



# Clonkeen Chronicle Autumn 2004

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**Welcome** everyone to the first newsletter of the school year 2004-2005. A particular welcome to our first years, who have already begun to make their mark on the school with their energy and enthusiasm. Congratulations to all our exam students who did so well in the Junior and Leaving Certificate this year. It was wonderful to see so many happy graduates of the school enjoy their Debs Ball in the Pavillion, Leopardstown on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> and to hear of the pleasure they are taking in discovering the new adult world into which they have made such a successful entry. I wish the present third and sixth years a productive year's work and equal success in next year's exams.

My thanks to the teachers, students (especially the Student Council), the Parent Council and the Board of Management for the tremendous start they have made to the year. Energy and enthusiasm are not confined to first years in this school! In particular all parts of the school community are involved in the development of the many school policies required under the education legislation. The "Acceptable User Policy" to permit students to access the internet is being sent to all households at present. The Permission Form must be signed and returned to the school and I would ask all parents read the policy and return the form as soon as possible.

The programme to improve the school environment continued over the summer. All the classrooms and corridors in the main building have been painted and the school is a brighter, cheerier place. The Careers office, the School website room and the kitchen have been upgraded. There has been investment in the science laboratories and we are presently awaiting delivery of new desks, student lockers for seniors and a new fume cupboard for the Chemistry Lab.

Work will begin soon on extending the carpark and improving the bicycle compound, while pressing ahead with our application for improvement works on a larger scale under the Department of Education and Science's improvement scheme for next summer. To this end we hope as many parents as possible will participate in the tax rebate scheme as part of their voluntary contribution. The additional funds will be sorely needed and immediately invested in the school.

As you will see in the following pages the school year has started busily on many fronts, academic, sporting, dramatic, musical and also infrastructural with the Student Council initiative to install two new water fountains. Our Christmas Pantomime this year is "Dick Whittington" and there was a great turn-out for the auditions, both from Clonkeen College and St. Joseph of Cluny. I have it on the firm authority of our wonderful production team of Lorraine Mason, Fiona Lester and James O'Keefe that they have a terrific cast and we look forward to enjoying the fruits of all their labours on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. All tickets will cost €8 and will be available from Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from the school office. Once again I would like to express my appreciation of, and thanks to, the many people whose dynamism and vision make this school such a wonderful place to work, learn and grow.

**N. O'Toole**

## Open Night

Yet again the open night in the school was a sell out event Every chair in the hall was set out for the presentation hosted by Mr O'Toole and Br Kelly.

There is no need for power point or high tech when these two grab your attention. As 8 o'clock drew near it became evident that there were not enough chairs. The prefects on hand rose to the occasion and raided the staff room, the art room, the science labs and anywhere else they thought they might find a chair. Even still there were some people left standing. After the speeches light refreshments were provided, once again by the Parents Council Social Committee.

Thirsts quenched and pockets full of pens, biscuits and sweets the future recruits explored the school, stopping off to see a presentation of TY activities, displays of school tours, science demonstrations, to visit the computer room and art room and the student internet access area. It takes an occasion such as this to realise just how much goes on in this little school of ours. Well done to all involved.

It is a measure of the schools standing in the community and a tribute to the staff and students of the college that there are more people applying than there are places available.

**D. Ed**

## Parents Council

The Parent's Council is back with a bang! The AGM was poorly attended but Mr. O'Toole takes this as being positive – if there were problems, the hall would have been full. We would like to thank everyone who did attend and look forward to your continued support. We had a tremendous response to the request for new members and help at our forthcoming events. The Panto' Dick Whittington is our main event of the year. The PC take in hand the Front of House duties, i.e. ticketing, shop, raffle and secu-

urity for each performance. With 5 performances, that is a lot of work which requires huge co-operation from staff and parents alike. Please, anyone who is in a position to help out, let us know. We need 30 men and 40 women (not to perform!).

The student Personal Accident insurance policy which is compulsory for all students this year, is administered by the PC. If your son's form has been lost or mislaid, please send in his name, date of birth and €8 in an envelope marked "insurance" a.s.a.p.

