

Presentation Wexford Newsletter

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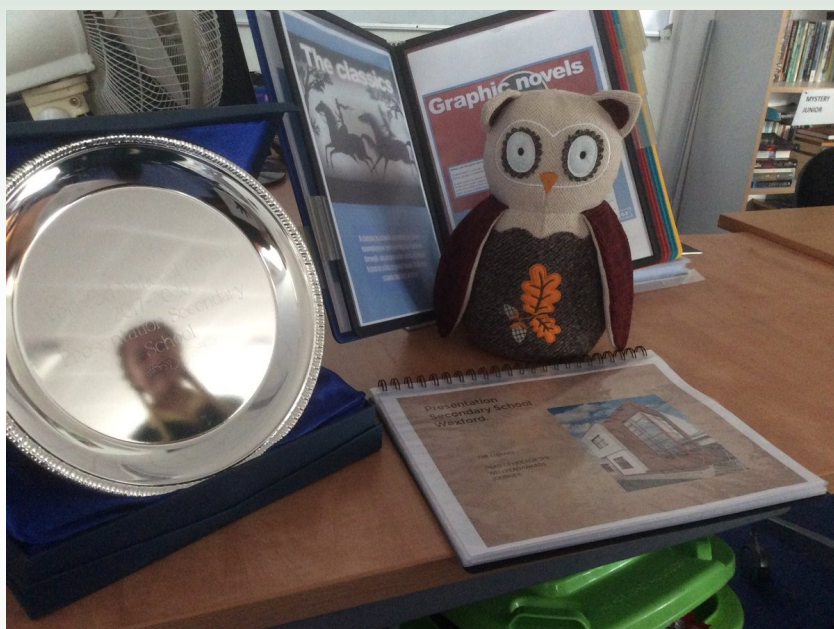


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December 2017 Newsletter

Well Read Award for Presentation, Wexford



This term saw Presentation Wexford awarded the national Well Read Award for 2017-2020.

Presentation Wexford has a long history of recognising the importance of books in the lives of our students and Ms Power and her library team have continued this fantastic work, culminating in this excellent achievement.

From book clinics, graphic novel workshops, 'shelfie' competitions and lunchtime library slots, a positive approach to reading that incorporates teachers, students and the wider community has been fostered in the school and long may it continue.

Congratulations again to Ms Power and her library team on their continued work and recognition of the same.

Christmas Edition

Welcome to the last newsletter of 2017! Well done to all students and staff that have contributed to what has been a hectic term. We couldn't possibly do justice to all of the happenings in the school but hopefully this gives you a flavour of some of what went on. Wishing you and yours a happy and peaceful Christmas.



5th year students checked in with friends from last year's TY Community Care module in St Brigid's



Well done to Ms Cullen and her team, and all students and staff who donated to SVP this term.

Principal's Address



Christmas is just upon us and as you can see from the Newsletter, both students and teachers have been very busy! I would like to thank the students and teachers for their dedication and hard work.

Well done to our 5th, 2nd and 1st years on the completion of their House Exams. The hard work pays off. Reports will be live from the 20th December on Vsware.

Congratulations to everyone involved in this year's Transition Year play – I would like to commend the Transition Year students for the time and effort they put into their Annual Play, "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder. A massive thank you to Paul Walsh and all the teachers & staff involved in putting on this production.

I would like to offer a special word of thanks to the members of the Parents' Council who put tremendous work into organising the recent bag-packing event. Their fundraising, work and support is invaluable to the school community.

Can I remind Parents/Guardians that student entrance to the school is by the Grogan's Road entrance only. If you are dropping your daughter into the school grounds, for any reason, can I ask that you please be mindful of speed limits. In addition, all students must be collected when going home for appointments etc.

I wish you all the joy of the festive season. I take this opportunity to wish all of our staff, students and parents a peaceful, Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2018.

William Ryan

Gaeilge-24

Ghlac thart ar 85 daltaí páirt i nGaeilge 24 ar an 14ú de Mhí na Samhna le déanaí. Rinne gach cailín a dícheall Gaeilge a labhairt ar feadh an lae. Bhí roinnt cailíní an-chiúin i ranganna eile! Chaith gach duine t-léine a fuair amár ó Chonradh na Gaeilge, agus bhailigh gach duine airgead chuige. Bhí níos mó ná 30,000 buachaillí agus cailíní timpeall na tíre páirteach san iarracht.

About 85 girls from 1st up to 6th year took on the challenge of speaking only Irish for a full day on the 14th of November last. It was a challenging experience for many, including some teachers of other subjects! Congratulations to all who took part, and don't forget your t-shirt between now and next year!!



‘Our Town’

Congratulations to our TYs on their fantastic production of Thornton Wilder’s ‘Our Town’. Thanks to Paul Walsh for his work with the girls, and the students themselves for all of their hard work in preparing the show.



Huge congrats to the TY students who took part in the **Wexford Mental Health Association Expression Project**. Students spoke about what positive mental health meant to them. Congrats to Freya Murphy, Eimear McLaughlin and Andrea Woodbyrne who came 3rd.



TY Christmas Craft Fair

Well done all of our TYs and teachers who took part in this month’s Mini Company Christmas Craft Fair.



