

# CLONKEEN COLLEGE



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## DUBLIN 'B' CHAMPS 2017!



Our Senior Football Team, managed by Mr Sheehy and Mr McBride, played their **Dublin Schools Senior 'B' Championship Final** against **Malahide Community School** on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Given that this was our first year at 'B' level it was a huge achievement to reach the final of the competition.

We opened the game, getting the first point on the scoreboard. Malahide keen to make their mark on the game, responded immediately. The first half continued in much the same way with score after score being matched by the opposition. Our boys maintained their composure and played for each ball, earning themselves a slight advantage going into the break.

The second half was an incredibly tense affair, with neither side managing to build a much-desired lead. Malahide looked like they might just manage this feat when they put a goal between themselves and Clonkeen. However, with

eight minutes left on the clock, Cormac Quinn slotted the ball past the Malahide keeper, drawing the sides level once more. With the two sides engaging in a point for point battle once more, it appeared that extra time would be a certainty. However, man of the match, Cormac Quinn, had other ideas and his final-minute point saw our boys take home the title on a score line of 1-12 to 1-11.

The next challenge for the team was their **Leinster Final** encounter, played on March 23<sup>rd</sup> against **St Mary's CBS, Carlow**. Again, Clonkeen got the first score on the board. St Mary's replied and asserted themselves on the field, maintaining their lead for the duration of the opening half.

Our boys returned to the pitch after their half-time team talk with a renewed sense of purpose and a dogged determination to make their mark on the game. They slowly built their tally but remained a goal adrift going into the dying minutes

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of the game. It looked like all was lost for Clonkeen, until Jim Kennedy scored a much-needed goal, forcing the game into extra time.

Taking an early lead in extra time, St Mary's, built a sizeable margin. Despite their hard work and persistence Clonkeen were shut out at every opportunity. Unfortunately, when the final whistle blew Clonkeen were again denied a Leinster title as St Mary's were crowned winners. The score: 2-14 to 1-9.

Although they were disappointed to have been denied a Leinster title for the second consecutive year, the team and their coaches, Mr Sheehy and Mr McBride, must be congratulated on their outstanding performance in this year's competition. We look forward to seeing them in action next year!

### *Enterprise Award Winners*

Following their Late Late Show appearance, the boys from ROC Protection, Carl Cullen, Ross Byrne and Cormac Spain, were in action again at the DLR Student Enterprise Awards. Having finished in second place last year, and having spent the year further developing their product, the team was delighted to be awarded first place this year. They will now go on to represent Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown in the National Finals which will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Croke Park.

ROC Protection and ExamLearn (formerly JC - Learn) represented Clonkeen College at the Griffith College Enterprise Award on March 29<sup>th</sup>. With one hundred projects vying to make it into



*L-R Cormac Spain, Carl Cullen & Ross Byrne of ROC Protection*

the final seventeen, the competition was tough. Both groups showcased their excellent presentation skills as they took the judges through their products, securing places in the final. Tension filled the air as the judges made their final deliberations, before ROC Protection were crowned winners of the Griffith College Enterprise Award for 2017. We would like to congratulate both groups on their fantastic achievements to date, and to ROC Protection on their success in the competition.

### *State Examinations*

Congratulations to all 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Year students on their excellent results in the recent Mock Examinations. We wish them the best of luck in their remaining preparations, project work and practical exams ahead of the written exams which will begin on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

'Félicitations' and 'Comhghairdeas' go to all our Leaving Certificate students who recently completed their French and Irish Oral Exams. We hope that this has helped them to lay a solid foundation on which they can build in their written examinations in these subjects.

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### CLONKEEN ACTIVE WEEK 2017!

Our annual Clonkeen Active Week took place from March 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>. Over the course of the week all students and teachers had the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities.