The Student Council already has us on our toes and we look forward to assisting them in their forthcoming table quiz for the students, in aid of the Ethiopian Fund.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our committee members for their time, energy and enthusiasm, Mary and Theresa for the endurance tests we regularly put them through and I would like to especially welcome our new enthusiasts on board. Here's to another busy year

**Paula McCarthy**  
(Chairperson)

*Why does the word committee frighten so many people?*

*If you think that the Parents' Association is all about that mythical entity the "Committee person", think again! It is about people who have an interest in supporting and developing the environment in which their sons are educated.*

*Ask not what your committee can do for you but what you can do for your committee, your school and your son's education.*

D. Ed.

## Transition Year

The first transition year term will soon conclude. A two week work experience is next on the agenda. As part of the life skills programme an FAI soccer coaching course has just concluded and a similar GAA course is beginning. Two of the three TY groups have done a sailing course and others have partially completed sessions in self defence. The tourism awareness course concentrated on ecclesiastical sites in the first term and visits were arranged to Glendalough and the Cathedrals of Christchurch and St. Patrick's. Students studying Japanese will soon visit the Lefcadio Hearne exhibition in the Chester Beatty Library.

Students from TY were involved in a bag-packing at Bloomfield's in DL for the schools' Third World Charity work and collectors for Alzheimer's Awareness raised about €900. outside speakers to TY included representatives from an Oige and the Blood Transfusion Service.

Retreats for each group in Glenree Reconcilia-

tion Centre have been arranged for November. J. Byrne (TY co-ordinator)

## Easter trips abroad

France seems to be flavour of the month for March. There are two groups travelling to "la Belle France"

Students have the choice of travelling to Paris for a four day three night stay or an outdoor pursuits stay in the Ardeche region in the south of France.

The Paris group depart on the Wednesday of Holy week on the early morning Aer Lingus Flight to Charles de Gaulle Airport. During the stay all the main sites of the City will be Visited -Notre Dame, the Arc de Triumph and the Champs Elysee, the Louvre, the Musee d'Orsay and so on. A trip has been arranged on the river Seine and it is planned to visit Eurodisney and, if possible, the Stade de France. Bonne Chance a tous! (J. Byrne)

The more adventurous of the students travel south where the warmer weather will allow for some serious adventure activities. The group fly to Nice and from there by bus up to the Ardeche. Accommodation is in chalets in a small corner of paradise. Activities for the week (Sunday to Good Friday) include canoeing, climbing, orienteering, caving, abseiling etc. sounds like fun even if it is physically exhausting, all activities and interactions with the staff of the centre are through French, an added bonus! O. Daly

## Dick Whittington

And so like Arnie Swartznegger said "WE'RE BACK"! Yes folks the "a" team are once again prowling the corridors of Clonkeen College, preparing for this year's production of "DICK WIT-

TINGTON & HIS CAT"

Once again the production team is made up of James O'Keeffe, an award winning director, Producer Lorraine Masterson, whose experience is second to none and Fiona Lester who is one of the premier speech and drama teachers in the area. Paula O'Reilly is our Choreographer and is studying dance and fitness, this is Paula's second year with the team. Ces Napier is our costume maker, again with great experience, particularly with tights and can be regularly be heard saying "squeeze them on, that's right just another bit. Lovely you can't see the seams".

The art class collection of budding Van Goghs, Monets, Picassos etc are involved in set painting under the watchful eye of Mr. 'Donoghue. Pupils also assist in Stage Management and the Lighting of the show. That' it - we are fortunate to be accompanied by the school music teachers Ms. Gibson, Ms Ryan and Mr. Clarke, who are doing Trojan work with the band and singers.

We would like to thank the cast, band, music teachers, the Parent/Teacher group and of course Mr. O'Toole and the other teachers who are helping with this panto. A special word of thanks must of course go to our sponsors without whom the show could just not go on. We are fortunate to have so many businesses in the local community who are willing to support their local school in this way.

So come along, the script is hilarious, the cast even more so and with the help of a slightly mad but experienced production team it promises to be a show to remember.

Lorraine

## Celebratory mass to mark the new school year

The opening school mass was celebrated on Sept 20<sup>th</sup> in Foxrock parish church. Fr. Bracken was our celebrant and in a beautiful mass welcomed all our new first years to Clonkeen College as well as welcoming back the remainder of the school groups to the start of another school year.

The music was provided by Ms Ryan, Mr. Clarke and their talented choir who led the full student body in song. Many parents attended and their presence was much appreciated by both staff and students. As usual the mass was well organised due to the great efforts of Mr. O'Hora, Mr McGauley and Ms Mooney.

Yet again Chris O'Sullivan and John O'Shea were instrumental in making the mass such a success, they are now in Leaving Cert year and will be sorely missed.

