



***Online Payment System for Car Draw Tickets
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We are in the final stage of our massive fundraiser. Thanks to everyone that supported it so far. We have almost all tickets sold at this stage. There are approximately 40 tickets still available at the time of writing. We will be in touch with any of the boys that were paying in instalments through the school Pastoral Care Class if they have outstanding money to pay for their ticket. We have planned to hold the draw on January 15th. This needs to be looked at due to the current pandemic in relation to having appropriate representatives together to ensure the integrity of such a big draw. A decision on this will be taken in the next few days.

Thanks to all the pupils, past pupils, families, friends, and supporters of Thurles CBS that dug deep to support this massive project, during this fundraiser and the previous ones. Your support is greatly appreciated by all. We could not have completed this state of the art €200,000 development without your kindness and generosity. Original plans were drawn up in 2009 but it was not till our Bicentennial Celebrations in 2016 that the staff decided they wanted to mark the 200-year celebration of the school with a monument to live long into the future. The development phase really took off in 2018 when additional features were included. It was a long wait, but we feel best use of the space available to us has been maximised.





Return to school

Dear Parents/Guardians

Happy New Year to you all and I hope you are keeping as well as can be expected during these most difficult times. We find ourselves yet again in the remote teaching and learning space and we will be supporting your sons from Monday morning on. Students should follow their timetables and should check their online calendars in Microsoft Teams on Monday morning to see what their schedule is. Teachers will also be communicating with the students on Teams and via email. Assemblies for each yeargroup will be held early next week to alleviate students concerns and to ensure all students are aware of what is expected. This will be followed up with a meeting for parents next week also to inform you of our remote learning plan. If any student wishes to collect any belongings, access to the school will be available on Monday 11th from 2 pm until 4 pm.

Thank you and stay safe

Kathryn O'Brien

BT Young Scientist 2021



This year we had two groups enter the competition. Sean O'Dwyer and Kevin Donovan worked with Ms Horan and Sean Costello and Adam Jones worked with Mr Dunne.

Sean O'Dwyer and Kevin Donovan completed a project entitled "A device to prevent heat stroke in cars among young kids and babies."

The boys worked very diligently on their project since the start of December. They worked on their project during science classes and spent a lot of time in the evenings outside of school doing their project diary, report booklet and building and testing the device. The device they designed and built consisted of a temperature-controlled sensor that would set off an alarm if the temperature inside a car increased to a certain temperature that was deemed unsafe for a child. The boys spent many hours writing code for this device to work.

The Young Scientist was a digital event this year so both Sean and Kevin had to complete three interviews over January 6th and 7th remotely from their homes. The judges asked them very technical questions about their project in the three interviews. The awards ceremony took place remotely on Friday the 8th of January. Unfortunately, Sean and Kevin did not manage to secure a prize, but they enjoyed the experience overall. They have more ideas to expand their project to send a text message to the car owner when the alarm goes off and are also exploring the possibility of entering their project into other competitions.

Well done, to **Adam Jones and Sean Costello** this week represented our school in the Virtual BT Young Scientist event. They have spent the last number of months developing and testing a homemade organic fertiliser using waste coffee grinds, eggshells, and orange peels. The boys were interviewed by the judges via video link on Wednesday and Thursday last week as part of the national event.