#### *Monday*

Transition Years got the week started on Monday, when they participated in Bootcamp with Stephen Flynn, Co-operative Games and then learned about Lacrosse in a training session delivered by several members of Lacrosse Ireland. Early reports suggested that some of our TYs had a few issues getting to grips with the unfamiliar Lacrosse sticks and the co-ordination needed to use them. However, it wasn't long before they had figured it out and soon a serious game of Lacrosse was under way.

Lunchtime saw Mr Brennan take Mr McLoughlin's King of the Bench title, with forty 45kg reps. Unfortunately, no student managed to match Mr Brennan's efforts. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Years were also in action on Monday, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Years receiving coaching from Handball Ireland, while the 3<sup>rd</sup> Years took to the pitch with players and coaches from Cabinteely FC. The team from Cabinteely worked on all aspects of the game with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Years who found it to be a fantastic experience.



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#### *Tuesday*

Tuesday saw TY students beat the teachers in the Caterpillar Challenge. Staff also took on students in the Basketball Challenge. It was not to be for the teachers who couldn't match the skill of Seán McGrane, Rob Curley and James Murphy. The staff managed to pull things back on the court with a win against a 6<sup>th</sup> Year team in the evening Basketball match.

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#### *Wednesday*

On Wednesday, Dominick Smyth delivered a Frisbee taster to some 2<sup>nd</sup> Year students, while others took part in Co-operative Games. In the afternoon, a group of twenty-five students and three teachers travelled to Ballinastoe Woods, where they took to the trails on mountain bikes.

#### *Thursday*

Thursday was a busy day for all. In the morning, DLR CoCo delivered a Sports Disability Workshop to TY students. 1<sup>st</sup> Years enjoyed a Rugby taster with coaches from the Leinster Branch and later took part in a Gaelic Football Blitz organised by Geraldine Moran's GAA Club. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Years were the biggest group to participate in the Mile Challenge with Billy Brown (A3) being the first 1<sup>st</sup> Year past the post. Teachers and students from all other years also turned out for the Mile Challenge in which Mr Howley made it across the line to take victory for the teachers. However, with only one other teacher in the top ten, the points went to the students. In the evening, the inaugural Clonkeen Open took place at Loughlinstown Pitch and Putt Club, who generously waived green fees for all staff and students.



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### *Friday*

Under blue skies, the annual Community Cycle got the final day of Active Week 2017 under way. Staff and students took to the local cycle paths and Cabinteely Park to make the most of the facilities available on our doorstep.

Pembroke Fencing Club visited at lunchtime to give their ever-popular fencing taster, while the afternoon saw staff and students Drop Everything and Dance to bring Clonkeen Active Week 2017 to a close. To the dismay of the students, who put their best foot forward all week, the teachers managed to win the Staff v Student Challenges by a single point.



Clonkeen Active Week 2017 was, without question, an incredible success. This is undoubtedly down to the hard work and dedication of Mr Howley and the various teams and coaches who gave freely of their time to support the initiative. A big 'thank-you' must be extended also to the Parents Association, who subsidised the bus for the Wednesday Mountain Biking trip and provided refreshments during the Community Cycle, and to An Garda Síochána, who assisted with the smooth running of the Community Cycle. Finally, well done to all the students and staff who participated in all the activities over the course of the week and who, by being active, emphasised the importance of daily activity for our physical and mental well-being.

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### *Coffee Morning for LauraLynn*

On the final day of term, April 7<sup>th</sup>, our new Student Council organised a coffee morning in aid of LauraLynn Ireland's Children's Hospice. With the tables teeming with fabulous baked goods on Friday morning, it seemed that everyone in the school community had spent Thursday night baking.



Members of the Student Council were on hand to serve teas and coffees, collect donations and sell raffle tickets. The event was a great success with neighbours, parents, students and teachers dropping by to sample the delicious treats and to support the LauraLynn Foundation.

### *Boxing Victory*

Congratulations to 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Adam Matthews who won the 70kg Dublin Title on 13<sup>th</sup> March in the National Stadium. This is a great achievement for Adam and his team. Well-done to all involved!