## Careers and Life Choices

For the 6<sup>th</sup> year students it is a question of 2 down and 8 to go, (months that is). They have all recently returned from the Higher Options in the RDS, which gave them a glimpse of the "after life". The last week in October will see all the 6<sup>th</sup> Years receive their CAO form. Now they will begin to focus a bit more on what they are going to do next September.

This is a slow process and with patience and perseverance, the form will be ready for posting to the CAO before 1<sup>st</sup> of February.

D. O'Hora

## Debs Night

A very enjoyable Debs Night was held by our former students, the 6<sup>th</sup> year class of 2003-2004, on wed. Oct 13<sup>th</sup>. A pre-meal reception was hosted by the Parent's Council Social Committee for the boys and their families in the school hall. The college is very appreciative of the sterling work done by this committee on all our behalves. After the reception the glamorous couples went to the Leopardstown Pavillion for food music and Dance. It was interesting to note that these young men decided on having their celebratory function at a local venue rather than going further afield. By all accounts the night was a resounding success.

## D. Twomey

## Fundraising

As ever the Third World Support Group has been busy. Last June €2,200 was raised when 20 students took part in the "Women's" Mini Marathon. In September €1,500 was raised from a bag packing day in Bloomfields in Dunlaoghe and over €700 was raised from a non uniform day in the school. In early December we will be involved in another bag packing. During the Christmas period a sponsored fast is being organised.

All monies raised assist projects in Ethiopia, Eritrea, Uganda and Malawi. The monies are shared between Self Help and Agnes

Daly. Self help is an organisation which facilitates communities in Africa to develop, it is unique in that funds go directly to local groups there are no overseas workers or agencies to be funded. Agnes Daly taught for many years here in the school, she now works in Ethiopia where she helps local communities with educational projects, building and equipping schools which, once established, are taken under the Ministry of education. She also works on co-operative projects in the local communities. Again all monies raised go directly to projects in the third world. C. McGauley

## Mountain Biking

Two students Niall and Daniel Wolfe, are well known in mountain biking circles having represented the country at an international level. Daniel has become national champion, Munster champion and National Points Series winner. He has had a great seasons racing. Next year he hopes to ride in the European Championships and the world cup races in Brazil and Mexico. Niall has also had great success at national and international events. Both participated in an international training camp in the French Alps over the summer.

Next year Paul Cummins (2<sup>nd</sup> in Munster championship) hopes to follow in their footsteps and participate in British Championships, we wish him well.

# 20 Years!

Back then we thought it an eternity. Now we think of it as no more than a reunion away. Last Saturday night, 23 of the Class of '84 stepped into a time machine and were instantly brought back to the nicknames, the stories and the memories that were Clonkeen College in 1984. There were 67 in our class, we track down 54, of which 23 turned up on the night.

We started with a tour of the school hosted by Neil O'Toole (many thanks). I think every one of the past pupils got a shiver on entering the school, but once inside the memories just rolled back.

Later, over some libations in a local establishment, the craic, the stories, the slagging and the banter continued. 20 years later on, those 5 years at Clonkeen seemed to be hard coded into our memories. You will forget many things after that, but that part of our lives, where we all grew up together, will always be with us. Thanks for a great night and see you all in 2014.  
**Neil Redmond**

## New kids on the block

We often have a very self centered view of what life is like in the college. This year we are lucky to have two new young and enthusiastic members of staff, Ms Coady and Mr Ward. We asked them for their first impressions, secure in the knowledge that anything that did not fit the image we have of ourselves could always get lost at the

printers! **D. Ed**

Not knowing what to expect, my first days working in Clonkeen College were indeed very interesting, welcoming and exciting. All the staff seemed so happy to be back for the beginning of a new school year! In the staff room stories of the summer recess were exchanged – some good, some bad, some interesting, some not so interesting. Got the “grand tour”, got the master key, the teachers diary the class list and the rest is history.  
**M. Coady.**

The first days in Clonkeen were a daunting but memorable experience. Not really knowing what to expect, the first day I arrived, the personality of the school excited me. Coming from a similar school background many years ago (not too many!!!!) I felt right at home and settled in quickly. The staff and students together create a great atmosphere and I could not wait to join it, and as I finish my first term I can say that it has been an enjoyable experience.  
**S. Ward**

## Art

Once again there is an enthusiastic response to the forthcoming Texaco Art Competition. The senior Art students are busy at the moment on the sets/designs for the pantomime.

