

PORTMARNOCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



September 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ FRIENDSHIP WEEK CONCERT
- ❖ 1ST YEAR QUIZ
- ❖ HALLOWEEN DRESS UP DAY
- ❖ TY TRIP TO SEE HAMILTON
- ❖ REPTILE HAVEN
- ❖ PODCASTING
- ❖ DATS
- ❖ SONG SCHOOL
- ❖ FAI COACHING

WHAT HAPPENED THIS MONTH

- + BASKETBALL GAMES
- + THE PLOUGHING
- + CAUSEY FARM
- + SENIOR GAA MATCH
- + THE MATRIX
- + OPEN NIGHT
- + LC GEOGRAPHY FIELD WORK
- + TRIP TO CARLINGFORD
- + GIRLS GAA MATCH


BOYS BASKETBALL

PLAYER OF THE MONTH:

U19:

We decided to give player of the month to **Matthew Kerr**. He played well in all of his matches in the month of September. He showcases his skills very well and is a great team player.

U16:

We are giving **Rian Rogan** for the award for player of the month. He was outstanding in his game this month, had a great work ethic for the team and deserves this award. He is a great basketball player with a promising future in the sport. 

TOP SCORER:

U19:

After calculating the scores from all past games , the top scorer will be awarded to **Alejandro sanchez**.

U16:

After lots of adding up, The top scorer is **Alejandro Sanchez**

INTERVIEWS FROM PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

We asked the boys a series of questions about how they feel about winning player of the month. Below you'll see the questions we asked and the replies they gave us.

U19, MATTHEW:

How do you feel about winning player of the month? "Good, because I've worked really hard all summer."

Do you think you've improved since last season?

"Yeah, because I'm scoring more points and getting more gametime."

What part of your game do you feel like you would like to improve most? "My dribbling, I had too many turnovers last game."

How do you feel the season is going to go?

"I don't think we'll make it far because we're basically an U17 team in an U19 league but maybe in a few years we'll win it."

Do you think you deserved this award, why/ why not?

"I think I got it because I scored 15 in the last game, I didn't think I deserved it because I had one good game and that was it. I think Martin should've gotten it instead he did the best in the two games he was here."

What team do you think is your biggest competition?

"I think Beneavin, because last year they went pretty far and our coach, Ms Reilly said they'd be pretty hard to beat."

How do you prepare for a match?

"Take painkillers, then have a good breakfast and a good stretch before the game."

How will you aim to get player of the month next month?

"Score points and win games."

What do you feel is your biggest role in the match?

"Probably shooting and assisting."

How do you move on from a loss in a match?

"Rant about it for a couple days after that I'll be fine."

What does teamwork mean to you?

"Be positive, if anyone makes a mistake tell them it's fine and motivate each other."

What is the most important skill/ trait in basketball to you?



“Fundamentals are important like dribbling and shooting but a good mindset is really important.”

U16, RIAN:

How do you feel about winning player of the month?

“I feel honored to win the first award, because it shows that the coach believes what I can do and it makes me have more confidence as well.”

Do you think you’ve improved since last season?

“Last season I took a break, because of junior cert, but this season I’ve been playing a bit more and having more fun with it because I’m not taking it that seriously.”

What part of your game do you feel like you would like to improve most?

“100% shooting, and around the basket, tidy layup

How do you feel the season is going to go?

“I feel without injuries, we’re gonna have a very successful season. Our panel is very strong, not just the people on the court.”

Do you think you deserved this award, why/ why not?

“I agree with the decision because I felt like I played best this month and enjoyed the matches and was a leader in the team.”

What team do you think is your biggest competition?

“We lost to St. Fintans in our first game, so I’d say even though they’re not in our division our goal is to beat them I would say.”

How do you prepare for a match?

“To have more training sessions and to have a better mentality and workrate with the team.”

How will you aim to get player of the month

next month? “I have no rituals, I just believe in myself.”

What do you feel is your biggest role in the

match? “Practice more outside of school, practice on my shooting to become better overall.”

How do you move on from a loss in a match?

“I move on real quickly and focus on the next match.”

What does teamwork mean to you?

“Everyone communicates and helps each other with constructive criticism.”



determination, commitment, on and off the court to become a better player.”

What is the most important skill/ trait in basketball to you? “I'd say my leadership skills as I talk a lot and help other players on the team.”