### *Tim Charles: Producer*

Clonkeen alumnus, Tim Charles (Class of 2014), has been taking an active role in IADT's Drama Society and took on the role of producer in their recent production of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*. The show which was staged in the Pavilion Theatre, Dun Laoghaire on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Congratulations to Tim and his crew and cast on a wonderful production.



### *Applied Maths Quiz*



Well done to senior students Killian Farrelly, Kevin Gannon, Joe Clarke, Alex Cooper and Ned Quirke who took part in the annual Applied Maths Quiz hosted by Castleknock College on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The boys represented Clonkeen College well but were unfortunate not to secure a top place finish.

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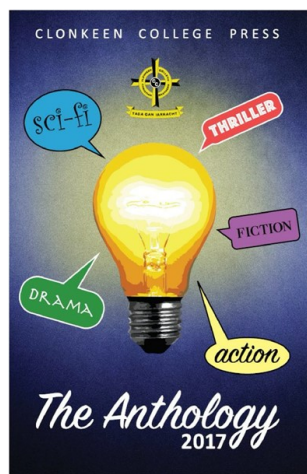
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### *The Anthology 2017*

The Transition Year Creative Writing Class has been working non-stop on the 2017 edition of The Anthology. Submissions of poetry, fiction and even a screenplay, covered a wide variety of literary genres such as Science-Fiction, Thriller etc. This year there has been a high number of submissions, which have been edited carefully by the members of Mr Toomey's Creative Writing Class. Orders were taken in March and soon copies of The Anthology 2017 will be making their way to all those who placed an order.

Yet again, the class would like to thank all members of the school community who have supported this initiative, either by writing and submitting a piece or by placing an order. It is a wonderfully enriching experience to take the stories from their initial submission, through editing, production and sales and deliver them as a published work to the school community. The official launch of The Anthology 2017 will take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April.



The class would also like to congratulate Mr Toomey on the very positive reception his recently published third novel, *Slipping*, has received.

### *European Jiu Jitsu Medal*

Congratulations to 5<sup>th</sup> Year student, Chris Kennedy, who won a bronze medal in the White Juvenile 2 Male Light-Feather Category at the European Jiu Jitsu Championships in Odivelas, Portugal. Chris travelled with other athletes from Ireland to the championships which took place from 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

### *Transition Year Work Experience Diary*

By Mike Donnelly

I carried out a week of my work experience at Shankill Garda Station, where they run a week-long work experience placement for Transition Year students, several times each year. This was a very interesting and worthwhile experience.

On my first day, Monday, we stayed at the station and were introduced to a man who was part of the Public Order Unit. He showed us his riot gear and equipment and spoke to us about some of his experiences during riots and his training to become a member of the Public Order Unit. We saw the equipment and uniforms of the operational Gardaí such as their new ASP batons and their pepper spray.

The next day we met members of the forensic team and learned about the many areas of forensics. They spoke about the different situations that may result in the forensic team being called to a crime scene. We were taught how to take fingerprints from a crime scene and practised on the windows. The forensic team spoke to us about the different tasks they carry out to find evidence and identify people. One detective explained about the different ways of tracking people and talked about a murder that he had been investigating.

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We left the station for the first time on Wednesday when we visited the Criminal Courts of Justice. We learned about what happens in a courtroom and witnessed some live trials. A tour of the holding cells followed, after which we boarded the prison bus to see how prisoners are transported. The highlight of the day was when we went to a murder trial and saw a witness take the stand to give their account of what had happened. It was a truly unique experience, which was made even more memorable by the fact that I was sitting next to the father of the accused, who struck up a conversation with me during one of the breaks.

