

Principals Report to the Board of Management Meeting March 10th 2020.

COVID –19 / Corona Virus

The school has taken the guidance of the HSE and the Chief Medical Officer in respect of our response to the containment of the COVID 19 virus.

To this end, we have placed hand sanitisation units around the school as well as ensuring that the restrooms have soap and warm water. We have asked each teacher to take their class through the HSE website in respect of the technique for effective hand washing.

All HSE bulletins have been posted on the website and we have also posted the HSE posters highlighting the virus throughout the building.

We have also put special arrangements in place for two students who we know present with Cystic Fibrosis.as a health condition

We have three international travel events in the pipeline over the remaining weeks of the school year. These include the student exchange with Karlsruhe (end of March), representing Ireland at the VEX Robotic World Championship in Louisville, Kentucky (end of April) and the Transition Year school tour to Andalucia (May Bank Holiday weekend). These trips are currently under review.

Finally, we have been actively engaged with Microsoft, as a showcase school to develop capacity within our teaching staff to provide tuition to our students on-line should an outbreak of the virus cause the school to close.

Please see the email below which highlights this initiative.

Hi Fergal,

Please find resources that will assist you if you are looking to deploy or expand distance learning programs and facilitate CPD to harness the power of Microsoft Education in your school.

Remote teaching and learning resources from Microsoft Education

Whether you're within the walls of the classroom or connecting remotely, you can access the tools you need for classroom management and student engagement with Microsoft Teams and Office 365. Here are are some useful resources to get you started.

[Remote Teaching and Learning resources](#)

[Collection of resources from Microsoft Education](#)

Join the Microsoft Enabling Remote Learning Community

The Microsoft Education team has created an open global community for academic institutions looking to deploy or expand distance learning programs. Whether your deployment is new or an expansion on current distance learning initiatives, representatives from around Microsoft Education are here to help answer your questions and set you up for success.

This community is not intended as a replacement for product support mechanisms. Please submit support tickets via existing Office 365 or premier support channels. Teachers can get additional support by visiting [Edu Support](#)

New sign-ups will be verified within 24-48 hours, click here to [Join](#)

To learn more about Microsoft Teams and how to get started, you can join the live webinars [here](#)

As some schools look to continue learning remotely, Microsoft Teams for Education provides an online classroom so students and teachers can find new ways to continue to focus on learning. Free for schools and universities, Teams provides an online classroom that brings together virtual face-to-face connections, assignments, files and conversations into a single place accessible on either mobile, tablet, PC or browser.

To learn more about Microsoft Teams and how to get started, you can join the live webinars on March 5th, from 8:00 – 9:30 AM PST, after which they will be available on demand. To see all the webinars, click [here](#).

- **[Part 1 – Online lectures & classes with students:](#)** Explore how you can create a persistent online classroom with meetings for up to 250 participants. This webinar is designed to help first time users of Teams get started and host classes and lectures with online meetings.
- **[Part 2 – Online meetings with a selected group of your students:](#)** Discover how you can keep students engaged with online meetings for small groups. This webinar is for educators who need to create ad-hoc meetings with selected groups of students and will cover virtual office hours, tutoring sessions, and other group meetings.
- **[Part 3 – IT Admin Online education and business continuity:](#)** Learn how to deploy and manage Teams for students, faculty, and staff. This webinar is designed to assist IT Administrators in setting up Teams for online meetings, collaboration, and more.

The Microsoft Educator Center (MEC)

The MEC showcases the accessibility support and the ease at which teachers can engage in learning that is self-directed or instructor led.

Check out the attached video to see how to access and begin your learning journey! Click [here to get started](#).

