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A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

First of all I would like to say thank you to the teachers, parents and pupils for their many cards and messages of support.

'Bíodh bhur solas ag taitneamh': often times school mottos blend into school uniforms and their importance is lost to us. 'Let your light shine' is a wonderful motto to have because its emphasis is on the positive. When I look at the students of St Aidan's I see their involvement in school life; working at their studies, participating in the extra-curricular activities such as hurling, camogie, Gaelic football and the many more that will be coming on stream in the months ahead and this has also been an opportunity for our teachers to display the many talents that they have.

A new Pupils' Council has been elected where our pupils will experience what it is like to represent their fellow pupils. A vibrant Parents' Council has already begun their work and I welcome their important input into our school life. The famous saying 'no man is an island' has been changed to 'no school is an island' because St. Aidan's is part of our community and it is with great pleasure that I welcome the organisations now using the excellent facilities of the school. St. Aidan's welcomes you and, as can be seen from the above, Ta ár solas ag taitneamh, our light is shining.

I would like to wish Dr. Steele well in his retirement and to thank him for the contribution he has made to education in general but particularly for his contribution to education on the northside of Cork city. On my own behalf I would like to thank him for his help and support to me on taking up my position.

Let me conclude by offering my congratulations to the Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate pupils, including the Adult Leaving Cert class, on their results and welcoming to St. Aidan's the First Year class of 2003/2004.

L. Ahern, Principal

DR STEELE RETIRES; THE LIGHT STILL SHINES

August 31st, 2003 truly marked the end of an era as Dr. Steele retired from his role as Principal of St. Aidan's - a role he had held since the college opened in 1983.

To try to encapsulate the magnitude of his contribution to education on Cork's northside is impossible in such a short space. However, the tributes included herein from the ten former members of St. Aidan's staff who themselves went on to become Principals or Deputy Principals do go some way in giving an insight into his leadership quality, his breadth of vision, his strength of character, his dedication to excellence and his unwavering commitment to the cause of right.

At St. Aidan's Dr. Steele inculcated an ethos of pride, of courage, of initiative, of responsibility and of truly Christian service. As teachers we were encouraged to see and to celebrate, in all our students, the image and likeness of God. Our role was, not only to train the mind, but also to tutor the heart and to nurture the spirit. It was as much about *formation as information*.

A gifted orator, those who were fortunate enough to hear him speak were often spellbound by his eloquence of speech and by its

ability to touch the human spirit. Phrases such as 'ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine', 'God don't make no junk', 'do the ordinary extraordinary well' and 'let your light shine' have become as much a part of the fabric of the college as the walls and ceilings themselves.

It bears testament to his outstanding educational insight that so many schools have adopted the systems that he implemented in St. Aidan's, systems that have so steadfastly stood the test of time.

His ability to analyse and to clarify complex sociological, educational and legal issues was immense, so much so that his office was the first port of call for so many Principals of other schools.

As his friends and colleagues we consider ourselves deeply privileged and truly blessed to have known and worked with him and our challenge now is to continue to develop all that he so committedly put in place.

Dr. Steele, on behalf of muintir Aodáin, of the thousands whose lives that you have touched and whose potential you have helped to fulfill we thank you, we salute you, we wish you well in your retirement. That you may enjoy many happy years with your wife Mary and family Margaret and Gilbert.

Beir bua agus beannacht.

PARTING WORDS

I am delighted to have this opportunity to record my deep gratitude to all of muintir Aodáin, whom I had the privilege to serve in my twenty years as Principal of St. Aidan's Community College.

I am bound to pay special, public and specific tribute to the three men who served in the office of Vice/Deputy Principal since the College was established in 1983: Mr. D. P. Aherne, Dr. A. K. Groeger and Mr. J. O'Brien, each of

them exceptionally gifted in his own special way, all of them united in the solid and sensible loyalty they gave me.

I salute everyone who worked at St. Aidan's, in whatever capacity, for however long, since the College was founded, who, absorbing and living the ideals of public and Christian service we set ourselves, like the 'good and faithful servant' of the Gospel (Matthew 25:14-30), used their God-given talents for the common good, often going above and beyond the call of duty and way into their own time in so doing.