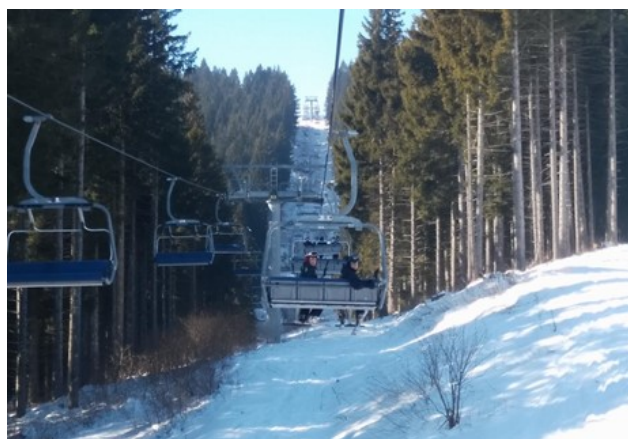
We started early on Thursday morning, when we were brought to Templemore to see the Garda Training College. We spent a very interesting day at Templemore, with two trainee Gardaí, learning about the strict rules they must observe, their training programme and visiting their facilities and living space. The two trainees also spoke to us about the history of the college and showed us some old uniforms and weapons.

On my final day at Shankill Garda Station, we spent the morning with a Garda who worked in The Traffic Corps. He gave some harrowing accounts of road accidents that he had seen and told us that many of these accidents had been avoidable, having been the result of drunk driving or texting while driving. Later that day, we met two detectives who work in the Drugs Unit. They told us about the different drugs on the Irish market, showing us some specimens in sealed bags, before describing some drug busts in which they had been involved.

My time with the Gardaí was a unique experience. I enjoyed seeing aspects of the job and visiting places that I would not usually have access to. It was a really wonderful opportunity to get an idea of what it would be like to be a member of An Garda Síochána.

### *Transition Year Ski Trip*

Early on the morning of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, a group of twenty-five sleep-deprived Transition Year students met at Dublin Airport to fly to Italy for Clonkeen College's first ever ski trip. Once good-byes were said and luggage checked in, the boys and their teachers, Mr Faherty, Mr O'Shaughnessy and Mr Brennan, passed through security and onwards to their flight to Milan. A little over two hours and a cat nap later the group got their first view of the snow-capped mountains as their plane began its descent. Excitement filled the air!



The group made a short stop at the restaurant opposite the airport before boarding their coach for the three-and-a-half-hour journey to Lavarone. Once at the resort, rooms were organised and then it was off to the ski rental shop to get everyone kitted out for the week ahead.



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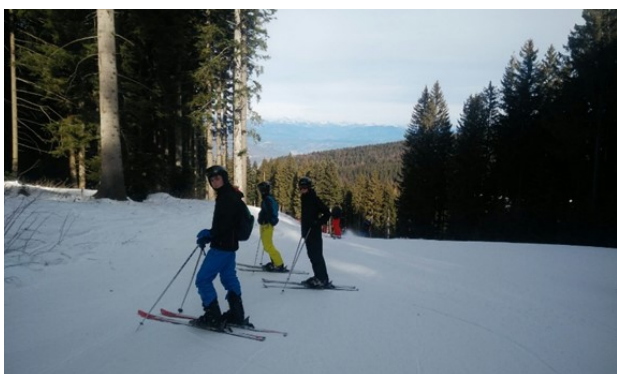
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The next morning ski school beckoned for all. Groups were organised, instructors were introduced and soon everyone was ready to hit the slopes. After two hours of gruelling ski instruction it was time to give tired muscles a rest and gather for lunch. Over lunch stories of ski school were exchanged and plans made for an afternoon on the slopes. During the afternoon, the boys had the opportunity to explore the area in smaller groups. For one, however, this was to be the end of his action on the slopes. Unfortunately, Seán Hussey, earned himself and Mr Brennan a trip to Accident and Emergency in Trento, as he, in his own words, “fell over”, resulting in a fractured collar bone.