How to facilitate training, promote self-directed learning and 3 courses to get started with

Ctrl + Click to access links below

Facilitate a training session

Check out this tweet showing how to use the instructor led resources [here](#)

Instructor led resources [here](#)

Cater for self-directed learning

[Microsoft Educator Center](#)

[Getting Started](#)

[Finding a lesson](#)

3 courses to get started

[Getting Started with Teams](#)

[Flipped instruction with Powerpoint Recorder](#)

[Introduction to OneNote](#)

Accessibility and Inclusive Classrooms

[4 interactive guides for the Microsoft EDU inclusive classroom](#)

[Increasing Accessibility and Fostering Inclusive Classrooms – Mike Tholfsen](#)

[Reimagining Accessibility Sway](#)

[What is the Immersive Reader? ☐☐](#)

Kind Regards,

Stephen

Please see the following documents relating to the virus:

First Year Registration

First year registration took place on February 5th. We are currently in receipt of 255 for first year places.

Staffing Allocation 2020/'21

Deputy Principal, Ger Hogan and I attended the staffing allocation seminar which was organised by the ACCS in Mullingar on Wednesday February 26th 2020. Our staffing allocation is based on the student enrolment of September 1st 2019 which was 1111. Based on this figure our allocation is 87 WTE's. This currently yields 15 vacancies. I am currently in the process of advising the post primary staffing allocation section within the DES that our projected enrolment for September 2020 is 1222.

Curricular Expansion at Senior Cycle

We increased the curricular choice available to students entering into 5th year this year with the introduction of Computer Science and Economics. Both subject options have proved attractive to students and will proceed in September 2020. It should be noted that 96% of students first choices in respect of subjects for leaving cert are being accommodated.

Féilte Réigiúnacha April 24th and 25th 2020

Kinsale Community School is collaborating with the Teaching Council of Ireland, UCC and the West Cork Education Centre to showcase the very first Féilte Réigiúnacha on April 24th and 25th 2020.

Féilte Réigiúnacha will be hosted at the Kinsale Community School.

Féilte Réigiúnacha will be modelled on the Teaching Council organised model of Féilte where teachers and school leaders get the opportunity to engage in professional conversations and share best practice.

Our programme will commence on Friday evening April 24th with a seminar hosted and compered by former educational correspondent with the Irish Independent, Mr John Walshe. John will chair a panel discussion with **Professor Andy Hargreaves, Michael Salvatori, Claire Sheehan (Post Primary Deputy Principal) and Kate Murray (Primary School Principal)**. The theme of the discussion will be:

Global to Local – Issues in Education for the 21 Century.

Saturday morning will open at 9 with viewing of stands and presentations by teachers and schools in respect of practice that they wish to share. If you would like to showcase any initiative that is happening in your classroom or in your school, please use the attached form to do so.

At 10 am to 11.am **Lord David Puttnam** will deliver the keynote address the theme of which will be:

Collaboration for 21st Century Learning.

At 11.15 there will be three concurrent half hour workshops. Every delegate will get to visit each workshop during this hour and a half window.

The Workshops are as follows:

- **Kinsale Community School Collaboration with UCC and Local Primary Schools Promoting Maths Enrichment.**
- **Microsoft Promotion of Teacher and Learner Collaboration**
- **Sharing of Research Led Practice**

The workshops will conclude at 1 pm and will be followed by a panel discussion chaired by John Walshe, the composition of the panel will be as follows: **Moira Leydon, Clive Byrne, Anne Looney, Kevin Marshall and Cathy Hall.**

Visit by the Japanese Ambassador to Ireland

It is confirmed that the Japanese Ambassador to Ireland will visit our school on Friday April 24th. This visit will be a celebration of Irelands participation in the Olympic Games

Pre-State Examination – Feedback

The pre-state examinations took place at Kinsale Community School spanning the two week period between February 3rd and February 14th. The examinations were organised by Assistant principal, Sinead O'Donovan and they were organised excellently.

The feedback day is organised to take place on Thursday March 12th for leaving cert students to speak directly with the teachers who corrected their scripts and to obtain tailor fitted, personalised feedback in respect of their own performance. This is also linked with the target setting which the students have engaged with since 5th year.