PORTO'S REVENGE

PCS were playing against Terenure College on 9/9/24. Last year, they played against them in the semi-final of the All Ireland and unfortunately lost. They had this chance to redeem themselves and they definitely did! The final score of this match was 42-47 to PCS. Player of the match goes to Martin

Kostov Grealy who is also the team's captain. Martin played extremely well and showed great skills throughout his performance. Alejandro Sanchez scored 21 points which is almost half of the points of the final score of the game. Congratulations on a great win! Congrats to Mr. Reilly, their coach for his first win with this team. Keep up the good work!



PORTMARNOCK'S DEFEAT



PCS U19's Basketball team played against St. Fintans on 12/9/24. The team tried their best to beat this team but unfortunately came to a loss. The final score of this game was 48-19. All boys on the team showed great skills and were trying their best to win this game. It was a tough game as St. Fintans is 2 leagues ahead of our team so they really needed to try their hardest in this match. Man of the Match goes to Matthew Kerr



PORTMARNOCK U16's FIGHT FAMILIAR FACES

This game was thought to be a tough one as PCS came up against top competitors Fintans on the 12/09/24. The starting team consisted of Rian Rogan, Thomas Wu, Alajandro Sanchez, Tom Simonas and Oisin Foran. As the starting players stepped onto the court they were gunning for the win, unfortunately this all quickly changed as the players of the Fintans team took hold of the ball scoring basket after basket to make the final score 22-42. PCS player of the match was awarded to Oisin Foran who showed consistent effort all throughout the game. Top scorer was Alejandro Sanchez who kept the team in the game right until the final buzzer.



U19's BOYS PLAY ARDEE CS

On the 19th of September the U19 boys played against Ardee Community School, it was an unfortunate loss for the team however they tried their best to bring themselves back into the game. The final score was 42-31, Ardee CS won the match. The boys played very well together showing great sense of teamwork. Player of the match goes to Matthew Ker as he played incredibly with scoring a number of shots and participating in many amazing team plays. Hard luck on your loss, better luck next time!



U16s VS MALAHIDE/ PORTMARNOCK E.T



The U16s boys played against Malahide/ Portmarnock Educate Together on the 26th of September. They lost with a score of 46-42. It was a tough game and came very close towards the end. All of the team played extremely well but especially Rian Rogan, Rian scored a number of baskets and showcased a number of great skills. We decided to give Man of the Match to Rian for these reasons.

The boys had fun with the game and didn't take the loss so seriously. Hard luck boys!



GIRLS BASKETBALL

U19:

We decided to give Player of the Month to Poppy Mullan who played excellently this month, showing good leadership skills and scoring a lot of Portmarnock scores this month. She showcased her skills excellently.

U16:

There was only one game for the 16s in September but we decided to give player of the month to Laura Leonard who displayed her skills excellently by scoring 14 points and showing lots of discipline on the defensive side of the ball.

TOP SCORER: 🏆

U19:

Our Top Scorer for this month goes to Ria Mullan who scored a total of 16 points in the match against Scoil Iosa - Well Done Ria!

U16:

The top scorer for the 16s this month was Laura Leonard who scored 14 points this month in the match against Mount Temple - Well Done Laura!

INTERVIEWS WITH PLAYERS OF THE MONTH:

U19s, POPPY:

How do you feel about winning player of the month?

“I feel pretty good, I was happy to start off the season with player of the month.”

Do you think you’ve improved since last season?

"I've improved in taking more outside shots."

What part of your game does you feel like you would like to improve most?

"Getting more assists and getting the team to talk more when we're doing plays."

How do you feel the season is going to go?

"I'm pretty confident in this season, we're very strong this year and we're more in the age gap for u19s this year."

How do you prepare for a match?

"I don't really have to prepare because we're in school, I just go to class really. Night before I might have had some pasta. You know, get the carbs in, that's it kind of."

Do you think you deserved this award, why/ why not?

"Yeah I deserve it, I played well."

What team do you think is your biggest competition?

"I don't know because I think there's different teams this year so I don't really know but I guess Santa Sabina has a pretty good team."

How will you aim to get player of the month next month?

"Keeping up my efforts in games and hard work, all the way!"

What do you feel is your biggest role in the match?

"Starting the plays and assisting, shooting and bringing the ball up you know point guard that's what I am."

How do you move on from a loss in a match?

"Just try to stay positive and try to win the next one!"

What does teamwork mean to you?

"Teamwork is teamwork, encouraging each other and helping each other get better."



