

Safer Internet Day Ambassador Programme:

On Tuesday January 16th, TY Students Ruth Kilkenny and Orla O Dowd visited the Google building GRCQ1 in Dublin as part of the Safer Internet Ambassador Programme.

Upon arrival, the girls were greeted with refreshments, given name tags and allocated to a table in the main room. They began the day with a series of icebreakers lead by team leaders, John and Daniel. After the ice breakers they did Workshop 1 which was called "*Understanding our Online World*". Daniel read out many statements while the girls decided whether they agreed or disagreed with them as John recorded the results.

There was then a guest panel discussion between Dr. Dymphna O'Sullivan, who is a Senior Lecturer in Computer Science, James Doyle (Protein Bor Papi) who is a well-known Irish TikToker and Elaine Burke who is an award-winning Science Technology Journalist.

Lunch was then provided ahead of Workshop 2 which was all about "*Persuasive Design and Online Algorithms*".

They finished up the day with a discussion from their youth panelists. All in all, a very worthwhile experience which was thoroughly enjoyed by Ruth and Orla.

Senior Camogie:

Our Senior Camogie team bowed out at the Leinster Semi Final stage when they were pipped by Presentation Wexford in Heywood on Monday January 8th. After a slow start, we levelled 0-2 each in the 8th minute. Points from Ailbhe Martin, Fianait Dooley, Allie Butler and Gráinne Kennedy saw Banagher lead 0-5 to 0-4 after 10 minutes of play. A cracking goal by Allie Butler, who was excellent all through, pushed us ahead, but by half time Pres Wexford had hit two quick goals to leave them ahead 2-6 to 1-8 at the break. An Allie Butler point after the interval plus two Niamh Sheehy frees saw Banagher lead 1-11 to 2-6 after 40 minutes. Unfortunately, the Wexford girls picked another goal on a break and held out to win 3-9 to 1-12. Pres Wexford were in turn pipped in the Leinster Final by just two points.

In addition to the scorers, Banagher had good defensive performances from Niamh Daly, Gráinne Kennedy, Patricia Kelly, Ruth Kilkenny and Emily Corcoran.

Banagher College: Sophie James, Emily Corcoran, Tara Moran, Niamh Daly, Patricia Kelly, Ruth Kilkenny, Gráinne Kennedy(0-1), Jasmine Gohery, Allie Butler(Capt.)(1-3), Fianait Dooley(0-1), Amy Sullivan(0-1), Aoife Byrne, Ailbhe Martin(0-1), Niamh Sheehy(0-5 frees), Taylor Mahon.

Subs Used: Anna McDermott & Laura Foley

Senior Hurling:

Our Senior Hurlers had a very good quarter final win in the Leinster P.P. Schools B Championship on Monday January 15th when they travelled to Raharney and overcame ArdScoil Rís, Dublin on a scoreline of 4-20 to 0-12. Ardscoil went into an early 0-3 lead but a flow of points from a variety of players saw Banagher push ahead 0-6 to 0-5 at the end of the first quarter. A 21st minute goal by Aaron Molloy was the spark to really push on and Banagher lead 1-11 to 0-8 at half time. Another Molloy goal in the 38th minute along with one each from Darragh Scully and Shane Rigney, saw the Banagher College boys run out easy winners. This win qualifies Banagher College for a semi final clash with Birr C.S. on Saturday January 27th next.

Banagher College: Éanna Mulhare, Dáire Daly, Ruairí Kelly, Eric Rigney, Robert Duffy, Mark Kilkenny, Lee Hogan, Luke Bowe(0-1), Paul Cannon, Harry Grant, Aaron Molloy(2-1), Niall Flannery(0-1), Ricky Fitzsimons(0-5), Shane Rigney(1-8), Darragh Scully(1-3).

Subs Used: Liam Donoghue(0-1), Killian Fitzgerald, Michael Boylan.

Basketball:

Well done to our Second Year Girls Basketball team who had a good 36-6 win over Coláiste Naomh Cormac in Banagher College on Wednesday January 17th in their first game in the Midlands D League. Player of the Match was Amy Kenny

Our First Year Girls Basketball Team had a good 56-6 win over Coláiste Naomh Cormac in a Friendly played in Banagher College also on Wednesday 17th. Player of the Match was Isa Duffy.

Badminton:

Well done to our U-19 Girls Badminton Team who were runners up in the Girls Leinster Division 2 Championships in Baldoyle on Thursday January 18th. The Banagher girls beat St Leo's Carlow and Loreto Balbriggan, but had lost out narrowly to eventual winners Coláiste Abhainn Rí Callan Co Kilkenny in their very first game of the day. The Banagher College Team was: Sophie James, Ciara Staunton, Fianait Dooley, Emma Grogan, Kacey Delaney Spollen and Ella Flynn.

Junior Maths:

Well done to our students who represented Banagher College in the Irish Applied Maths Teacher Association Junior problem solving quiz in Moate C.S. on Thursday January 18th. The students involved were Jack Marshall, Cameron O Sullivan, Katelyn Smith, Ava Daly, Ruairí Kelly, Michael O Dwyer, Aoife Moylan and Rachel Kenny.

Transition Year:

After a busy first term, the highlight being the Christmas Pantomime, our Transition Year Students have hit the ground running in 2024. The TY students have just completed their Microsoft Office Specialist Apps PowerPoint while Our TY entrepreneurs welcomed back Garry Lowe from Whizz Kids who visited on behalf of the Local Enterprise Office for the final session on submitting entries in the Student Enterprise Programme.

Our TYs have also begun their swimming programme as they travel in to Birr Swimming Pool on Monday afternoons.