KCS Student Presentation regarding Student Voice to UCC Staff and Students

Dr Domnall Fleming invited students from Kinsale Community School to address a lecture at UCC in respect of our pioneering work in relation to student voice. Seven students presented to an audience which included Professor Cathy Hall. The students spoke of the importance of student voice and the Lunney Principles which include Space, Audience, Voice and Impact. The feedback from the session was excellent. The students have also made this presentation to a visiting group of Norwegian academics and to a visiting group of Austrians. Special thanks goes to Aisling O'Callaghan for her work with the students in this field.

Chief Inspectors Report to ACCS Conference 2020

The Chief Inspector from the Department of Education provided the ACCS with a keynote address which reflected upon collaboration, self-evaluation and the inspectorate

1. Why collaborate?
2. So, what have we done to encourage collaborative self-evaluative practice?

3. How well advanced is collaborative self-evaluation in schools?
4. What next?
5. Collaborative practice and Inspection

The presentation ended with an invitation from the Chief Inspector to a small number of schools to work with the DES inspectorate to develop a model of school self-evaluation based on a collaborative culture.

Dr Harry Barry Presentation to the ACCS Conference 2020

The psychologist Dr Harry Barry made a presentation to the ACCS conference in respect of mental health. He spoke of the mental health spectrum which ranged from Mentally Healthy to Mentally / Emotionally Distressed to Mentally Ill. He identified that school is the first place where mental health difficulties present for the first time. He cited research which found that 75% of mental health difficulties appear before the age of 25; especially between the age of 13 and 25.

Dr Barry spoke about stress and the physical toll that stress can have on young people, resulting in constant fatigue, loss of interest, poor concentration and poor decision making. Stressors include exam pressure, social media pressure, relationship difficulties and the hidden drug epidemic.

Dr Barry also spoke of depression and anxiety in young people and spoke of the management of these conditions. He linked these conditions in respect of their impact on cognitive functioning.

He spoke of the lifestyle changes that are necessary to reduce the risk of depression and anxiety, these include exercise, improve work / life balance, technology detox, sleep, alcohol moderation and mindfulness.

While Dr Barry addressed all of the changes above, the one that he reflected upon most was the impact that technology has on student's mental health in particular the use of smart phone technology. Dr Barry spoke of the negative impact that this technology has on sleep. He stated that over exposure to the smart phone greatly increased anxiety, low mood, self-rating, self-harm and eating disorders.

Dr Barry spoke of the need to develop a national protocol in respect of smart phone technology which should include no devices in the bedroom, all meals should be 'phone free' and all technology should be turned off by 10.30.

As a school there are a number of recommendations from this presentation that we will import into our well-being curriculum in our school.

Maths Initiative with UCC

A meeting was held on 26th February to continue our collaboration with the Primary Schools in terms of our Maths initiative. We are also working with Dr. Máire Ní Ríordáin from UCC who has given us a great insight into research done by one of the PHD students in UCC in relation to the topic being currently looked at. The group has moved to looking at 'problem solving' as it has been highlighted in many areas as being a cause for concern. Language has been identified as being an issue when studying algebra. It was decided that an algebra card would be designed by the TY maths teachers with their classes. This would include language of algebra and other areas highlighted as being a cause of concern. The 5th & 6th class teachers of Summercove and Belgooly were extremely helpful as were the staff of the Maths Department in KCS in terms of all working towards the same method of teaching in relation to key components of the curriculum. TY maths students will deliver a maths enrichment programme in Summercove NS and Belgooly NS over the coming weeks.

VEX ROBOTICS SUCCESS



On Thursday 13th February our Kinsale Community School VEX Robotics Teams swept the board at the Dell organised national Vex Robotics competition which was held in CIT.

Three teams represented KCS and competed against 40 other teams. Our three teams were within the top five, and one of our teams went on to win the overall competition and is now set to represent Ireland at the Vex Robotics World Championship in the USA on the week beginning April 20th 2020.

This is the third year in a row that Kinsale Community School will represent Ireland in this competition. It is a fantastic success as KCS is the only Irish school to have ever won an award at the world championships, winning the World Community Award on both occasions.