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St. Aidan's Parents' Association AGM

On Tuesday September 30th the St. Aidan's Parents' Association A.G.M took place. A Parents' Council was formed, which will meet every second month, and, from within this Council, an Executive Committee was elected. The Executive will meet on the second Tuesday of every month to plan the Association's work over the coming year. The Annual fundraising table quiz for the Book Loan Scheme will be one of the items for discussion at the next meeting. We wish to welcome the new members who joined the Council and Executive Committee this year as we look forward to a productive year ahead.

FOCUS ON FIRST YEAR

We are delighted to extend a special welcome to our new First Year pupils. For you, the coming year should be particularly exciting and challenging as you broaden your horizons, discover new interests and make new friends. I wish you all the best for a very successful year in St Aidan's. Bíodh bhur solas ag taithneamh.

Ms. M. Scanlon, First Year Tutor.

PHOTOS:

Top: Parents of First Years visit St. Aidan's. Right: Class Beinean with tutor Ms. Kissane. Middle: Class Carthach with Tutor Ms. N. Guile. Bottom Class Aban with Mr. C. O' Brien. Opposite page: After school guitar class members.



School Completion Programme

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and the School Completion Programme (the SCP) which has just started in St. Aidan's and Scoil Oilibhéir.

The SCP is a Department of Education and Science programme helping individual children and young people to complete school and to get the best from their education. This will involve working with individual young people in both schools, with parents and teachers in Scoil Oilibhéir and in consultation with Ms. Grace Hickey, the Home-School-Community Liaison Co-ordinator at St. Aidan's. The SCP will provide support during and after the school day, and during holiday time.

As the Co-ordinator of the programme, I welcome your enquiries and comments, and look forward to working with you.

Pauline Hyde, SCP Co-ordinator

Trevor Conquers Carrauntoohil

How has your summer been? I'm sure it hasn't been half as exciting or adventurous as mine. Well, I climbed Carrauntoohil last August, no big deal really, and it was beyond doubt one of the most exhilarating and audacious things I have ever attempted, but, I'm like that, once I get a thought into my head I'm going to do it.

One day, Tony, a friend of a friend was driving me home and he is a fanatical mountaineer for over thirty years. I was chatting away asking him about his experiences and wondering what it was like. Then out of the blue, he asked me whether I would like to give it a go. Without really thinking at all, I said yes. I suppose, if I'm honest, in reality, I didn't understand what climbing a mountain actually entailed or what a mountain was really like but I was going to give it a go. I joined a gym to get a little fit, invested in a pair of proper boots and was now ready for my first taste of climbing an actual mountain. The first one we climbed was the Knockmealdowns range in Waterford, which was fairly difficult. When we climbed Mangerton, I found it much easier and didn't slip at all. This gave me confidence in advance of the climb of Carrauntoohil.

We started the ascent at 10:00 on the 9th of August. Squelching through the bogs was an interesting experience. It seemed to suck hungrily at my feet pulling me into its muddy depths and I had to struggle to pull my boot out. One time, I was walking through a particularly wet piece of bog and I sank in almost up to my knees. The mist swirled around soaking my face and was so severe that the rocks became quite slippery. Beads of perspiration clung to my brow and my t-shirt stuck to my skin.

As we approached the top of the first peak the aspect of the slope rose dramatically and the rock was very loose. It was extremely difficult because the mist saturated the ground and getting a foothold was treacherous. Irritating midges infested the stagnant air. We had to cross a ridge which was very narrow and this for me was probably the most awkward part,



the reason being that it was only a couple of feet wide and I had to really concentrate to put my feet in the right places. While crossing this ridge, I had this weird sense of nothingness, just total space. I knew that only a very narrow stretch of rock separated me from a huge abyss on either side. After the ridge the ascent to Carrauntoohil's summit was relatively easy. I felt a great sense of achievement. Wow! I've actually climbed the highest mountain in Ireland! There was also a thought that I still had to get down.

We decided to do Beenkeragh ridge which is a ridge of rock pinnacles and it was great fun. The scramble was different but it was very hazardous. I could feel the vast chasm below me but, when I got across that ridge, going down was more or less straightforward. After an eight-hour climb, we finally got back to the hostel at around 6:00 and then the good part, we had a few drinks and a singsong.

