



# School Spotlight: St Augustine's NS, Clontuskert

Sport is integral to the daily lives of the pupils in St Augustine's, Clontuskert. The school has won All-Ireland medals in volleyball and rounders and there is huge interest in soccer, golf, athletics, rugby and, of course, Gaelic games.

As a rural school outside the town of Ballinasloe, with club ties to Kiltormer, hurling is traditionally the dominant sport in the area. The school receives strong support from county trainers and club coaches who come to the school each year. In the past 10 years, many pupils have joined football clubs like St Gabriel's and Ballinasloe.

The school has been lucky to have skilled teachers and supportive parents who have trained pupils. Participating in

our competitions every year has ensured great memories and friendships in the small schools' category.

Many past pupils have worn the maroon and white of Galway, including: Josie Curley, Brian Naughten, Nonie Farragher, Kathleen Quinn, Andy and Tomás Fenton, Ollie Whyte, Tony Carr, Tony and Nicky Furey, Niall McKeigue, Declan Jennings, Fionán and Damien Curley, Séan and Jack Kelly, Chantal Muldoon, Sinéad Cormican, and Rory and Sarah Lyons.



## Pat Trainor Memorial Award 2022

Michael O'Donoghue acknowledged for great effort

**Retired principal of Courtenay boys primary school, Newcastle West, Limerick, Michael's involvement in Cumann na mBunscol spanned almost four decades:**

- Centrally involved in establishing Cumann na mBunscol in west Limerick in 1974. A founding member of the board, elected rúnaí two years later.
- Secretary, treasurer and PRO of Cumann na mBunscol, West Limerick, 1976-2007.
- Primary game officer for West Limerick.
- Organised handball in West Limerick in conjunction with Limerick Handball Board.
- Served as secretary of Cumann na mBunscol,

**Condae Luimnigh from 1989-2011.**

- Organised the Primary Game on Munster Championship match days in Limerick.
- Cumann na mBunscol delegate to Limerick County board meetings and Limerick coaching and games meetings.
- Involved in the first coaching scheme where coaches went into primary schools to coach Gaelic games.
- Michael's wife, Peig, was a great support in all of these endeavours.



### Social media

When schools are tweeting match reports, photos and updates, please remember to tag @AllianzIreland and @cnambnaisiunta on Twitter and use the hashtag #AllianzCNMB

### GAA Learning Portal

For excellent cross-curricular lesson plans and GAA-themed lessons, please visit [learning.gaa.ie/primary-school](http://learning.gaa.ie/primary-school)

**JOHN MANLEY, Dualla NS and PRO National Allianz Cumann Na mBunscol.**



## Film-making in the primary classroom

February sees the culmination of this year's *FIS Film Project*, with the awards ceremony taking place in the Helix and over 23 primary schools attending.

The *FIS Film Project* encourages pupils to explore the medium of film in the primary classroom. Pupils create scripts, storyboards and ultimately a short film (under 5 mins) which can be entered in the national competition.

The *FIS* methodology supports active learning, digital storytelling, creativity, literacy and numeracy skills, collaborative learning and problem-solving. There are a range of award categories, such as *An Scannán is fearr as Gaeilge*, *Best Junior Film*, *Best Local Interest Film* and many more.

### New *FIS* storyboarding project

The recently launched storyboarding competition invites schools to create a storyboard to create a *FIS* film. Using an A4 template provided, schools are invited to create and share a visual interpretation of an original story, a concept, a topic, a poem or a nursery rhyme.

### Check out our *FIS* learning resources

We have curated the most popular online learning resources for *FIS* on our dedicated webpage. There you'll find links to film-making lessons which will provide you with inspiration for film-making activities that support the curriculum.

### A school's *FIS* journey

Bullaun national school were a newcomer to *FIS* in 2021 and won the *Anniversary Special Merit Award*. You can find out more about their journey at [bit.ly/FisGoodPractice](http://bit.ly/FisGoodPractice).

### Education centre courses

PDST Technology in Education (PDSTTIE) is delighted to collaborate with Education Support Centres Ireland (ESCI) to provide you with free courses on film-making in the primary classroom. The *FIS Film Project* is a joint initiative of Institute of Art, Design and Technology (IADT) Dún Laoghaire and PDSTTIE.

MADELEINE MURRAY, PDST Technology in Education. Visit [bit.ly/PDSTFIS](http://bit.ly/PDSTFIS) or enter the competition at [www.fisfilmproject.ie](http://www.fisfilmproject.ie).