The interest in art is certainly flourishing and the students achieving great results. There was a 90% honours rate in this years leaving Cert. Clonkeen college is now the largest feeder school to the Dunlaoire College of Art and Design.

K. O'Donoghue

## Puzzle:

Arrange the numerals 1 to 9 so that when added they equal 100. You may use each numeral only **once** begin with 15 + .....

## The Puzzlemaster

(It can be done! I have seen the answer D. Ed.)

## Musik

Mr Clarke's Guitar lessons continue to prove very popular with the students. All classes for this years term are now full. Students are learning a variety of skills including; folk style, classical tunes as well as many different styles of song from Simon and Garfunkel, Eric Clapton, Bob Dylan, The Beatles, Radiohead and the Police etc. Other skills being developed are; how to get the most out of your home practice and developing self confidence when playing in front of other people.

## Clonkeen Unplugged

In January Mr. Clarke will also be setting up an after school 'Unplugged' session after Christmas. This will take the form of an acoustic session once a week. Students of all musical tastes are encouraged to participate. The sessions may involve a mixture of all these as well as writing your own original songs and instrumentals. More in January §

## In the news

### GAA

Cuala U16 hurling team won the Dublin Premier Championship. It was their first title since 1989. Congratulations to them and to the school students who were members of the winning team: Stephen Butler, Adam Cole, Conor Hayes, David Treacy, Oisín Gough, Alex Brock, Colm Murphy and Conor Gough, It was sweet revenge for defeat by the same opposition in the previous year's final. Cuala also contested the U-15 final where they lost to a very strong Ballyboden team.

### Kilmacud

Kilmacud won this year's Dublin Senior Football Championship final. There were 4 past pupils of Clonkeen on the panel: the McGrath brothers, Brian and Nicky, Mick O'Keefe and Daragh O'Daly. Congrats to all and to Deputy Principal Dom Twomey who is again part of the backroom team.

### Soccer.

Congrats to 4<sup>th</sup> year student Alan Judge, Shankill and St Joseph's Boys who was part of the Irish U-17 team which played in a qualifying tournament recently in Germany. He scored 2 goals against Lithuania and the team qualified for the finals in Italy next year.

Congrats also to past pupil Daragh O'Dea, now with Celtic who was part of the Irish U-19 team who qualified for the European finals with a late winner against Russia.

### First in Ireland

Congratulations to Darragh Kirk, Flower Grove, on achieving first place in Ireland in Economics in the Leaving cert 2004.

**Darragh** will be presented with his award in the new year. The school, and in particular **Br. Kelly** his teacher, are very proud of his achievement.

**Gaisce:** The Presidents Award is a national challenge award presented by the president of Ireland to young people between 15 and 25 years of age. There is no competition in this award. An impressive 35 students in transition year and 5<sup>th</sup> year are participating this year. The students will set personal challenges in the 4 areas – community involvement, personal skill, physical recreation and an adventure activity- and strive to achieve these challenges in pursuit of the bronze or silver award. **E. Gibson (President's Award Leader)**

### Integration

For those of you who thought integration was just some kind of funny maths, well you were wrong! Late September and all hell breaks loose, all of first year took part in a world cup type tournament to promote “integration” among the group. The event proved a great success, everyone had 6 matches and competition was very keen right up to the very end. The team and pitch managers (mainly TY students) were outstanding in their patience and encouragement.

We would love to publish the names of the winning teams but this would go against the spirit of the day, which was all about par-

ticipation

## IRISH EXAMINER ALL-IRELAND QUIZ

*What was Pelé's real name?* Belated congratulations to our team who went all the way to the quarter-finals, defeating 6 schools before succumbing to Roscommon C.B.S. in Mullingar last Easter. *What's the chemical symbol for Potassium?* Eoghan Fitzpatrick, John Lavelle and Darragh Kirk, our Senior panellists, gave us a foretaste of their excellent Leaving Cert results with their prowess for answering questions of a (slightly) more trivial nature. *What's the capital of Sudan?* Our Junior Cert representatives were Adam Hardy, Eoin Healy and Niall Swan who limbered up their brainpower for a more pressing engagement in June. *In what year was the United Irishmen Rebellion?* Trials for the 2005 Competition will be held soon. ? Come prepared !!!

