



BALLINODE COLLEGE
NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer and are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year.

I just want to take this opportunity to welcome our new 1st years and welcome back all our students. After a challenging year, it is great to see everyone back.

Each year brings positive change. This includes a great addition to our management team. We are delighted to welcome Ms. McCarvey in her new role as our new Deputy Principal.
Warmest regards
David McGuinness
Principal

CONGRATS!!!

Weronika Matczak has started the year with a phenomenal achievement after being awarded with the special merit in this year's 67th Texaco Children's Art Competition. A pencil drawing of one of her classmates.



2020 - Special Merit Award
Weronika Matczak, Ballinode College, Sligo, Age 15.

Our new 1st years experiencing technology-enhanced learning with their Ipads in Ballinode.



EAGLES FLYING

On Wednesday 22nd September, 8 students from An Grianán were accompanied by staff to Eagles Flying where they spent a fabulous time among the birds and wildlife in South Sligo. Students were mesmerised by the beauty and intelligence of these amazing birds. They were delighted to put fear aside and hold these birds of prey and animals



WHATS GOING ON?

Ballinode under 15s soccer team are back training after the summer

Tasters for subjects are in full swing from cooking to pac man projects in engineering.





Basketball training back, for all year groups

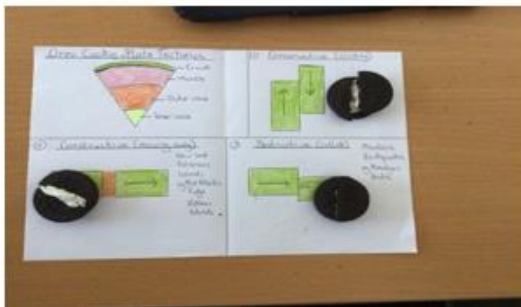
Mondays at lunchtime 13:30-14:00

Students are busy preparing their ideas for the BT Young Scientist of the year competition to maintain our recent success.

SCHOOL

ACTIVITIES

A very successful Geography lesson. Lots of fun and lots of learning. Students were exploring plate boundaries using Oreo cookies.



IN BUSINESS

In conjunction with [Eir](#), Business in the Community Ireland (BITCI) is rolling out it's World of Work national programme with the 2nd year Business Studies students of [Ballinode](#) College. The World of Work Programme provides targeted support for 15-year-olds in preparation for the world of work

There will be 5 workshops in total, including a virtual site visit, commencing October 2021 and ending in December 2021.

[Ballinode](#) College is very grateful for the opportunity to be included in this programme and delighted to be collaborating with [Eir](#) once again, one of Ireland's most reputable and long-established telecommunications companies.

Wellbeing



First years got their toes wet while surfing in [Strandhill](#). After completing their transition program into secondary school, they headed off for a day of team building, ice cream and laughs



First years in BCC enjoyed a team building and bonding session whilst taking in the beautiful scenery of [Knocknarea](#) and its surroundings. The challenge was set to climb the mountain the 'old way' and descend into the woods at [Rathcarrick](#). The thought of a cool ice cream at the bottom was just the incentive needed to reward the students for their resilience on the day!

Leaving Cert 2021

Congratulations to our Leaving cert class of 2021. This year 20% of our students achieved over 500 points and are studying courses such as Politics & Society, Architecture, Arts and Design among others. We wish them all the best in their studies and future careers.



Architect in the making

Aidan Lockhart, one of our sixth year students had a traineeship organised for him after his leaving cert thanks to Mr White and Ms Heaphy. As part of this he was offered paid placement in a local company ENGdoc. Congratulations to him on passing his Autodesk Certified Professional CAD exam in Revit by September having only completed his leaving cert in June. We wish him the best of luck with his future studies in architecture.



Olympics 2024 Here we come

Well done to our former student Dean Clancy who became an Under 22 European Champion over the Summer! Dean previously finished fourth at the 2018 Youth Olympics and has his sights set on the Paris 2024 Olympics. We have no doubt Dean is going to the very top. Well done!

