# Kishoge Community College Principal’s Report to Parents

**14th December 2023**

## Asst Principal 1 competition

Following recent interviews the following members of staff have been appointed to the position of AP1: Eva Brennan, Niamh Burke and Elaine O’Dea.

We will now proceed to organise this year’s AP2 competition.

## Third Yr Year Head

Niamh Burke will replace Kristina Troy as Third Yr Year Head

## Enrolment First Year 2024

Enrolment closed on Monday 6th Nov.

By the closing date we had received 425 applications. (Band 1: 64; Band 2: 196; Band 3: 35; Band 4: 104; Band 5: 26)

Lotteries to fill the 104 remaining places and establish waiting lists were held in the school on Weds 22nd Nov at 2pm. Thanks to Maria for assisting in the lotteries.

A total of 1568 places were offered.

Closing date for acceptance of offers was 4pm on 14th December.

Second Round offers will issue on Monday 18th Dec.

Two places offered and accepted in the ASD classes.

## school uniform contract

The three-year contract to supply the school uniforms is now in its third year. The current supplier Schoolwear House is offering to hold prices at 2021 level for 2024-25 if the contract is rolled over.

During the three years of the current contract the service has been very good and there have been no complaints from parents.

The offer seems to be a good one.

## pROPOSED mOVE TO ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR fIRST yEAR AND tRANSFERS

Proposal that we move to an online system for applications for places in the school wef 8th April 2024.

Software also has the capacity to conduct lotteries for places.

## VSware app

Proposal that we move away from iClass app to VSware wef school year 2024-25.

M Griffin will make a presentation at January PC meeting

## Ty Update

**14th November** - Group of TYs brought to St Catherine's Park BMX Track. Students enjoyed the experience by pushing the boundaries and showing great bravery.

**15th November** - Trip to Cinema to watch King Lear.

**20th - 24th November** - Tutor groups all got to enjoy a day of the Matrix Workshops during this week. This is a workshop where students are introduced to thinking and empowerment skills.

**22nd November** - Group of TY girls were brought to Accenture. This was a culmination of the Accenture’s Girls in Analytics Programme (Thanks to Michael G. for facilitating.)

**28th November** - DePaul Homeless workshop - Student attended a workshop to raise their awareness of the homelessness issue in Ireland.

## student voice

Class Captains:

* Students delivered a Student Voice feedback lesson in Ethics and collated discussion points
* The first Class Captains Council took place on Wednesday 22nd with excellent attendance and led by 6 members of SLT
* Students will deliver whole-school feedback to the Juniors in assembly this week with OG. Two Class Captains will present at next BOM

## literacy/library Update

* The Literacy Policy is under review and is currently being updated by members of the Wellread/Literacy committee.
* The Library S & S team met to review our book borrowing system- new changes proposed for January onwards.
* A new Library prefect rota is now in place- changes were made to accommodate students attending clubs.
* Members of SLT are working with students who have signed up to enter the Oide National Poetry Competition. OG running a Kishoge CC competition for same entrants and currently working to create collection for an exhibition in January.
* Our first book gifting event for the Parents Council is currently being organised. OG collecting books.

## computer science dept

Congratulations to TY girls Neo/Barbara Stanczak, Elle Tinoy, Paula Pasnik and Isabel McCabe who came first in Accenture Ireland "Girls in Data Analytics" competition.

Their project compared the crime rates in the USA vs Ireland and emerging trends from the datasets.

Also involved were Hannah McCrea, Corrina ORafferty and Andreaa Ciotea who looked at the top 5 musical artists in each continent

## business dept

All TY students will hold their annual Winter Fair on December 15th in the PE hall. The TY students will be selling a range of products to staff and students alongside having the opportunity to sell their products at the Lucan Christmas Fair on December 16th.

We have a total of 32 different groups and each TY group are working with South Dublin Local Enterprise Office and the Student Enterprise Awards to develop their business ideas and tomorrow will have a talk with South Dublin Local Enterprise Office on marketing and financing their business ideas.

## special class

As part of the level 2 programme students in the ASD unit have been completing woodwork projects and learning about plane design since September. This culminated in a highly successful trip to Casement Aerodrome where students were given the opportunity to sit and study various Irish Air Corps helicopters and jets.

## leaving Cert Applied programme

LCA 5th year students hosted a coffee morning for staff in aid of the charity As I Am. Students baked their own treats and had tea and coffee available for staff during lunch time. Thank you to their HCT teachers Sarah and Marie for putting a huge amount of effort into organising this.

5th year students also had a talk from the head of Research and Development at the Irish Blood Transfusion Service. They learned about the importance of blood donation and the many challenges faced by IBTS in securing donors.

6th year students visited a local restaurant for a cross curricular key assignment in science/HCT/maths. They were given a tour of the kitchen and premises, got to see the chef at work, and then had a Q&A session with the manager before enjoying lunch.

## science dept

Science week: Science week took place during the week of 13 November. Several competitions took place aimed at all year groups. Among them were ‘Name the item under the microscope’, ‘Calculate how far a rocket can travel’ and a Paper Airplane competition. 1st year students also got to experience setting their hands on fire. A huge thank you to the science department for coming together to organise these events for the students.

## annual bullying survey

Annual whole school survey took place last month. YHs visited all classes to conduct short written survey.

## extra curricular report

* **Girls Basketball** - U16 and U19 teams had a great session that kicked off on September18th with matches against Lucan Community College, Kings Hospital School, Maynooth Post Primary, Ashbourne Community School and Le Cheile Secondary School. Both U16 and U19 teams had a great season with some impressive wins with great success for the U16 team who got to the Quater Finals stages with a narrow defeat to Alexandra College. Training has commenced for the 1st year and 2nd year teams with training in the PE hall every Thursday with Mary and Marie.
* **Chess Club -** Orlagh has organised a chess match against Griffeen for Wednesday 6th Dec and just give a well done to all those who participate in the internal school league with Shane.
* **Boys Basketball -**The boys won 68-51 vs St Conleths finishing 3rd in the league. They are through to the All-Ireland Play-offs, fixtures have yet to be released.

JC Estrella scored 23 points and Karl Venas scored 17 points of those 5 were 3 pointers.

* **Lucan Sarsfields Success -** huge congratulations to some of our students who represent Kishoge in neighbouring GAA clubs. Chloe Newman, Alex O'Shea and Kate Kennedy on winning their U15 A championship and 6th year Sean Carolan with captain and former student Cathal Kennedy winning their minor Hurling championship final at the weekend.
* **Girls Fitness Club -** more and more girls attending each week with an average of 10-12 students every Wednesday, thanks to Ciara who got our student sports captains involved in the training sessions and helping these seniors become leaders.
* **Newspaper Club -** one of our newer clubs this year and they are working hard to release a December issue of a school newspaper.
* **Boys Football -** congratulations to our Junior boys on a 4-2 win against CBS monkstown on Tuesday. Some great goals from Jack Higgins, Liam Duffy and Raphael Dike. Also just to note that Nick Negru is following in his brothers shadow (Stefan - Oxford United) and has been a part of St.Pats U14 team that won the League of Ireland cup two weeks ago.
* **Athletics** - Abdel Laadjel, a former student who is still representing Kishoge with pride. He has recently been selected to be a part of the Irish U23 team for the cross country championships.