Camogie

Our senior and junior camogie teams have had an unbeaten start to the season with both teams advancing to the latter stages of Leinster competition.

Our junior team had comprehensive wins over Abbey CC, Ferrybank and Gorey CC before defeating Our Lady of Lourdes in the final group game by 4-11 to 0-7 to advance to the Leinster Semi-Final.

Our senior side had good wins over Borris, Abbey CC, FCJ Bunclody and Gorey CC to top their group and they now look forward to a Leinster Semi Final in the new year.



Gaelic Football

Heywood C.S. halted our senior Gaelic footballer's march this season at the Leinster Quarter final stage after a strong campaign.

A 6-15 to 3-4 win over St Mary's New Ross after notable victories over FCJ Bunclody and CB Carnew saw the girls advance from their group as winners but without key players on the day, the girls fell just short on the day. Well done to all players on their commitment and displays all season.



A big well done to **Siobhan Doolan**, 6th Year and **Ciara Bridges**, TY, who have been selected for the Leinster Inter-provincial Gaelic Football team.

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Soccer

Our Senior soccer side lost out in the Leinster 'A' Cup Semi-Final to overall winners Colaiste Bride this month having come through against St Joseph's, Lucan at the quarter final stage. The girls now turn their attention to the league campaign after Christmas, heartened by some excellent performances.

Zoe Butler scored twice as our u15 team kicked off their league campaign with a 5-1 win over Gaelcolaiste na Mara this month. Aobhe Manley, Molly Donohue and a goal from first year Rebecca Fanning ensured the win.

St Joseph's Lucan enacted revenge on our 1st year team this time around with a cup win over our girls on their first outing. They now look forward to their league matches in the New Year.



Senior Basketballers Unlucky in South East Final



There was heartbreak for our senior basketball side this month with a double overtime defeat to Bridgetown in the South East 'C' Final. The girls have put in an incredible amount of work this season and were unlucky in defeat on the day, losing by a 4 point margin. Best of luck to the girls in the All -Ireland play-offs after Christmas.

Our u15 South East & Kilkenny League team have been having an incredible first season in competition, with their latest win coming last week over Carlow BC which sees them shoot to second in the table.



Handball

Many thanks again to Wexford Credit Union for sponsoring our new handball wall and to Mr Walsh for his work. Pictured at the launch are Brigitte Gaul Mc Laughlin Cora Doyle, Mr Ciaran Walsh, Emma Sweeney and David Maguire.

Athletics



Huge congratulations to Claragh Keane, Rang Briga, who finished an incredible 8th today in the All Ireland cross country championships, at u15 level, while still only u14. Well done on a fantastic achievement!

WNL

Well done to Siobhan Doolan of Wexford Youths on their National League Win.



Science Week at Presentation



John Daly once again wowed the third years and some fifth year **Chemistry** students with his spectacular chemical magic show.



The following day first years escaped from Earth's gravity to plunge into outer space with the arrival of **Big Bear Planetarium**.



Throughout the week, a **Science Quiz** ran for Senior and Junior students, ending with those experts in the field of science winning €20 vouchers for Penneys. All organised by our wonderful science prefects, Caoimhe, Eman and Kate.



Our science TY students attending **WexSci's** exhibition of 'It's Got Guts' for science week.

French Exchange Preparation Begins

The French exchange to Parthenay is well on its way. Our first letters have gone out and we have been making some Christmas surprises for our penpals to send away before Christmas. We are eagerly awaiting their replies.

The French students will come in March and visit the school, Waterford, Dublin and Wexford. Our 2nd years will then travel to France at the end of April.

The exchange students meet every Wednesday at lunch time to prepare for the trip. Mme Avogadro is the coordinator in France and Mme Pac-Kenny in Ireland.

The #presinpy is the hashtag to follow the exchange on Twitter @Frenchinpres.



Some shots from our recent **public speaking competition** in the Riverbank Hotel. Many thanks to photographer Claudia Faraon for the images.



Foireann Díospoireachta na Gaeilge Scoil na Toirbhirte

Ar an ochtú lá de Samhain, chuaigh ár bhFoireann Díospóireachta chuig Meánscoil na Toirbhirte i gCill Chainnigh. Bhí comórtas láidir ann. Bhí Meánscoil na Toirbhirte Cill Chainnigh, Meánscoil na Toirbhirte Ceatharlach agus Scoil na mBráithre Chríostaí as Ceatharlach ann frieish.

An rún a bhí ann ná ‘Is é Parthas turasóireachta í Éire an lae inniu’. Bhíomar i gcoinne an rúin le Meánscoil na Toirbhirte Ceatharlach.

Labhair na caillíní ar fheabhas, ag fanacht san am idir 3-4 nóiméad i ngach babhta.

Ar an drochuair, bhí na scoileanna as Ceatharlach go hiontach ar an oíche sin agus rachaidís go dtí an chéad babhta eile agus go n-éirí leo.

Bhí easpa taithí againn le haghaidh ag díospóireacht ach mar a deir na seanfhocail, *Indiaidh a chéile a thógtar caisleáin* agus gan dabht *Beidh lá eile ag an bpaorach*.

Gaibhim buíochas mór le Aoife Ryan, