



School Spotlight: St Brigid's NS, Drumcong

There is a long tradition of Gaelic games promotion in St Brigid's NS Drumcong. With seven classrooms, they are one of the larger rural schools in Leitrim and football mad! They are very proud of their boys and girls teams who represent the school with enthusiasm and determination each year.

Many past pupils have gone on to represent club and county, while they are were also represented in the AFLW (Aussie Rules) by past pupil Áine Tighe, who is also an All-Star nominee for her efforts with Leitrim.

Last year, the girls team outdid themselves competing against larger town schools and brought home a Division 1 shield title. The school's crowning achievement was in 2017 when the girls won the Division 1 League final for the first time. The St Brigid's boys last won a trophy in 2017, claiming the Division 1 shield.

The school is very proud of their activity in Allianz Cumann na mBunscol competitions and events off the field throughout the year.

Mr McKiernan's sixth class won the Allianz Cumann na mBunscol make-a-video competition during the Covid lockdown. Not even a global pandemic could stop their enthusiasm for Gaelic games!

Last spring, they were lucky to have been presented with some football and hurling/camogie equipment by Allianz to kit out 22 new Ukrainian pupils. The school's new pupils love the games and hope to tog out in the red and green

when the leagues start again in the second term.

St Brigid's is keen to acknowledge that participation and inclusion are the cornerstones of Gaelic games and they play for enjoyment. The school is proud of their numerous Allianz Fair Play awards won over the past 10 years.

From hurling blitzes to quizzes and mini-sevens to school leagues, they love Cumann na mBunscol activities and can't wait to pull on the green and red jersey again this year.

Áine Tighe (right). St Brigid's NS 2017 Boys Division 1 Shield Winners (middle). St Brigid's NS receiving Allianz Equipment (below)



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Cumann na mBunscol Cornmarket Annual Awards 2023

The Cumann na mBunscol Annual Awards Ceremony will take place on **Friday, 3 March 2023** at the Mount Errigal Hotel in Letterkenny. Our AGM takes place the following morning on Saturday, 4 March at 11am in the same location.

The following categories are in place for awards entries:

1. Pat Trainor Hall of Fame Award
2. Allianz Public Relations Award
3. County Publication
4. Promotion of Gaelic Games and Culture –

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5. Cur chun cinn an Chultúir Ghaelaig agus na gCluichí Gaelacha tri mheán na Gaeilge:
6. School of the Year
7. Second category for School of the Year

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