**The Annual First Year Quiz** was the cerebral finish to the fun week which started with a soccer competition for all. It proved a to be a great way for the new students to get to meet some of their colleagues from other classes. The winning team was Rhys Dunne, Chris Nolan (S1), Dillon Foley, Adam Finnerty (S2), Ben Nigent and Cathal Ryan (S3). Maybe some future quiz team panellists in there? Well done to all the First Years for their enthusiasm and good spirits! **J. Lynch**

## Prefects

For the past few months the student council have been working in conjunction with Mr. Twomey and Mr. Noon on a project to get a new water fountain in the school. After 2 months of hard negotiations the student council have confirmed the installation of two new fountains at either end of the school, with a €400 reduction!

Even though the majority of the cost is being covered by the school, contributions will be made by the Parent Council and the Student Body. Hopefully the water fountains will be in use after the mid term break.

**K. Reid (Chair) and Chris O'Sullivan (secretary)**

## All Ireland Forecast

Once again the all Ireland forecast draw was a great success. There was one lucky winner who predicted a score of ..... Congratulations to ..... And to all those who were involved in organising the draw and selling the tickets. €1111111 was raised for the Clonkeen College Sports fund. This money is used to replace and renew equipment and facilities

Everyone is a winner!

**(M. Brennan, J. Sheehan D. Twomey)**

## Golf

The golf this year has gotten underway with a rocky start, having lost our two opening matches to St. Andrews which were played in Greystones G.C. but on the day we were beaten by a better team. The second match was against the always impressive (unfortunately) Blackrock College. The venue this time was Dun Laoghaire G.C. and in a match that was played to a high standard we just lost out in a closely fought encounter. The luck was with the Blackrock side. With two crucial matches remaining we need two victories and hope for other results to go our way. The team this year consists of Stephen Coghlan (6<sup>th</sup>), Brian Lynch (6<sup>th</sup>), Brian McGreal (6<sup>th</sup>), Ross Whelan (5<sup>th</sup>) and David Green (3<sup>rd</sup>) and of course the team leader and mentor Mr. Noonan

C Coughlan (Captain)

## U-16 Soccer

Clonkeen progressed to the second round of the under 16 championship with an impressive 5-0 win over St. Joseph's of Fairview. Graham Brack grabbed a hat trick while Alan Judge and Jordan Williams wrapped up the win. The victory would have been even more impressive as Kevin Nolan and Stephen Flynn crashed shots against the bar.

The second round match and more training is scheduled for after the mid term **J Keogh**

## Under 18 soccer

With only five squad members remaining from last years very successful cup team, this year's squad is strong with a large number of players coming from 4th and 5th years so the future looks bright for the next couple of years. Our opening match was played against St McDaras from templeogue who had won the U-16 cup last year. On a blustery day MacDaras took a 2-0 lead into half time. In a second half that saw clonkeen dominate and rattle the bar twice and score once, we eventually lost 3-1.

Our next match was a friendly against Blackrock

## Lovely Hurling!

The Under-16 hurling team have reached the semi-final of the Dublin Junior 'C' Cup which is scheduled to take place on Friday 5 Nov against Synge Street. Our hurlers will be keen to repeat their success of last year having won the Under 14 title.

To get to the semi-final, Clonkeen came through their group having first defeated St. Vincent's with an overwhelming score of 4-11 to 2 points. Superb goals by David Treacy, Conor Gough and David Greene proved Clonkeen to be the far superior team.

Our next opponents Marian College presented a much greater challenge. In an extremely tense and close match, Marian edged the win scoring a goal in the last two minutes of the game. Incidentally, Marian have made it to the final.

Clonkeen then travelled to St. Joseph's in Fairview and despite poor conditions, we regained our winning form thanks to a superb overall team performance. The defence proved their strength while Alex Brock in midfield gave a powerful display.

Safely through to the quarter-final, Clonkeen travelled to Confey College in Leixlip who were the winners of Group 3. Despite this, Clonkeen showed strong determination, completely overwhelming their opponents. The score ended 4-8 to 11 points. Great performances from all players were the order of the day, specifically from Rory Cole, Padraic Lamb, David Treacy, Conor and Oisín Gough, David Greene and Alex Brock. So best of luck to the Under 16s on Friday.

Clonkeen also fielded an Under-18 team for the first time in a number of years thanks to the enthusiasm of Brian Lynch, Kevin Reid, Luke Rochford, Ciaran Monaghan, Andrew Williams and Conor Hayes but to name a few.

Oatlands and Old Bawn were our opponents in Group 5. With home advantage, we safely put away Oatlands with an impressive victory. Great performances particularly from Adam Cole, Oisín Gough and Brian Lynch ensured a victory of 2-14 to 1-6.