Given the fact that I am blind, I never thought I'd be able to climb a mountain, let alone the highest mountain in Ireland. I have always been very positive about my disability and I'll attempt most things. This accomplishment has just given me more confidence

Trevor Hussey, Leaving Cert. Class Iosaef

On behalf of the members and leaders of the C. S. N. Mountaineering Club, I would like to congratulate Trevor on his magnificent achievement in setting himself the challenge of climbing Ireland's highest mountain during the summer and in hav-

ing the courage and determination to see it through. After two practise climbs on the Knockmealdowns and Mangerton, I reckoned that not only was he ready for Carrauntoohil but he would be able to do it by the most difficult route known as the Coomloughra Horseshoe. A number of blind persons have climbed Carrauntoohil over the years but, to my knowledge, none have gone over the rock pinnacles of the Beenkeragh Ridge. His Year Tutor, Ms. M. Dineen, who has climbed Carrauntoohil many times had always refused to do this route, but, inspired by Trevor's courage, she decided to do it that day!

All of us who have climbed with Trevor have been greatly impressed by his courage and tenacity in achieving his ambition. He came out with us again last week and "free climbed" a vertical gully on the Coomasaham Ridge. There is no stopping him now!
Tony Doherty, Mountain Leader.

St. Aidan's Evening Classes

Monday Evening Classes

- * Intermediate Computers
- * Cookery
- * Adult Leaving Certificate Geography
- * Creative Writing
- * Conversational French For Beginners

Tuesday Evening Classes

- * Conversational Irish for Beginners
- * Art
- * ECDL
- * Conversational Spanish For Beginners

Wednesday Evening Classes

- * Guitar For Beginners
- * Flower Arranging

Classes for Parents

The following are some of the activities for parents that will be held in Autumn 2003.

- * Image and Style
- * Enneagram
- * Christmas Table Decorations

Suggestions for new courses for the Spring 2004 term are most welcome. If you have a talent and you would like to be a tutor we want to hear from you. For further information please contact Grace Hickey, (021) 4307486



BÍODH A SHOLAS AG TAITNEAMH

In agallamh a casadh an Dochtúir Frank Steele lorm don chéad uair. Ní déarfainn gur chuir sé eagla orm ach ní mór ná gur agallamh ana dhian a bhí ann mar, más cuimhin liom sa cheart, do bhios im shuí ar chathaoir plaisteach, do bhí mo chasóg galánta leathair ag éirí teann im' thimpeall agus do bhí sruthán allais ag rith ó chúl mo chinn síos fan chnámh mo droma.

Ba bheag a thuigeas ag an am an tionchar a bheadh ag an fhear seo ar mo shaol ghairmiúil. Go deimhin níor mheasas go bhfaighinn an post agus do bhios cinnte ná tógfainn é, fiú dá bhfaighinn. Do fuair eas agus do thógas an post agus do chaitheas nach mór cúig bliana déag i dteannta Frank i bPobal Choláiste Aodáin ar Chnoc Atha Cliath.

De réir mar a bhí aithne á chur ar Frank agam, do bhí an meas a bhí agam air ag dul i méid i gcónaí. Beidh aithne ag go leor daoine proifisiúnta ar Frank toisc an intleacht éagsamhail atá aige. Is beag duine a thuigeann gach gné dá ghnó chomh soiléir agus chomh doimhin agus a thuigeann Frank é agus atá inscneach go leor chun sainmhíniú agus léirmheas a thabhairt atá soiléir, iontuigthe agus sa chomhthéacs ceart.

Cé go raibh sé i gcónaí ag obair chun proifisiúntacht a fhoirinne a chur chun cinn ba iad a dhaltaí ba mhó a thóg buntáiste as a dhian iarrachtaí. Le comhoibriú ó Bhóird Bainistíochta do cuireadh córas oideachais i bhfeidhm - córas a chothaigh féinmheas i measc na ndaltaí, a thug dúshlán na ndaltaí, a threoraigh agus a mhúnláigh iad chun meas a bheith acu ar a gcúlra agus a ndúthaigh dhúchais. Do bhí árdchaighdeán ag teastáil i gcónaí agus do chinntigh an Priomh Oide go raibh, i gcónaí, árdchaighdeán freastail ar fáil dos na daltaí.

'Bíodh Bhúr Solas ag Taitneamh' - is é sin mana Phobal Choláiste Aodáin. An mana sin a bhí mar spreagadh ag an bPriomh Oide dá dhaltaí go rialta, An mana sin a bhí mar spreagadh aige dá fhoireann chomh maith. An mana sin a bhí ina spreagadh laethúil aige dó fhéin. Do bhíodh a sholas féin ag taitneamh agus ag lonradh go geal gach lá. Gur i bhfad mar sin a bheidh sé.