U16 GIRLS VS MOUNT

TEMPLE

On wednesday the 18th of September the u16 girls basketball team took on Mount Temple away from home in Mount Temple. The starting lineup for PCS consisted of: Laura Leonard, Sorcha Lowry, Eva Cavanagh, Emily Sweeney and Maggie Kish, coached by Ms Howell, Poppy Mullan and also Riloh Haylock (all TY students). It seemed that the two teams were on the same skill levels and either team could win the game.



In the first half PCS and Mount temple were exchanging baskets with each other but PCS were playing better basketball and getting better shots while Mount Temple had some luck on their side and some lucky bounces. Both teams were defending well and causing turnovers. It was a very even first half as Mount Temple stepped up in the 2nd quarter and played better basketball. Halftime score: 12-10 to Mount Temple. In the 2nd half Mount Temple came out guns blazing and went up 8 halfway through the 3rd quarter but PCS brought the deficit back to 4 and went into the 4th quarter down 4. PCS brought it back and were exchanging baskets with Mount Temple but in the last 4 minutes it just started to slowly slip out of their hands. They gave up some easy baskets and eventually were down by 9. They brought it back but could not catch up to Mount Temple and lost by 4. Final score: 36-32 to Mount Temple. Player of the match goes to Laura Leonard who scored 14 points.



U19s GIRLS VS SCOIL IOSA

On the 19th of September, the u19 girls wanted to get a win to start their season off.

They played at home against close rivals Scoil Iosa from Malahide. The squad consisted of Poppy Mullan, Ava Carr, Ellie Reem, Ria Mullan (Captain), Sophie Mc Donal, Grace Collier, Abbie Gogarty, Issy Harrell, Stella Kennedy and Sophie German. They are coached by Paul Mullan.



The final score was 38-32, the girls showed great determination throughout the game and they were doing great attacking and defensive plays from the whole squad. Our player of the match and Top Scorer goes to Ria Mullan who scored a total of 16 points in the game and she showed great determination. We wish the girls the best of luck in their upcoming season!



U19s VS MARYFIELD COLLEGE

The U19 girls had an incredible game against Maryfield college! The final score of the game was 37-8. All the girls played well in this game. Ria Mullan, the team's captain scored the most points for the team and was great on the court supporting her team mates and helping them get to victory. Player of the match goes to Poppy Mullan as she showed outstanding skills and great defense on the court. Congratulations girls on a great win!



U16s VS MARYFIELD COLLEGE

On the 29/9/24 the girls U16s played Maryfield college in home match. The squad consisted of no.0 Laura Leonard, no.4 Eva Cavanagh, no.5 Ava O'Toole, no.6 Maggie Kish, no.7 Megan Rose Lalor Doyle, no.8 Emily Sweeney, no.9 Stella Kennedy, no.10 Lucy Costello Doyle, no.11 Kate Moore, no.12 Lorna Smith, no.13 Adrianna Reddin, no.14 Caoimhe Swan, no.15 Amelia Brain, and finally no.20 Eva Sperin.



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The girls put up a good fight against Maryfield as they were winning at points in the game however Maryfield were a strong team who came back in the last two quarters, scoring a number of shots which brought them back into the game and resulted in a win for their team. Player of the match goes to no.11 Kate Moore who showcased her skills well and scored some points for the team, congratulations!



BOYS GAA

SENIOR GAA TEAM LOSES TO ASHBOURNE

On the 6th of September 2024, PCS took on Ashbourne in Gaelic football.

Starting lineup: Gk, Finn O'donnell. Ciaran Doyle, Mathew goti and Leo Clarke fullbacks. Sean Lowry, Killian Lyon's and Dylan McGowan halfback. Robert Burns and Daniel Burns midfield. Half forwards Lennie may, Ben Sullivan and Alex Redmond. Full forward Mathew Reen, Kody Honer and Aaron mcglynn.



In the first half Ashbourne were dominating the ball and had most of the possession, they were pressing PCS and were in the lead at halftime with a score of 2-7 to 2-6. Pcs brought themselves back into the game but Ashbourne took control in the last 15 minutes and ended up winning the game. PCS displayed some great football throughout the match and should not be disappointed with their performance. Man of the match goes to Aaron Mcglynn after he scored 10 points for PCS. Final score: PCS: 3-11 Ashbourne: 6-13.

