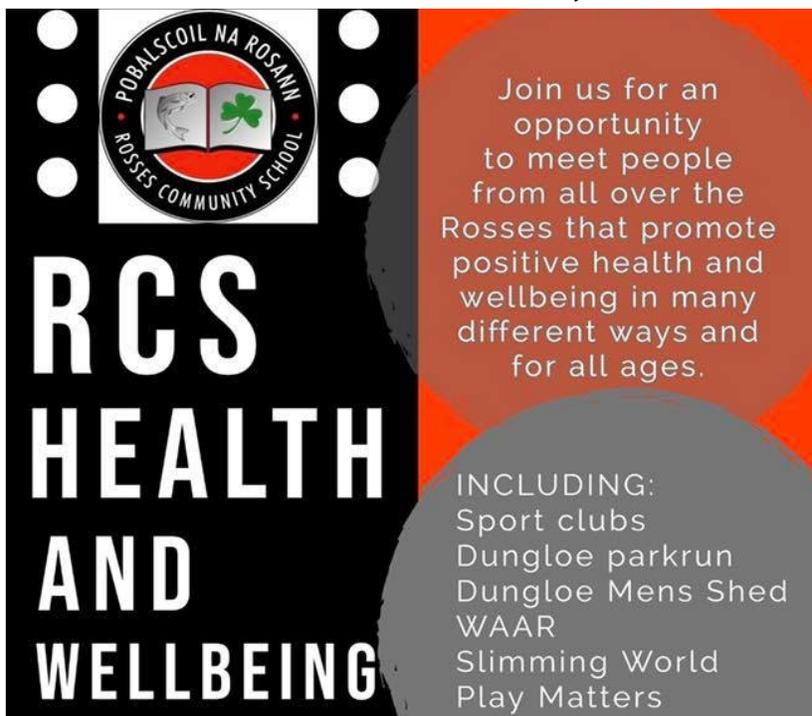


**MONDAY 9TH MARCH**  
**3-5PM**

A successful subject information evening was held in March to give incoming 1st Years and their parents a taster of the subject range within our school.



The charismatic Rory from 'Rory's Stories' delivering a heartfelt and humorous personal talk on mental health to RCS staff and students in early March.



**RCS HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

Join us for an opportunity to meet people from all over the Rosses that promote positive health and wellbeing in many different ways and for all ages.

INCLUDING:  
Sport clubs  
Dungloe parkrun  
Dungloe Mens Shed  
WAAR  
Slimming World  
Play Matters

A great evening held in January showcasing local clubs and classes of wide-ranging interests, promoting community wellbeing in the Rosses.



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## Teaching and Learning



Junior students get busy creating Lego structures during Engineering Week in March.



3rd Year student Caitlin Kennedy with Spanish students in Mallorca during an Erasmus exchange week in February.



Students 'in character' with Mr Walsh and Ms McKinley on World Book Day on 5th March.



LCA student Jonathan Dawson passing on his knowledge to an incoming 1st Year in Woodwork during induction week.



Incoming 1st Years getting a taste of Music in Ms Laughlin's class in February.