While the remaining days played out in a similar fashion to the first, with lessons in the morning followed by free-ski in the afternoon, Seán gallantly manned the walkie-talkies at base, staying in touch with the groups on the various slopes. The boys spent the evenings playing cards or organising table quizzes. A highlight of the trip for all involved was Tubing on the Friday night, while “meal of-the-week” was declared following a visit to a nearby pizzeria on the boys’ last night in Lavarone.

Having thoroughly enjoyed their week’s skiing the boys and the three teachers, arrived back home late in the evening of 28<sup>th</sup> February. A big thank-you must go, of course, to the three teachers who organised the trip and accompanied the boys. Mr Faherty, Mr O’Shaughnessy and Mr Brennan would also like to commend the boys on their excellent behaviour throughout the trip.

### *Young Social Innovators (YSI)*

The Transition Year Young Social Innovators (YSI) class participated in the regional YSI showcase that took place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at the RDS.

The first group to take to the stage spoke about their initiative entitled “The Journey to Health”. The group was led by Sam Quinn. Guy Keogh spoke about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle while Daragh Cunningham explained why the group had chosen this project. Adam Whelan completed the team’s showcase, delivering a rap on the subject of healthy eating.



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The second group lead by Mark Brophy presented their project called "The Clonkeen Sports Initiative". Jamie Langan led the presentation speaking about the poor choice of sports on offer in schools. Heads turned as the music from the theme song of the Fresh Prince of Bel-Air filled the auditorium. The mic was handed to group leader, Mark Brophy, who gave his rendition of the song with new lyrics that focused on Clonkeen's hockey match against the ladies from St Joseph of Cluny. The crowd were on their feet as the song came to a close. The presenters awarded him with a box of Milk Tray chocolates for his efforts.

We would like to congratulate every student, from both groups, for the change they have made, and for their hard work throughout the year. The results of this year's YSI competition will be decided by the judges over the Easter Holidays. We wish these students the best of luck.

National YSI Week took place during the week leading up to the Easter Holidays. Over the course of three days, in line with their projects, students from the YSI class organised activities for their fellow Transition Year students. Well done to all the students involved and to their teacher Ms O'Rourke.

### **TWSG News**

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February, the TWSG signed a memorandum of understanding with the charity Action Aid to renovate and extend a large primary school in Malawi.

The school is located in the Thordolo district in the south-east of the Country. The building of the school will be broken down in to two phases.

The first phase, which will be completed this year, involves the renovation of two blocks of four classrooms at a cost of €16,809.30 and the construction of two blocks of toilets for boys and girls costing €2,490.27.

The second phase will get underway in 2018 and will see the construction of a block of two classrooms, costing €12,451.30. At this point, two teacher houses will be built at a cost of €8,715.94.

In total this project will cost €40,661.81 to complete. As always, the group appeals for the support of the whole school community to make this school become a reality. If you can help in any way please contact Mr McGauley or any member of the Third World Support Group. Your support is greatly appreciated!

The group had a very successful Church Gate Collection, at the church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Foxrock, on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March, that raised €4,281.45. We would like to thank the priest and the whole parish community of Foxrock for the generous support of our work in the third world.

A non-uniform day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, raising €809.60. Thank-you to all the families who supported this event and to all the teachers and staff of the school who facilitated it.

All funds will go towards building our new school in Malawi.

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### *Debating News*

Congratulations to two members of the Senior Debating Team, Killian Farrelly and Finn McGrath, who represented Ireland at the International Final of the Cambridge Schools Debating Competition, in Cambridge Students' Union, on 18<sup>th</sup> February.

This is one of the biggest and toughest schools' debating competitions in the world, so it was a tremendous achievement to have reached this stage of the competition. The standard among the competitors was phenomenal and although they didn't place, it was a great learning experience for both Killian and Finn. Well done to the Canadian team from Vancouver who were the overall winners.



