

## All-Ireland U 21 Hurling Champions visit St Declan's Community College



Megan Kelly and Megan Raher holding a banner made by the students of St. Declan's Community College, to welcome some of the players from the U 21 All Ireland Hurling Team.

On Friday 21st October, D.J. Foran, Robbie Flynn and William Hahessy brought the All Ireland Hurling Under 21 Cup to St. Declan's Community College. It was a great opportunity for the school to acknowledge this fantastic achievement. Two of the panel, D.J. and Robbie, are past pupils of the school, so it was fitting for the current students to acknowledge their success.

Mrs. Dunbar (Deputy Principal) welcomed them to the school. There was rapturous applause from our first and second years who lined the route to the front door.

DJ spoke briefly to the students before they made their way to the school gym. The rest of the students were assembled there. Again they cheered as the cup was held high!



William Hahessy, Robbie Flynn and DJ Foran being welcomed to St. Declan's Community College by the first and second year students. Also included are Mr. Kirwan and Mrs. Dunbar (Deputy Principal).

Mr. Kirwan congratulated the team. He spoke about the huge dedication it took for them to get to this point. He reminded the students of the love that both DJ and Robbie had for the game while they were in school.

He praised their talent and commitment to school hurling and was proud that this had translated into the adult game.

DJ then spoke. He thanked all the teachers of P.E. and school sports for the opportunities and encouragement given to him to play hurling while in school.



Megan Kelly, Robbie Flynn, DJ Foran, Kate Foley, William Hahessy and Megan Raheer at St Declan's Community College on their recent visit with the U 21 All Ireland Hurling Cup.

He spoke about the huge level of dedication and commitment necessary to play hurling at a competitive level. He acknowledged the good teams in the competition and said that without hard work and perseverance the team would not have emerged victorious.

He encouraged all those interested in hurling to strive for the best and hopefully some of them would achieve success in the future.

The three lads stayed for autographs and a lot of "Selfies".