



NEWSLETTER



Welcome

What an incredibly busy and successful year it's been at SMI! Our students truly outdid themselves, achieving remarkable achievements both in and out of the classroom.

Highlights include our stunning TY Fashion Show, outstanding Junk Kouture designs, with Isabelle and Olivia O'Brien and Gracie O'Doherty reaching the National Finals. Our students also enjoyed unforgettable trips to Paris and a thrilling Ski Trip, while our Transition Year programme provided a diverse range of enriching experiences.

On the sports front, it was a historic year for our school. Our Ladies Football teams brought home County and Munster titles and our Senior Camogie team were crowned County Champions. The Senior Hurling team made school history, winning both their first Munster and All-Ireland titles!

These successes reflect the dedication of our students and the unwavering support of our staff and community. Wishing everyone a fantastic summer break, and we look forward to having you all back for another inspiring year in August!

Sincerely,
Michelle Thompson
Principal

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TY Fashion Show

Our TY Fashion Show was an unforgettable experience, filled with excitement and teamwork from start to finish. Inspired by the TV series Bridgerton, the event transported us to a world of elegance, showcasing stunning outfits from local boutiques. Walking the runway, students grew in confidence, embracing the moment with pride. The beautifully decorated venue truly added to the atmosphere. The night ultimately celebrated not just fashion, but also promoted confidence, creativity and community spirit.



5th Business Trip

In April, our 5th Year Business students embarked on an enriching educational trip to Dublin. Students visited Google, gaining firsthand insight into modern business and technology. Later, students attended a live recording of RTE's "Upfront with Katie Hannon," focusing on global economic discussions. The next day, students visited Croke Park to learn about its significant Irish history. Our final stop was Butlers Chocolate Factory, where we explored chocolate production and of course, enjoyed some samples! This trip successfully combined education with memorable experiences, broadening students' understanding of business, history and current events. A huge thank you to Ms Foley, Mr O'Brien and Ms Stack who made this wonderful trip one to remember for years to come!



World Book Day

For World Book Day, staff at SMI dressed up as characters from their favourite books. There was lots of fun for the whole school community on the day. The students had to guess the characters and got to vote for the best costumes. Prizes on the day went to Ms Kennedy (Oompa Loompa), Mr O'Sullivan (Van Gogh) and Mr Daly (Elf). A wonderful day of excitement and fun.



Retreat

This year, students participated in a religious retreat hosted by Mike and Ruth from An Tobar Nua, a Galway-based charity. Through games and challenges, the retreat fostered a sense of community while teaching students to navigate life's pressures and find purpose. It was an informative and enjoyable experience that encouraged open discussions about well-being and faith.



Junk Kouture

Our students excelled in this year's Junk Kouture competition, creating 13 stunning designs from recycled materials. A huge congratulations to Isabelle and Olivia O'Brien and Gracie O'Doherty, their dress made from 10kg of pink bale wrap reached the National Finals! This experience deepened all students' understanding of creativity and environmental responsibility.



TY Paris Tour

Our recent trip to Paris was an unforgettable adventure! Students were on the road early for their flight from Dublin. In Paris, students explored the Louvre, saw the Mona Lisa and experienced the magic of the Eiffel Tower lit at night. They enjoyed shopping on the Champs-Élysées and learned about the Stade de France. A major highlight was a thrilling day at Disneyland Paris, filled with rides and Disney-themed dining. The trip concluded with shopping at Val d'Europe and a scenic boat ride down the River Seine, creating memories that will last a lifetime. A huge thank you to Ms Phillips and the teachers who made this fantastic trip possible!



SMI's Podcast

SMI's Podcast wrapped up its most exciting season yet, bringing a remarkable lineup of guests to our school community. We were thrilled to welcome RTE's Jacqui Hurley, comedian Tommy Tiernan, TV chef Nevin Maguire and TikTok sensation Shane McCarthy, plus past pupil Katelyn Hayes for Seachtain na Gaeilge. These captivating conversations, expertly guided by our students, showcased their hard work and talent. A huge thank you to our guests for sharing their wisdom and to Ms Foley, Ms Brosnan, Ms McNamara, Ms Long and Mr Brouder for their tireless efforts. We're already looking forward to next season!



5th Year Skiing Trip

Our 5th Year Ski Trip was an unforgettable adventure, packed with laughter and hilarious moments from start to finish. Students quickly learned to ski, despite some comical tumbles and slow speeds on the beginner slopes. A major highlight was when students got to slide down a red slope on our backs late one night. After a few days everyone conquered the blue slopes, a real achievement. A huge thank you to Ms Reidy, Mr Scanlon, Mr Crowley, and Ms Brosnan for organising such an amazing trip filled with fantastic memories!