Le mór mheas,

Breandán Ó Lionáird,
Priomh Oide Colaiste Gobnathan,
St. Aidan's 1984-1999

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish Dr. Steele a long and happy retirement with his wife and family.

When he was Principal in my time I never saw him so surprised as when early one morning we both looked on in astonishment at the presence of a large white horse in the assembly area (brought in by some cute wag or other, no doubt!). That was unforgettable and an abiding fond memory of great days early in Dr. Steele's tenure as Principal.

Rock Kirwin,
Principal, Kilrush Community College,
(St. Aidan's 1983-1992)

I spent five years as deputy to Dr. Steele between the years 1988 and 1993, at which point I was invited to become principal in CBS Youghal where I still try to carry the mantle of leadership I was asked to take over.

I remember many aspects of my years in St. Aidan's, still keep in contact with friends there and am always delighted to be stopped in the street by people - colleagues, parents or students - who remember my few short years there. Certainly those years have left an indelible mark on me and I doubt I would have become the kind of principal I am without the influence of St. Aidan's.

One of the first memories is of a staff meeting at which Dr. Steele told teachers - I paraphrase - 'If this school isn't good enough for your children, then you must ask why'. This was an amazing statement for me - literally asking teachers to send their own children to the school. It sent out a very clear message about the way the school would develop, the relationship between teachers and students and also the whole pastoral philosophy of the school. He used the image of the family a lot - a new member of staff wasn't just an addition to the family, effectively a new addition meant a new family

TRIBUTES TO DR. STEELE

being created with everyone affected by the change. We became a family - not a "love-dovey" relationship, not a "soft touch". We were the professionals who would provide a suitable training or formation for our students. We aimed high and asked our students to set their targets as high. If, in his words, we were not as good as the grind schools and fee-paying schools we were, in effect, justifying their existence. And our results began to justify our existence - a first place in Ireland in Business in the Junior Cert for Sheila O' Sullivan, a first place in Ireland for the Home Economics class. More of our students went on to do the Leaving Certificate than most other community schools. It may also be among the first schools in Ireland to allow a student to sit in on Board of Management meetings.

Ritual and ceremony were important in St. Aidan's - these are the means by which the organisation represents itself to itself and to others. We wore academic gowns on big occasions, the year followed on obvious religious grounds with Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter offering opportunities to us to consider our ways, to "shape up or ship out", we "were a bus, we didn't carry passengers"! Our rituals and ceremonies were many - from small year group assemblies to full school assemblies, from formal occasions like the Lord Mayor's visit to even more formal occasions like the Annual Prize giving. We pushed each and every one of our students to become his or her "best self". We showed our students the "trappings" of academic life and tried to encourage them to accept the possibility of their potential. One can see the strong aspirational approach of a latter day Edmund Rice affecting the direction of the school. There were constant references to "The Mon" - and it was no accident that playing in the Harty Cup began to be an ideal for the school, but it wasn't just about 'the Mon.' and

GAA - the whole ideal of Edmund Rice permeated St. Aidan's. It became a very Christian school in a very Christ-like way, and not by accident. I'm not too sure where the name St. Aidan came from, but it would not surprise me to find a St. Aidan somewhere in Co. Wexford where the Christian Brothers had a school and where a young Br. Steele possibly taught! Inevitably the name of the school began to develop and many teachers left to become principals or deputy principals elsewhere. Schools began to visit us to see the school in action. Review and renew were the constant reminders to staff and students.

Perhaps my most abiding memory of the school is of the dynamism of the place - the role of the management was to support teachers and teachers were supported in every way possible. Morale was high. Ideas were being bounced all the time. The staff was young and vibrant - willing to listen to a charismatic speaker who was very serious about his work, almost about his "mission". Teachers were studying, taking courses, seeing themselves as professionals and their career as a developing opportunity. The idea of staid old teachers in set chairs in dusty old staffrooms was never going to be St.

Aidan's. It was a school that should never grow old. It was a school for opportunities - opportunities to develop skills, to develop insights, to grow - for everyone privileged enough to be part of it.

It is not always easy to lead by example, nor to be different from other schools. Many people - from Department and VEC officials to parents to teachers - were surprised how seriously St. Aidan's took its role in life. This is due to the presence and influence of Dr. Steele.