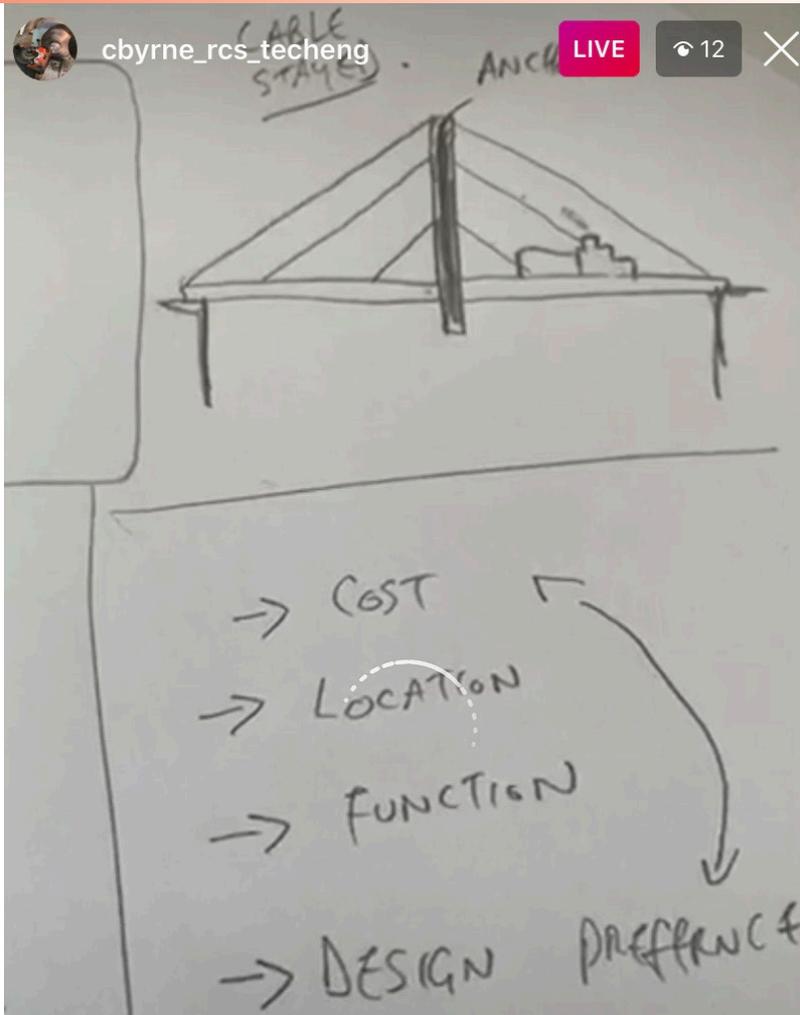


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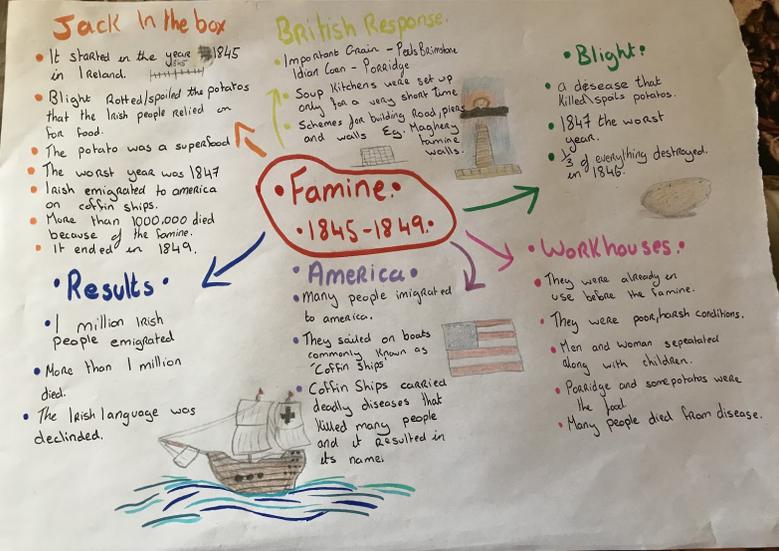
## Teaching and Learning



Mrs Gribben's French students being creative at home during this time, designing lovely birthday cards for her mother!



Live online teaching by Mr Byrne



Aisling Rodgers from Mr Kelly's History class producing some brilliant work from home during the Covid-19 crisis.



Mrs Conlon's Home Economics students showcasing their cooking talents at home during the current schools' closures.



Student created resources.



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Construction Studies and Graphics students getting a guided tour of the prestigious EXO building in Dublin's Docks during March.



RCS students getting ready for 'take-off' to Mallorca in February as part of the Erasmus programme.



TY students Edel Carr and Martina McKeown visiting the BT Young Scientist exhibition in the RDS, Dublin in January.



TY students visiting the 'Niall O'Domhnaill' house in Loughanure for a talk by Eugene Greene as part of their Cultural Studies class.

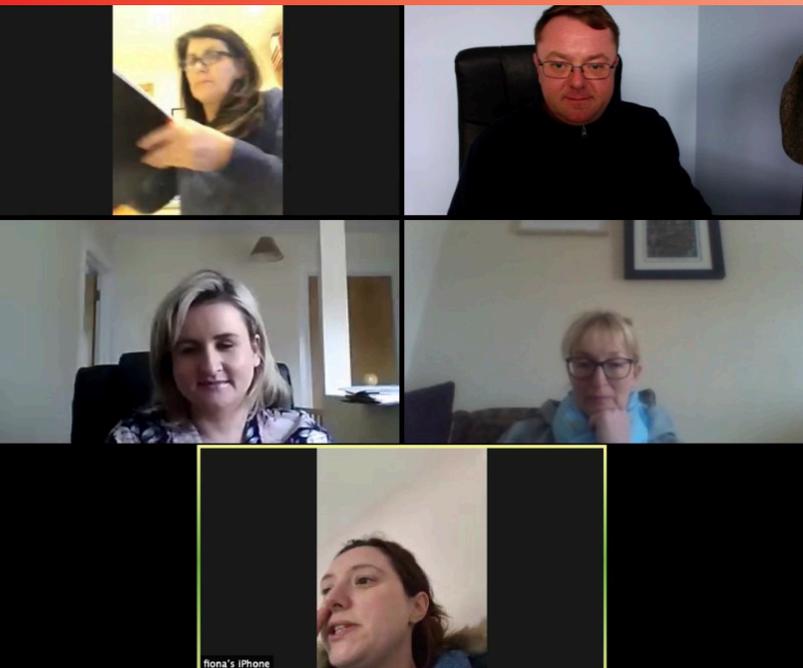


5th Year Engineering and Technology students getting a great tour of the facilities at Randox, Dungloe during Engineering week, where they got to see Research Development up close.