Other category awards won by our teams yesterday include the Think Award, the Amaze Award, the Design Award, the Robot Skills Champion Award, and the Top Tournament Award.

Congratulations to the students involved and also to Ms Niamh Hay and Mr Eddie Farren for their tremendous work in mentoring them.

Fundraising is now underway and a Go Fund Me page has been set up by Niamh Hay. As of 9th March, €1,276 has been raised on the Go Fund Me platform.

BT YOUNG SCIENTIST BUSINESS BOOTCAMP WINNER



Congratulations to Ben Loughnane 3rd Year who was announced as the individual winner at the BT Young Scientist Business Bootcamp 2020 for his project 'Electric Paint - How much graphite is needed to heat your home?'

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AWARD FOR TY STUDENTS



On Thursday 27th February, two transition year mini-companies travelled to Fernhill House, Clonakilty with their enterprise teachers Ms Sinead O'Donovan and Ms Maria Brosnan to represent KCS at the West Cork Student Enterprise Competition 2019/2020.

The Student Enterprise Programme is an initiative run by Local Enterprise Offices across Ireland with over 26,000 second level students taking part each year. Students get to set up and run their own business, make sales, manage finance, market and promote their product and prepare a business plan.

Adam Buckley of **Horizon's Photography** combined his passion of photography and the outdoors to create a top quality range of photographs for customers to enjoy which capture the beauty of many scenic locations of the Wild Atlantic Way. Judges were very impressed with the quality and creativity of his range of photos and the presentation of his display. Well done Adam!

Congratulations to **Meadhbh Hurley** and **Anna Peare** of **Button Up** mini-company who were awarded the **Social Enterprise Award**. Anna and Meadhbh produced an authentic and unique range of handmade cards using recycled buttons. The range included Christmas Cards, Birthday Cards and Valentines Cards to name but a few! Their product was a big hit with not only the judges, but participants and teachers alike, with many placing orders by the end of the competition. The Social Enterprise Award recognises the positive impact of their mini-company as they are donating 50% of their net profit to Pieta House. Well done ladies! Wishing both mini-companies the very best of luck in their future ventures.

KCS AT THE JUNK KOUTURE SOUTH REGIONAL FINALS



Well done to Transition year students Eva Crowley, Hannah McCarthy, Lia Connolly, Amy Cummins, Kellie McCarthy and Jane Pigott who represented Kinsale Community School brilliantly at the Junk Kouture South Regional Finals on the 6th of March in the University Concert Hall Limerick.

The teams "Bach to the Future" and "Build me up Buttercup" were accompanied by Ms Deirdre Kelly and Ms Niamh Hay as they completed their costumes' hair and makeup, took part in dress rehearsals prior to the show, showcased their outfits to the judges backstage and performed in front of a huge crowd of over 1000.

Our two models Eva Crowley and Amy Cummins performed two breathtaking performances. This was a really enjoyable day for all and a once in a lifetime opportunity, something the students will never forget.

Thank you to all the supporters who traveled up on the bus with Ms Kathleen Fitzpatrick that evening. These supporters comprised of Transition year students who are in the Junk Kouture class and 3rd year students who are interested in taking part next year.

Unfortunately the two teams did not progress to the Grand Final however this is an extremely competitive competition and to reach the South Regionals is a huge achievement. This is the first time Kinsale Community School has been represented by two groups in the same year.

Well done again to Eva, Hannah, Lia, Amy, Kellie, Jane and their teacher Ms Deirdre Kelly!

LCA FIELD TRIPS FOR KEY ASSIGNMENTS

On Friday the 17th of January LCA 1 and LCA 2 went on a field trip in conjunction with their key assignments. First on the list of activities for the day was a workshop with local chocolate maker Allison from Clonakilty Chocolates. Both groups of

students got to learn about the whole process of chocolate making while tasting a range of different chocolates. They finished the workshop by tempering chocolate, piping and decorating their own chocolate sweets. It was a very positive experience for all getting an insight into local enterprises and learning how to set up a small business.

