

**School Panto:**

The TY's of Banagher College are busy preparing for this year's Musical Pantomime, '**Robin Hood and his Musical Merry Men**'. We hope you will pencil in the date in your diary, a fabulous production not to be missed! Tickets available on the door (CASH ONLY). Performance nights are Wednesday 13th of December and Thursday 14th of December starting at 7.30pm.

Admission : Adults €12, Seniors and Students €7.

**Senior Football:**

The Senior Boys Football Team travelled to Clara on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to play Ardscoil Chiaráin in the Leinster PP Schools Senior D Competition. The Banagher boys got off to a slow start. Facing into a strong breeze, they trailed Clara 2-7 to 0-2 after 20 minutes of play. A 21<sup>st</sup> minute goal from Darragh Scully gave them a glimmer of hope but they were still behind 2-10 to 1-3 at the interval. Backed by the breeze, Banagher College slowly clawed their way back into contention through two early goals from Shane Rigney and Niall Flannery by the 38<sup>th</sup> minute. Ruairí Kelly came off the bench to kick the fourth goal and push the visitors into a one point lead in the 43<sup>rd</sup> minute. Midfielder Luke Bowe put over two points in the final quarter but Clara finished the stronger to win on a scoreline of ASC 2-15 Banagher College 4-7. Banagher now have to play Ballymahon VS in a home fixture to decide who will advance out of the group as runners up to Ardscoil Chiaráin.

Banagher College: Callum Hogan, Shay Kavanagh, Michael Boylan, Eric Rigney, Daniel Healy, Harry Grant, Seán Lyons, Paul Cannon, Luke Bowe(0-2), Niall Flannery(1-1), Shane Rigney (1-2), Darragh Scully (1-0), Ivan Grant, Aaron Molloy (0-1), Ricky Fitzsimons.

Subs: Ruairí Kelly (1-0) for Ricky Fitzsimons.

**Senior Boys Soccer:**

**Banagher College taste defeat in first soccer outing of the year**

West Leinster League U-17 Boys Soccer: Banagher College 1 – 3 Mercy, Kilbeggan

A determined second half effort wasn't enough to undo the damage from a disappointing first half as Banagher College U-17 soccer team fell to defeat in their first match of the year in the West Leinster League on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> last. Played at Gainestown, Mullingar, the match was evenly balanced until the Banagher lads were hit with a series of sucker punches when Kilbeggan rattled in three first-half goals in quick succession to put the game almost out of reach.

To be fair to the Banagher College team, they remained composed, started to dominate the exchanges and were duly rewarded when clever play by midfielder Oisín Lankoandé drew a foul in the box. Oisín stepped up himself to make no mistake from the spot, sending the keeper the wrong way to make it 3-1 and put his team back in the game.

The second half followed a similar pattern to the period before half-time, with Banagher College completely dominating possession but failing to take any of the many chances they created. Kilbeggan only threatened sporadically on the break but defended resolutely and ultimately managed to hold on for the win. The setback leaves Banagher College needing a win in their next game, away to Strokestown; a rivalry that has produced some titanic battles over the years. Another defeat will see the U-17 team out of contention in this year's competition.

*U-17 SOCCER SQUAD:* Rodrigo Regueira Sanz, Darragh Staunton, Ronan Flannery, John Gohery, Evan Mannion, Ivan Grant, Oisín Lankoandé, Charlie Mahon, Daniel McDonald (captain), Shoaib Yousefi, Evan Connolly, Damian Burke, Tadhg Sheahan, Liam Harrington, Javier Gutierrez, Miguel Eslava, Patrick Donaghy, Eoghan Higgins Keane, Tom Spain, Yago Alegria, Sean Farrell, Daniel Jimenez Matas, Nicolas Moreta, Darren Nevin, Kedagh Broderick, Sean Lyons, Sean Óg Larkin, Brooklyn McDermott.

### **Minor Ladies Football:**

Congratulations to all our students who were members of the St Rynaghs Minor Ladies Football Squad which won their B Championship Final v on Sunday last in Clara. Banagher College girls involved included Sorcha Troy, Karen Healy, Hazel Kenny, Aoife Byrne, Niamh Daly, Katelyn Mongan, Maria Shea, Gráinne Kennedy, Allie Butler, Fianait Dooley, Alex Leonard, Amy Sullivan, Ali Wynne, Emma Scully, Mary Curley, Jennifer Boylan, Emily Corcoran, Leah Dolan, Bláithín Corrigan, Rebecca Moran, Chloe Kennedy and Laura Mongan.

### **Offaly Schools Hurling:**

Banagher College is honoured to have two of our students, Shane Rigney and Ruairí Kelly appointed Joint Captains of the Offaly Schools Hurling team which overcame Laois Schools 2-21 to 1-12 in the Leinster Schools Senior Hurling Group section final in the Faithful Fields on Saturday last. The two lads received the winner's trophy from our former Principal Paddy Scales, on behalf of the Leinster Schools Committee. Well done also to our students Ricky Fitzsimons, Éanna Mulhare, Eric Rigney, Dáire Daly, Darragh Scully, Niall Flannery, Luke Bowe and Aaron Molloy who are also on this panel which will now take part in the Preliminary Round of the Leinster Schools Championship proper

### **Work Experience:**

Well done to all our Transition Year Students who were out on Work Experience on the week of Monday November 6<sup>th</sup>. There is a great onus on the students to research and resource suitable work locations for themselves for the week and Banagher College are very grateful to all the employers who facilitated the placing of our students. The feedback has been very positive all round indeed. Our TY students will complete a second week of work experience next May on the week of May 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Transition Year Retreat:**

Our TY1 and TY4 class classes accompanied by Miss Dewane and Miss McIntyre went to the De La Salle Pastoral Centre in Castletown, Co Laois on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> for their school retreat. Mr Nolan and Miss Gleeson accompanied the TY2 and TY3 classes on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>.

We have a long association with Derek and his team in Castletown and the students are often reticent in advance as they are unsure of what lies ahead and always so grateful on departure that they had such a great day. This year the theme chosen was "**Shine Your Best Self**" which focused on their gifts and talents. They enjoyed a day away from school with their friends and the time given to reflection in what has become a very busy world.

Many thanks to Derek, Marie and Michael their leaders who facilitated the retreat.

**First Year Enrolment:**

Parents/Guardians of prospective First Year students are reminded of the need now, to return the application forms for enrolment immediately. For further information, please visit our website [www.bccns.ie](http://www.bccns.ie) or email [admin@bccns.ie](mailto:admin@bccns.ie)