

Business Award:

Well done to TY student Ava Maher who recently won an educational trip to Strasbourg as part of the Graduate.ie programme run in Business class. The programme is a Government, Local Government and EU funded citizenship and democracy programme for second level students in Ireland to take part in and learn about important local and national topics. Ava's prize was sponsored by Midlands Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force, she received her prize details and trophy from Martina Dunne, Development Worker with the Midlands Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force. Ava, along with other students from around Ireland will travel to Strasbourg later this year.

First Year Boys Football:

Our First Year Boys travelled to Prosperous on Tuesday May 7th to play the home school in the Leinster Semi Final. A 16th minute goal by Iarla Sheahan, along with points from Daniel Devery Kearns, Jack Connolly and Shane Lynch saw Banagher College lead 1-5 to 1-2 at half time. A Prosperous goal straight after the break levelled up this game 1-5 to 2-2. The teams were level again in the 47th minute Banagher College 1-7 Prosperous 2-4. A 52nd minute goal by Diarmuid Darcy sealed victory for the Banagher boys 2-10 to 2-4 and they marched on to a final place against Oaklands Edenderry on Thursday May 16th.

Banagher College: Oisín Egan (Capt.), Jack Doorley, Hugo Loonam, Harry Keane, Charlie Flaherty, Colm Boylan (0-1), Shane Lynch (0-1), Robbie Wynne (0-1), Éanna Mahon (0-1), Conor Donoghue, Jack Connolly (0-2), Iarla Sheahan (1-2), Daniel Devery Kearns (0-1), Diarmuid Darcy (1-0), Conor Moran (0-1)

First Year Girls Football:

Our First Year girls travelled to Moate on Friday May 10th to take part in a Future Leaders Blitz organised by the Transition Year Students in Moate C.S. In the first game the Banagher girls came up against a strong Portlaoise side and lost out Banagher College 1-2 Scoil Chríost Rí Portlaoise 3-2. In their Second Match, the girls had settled and picked off some impressive scores to win Banagher College 2-4 Coláiste Mhuire Ballygar 1-1. They continued this fine form when they faced the host school in their Third Game to win in convincing fashion Banagher College 8-2 Moate CS 1-1. That win sealed a place in the final for Banagher College but it was Scoil Chríost Rí Portlaoise who provided the opposition and despite the best efforts of the Banagher girls they had to give best on this occasion Scoil Chríost Rí Portlaoise 1-6 Banagher College 1-2. All in all, a most enjoyable day was had in the sunshine and we are most grateful to Moate C.S. for their kind invitation. **Banagher College Panel:** Annie Mulhare, Emma Byrne, Leila Monahan, Isa Duffy, Ruth Claffey, Saoirse Clarke, Caitlín Mooney, Caitlín Donnelly, Elodie Loonam, Hannah Glynn, Elliemay Flannery, Rebecca Slevin, Louise Flannery, Grace Moran, Áine Lyons and Amy Kennedy.

Minor Camogie:

On Monday April 29th Coláiste Bhríde Carnew made the long trip to Banagher to play Banagher College in the quarter final of the Leinster Minor B Camogie Championship. Carnew went into an early lead but thanks to first half goals from Amy Kenny and Laura Staunton, Banagher were back on level terms 2-3 to 2-1 at half time. Three second half goals put Carnew back in control of this game but the Banagher girls dug deep and came back with three green flags of their own, from the sticks of Amy Kenny, Laura Staunton and Emma Byrne. With time almost up, Carnew lead by the minimum, but team captain Laura Foley stepped up and converted a late 45 to send this game to extra time. In that extra period, a Saoirse Coughlan goal put Banagher ahead, allied to points from Leah Delaney and Emma Byrne. This time it was Carnew who had to come from behind and they levelled the game with a last minute free, which meant that Banagher College would have to travel to Carnew for the replay. Final Score Banagher College 6-7 Col Bhríde Carnew 5-10

Banagher College: Rebecca Slevin, Isa Duffy, Laura Foley(Capt.)(0-1 45),Caitlin Donnelly, Emma McDermott, Elodie Loonam, Aoibhe Doyle, Leah Delaney(0-2), Louise Flannery, Annie Mulhare (0-2), Amy Kenny (2-0), Emma Byrne (1-2), Laura Staunton (2-0), Holly Sexton, Saoirse Coughlan (1-0).

Parents Association Prize Draw:

The Banagher College Parents Association recently held a Prize Draw to raise funds for the Drama Department in the school. The Draw was held on Thursday May 2nd and the winners were as follows:

First Prize: Bluetooth LED Mirror – Eileen Dervan

Second Prize: Mid Ireland Adventure Voucher €150 – Gareth Butler

Third Prize: Davis Pharmacy Beauty Hamper – Hannah Cormican

Fourth Prize:The Thatch Restaurant Voucher – Ailís Malone

Fifth Prize:Pottery Gift Set – Maura Byrne

Sixth Prize: Oliver Douglas Birr Voucher – Paddy & Gemma Farrell

Seventh Prize: Birr Golf Shop Voucher – Tara Moran

Eighth Prize: Two National Ploughing Tickets – Lorraine Kilkenny

Ninth Prize: K Sister Gift Box – Ellie May Flannery

Tenth Prize: K Sister Hair Products and Krimper – Sinead Gilligan

Eleventh Prize: Salann na Talún Voucher – Maisie Lally

Twelfth Prize: Wine and Chocolates – Kayla & Thomas Farrell

Thirteenth Prize:Two National Ploughing Tickets – Kathleen Gleeson

Fourteenth Prize: Wine and Chocolates – Tom Moran

Fifteenth Prize: Baby Blanket – Mary Skerrit

Sixteenth Prize: Baby Blanket – Aoife O’Dowd

There was a special prize for the students who sold the largest number of tickets and the winners of the Promotors Prize (€50 x2) were:

TY Student Daniel McDonald

First Year Student Clodagh Farrell

The Parents Association would like to express their sincere thanks to all of our sponsors and those who supported the draw. A total of €1550 was raised for our Drama Department.

Thank you.

Offaly U-20s:

Best wishes to Banagher College lads Ruairí Kelly, Shane Rigney & Darragh Scully and the Offaly U-20s in tonight's Leinster Championship Semi Final v Kilkenny at 7pm in Glenisk O Connor Park Tullamore.

Speakers:

Among the recent speakers to visit Banagher College were Johnny Butler of Duggan Brothers who gave a great presentation to our fifth Years on Careers in Construction, and Hugo Loonam, who also spoke to our fifth Years, on the topic of Motor Mechanics.

S.T.E.A.M. Prizes:

Last week saw former Banagher secondary student Raymond Bell, return to present the Banagher College VEX Robotics Team with their €500 Vouchers for winning the Laois Offaly ETB S.T.E.A.M. Programme VEX IQ Competition at the recent LOETB Showcase Event in Portlaoise. Ray was visiting Banagher College to present prizes on behalf of both Laois County Council and Offaly County Council who generously sponsored the Laois Offaly ETB S.T.E.A.M. Programme, which included €1000 of equipment for each of the winning schools.

Darkness Into Light:

On Saturday morning last May 11th, Banagher College hosted our 10th DIL in Banagher. It was a beautiful night and well supported. We are most appreciative of everyone who participated and a special Thanks to the members of our Headstrong team who have been busy registering and collecting donations for Darkness Into Light for the previous few weeks. If you or someone you know needs help:

Be Brave,

Reach Out,

Speak Up,

Help is at hand.

