

Other sports and activities from Term 1

Fast feet athletics

Well done to our athletics teams from 2nd / 3rd and 4th classes who took part in the fast feet event organised by @OffalySP - Thanks to Mr Cooke and Harry Reynolds (TY) for taking the team -Thanks to all involved and our coach Johnny Corboy for the excellent school programme.

Future stars athletics trip (Diversity Games)

Congratulations to the boys selected to represent the school in January in AIT indoor track as we are sending a junior boys and senior boys team. Thanks to Offaly sports partnership for their support with bus.

Tag rugby with Wren Higgins

Wren completed her programme in late December and so all classes received a 5-6 week block in tag rugby. The boys all enjoyed the sessions and we thank Wren for her time and coaching.

Visit of hurling cup from Birr GAA

NOVEMBER 2023—Delighted to welcome back past pupil Charlie Loughnane with the Offaly minor cup that Birr won a few weeks ago - Charlie toured the classes with the cup and some remembered his team at primary school winning the Cumann na Mbunscoil hurling Final up in Kinnitty 5 years ago - lovely memories and hopefully will help to inspire the next generation

FAI soccer—Thanks to FAI Coach Gary Seery for visiting the school this term to do soccer workshops with 3rd / 4th / 5th and 6th classes. Thanks to Mr Cunningham for organising.

Visit of Liam McCarthy cup to our school—October 2023

Great to have a famous GAA visitor to the school today - Liam McCarthy Cup ! A visit to all rooms thanks to past pupil Declan Hannify plenty of boys promising Declan that they will win Liam with Offaly in future years @BirrCLG @Offaly_GAA @offalyschoolGAA Birr Gaa



St. Brendan's Boys P.S.

Gaelic Football—Term 1 2023



Medal Presentation night at our school hall

Wow ! Thanks to Offaly Dual star Cormac Egan for presenting the Offaly Cumann na Mbunscoil football winners medals to our school panel this week ! ★👏 Parents Association St. Brendan's Boys School, Birr Gaelscoil na Laochra Cormac got a great entrance with “ The boys of Offaly “ blaring out in the hall which brought back great memories ! Cormac spoke so eloquently to the large crowd and to the panel of players .The boys all received their winner medals and got the photo with Cormac too .

Both school principals Mr Crofton and Ms Ni Chlerigh spoke and thanked the coaches Mr Kennedy / Mr Carroll and Mr Crofton for their time and congratulated the panel of 39 boys on their achievement 🙌

Mr Crofton also thanked the parents and staff of the boys school for their support along with BOM chairperson Pat Teehan for his support of GAA in the school -

What an absolute role model to all young players- Cormac did a QnA with Mr Crofton about balancing the demands of dual games along with making sure your studies and future are focused also - very wise words from such a young man who has a bright future ahead of him both on and off the field

Birr boys / Gaelscoil na laochra Gaelic Gaelic season by numbers :

2 schools 39 players 3 coaches 100% support from all staff / parents

3 matches / 2 challenge matches / 1 final = good game time for all players (5 bus trips paid for by BOM / player contributions)

10 training sessions (mostly after 3pm) Lunchtime catch and kick league supporting Gaelic with 40 boys over 4 weeks 19 players who lost last years final = resilience

1 trophy and gold medals = memories for a lifetime

Champions !!

Offaly Cumann na Mbunscoil Gaelic football 2023

The boys from St Brendan's PS and Gaelscoil Na Laochra Biorra really brought their A game to the final today against a good Crinkill NS team - It was a special occasion for both teams to follow the piper around Crinkill GAA pitch to applause from family , friends and a large crowd of pupils from both schools .

Sincere thanks to Declan and Kevin Cooke and all at Crinkill GAA for the use of excellent pitch to play our final. Also to the wonderful Declan Ward of Cumann na Mbunscoil who did Trojan work behind the scenes with his committee to make this competition and final come about



- The game started evenly with both sides having chances before we took the lead with a settling free from captain Ryan Kelly. The boys kept the pressure on with scores from Ryan Molloy, Billy Carroll , Harry Watkins and a great score from wingback Nathaniel Szoma. Backs Jack Abbott and Joey Canham were tight to their men and restricted the Crinkill forwards to a point with Keeper Sam Cleare alert when called into action.

Michael Connelly , Cathal Mooney and Tadhg O Gradaigh were now picking up all the loose ball with Justin Touhey driving the team forward from wing back. Tadhg finished the scoring of first half with a goal and a point.

Second half started with Crinkill pushing forward but always under pressure getting shots away due to great team pressure from the lads. Forward John Plunkett got the reward for his hard running all game with a goal and the forwards tagged on a few more. The subs started coming on then and it was great to see all the lads getting a run and really working hard for the team as Crinkill scored a number of goals as they never stopped playing all match. Keeper Shane Finnerty made some great saves and kicked the ball long to be greeted with the final whistle.



The panel and their supporters ran on to the pitch in jubilation as the final loss last year was finally put to bed.

Captain fantastic Ryan Kelly thanked his teammates , the excellent ref , the pitch at Crinkill GAA , Crinkill NS for a good game and the coaches Mr Kennedy , Mr Carroll and Mr Crofton for all the matches this term , the training after school and the lunchtime football league which led to this final win - Then he raised the cup to great cheers and celebrations !!!!