PCS VS ST.AIDANS

On the 24th of september PCS played St Aidans in a Gaelic Football match. The

Team consisted of : Adedimeji
Ade-Onojobi ,Aaron Mulryan,
Aiden Byrne, Ben McDonnell,
Charlie Murnane, Cian Leavy

Conor Maddock, Christian O'Reilly, Darragh Kennedy, Dylan O'Connor , Evan Forde
Fionnan Mallon, Jamie Mooney , Jay Nolan, Joey Harrell , Joshua O'Brennan, Kian Farrell,
Max O'Sullivan, Nathan Colgan, Oisin McKenna, Oliver Byrne, Ollie Hughes, Patrick O'
Chonski, Sean Krawczyk, Zach Holmes ,Harry Fraser, Scott Scully, Alex Meehan, Cameron
Stanley and Freddie Elderfield.

Throughout the game PCS put up a good fight but were no match for St Aidans whose no.15
dominated the game, creating numerous plays, scores, and opportunities for their squad. St
Aidans dominated the first half with numerous scores on the board . In the

Second half PCS came back with a couple scores, but it wasn't enough to catch up to St
Aidans who had created an unbeatable lead. The final score was 1:7 - 9:12.



GIRLS GAA

U16 GIRLS VS DOMINIC'S CABRA

On the 30th of September, our u16 girls played St Dominics Cabra. This marked the teams debut of the season and proved that the girls have a very promising season ahead of them. The game was scheduled to be the second of the season but due to unforeseen weather conditions and a very waterlogged pitch, the match against Colaiste Life Lucan was rescheduled to a date in October.



There was a huge squad of 30 people but the starting line up consisted of Amy Dixon, Nina Butterly, Diane Kennedy, Sinead Kelly, Keelin Mc Keever, Sophie Mc Donnell , Lola Carr , Erin Dunne , Emily Duncan , Ella O'Brennan (Captain) Jody Aston, Julie Lupton, Issy Harrell, Ellie Reen, and Kellie Emmett.

The girls battled through the tough misty rain and ended up winning 3-12 to 3-08. The girls were down at half time but with some excellent defensive and attacking plays the girls won by 4 points. The girls showed great teamwork and there was a great showcase of talent from everyone. Player of the match goes to Sophie Mc Donnell (Number 6) who had some 2 excellent goals and she kept fighting for every ball until the very end. The Top scorer in the match goes to Erin Dunne (Number 8) who scored an excellent goal and got 4 quick points as well (1-4). Well done to the girls and good luck in your next match against Scoil Iosa.



TY ACTIVITIES

THE MATRIX WORKSHOP



As a part of the TY program all 4th year classes took part in the Matrix Workshop. The workshop included exercises that made us use our memory and teamwork skills. There were activities that we participated in as a group. You couldn't pick your own group so you had to work with people that you may not have been friends with before. There are games like; problem solving, remembering images, correcting grammatical errors and more. You and your team had to work together to figure out these problems, and whoever did it first or got it right got points, if you got the most points you'd win the game.

THE PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

TY students took a day trip to Portlaoise for The National Ploughing Championships. The ploughing had lots of things to do . One aspect to the ploughing was the agricultural side. There were farm animals, tractors and other farming equipment. Another aspect to the ploughing was all the different shops and stands. There were loads of food trucks, ice cream vans and other places to get food. There were many companies there in stalls and they were handing out free things like merchandise, food, clothing and more. All the workers and people in attendance were great people and were very friendly. Overall we think the Ploughing was a fun experience.



CAUSEY FARM

The TYs took a trip to Causey Farm on the 20th of September, they left early in the morning at 8:45 and arrived there at approximately 10:30. At the farm they had all sorts of animals, a place to bake bread and the best part of all, the bog! The students got split into four groups and went around to different sections of the farm separately. We got to see donkeys, puppies, chickens, pigs, reindeers, alpacas and llamas! The students went to the bog and got to jump in, they had specific instructions on how not to get stuck but, no surprise, most students got stuck in the mud. Afterwards all the students were muddy and had to get into a trolley to get back to the farm and get cleaned off. When everyone was clean, they got their bread that they baked and got to go home. The TYs loved this trip and would 100% go back!



SCHOOL TRIPS

3RD YEAR TRIP TO CARLINGFORD

The 3rd year group took a trip to Carlingford on Friday the 20th of September. They were awarded with this after long weeks of hard school work and preparation for the tough year ahead of them. They left Portmarnock bright and early in the morning and started their journey to a wonderful day. The day was promised to be full of fun land-based activities and also water-based! They were lucky enough to go kayaking, pier jumping and zip-lining. The 3rd year group had a great trip and left with life-long memories they'll never forget.



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☰ PCS FIGHTS FAMILIAR FACES

TOUGH LOSS FOR THE PCS U19 BOYS

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U19 GIRLS VS SCOIL IOSA

☰ U19s girls basketball match vs Malahide CS

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Together

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