



## **Principal's Report to Board of Management on 4th May 2017**

The secretary gave an outline of some of the events that have recently taken place in the school or were scheduled to take place shortly.

- On 20th January the school had a number of events in aid of the Caolan Melaugh fund. These included a non-uniform day, a Staff coffee morning and a Parent coffee morning. The school raised €900 for the fund.
- The school held its Junior Entrepreneur competition on 8th February. The principal thanked all staff and students for their cooperation in making it a success. Particular thanks were extended to Ms Mc Geehan for all her work in relation to the same.
- Our 4th Year LCVP students completed their week of Work Experience in February. This is an invaluable week in which students have the opportunity to try out potential career paths to see if it is the right fit for them.
- The school's involvement in the Business in the Community initiative will be shortly coming to an end again. The principal thanked our partner company SITA for all their support during the year in working with and motivating one class group of students.
- The school was involved in hosting two Careers Fairs in March. The first was aimed at 4th Years while the second brought former students of the school still in College back to the school to explain to 3rd Year students what the courses are like before they make their final choices for their subjects.
- The school had a team make it to the Ulster final on 23rd March in the Girls U15 soccer. Unfortunately the team just came up short on the day but the principal thanked all those who were involved.
- Ms Ashlean Mc Geehan has been organising a number of event in her capacity as HSCL over the last weeks. These have included a Couch to 5K as well as a Parenting Teens workshop for parents. The principal thanked her for all her efforts.
- Our Junior and Leaving Certificate students have just completed their Orals and Practical Examinations as part of the State Examinations.
- The school had another very successful European School Tour which this year travelled to the rhineland area of Germany. The principal thanked Ms Boland, the teachers and students for making the annual tour such a success.
- The school had three entries for the annual Donegal ETB Awards. One of the projects involving a student Tegan Mc Gavigan singing rap songs managed to secure third place in a very competitive category. The principal extended his thanks and congratulations to all those involved.
- The school had a Follow Through Inspection on 14th March. This examined the school's progress in relation to the recommendations from the Whole School Evaluation in April 2015. The Follow Through Inspection found that there was very good progress in all five areas and that no further action is needed. The full report will be uploaded to the school website when the report is officially released.
- The school has received funding to the value of €14,500 under the Emergency Works scheme. This will be used to provided modifications to current facilities for students with disabilities

- The school had both students and staff participating in the Donegal ETB One Voice Choir. The event was a great success
- A number of Gaisce Students have embarked on a hiking trip with Ms Summerville and Ms Treanor as part of their Gaisce Award. Well done to all students for volunteering for a very worthwhile initiative.
- There will be two Induction Days for incoming First Years on the 22nd & 23rd May.
- Prize-giving will be held on 25th May this year. All members of the board of management are welcome to attend.