Our Junior Debating Team have also been in action with Ayman Memon and David Farrelly competing in the Leinster Junior Mace finals on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March in St Conleth's College.

Special congratulations go to David Farrelly, who secured a top ten finish, in a field of approximately six hundred competitors, at the National Finals held at Belvedere College on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

This is the second largest non-sporting competition (after the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition) for second level students in Ireland. We are very proud of David's achievement in securing a top ten finish.

### *Junior Rugby*

Following months of coaching and training to help develop the game in Clonkeen College, we fielded our first fifteen-a-side Junior Rugby Team, on April 5<sup>th</sup>, against local rivals Oatlands College.



The game, a friendly, played at Stradbrook, was a fantastic opportunity for the boys to put their hard work into practice and to get some match experience. The boys played a great game of rugby and came away victorious on a score line of 41-12.

Congratulations to the team and their coach Mr Howley. Thank-you also to the Leinster Branch coaches who have worked with the students over the course of the last two years.

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### *First Year Soccer*

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Year Soccer Team played their semi-final match in the South Dublin Metropolitan League on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Their opponents in the match were Tallaght Community School. The Tallaght side had played well in the group stages, finishing in second place, so our boys knew that it would be no walkover.

Clonkeen started the match in their usual formation, 4-2-3-1. With Christian Dunne (A1) netting the first goal of the game at the fifty-seven second mark. Tallaght retaliated and, for the remainder of the first half, kept Clonkeen under pressure. They were rewarded for their efforts with a goal, ten minutes before the half-time whistle.

Mr Faherty's team talk during the break gave the team back their focus. Calm and with a plan, they entered the second half confident and ready to capitalise on all opportunities. They started the second half extremely well. Within the first ten minutes, Darragh Lynch (A3) took the ball around the Tallaght keeper and slotted it home for Clonkeen College's second goal. Tallaght continued to play well and our keeper Darragh O'Dowd (A3) saw plenty of the ball. Our boys maintained their focus and closed Tallaght down at every opportunity. Finally, we were rewarded with two further goals, the first coming from Kai Singleton (A3) and the second from super sub Gavin Doyle (A1).

The game finished 4-1 to Clonkeen College who progressed to the South Dublin Final against local rivals St Benildus College. That match was played at Wayside on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Years entered the match well-prepared and eager to get a score on the board. The boys from Benildus, however, had other plans, putting them under intense pressure and denying them a much sought-after goal.

Although Clonkeen's defence worked hard, Benildus managed to get two goals past our keeper. This did not dampen Clonkeen's resolve and soon the boys had regrouped and were pushing forward into Benildus's half of the pitch. Eventually, well into the second half, Clonkeen's efforts were rewarded when Darragh Lynch (A3) found the back of the net. Unfortunately, for our 1<sup>st</sup> Years, that was to be the only Clonkeen goal of the game, and so St Benildus were crowned South Dublin Metropolitan League Champions, on a score line of 2-1.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> March, the same team met with Coláiste Phádraig from Lucan in their Dublin Cup quarter final. Unfortunately, we were no match for the team from Coláiste Phádraig who showed us the door, with a convincing 4-0 win.

Congratulations to the team and their coaches Mr Faherty, Mr O'Shaughnessy and assistant coach, TY student Dylan Davis on reaching the advanced stages of both competitions. We look forward to seeing this talented bunch of footballers line out for the U15s next year!

### *Basketball*

Our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Basketball Teams, both made it out of their groups and through to the semi-final stages of their respective leagues this year. In their groups, both teams experienced mixed fortunes as they faced stiff competition from teams from Gaelcholáiste na Mara (Arklow), Greenhills College (Greenhills) and East Glendalough (Wicklow).

In their semi-final, our 1<sup>st</sup> Years met Kishoge Community College, Lucan. The match was played on 9<sup>th</sup> March, with Kishoge having home advantage.