To his eternal credit Frank Steele will forevermore be known as "the Doc" much as the North Monastery is known as "the Mon". The two have become part of the folklore of the north side of Cork, each an institution in its own right, each one contributing a lasting impression upon that most insular of people - those born on the northside of the city. For my five happy years in the school I say thank you and wish St. Aidan's all the best for the future under its new Principal. And to Dr. Steele - thank you for helping me not only in my years in St. Aidan's but ever since. The story of St. Aidan's and the tradition it created for itself deserves to be written in more detail, and hopefully it will.

Kieran Groeger,
Deputy Principal, St. Aidan's 1988-1993

Dr. Steele, Guim gach beannacht ort agus tu ag cur tús le tréimhse eile tabhachtach id' shaol.

Watching St Aidan's grow and develop over the formative years of my teaching career and beyond was a great apprenticeship under the guidance of a master educational craftsman like yourself. 'There's no substitute for class'

Míle buíochas as gach rud.

Elizabeth Flanagan [nee O'Reilly],
Principal, Scoil Carmel, Limerick,
(St Aidan's Community College 1984-2002)

On behalf of both my family and myself I would like to congratulate Frank on his retirement and to wish him and his family every happiness in the future. We firmly believe, in our family, that the Lord puts a significant few in all our lives. Frank has definitely fallen into this category for us.

My time spent at St. Aidan's was indeed very special. Working under Frank's inspirational leadership was an enriching experience. Frank provided all his staff with full support and the opportunity to excel. Frank went beyond this however and has been a loyal and supportive friend to me - and of course to my family. Always ready to advise, Frank was always willing to provide 100% support in attempting to find the solution to any problem, perhaps with one exception, when a parent told me that she was disappointed with the Principal for not being able to diagnose that her son was suffering from a chest infection. Curiosity getting the better of me I enquired as to why the Principal should be able to make such a diagnosis. With a bewildered look on her face, at this question, she indignantly replied, "Well he is a Doctor, isn't he?"

*Best wishes from,
Donal O'Brien, Principal
Coláiste Muire Crosshaven.
St. Aidan's 1985-1993*

PS I await the first book as I do not believe that you will retire just yet!

It was a privilege to have worked with you. Your influence on me personally was hugely significant. Words like faith, vision, integrity, courage, intelligence, professionalism and oratory spring to mind when I think of you. It is impossible for all but a few to ever appreciate your immense contribution to the development of the community college ideal. This contribution will be your lasting legacy.

Best wishes on your retirement as principal of St. Aidan's. I am certain that this is as much a beginning as an end and that you will continue to serve the field of education in one guise or another for many years to come. Beir bua agus beannacht.

*Ted Owens,
Education Officer, Co. Cork, VEC.
(St. Aidan's 1984-1990)*

It was an honour and a privilege to have worked with Frank for twenty years. I wish him a long and happy retirement to be enjoyed with his family.

*Mr. John O'Brien,
Deputy Principal St. Aidan's.*

Dear Frank,

As one of the former members of staff who subsequently moved into a management position in another school, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge my formative experiences whilst working in St. Aidan's. All of the staff will no doubt agree that, as Principal, you continually and consistently placed high expectations on your colleagues. One of the ways in which this manifested itself was the allocation of a considerable range of extra responsibilities. However, the real key to this approach was the manner in which you also entrusted the required authority for the exercise of these duties. This contributed in no small way to the professional development of your staff and the ease with which I, among others, progressed seamlessly into other positions of educational management. The contribution that you have made to educational practice over the years is outstanding in quantitative, qualitative, and geographical terms.

May you have a long and fulfilling retirement.

Best Wishes.

*Paul McDonnell
ICT Advisor - Cork Education Support Centre*

I was privileged to work closely with Frank Steele as his Deputy during the first five years of St. Aidan's from 1983 to 1988. Those were exciting years.

I wish to pay tribute to Frank's vision and his extraordinary leadership ability. His inspirational work in leading a talented staff in the creation of the phenomena of St. Aidan's will continue to be valued into the future.

I also appreciate having experienced Frank's compassion and spirituality. On this, the occasion of your well-earned retirement Frank, may I wish Mary and yourself many happy and relaxing years together.

*Denis Aherne,
Principal, St. Peter's Community School,
Passage*

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I salute the parents - first, because they did us the signal honour of entrusting their children to our care and, secondly, because, over the years, so many were ready to give their precious time to help the College in so many practical ways, always without pecuniary reward, sometimes at no little cost to themselves in the wear and tear inevitably associated with some endeavours and certain issues.