Following this we went Clonakilty park cinema as part of the English and Communications key assignment. We all watched Jumanji 2 and thoroughly enjoyed our experience in the cinema.

LCA IN-SERVICE

Claire Sheehan and Anne Kelly attended an in-service entitled “Leading the Introduction of the LCA Revised Module Descriptors” on March 9th. In line with Circular 0061/2019 four revised LCA module descriptors are to be introduced to 5th year students in September 2020. These include **English & Communications, Mathematical Applications, Introduction to Information and Communication Technology and Information and Communication Technology: Specialism.**

Implementation of the revised module descriptors will be supported by a programme of CPD provided by the PDST beginning September 2020. E-portfolios for assessment will be introduced going forward for these modules.

The context for change is linked to the new Framework for Junior Cycle, (to allow for continuity in learning), the Digital Learning Framework 2017, Literacy & Numeracy Strategy 2011-2020, LAOS 2016, STEM Education Policy Statement 2017-2026 and the Wellbeing Policy Statement and Framework for Practice.

Staff will be informed of these changes at the next staff meeting and via subject department meetings where planning for the new descriptors will be looked at.

IWISH CONFERENCE CORK CITY HALL

Our transition year ladies had a fantastic trip to Cork City Hall on Friday last to attend the IWISH Conference which *‘inspires, encourages and motivates young female students to pursue careers in STEM’* (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).

The event featured a conference with keynote speakers and engaging talks by women and men from all backgrounds in STEM along with a number of workshops and interactive exhibitions. Our students thoroughly enjoyed interacting with displays and various businesses, colleges and inspirational young people in the exhibition hall.



We were thrilled to meet our very own past pupil Jennifer McCarthy. Many thanks to Ms Hay and Ms Brosnan for accompanying the students.

SAFER INTERNET DAY AMBASSADOR

On the 15th of January, Webwise hosted the Safer Internet Day Ambassador Training Day in Google HQ. Well done to TY student Sarah

Fitzgerald who represented KCS.

From the moment I entered the magnificent building I knew I was in for a real treat. Having driven up from Cork that morning, I was welcomed to Google with a name badge and a smile. We were soon directed into a large room where, after a brief introduction, we set straight to work. Led by Youth Panellists, we began discussing internet safety issues and brainstormed ideas on how to promote a safer internet in our own school. Through fun, interactive and educational games we learned about topics ranging from digital footprint to digital stress and everything in between. The challenges we engaged in were both enjoyable and useful, as we learned simple but effective activities we can take back to our own school community for our own safer internet day initiatives and events. We worked hard but also got to know lots of other like-minded students from across the country, and upon leaving you would think we were lifelong friends! Not to forget the delicious lunch we were all treated to in between our tasks. All in all, a fantastic, informative and fun day was had!

SCHOOLS DIGITAL CHAMPIONS

Second year students; Morgan Caraher, Dylan Collins, Tessa Worth and Zach Allen visited Microsoft Dreamspace in Dublin on Monday 2nd as part of the School's Digital Champions. The students had the opportunity to showcase their technology skills and computational thinking with MakeCode and microbits. They also engaged in story telling with Paint 3D and mixed reality.

HOME ECONOMICS STUDENTS VISIT COCOMO CHOCOLATE

On Tuesday February 11th, twenty four Fifth Year Home Economics Students visited 'Cocomo Chocolate' for their annual Social and Scientific trip. They were privileged to be the first group to take part in a workshop in the new Ballineen premises. Students were welcomed with melted chocolate and marshmallows. They then received a production process overview and a chocolate making demonstration.



Finally, they made their own tray of chocolate shapes as well as chocolate lollipops, packaged them and brought them home. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

KINSALE CODERDOJO

We were delighted to learn from Marcos Worth, Mentor with Kinsale CoderDojo that a team of KCS pupils have been put forward to the European Space Agency to write code which will be run on the International Space Station .

