

Minor Camogie: The Banagher College Minor Camogie Team came up against a really strong Coláiste Mhuire Johnstown team in Johnstown on March 20th. Played on a very testing pitch, the Banagher College girls battled to the end but had to give best to a very talented home side. Having won two out of their three qualifier games, Banagher College will now face Coláiste Bhríde Carnew in a home quarter final on April 29th, with the winner advancing to a semi-final clash with Coláiste Abhainn Rí, Callan. Coláiste Mhuire will face Loreto Wexford in their semi-final. The lineout v Coláiste Mhuire was as follows:

Banagher College: Rebecca Slevin, Isa Duffy, Laura Foley (0-1 45), Caitlin Donnelly, Emma McDermott, Elodie Loonam, Béibhinn O Meara, Aoibhe Doyle, Leah Delaney, Annie Mulhare, Amy Kenny (2-1), Louise Flannery, Emma Byrne (0-1), Holly Sexton, Laura Staunton. Subs Used: Caitlin Cooney (1-0), Amber Gohery.

Second Year Hurling:

Banagher College Second Year hurling team bowed out of the Leinster Championship on Monday April 8th, when they came up against a physically stronger Mountrath C.S. side in Mountrath C.S. Mountrath were quickly into their stride and despite some nice points from Liam Mulhare and Tahir Devery, the hosts lead 3-9 to 0-4 at half time. This trend continued in the second half but the Banagher boys did make a good fightback. In the end Mountrath went on to win convincingly 5-21 to 3-7.

The *Banagher College team* was: Luke Hogan, James Nolan, Lee Larkin, Gwilym Tooher, P J Dolan, Hugh Claffey, Adam Daly, Liam Mulhare, Seán Devery, Donnacha Campbell, Tahir Devery, Lennon Gohery, Darragh Duffy, James Slevin, Mark Daly.

First Year Hurling:

Our First Year hurlers put up a great battle against Mountrath C.S. in Banagher on Wednesday April 10th. Two first half goals from Hugo Loonam and Conor Donoghue along with six points from midfielder Daniel Devery Kearns saw Banagher level with their opponents at the half time break 2-9 to 4-3. The sides were evenly matched throughout the second half and thanks to four more points from Daniel Devery Kearns, there was just one point between the sides with five minutes remaining in the game Banagher College 2-14 Mountrath C.S. 5-6. However, it was the visitors who finished the stronger to

win 6-9 to 2-14. Excellent on this occasion were no nonsense full back Diarmuid Darcy, the stylish Patrick Larkin and top scorer Daniel Devery Kearns. The next outing for the Banagher College First Years sees them play Mullingar CBS.

Banagher College: Oisín Egan, Dáire Hogan, Diarmuid Darcy, John Searson, Jack Doorley, Éanna Mahon, Patrick Larkin, Iarla Sheahan, Daniel Devery Kearns (0-10), Conor Moran, Hugo Loonam (1-0), Colm Boylan (0-1), Sam Gohery (0-2), Jack Connolly, Conor Donoghue (1-1).
Subs Used: Robert Wynne & Oisín Larkin.

Karate:

Congratulation to our Fifth Year Student, Adam Claffey who recently achieved junior Black Belt grade in Kenpo Karate under the tutelage of Tom Wells from Scholar & Warrior Studio in Lusmagh.

Banagher College 5Km/Walk:

Congratulations to all concerned with the recent Banagher College 5km Race /3.5Km Walk which proved to be huge success both for Staff and Students. All funds raised will go towards the sports facilities in our school. Congratulations to the Male Staff winners: 1st Mr Lonergan, 2nd Mr Scales, 3rd Mr O'Brien and 4th Mr Shanahan

Female Staff Winners: 1st Ms Kilkenny, 2nd Ms McMahon, 3rd Miss Spain, 4th Ms Kelly and 5th Ms Hehir.

Senior Boys Winners: 1st Calum Moore, 2nd Sean Lyons, 3rd John Foley, 4th Evan Mannion and 5th Martin Mannion

Senior Girls Winners: 1st Sarah Clancy, 2nd Emily Corcoran, 3rd Ciara Staunton

Junior Boys Winners: 1st Oisín Larkin, 2nd Robert Wynne, 3rd Patrick Larkin

Junior Girls Winners :1st Annie Mulhare, 2nd Niamh Daly, 3rd Hannah Kilkenny.

We are most grateful to Sexton's Super Valu Banagher for sponsoring water and a treat for our runners and walkers on the day.

Second Year Girls Basketball:

Congratulations to our Second Year Girls who won the Midlands D Basketball League Final v Coláiste Chiaráin in Portlaoise on Tuesday April 9th. The game was tightly balanced at half time with Banagher College just edging it 8 points to 5 points. Good scores from Amy Kenny, Leila Monahan, Amber Gohery,

Emma Byrne and Holly Sexton saw Banagher still leading at the end of the third quarter 16 points to 11. Amy Kenny excelled in the last quarter and rounded off her performance with a three pointer to see victory going to Banagher College on a scoreline of 23 points to 11. Team Captain Freya Maher accepted the Cup on behalf of the ecstatic winners.

Banagher College Team:Holly Sexton, Laura Foley, Amber Gohery, Beibhinn O'Meara, Caoimhe Flynn, Amy Kenny, Freya Maher, Isabelle Davis, Maddison Keegan, Kate Roe, Emma Byrne, Leila Monahan, Elodie Loonam, Caitlin Cooney, Emma McDermott.

The Big Busk:

On Friday 12th April, a good number of our students took part in The Big Busk for Focus Ireland to raise vital funds for homeless services. Focus Ireland are ending homelessness every day for families and individuals and their services are working hard to protect people - especially children - from the trauma caused by homelessness. Fifth Year student Rachel Cleary travelled to the Crescent Shopping Centre in Limerick where she performed many lovely tunes while locally our musicians performed outside Sexton's Supervalu Banagher where they raised €411:10.

Easter Hamper Draw:

Congratulations to Ms Breed Hassett who won our Easter Hamper. €198:25 was raised for the Lourdes fund. Thanks to all who bought and sold tickets and to Maura Feehan for donating the Hamper.

School Tours:

Best wishes to our Transition Year Students who are on their school tour to Italy this week, while next week it will be the turn of the Second Years who will visit Barcelona. Many thanks to all of the teachers who give up their time to accompany and look after our students on tour.