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Online staff meetings from home during the Covid-19 crisis.



RCS printing protective masks for Letterkenny hospital staff.



RCS students enjoying the Erasmus exchange in Mallorca.



TY, LCA and Leaving Cert students during their trip to Mountbellew Agricultural College with Mrs Cannon.





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Congratulations to our past pupil Matthew McCole on being awarded IABA Senior Boxer of the Year. Well done!



Congratulations to Michael O'Donnell who lined up for the Donegal Schoolboys team who won the Ulster Final.



Congratulations to our 2nd & 3rd Year students Cian McGee & Cormac Hanlon on winning the Ulster Final in January with Donegal U15 schoolboys.



Emily Croke, Hannah Duffy, Erin Gallagher, David Bonner and David O'Connell from the RCS took the prestigious overall senior award at the 6th annual PEXPO hosted by DCU in Dublin on 4th March. Brilliant achievement!



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**TechnoTeachers awards night**  
Congratulations to Jerome Boyle & Colin Glackin who received 1st & 2nd place in Ireland in LCA Technology in 2019. Pictured is Colin receiving his award recently.



Congratulations to Amy Greene in 3rd Year who finished 2nd place in the Ulster Schools Cross country Champs 2020.



Well done to past pupil Conor O'Donnell and the Donegal U20's who reached the Ulster Final against Tyrone in early March.



The 1st Year Girls soccer team who reached the Ulster Semi-Final this season, well done girls!



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## Infrastructure



Murals recently added to the Science department walls of William C. Campbell, a world-famous biologist born in Ramelton and Maud Delap, a marine biologist from Co. Kerry.



Scenes from the Spanish Armada shipwreck in 1588 in our History department.



Also in our Science department, a mural of shellfish harvesting in the Rosses.



# Nuachtlitir na Cásca - Aibreán 2020

## Bealach straitséiseach na Gaelige



Spórt agus spraoi ag Coiste na nDaltaí i Leitir Ceanainn.



Beannachtaí Lá Fhéile Bríde sa RCS!



Aoibhinn Beatha an Scoláire.



Mollaí agus Mairtin ag gáire i Leitir Ceanainn!



Cuimhní cinn ar an am atá thart.



Uirlisí ceoil ar fáil do na daltaí sa scoil.



Íomhánna de scríbhneoirí áitiúla, Niall Ó Dónaill, Séamus Ó Searcaigh agus Antoine Ó Dochartaigh.



Na daltaí ag imirt cártaí agus ag caint!



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## Student Council/ Student Voice



Students and staff had their say guessing 'how many nuts and bolts were in the jar?' during Engineering Week. Well done to Jimmy Bonner 5th Year and Mrs Conlon who figured it out!



1st Year boys 'all smiles' during Engineering Week in March.



Congratulations to Ciaran Brooks in 1st Year, pictured with Ms McKinley, for winning first prize as 'best-dressed character' on World Book Day.



TY students Michael Molloy, Sean Hyland and Matthew Comiskey who are taking part in the 'F1 in schools' STEM project, a global initiative.



TY students Edel Carr and Lexie Oglesby providing information for people attending the Health and Wellbeing forum in the RCS gym in January.



Our past pupils Lara, Joni-K and Brid-Marie who make up the trio 'Evergreen' did wonderfully well on 'The Voice' earlier this year, wowing Will-I-Am no less!



Well done to Grainne McGlynn in Transition Year on receiving her award from Pramerica. Everyone in the RCS wishes her well in the national competition.



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## Wellbeing



1st Year students enjoying the BT Young Scientist Exhibition in the RDS in January.



TY students getting artistic at the Health and Wellbeing forum in the RCS gym in January.



Incoming 1st Year students meeting old friends and making new ones during the RCS Induction Week.



5th Year Mentors Leon Duffy and Patrick Bonner guiding incoming 1st Years around the Home Economics room as they cook up a treat!



Ms McGinty with 6th Year student Katie Cunningham promoting the Wild Atlantic Adventure Race at the Health and Wellbeing forum in the RCS gym in January.



3rd Year student Amy Greene and SNA Helen McCready pictured in the RCS colours! Amy finished 9th in the All-Ireland Schools Cross-Country competition, well done.



Well done to the 1st year students who competed in the Donegal 1st Year Sportshall Athletics competition held in Rosas Community School Sports Hall in February.



Senior students and staff listening attentively to Rory from 'Rory's Stories' discussing his personal journey with wellbeing. A memorable day for all.



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