This week the code written, created and developed by the participants was uploaded to the space station to begin running their experiment by the astronauts on the station. This is a huge achievement as the team was chosen out of all the Dojos in Ireland and the UK to be in the seven teams to get to this stage.

The Microsoft Hub at Kinsale Community School has been essential to Kinsale CoderDojo in allowing the participants to be so creative and collaborative.

The team is made up of pupils exclusively from first and second year at Kinsale Community School: Jake Grace, Ian Cullinane, Ronan Hawkins, Mark Donegan, Sean Finnegan and Tessa Worth.

AN TURAS GAELTACHTA



Ar an ochtú lá is fiche de mhí Feabhra, chuaigh seachtar daltaí is triocho go dtí an Ghaeltacht I gCeann Trá I gCorca Dhuibhne. D'fhágamar an scoil ar an mbus ar a naoi a chlog agus shroicheadar an Daingean ar a leathuair tar éis a dó dhéag. Chaitheadar dhá uair ag dul timpeall an bhaile agus bhí lón againn ann. Chuaigh beagnach gach duine go dtí an parlor uachtar reoite cáiliúil 'Murphy's'. Ainsin ar a trí a chlog shiúlamar síos go dtí an Mara Beo. Bhí turas

stiúrtha againn ann agus cinnte, bhain gach duine an-taitneamh agus an-tairbhe as. Ainsin ar aghaidh linn go Ceann Trá. Shroicheadar ár dtithe, bhí mé féin ag fanacht i dteach Bríd. Bhí an t-ádh dearg orainn mar thug bean an tí agus fear an tí an-aire dúinn don deireadh seachtaine ar fad agus bhí bia blasta againn chomh maith. An oíche sin bhí léacht againn ar stair an cheantair agus bhí céilí againn chomh maith. Bhain gach uile duine an-sult as na rincí go léir a fhoghlaim. Cinnte bhíomar tuirseach traochta. Gan dabht bhí cupán tae againn nuair a d'fhillomar ar na tithe agus bhíomar ag caint is ag comhrá.

An mhaidin dar gcionn bhí rang gaeilge againn san ionad phobai dírithe ar an mbéaltrial ar ndóigh. I mo thuairimse b'fhiú go mór é agus is dócha go n-aontódh gach duine liom. Ceapaim gur tháinig feabhas ar mo chuid gaeilge i rith na deireadh seachtaine. Tá súil againn go mbeidh an obair go léir fiúntach I gceann cúpla seachtain don bhéaltrial.

An oíche dheireannach bhí rang Zumba againn. Bhí gach duine ag damhsa agus ag canadh as Gaeilge agus bhí oíche iontach againn.

Ba thaithí iontach é an turas Gaeltachta agus bhain gach duine an-taitneamh as!

Ar son na ndaltaí go léir ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil leis na múinteoirí a tháinig in éineacht linn: Ms Hayes, Ms Condon agus Ms McCarthy a d'earaigh gach rud dúinn.

Scríte ag Lucy Plant (6ú Bliain)

CIT INNOVATION WEEK



Each year CIT run an innovation competition for their own students and there is a display and prizegiving event. It is run as part of Innovation Week. This year one of CITs lecturers came forward with the idea that they would get some of the Cork schools who have had success in the BT young scientist to display on Innovation Day in CIT. We were delighted to be invited to participate. Two of KCS BT Young Scientist groups attended and displayed their projects on the day. The finals of CIT Prize for Innovation took place on Friday March 6th 2020. The students set up at approx. 10am, the event finished at 1pm, they got the opportunity to showcase their ideas and discuss with the CIT professors and guests.

SPORTS UPDATE

KCS CROWNED ALL-IRELAND SENIOR BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS



Kinsale Community School's U19 Girls Basketball Team were crowned All Ireland Champions in the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght, Dublin on February 25th.