The following day, Old Bawn travelled to Clonkeen and they proved to be a stronger team than Oatlands. Despite determined hurling, Old Bawn secured the win.

Safely qualifying to the next round, we travelled to Maynooth who also presented a challenging side. Trailing at half-time, Clonkeen put in a great second half but unfortunately it was not enough to ensure victory, the end result being 4-12 to 2-7 to Maynooth. Clonkeen showed great heart, hinting that an Under -18 side is likely to be a team to be reckoned with in future years to come. Well done especially to all the Fifth and Sixth Years who showed such interest. **(M. Ryan, F. Hayes, C. Collins)**

college which resulted in a 3-3 draw. As of yet no upcoming games have been confirmed. The team is managed by Mr Keogh, Mr Twomey and David Potts who provide us with great encouragement and guidance.

## S Coghlan.

**U-18 Gaelic** The under 18 Gaelic team got off to a good start with a draw against Colaiste Eoin. A strong display from Stephen Butler kept Clonkeen in touch and he scored the equaliser in the final minutes. Training is well underway thanks to Mr. Twomey and Mr. Collins.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> round tie is at home against a strong Drimnagh Castle side on November the 11<sup>th</sup>. All our efforts will be put into being ready for same.

The panel; Kevin Reid, David Potts, Darren O'Sullivan, Jason Masterson, Stephen Coughlan, Brian McGovern, Eoin Boyle, Finn Mongey, Michael Quinlan, Brian Courtney, Ciaran Monaghan, Stephen Flynn, Stephen Butler, Stephen Mooney, Darragh Miller, Graeme Kinsella, Fergal McGrath, Ross Whelan, Gareth Byrne, Alex Brock, Kevin Nolan, Oisín Gough, Conor Brennan, David Keenaghan, Paddy O'Sullivan, Stuart Edmonds, Craig Cullen Colm Murphy.

Going to press the side defeated a strong Oatland's side 3-10 to 2-8. Stephen Butler added 7 points to his total while Kevin Reid scored a hat trick.

## U-14 GAELIC FOOTBALL

Our interest in this year's Dublin "B" Championship was brought to a halt with a 13-point defeat at Coláiste Éanna. It was a gallant effort which saw us make a stirring comeback, posting 3-3 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and outscoring our more fancied rivals in that period. An earlier win against St. Colmille's and a

draw with St. MacDara's was not enough to prevent our elimination on points' difference. Our three challenge matches also gave us a win-draw-loss record, but as ever enabled us to give all our extensive panel a run-out and to try our skills against St. Benildus and Coláiste Eoin of the Dublin "A" division. Our full match record was:

St. Benildus, 4-11; Clonkeen, 2-4.

Clonkeen "A", 3-7; Coláiste Eoin, 1-13.

Clonkeen, 4-5; St. MacDara's, 3-8.

Coláiste Eoin, 5-12; Clonkeen "B", 2-3.

Clonkeen, 4-5; St. Colmille's, 2-8.

Clonkeen, 4-7; Oatlands., 3-8.

Coláiste Éanna, 3-17; Clonkeen, 3-4.

We had 15 training sessions since the 6<sup>th</sup> September. Special congratulations go to the following who had near enough a 100% appearance record: **Robert Farrelly, Hugh O'Connor** (both S1), **Andrew McMahon, David Nolan, Conor O'Brien** (all S3), **Tom McGovern, Rory O'Driscoll** (both R.1) and **Rory Cole** (R.3). Well done lads! Hopefully the First Years will continue with this commitment when we start up their team shortly. The rest of this year's panel was: **S1** – Sárán Greene, Conor Quinn, James Toner; **S2** – Mark Byrne, Chris Campbell, Stephen Dunne, John Green, Oisín McGovern; **S3** – Alex Keaney, Philip Nolan, Ben Nugent; **R.1** Craig Cullen, Niall King, Abdul Marrar, Conor McCarthy, Barry McDonald, Seán Mooney; **R.2** – Andrew Boyle, Mairc Campbell, Ronan Holland, Ryan Kane, Aran O'Toole, Oisín Tyrrell; **R.3** – Paul Butler, Adam Hogan, Adam Kells, Zach Martin, Shane O'Rourke, Kevin O'Shea and Frank Ryan. Well done lads, and keep up the sport!  
**J. Lynch P. Murray**