Transition Year Update

What an incredible year it was for our Transition Year students at SMI! They truly embraced every opportunity, making the most of a diverse and engaging programme designed to broaden their horizons and develop new skills.

From the practical skills gained in the Lifesaver Project and a Barbering course to eye-opening visits to Limerick Prison, our students explored a wide range of experiences. They soared to new heights on their fantastic school tour to Paris and embraced physical challenges with a trip to the Aqua Dome, their GAA Training course and an impressive climb of Knockfierna. Teamwork and adventure were key during paintballing and a thrilling two-night stay at Killary Adventure Centre.

Beyond these adventures, our TYs delved into creative and practical pursuits like jiving and a mocktail-making class, alongside a fascinating Forensics workshop. They also gained invaluable insights into the working world through their work experience placements and even showcased their confidence by modeling in our TY Fashion Show.

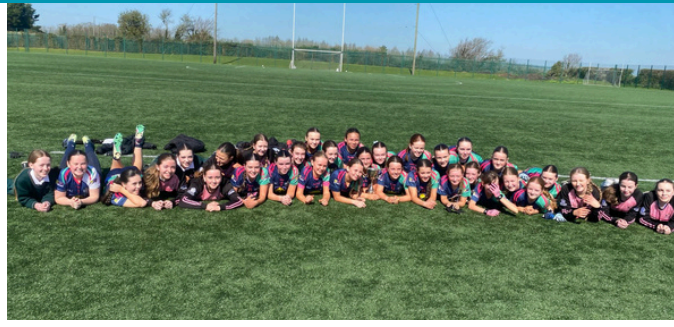
We were absolutely thrilled to celebrate their achievements at a fabulous graduation ceremony at the end of the year. We are so proud of each and every one of our Transition Year students and look forward to welcoming you into 5th Year!



Sports Updates

This year has been a busy and successful one for our Sports Teams!

The 1st Year Ladies Football team clinched the 'A' County Title in a thrilling debut season, while the Junior Ladies Football team showcased incredible dedication, becoming Munster Champions and securing the County A Cup for the second year. The Senior Ladies Football team demonstrated great determination in competitive matches. On the boys' football side, the 1st Year Boys Football team had a promising start and the Under 15 Boys displayed tremendous commitment throughout their campaigns. The Senior Boys Football team had a strong start but faced tough competition.



Our camogie teams also celebrated significant success. The 1st and 2nd Year Camogie Team achieved a thrilling Division 1 final victory and the Junior Camogie Team had a highly successful season built on dedication and teamwork. Making history, the Senior Camogie Team were crowned County Champions after a dramatic final.



In hurling, the 1st Year Hurling Team gained valuable experience, the U15 Hurling team showed great heart in tight games, and the U17 hurlers made steady progress to reach the Limerick Schools Championship semi-finals. Finally, the Senior Hurling team embarked on a truly historic season, not only winning their first-ever Senior Munster Hurling Final but also becoming the school's first team to win an All-Ireland title.



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Soccer also saw strong performances, with the undefeated 1st Year Girls reaching a Munster Quarter-Final and the 1st Year Boys making a dramatic run to the Munster A Shield quarter-final. The U15 and U19 Boys teams showed significant improvement and strong leadership respectively.



Beyond the field, our U16 Boys Basketball team had an enjoyable first year, and the U19 Boys progressed well and our Athletics team secured multiple podium finishes at the North Munster Track and Field event.

Teachers V's Students

This year's eagerly awaited rounders competition saw our 6th Years go head-to-head with the teaching staff. Our confident 6th Years, sure of victory, were left stunned by the ferocious skill of the teachers' team. Despite the 6th Years' best efforts, it was another triumphant win for the teachers, proving their dominance on the rounders pitch once more!



Positive Reward Cards

Scoil Mhuire agus Íde acknowledged recipients of the Wellbeing Positive Reward Cards with a special celebratory event. These students have contributed to our school community in a variety of ways, pastoral, academic, sporting and cultural. Thank you to these students for making our school community a better place!



1st Years Trip

1st years had an unforgettable surfing trip to Inch Beach in May! The weather was fantastic on the day. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to connect and get to know each other better outside the classroom. A big thank you to Ms. Kennedy for organising and to Ms. Moran, Ms. Brosnan, Mr. Kelly, and Mr. Osbourne for supervising.



2nd Years Trip

2nd Years enjoyed a fantastic end-of-year trip to Emerald Park, a day packed with thrills and adventures. Students and staff alike boosted their well-being, with the bravest even conquering Europe's largest roller coaster.