I salute all the pupils who have passed through St. Aidan's 'on my watch'. There are now thousands of them. They are in all walks of life and they are scattered across the globe. They were placed on graduation under the protection of Muire na nGrás, Máthair Mhic Dé. Wherever they are, whatever they do, may their light always shine.

I have been blessed in those who served on the Board of Management of St. Aidan's Community College and, particularly, in the Cathaoirleach. I thank them all, not least those who dealt with the complex and controversial business that will arise from time to time before any such body.

I pay tribute, finally, to the co-managerial authorities, Co. Cork VEC and the Bishop of Cork and Ross, who accepted that the community college concept represented a new departure in school governance and who had the confidence and the courage to let St. Aidan's become the authentic and autonomous managerial entity it is today.

Go gcúiti Dia leo uile a saothar agus biodh a solas ag taitneamh go deo na ndeor.

*Frank Steele,
Principal Emeritus
October, 2003*

PHOTO: Dr. Steele congratulates the cast of one of the hugely popular College Musicals from the early days.



Dr. Steele is well regarded for his encyclopaedic knowledge and forensic attention to detail in matters educational. I am aware that many Principals, including myself, have been grateful to avail of his expert advice in relation to a wide range of pertinent educational issues. Dr. Steele could be relied upon to have the most up-to-date information and to have well considered views on the various implications of any course of action. The clarity of his thinking was matched by his generosity of spirit.

Mile buíochas agus go n-eiri an t-adh leat sa todhchái".

*Pat Mc Kelvey, Principal, MICC, Dunmanway, Co. Cork
(St. Aidan's 1989-1997)*

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

I am delighted to say "welcome back" to all pupils, especially to our new pupils. I encourage you all to fully enjoy the year ahead and to actively participate in the many extra curricular activities that are on offer. St. Aidan's pupils have a long tradition of active involvement in such activities and this year we offer a very wide range including - guitar, camogie, theatre, basketball, gymnastics, soccer, football, debating, auto-restoration and hurling. As you broaden your horizons, develop new interests and make new friends. I wish you all the best for a happy and successful year at St. Aidan's.

Mr. L. Ahern, Principal

Thanks to the religion teacher, Mr O' Brien, some Transition Year students have the privilege of working on a classic car. The 1977 Triumph Spitfire, is in need of some serious work and we can't wait to get 'stuck in' to the restoration, which we intend to do after school under teacher supervision. We're very excited about the project and look forward to learning about such a classic model.

Wesley Lynch, Class Benidict

Photos: top-the 1977 Spitfire. Middle - Transition Year trip to Kinsale Outdoor Education Centre. Bottom left - batik created by pupils of the Art department. Bottom right - Lord Mayor's visit.



Start of Year Mass

The Mass to mark the commencement of the 2003-2004 school year was celebrated in St. Oliver's on Thursday 16th of October. In the middle of a typical hectic school day teachers and pupils came together to worship God. It is an education in itself to stop, from time to time, in the middle of the daily round to give our whole attention to those things above and beyond the daily round that help us make sense of, and cope with, the daily round. It is an education in itself to do this together because it shows us just how effective we can be when we commit ourselves in mutual respect and support to the attainment of a goal.



SPORTS NEWS

We place great emphasis on sport here in St. Aidan's and the success of so many of our past and present pupils in various sporting endeavours gives us a great sense of pride. We offer best wishes to all players and teams who will wear the college jersey in the year ahead. Biodh bhur solas ag taitneamh.

PHOTOS

Top: Basketball Junior team. Training is in full swing with the Junior, Cadette and Senior girls. The Junior team will compete this year for the first time and their coach is very optimistic about their chances. Captains for the season are Alicia O' Driscoll (Senior), Maria Kelleher (Cadette) and Melissa O' Donoghue (Junior).

Middle: 1.) St. Aidan's pupils who were part of the Delaneys u 16 team that won the city championship pictured with Principal Mr. Ahern.

2.) St. Aidan's pupils who were part of the Glen u 16 team that won the city championship pictured with Principal Mr. Ahern.

Bottom - St. Aidan's Leaving Cert Class of 2003 soccer selection who took on St. Aidan's staff in an end of season game in Leeds Park. The teachers were joined by past pupil and present member of Cork City's u 21 team, Michael Buckley. Best wishes to all the Leaving Cert class of 2003. Weekly staff/student soccer games will recommence in the gym in November.

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