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It was an excellent game of basketball, in which both sides showed drive and determination. The lead changed hands several times, before Kishoge managed to net a couple of baskets that gave them the lead going into the final minute of the game. Unfortunately, it was not to be Clonkeen's day as Kishoge held us at bay until the final whistle sounded.



Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Years played their semi-final, on March 15<sup>th</sup>, against a side from Blakestown Community School. The match played at Blakestown, was tightly contested. Clonkeen opened scoring in the first quarter but Blakestown were quick to reciprocate. Blakestown continued to work hard, netting further baskets and extending their lead. Clonkeen remained composed throughout but found it difficult to close the gap. The final quarter saw the team finally find a way through Blakestown's defence and start to close the gap. Unfortunately, it was a little too late and the match ended 21-16 to Blakestown.

Commiserations to the teams and their coach Ms Ní Chatháin on their departure from their competitions. However, we must also congratulate them on their performances throughout and on getting to the semi-finals.

### *1<sup>st</sup> Year Gaelic Football*

The 1<sup>st</sup> Year Gaelic Football Team put up a series of great performances to reach the quarter-finals of the Tom Quinlan Shield, the Dublin 1<sup>st</sup> Year Championship, winning two out of four matches. Despite playing against a strong breeze, Clonkeen fought well against a very good team from Drimnagh Castle Secondary School. Unfortunately, the gap proved too much to make up in the second half, but we kept going with the whole panel getting well-deserved game-time at the end of the campaign. It was an excellent sporting encounter, with both teams giving one hundred percent. Our two wins in the group stage against Oatlands College and Old Bawn Community School will set us up nicely for next autumn's U14 Competition.



The panel: Captain: Eoin O'Carroll (A3)

A1: Calum Bennett, Gavin Doyle, Christian Dunne, Conor Dunne, Liam Georgieff, Luke Mulvaney, Conal Murphy and Matthew Ryan .

A2: Niall Connaughton, Ben D'Arcy, Stephen Dillane-Maginn, Harry Haughton, Oran Keane-O'Hagan, Sam Kinsella, Killian Lavelle, Eoin Manning, Robert O'Gorman, Rory O'Kane, Adam Ring and Jason Waldron.

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A3: Billy Browne, Kevin Campbell, Seán Kavanagh, Darragh Lynch, Andrew O'Donovan, Darragh O'Dowd, Jack Springael and David Tierney .

Well done all! In the final term, we will run our class league. See you then!

### *U16 Gaelic Football*

On 8<sup>th</sup> March our U16 Gaelic Football Team played St. Colmcille's Community School in the Dublin 'C' Championship semi-final. This was the second time the teams had faced each other this year. Unfortunately, Clonkeen had lost the first encounter. Calling back TYs from Work Experience, our coaches were able to field their preferred starting fifteen, all of whom were seeking revenge for the defeat they'd suffered earlier in the season.

Clonkeen started well with early points from the full forward line. Halfway through the first half Colmcille's were gifted two goals from errors in the Clonkeen defence. The Clonkeen side, regained their composure to ensure that they remained in touch through the remainder of the first half. A notable mention goes to Macdara O Midheach (0-4) who scored some fantastic long range points. Colmcille's ended the first half in the lead with a score of 2-4 to 0-7. Although three points behind, Clonkeen were confident that they could make up the difference.

The team knew that they would have to start strongly in the second half, if they were to have any chance of winning. That is exactly what they did. They worked hard to close the three-point deficit until they were all square for the first time in the match. Heartbreakingly, midway through the second half, the referee controversially disallowed a point that would have seen Clonkeen take the lead. Both teams remained within a point of each other until the last five minutes when Colmcille's scored two goals. That was it for Clonkeen. The game finished 4-10 to 2-11.



Commiserations to the team and their coaches Mr Brennan and Mr Benson on their exit from the competition. However, we must say well-done to the team on the tremendous effort and discipline they showed throughout the nail-biting encounter.

*Happy  
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