Buoyed by buses of wonderful supporters, the team confidentially took to the court for the National Anthem. Tip -off ensued and Kinsale settled quickly into a game which proved to be defensive in nature. Crucial scores from Vice – Captain Lorraine Collins, produced due to excellent rebounding by Fiona Keating enabled Kinsale to take a first quarter lead. Indeed, Fiona herself contributed a basket and free throw in the second quarter, where Kinsale's scoreline was boosted by a number of scores from Geraldine Tyner.

The second half saw Captain Dara Tyner take control of the tempo of the game from the point guard spot. Arianna Price stepped up with two vital steals from her opponents and an excellent display of shooting from the elbow. Sixth Year student Aoife O' Leary scored within seconds of being introduced to the game and Third Year students Orlagh O' Mahony and Emma Casey contributed greatly on the defensive end when gaining valuable game-time experience for their future in the game.

Overall the many training sessions after school, over midterms and Christmas paid off. These girls certainly displayed to all who viewed the game, at the venue or on YouTube, that dedication, determination and teamwork really do pay off.

Captain Dara Tyner received the cup at centre court in front of our fabulous supporters, who certainly showed the school spirit with which Kinsale Community School is synonymous. Most Valuable Player on the day was Leaving Certificate student Lorraine Collins. All 19 team members and Coaches Elaine Bennett and Marie Hayes received their All Ireland medals acknowledging the large student body, family and friends who attended.

The team was afforded a magnificent Homecoming in the School Gym by Management, Staff and students of the school to recognise their wonderful achievement of becoming All Ireland Champions. Team: Dara Tyner, Lorraine Collins, Fiona Keating, Aoife O' Leary, Jessica Corkery, Lily Patton, Ava McCarthy, Katelyn Forde, Millie Allman, Antonia Assler, Geraldine Tyner, Arianna Price, Annemarie Collins, Alice O' Callaghan, Kenzie Desmond, Grace O' Reilly, Emma Casey, Orlagh O'Mahony and Claire Cronin.

KCS CROWNED SENIOR C MUNSTER CHAMPIONS

The senior ladies football team created history on Thursday 30th January when they beat Mercy Mounthawk (Tralee) to be crowned Senior C Munster Champions. This is the first time a ladies football team have attained Munster glory. It was a thrilling game of football and not one for the faint hearted. KCS were ahead by the minimum at half time and the lead exchanged hands several times during a pulsating second half. Our girls showed incredible resilience and their never say die attitude resulted in a last minute goal which put us two points ahead. From the resultant kick out, the final whistle was blown and history had been made. The victory capped a perfect week for some of our girls who on Tuesday qualified for the All Ireland Basketball final. Well done to all involved and thanks to our supporters and parents for their vocal support.

Final Score: Kinsale CS 9-6 Mounthawk 5-16

TABLE TENNIS

A very good and challenging day for KCS students who took part in the Southcoast Schools Table Tennis in Saile on the 13th February. KCS entered 3 very young teams (all 1st years) who competed against a mix of all years including some TY and 5th years from Bandon Grammar, Colaiste Choilm and Christian brothers Cork in the senior schools competitions. This was real quality and intense preparation for the Irish schools competition which will be coming up shortly.

KCS A: Sean, Rory O B, Shay and Brian had a very good day winning division 1.

KCS B: Tom, Ciaran, Cormac and Conor

KCS C: Rory W, Kian, Roan B, Zack represented themselves very well. Real progress and gritty performances.

Southcoast schools TT would like to sincerely thank Beverly. Her work in the school for table tennis is essential for the students and the flourishing of the sport.

GOLD & SILVER AT CORK COMMUNITY GAMES



Congratulations and well done to KCS Students Michael O'Driscoll, Gemma Whelan & Roan Gilli who took part in the Cork Community Games in CIT on Sunday 16th February. All three students had podium finishes with Michael taking silver in the 50m Fly, Gemma gold in the 50m Breaststroke and Roan gold in the 50m backstroke. National

finals of the Community Games will be held in UL on 30 & 31st May.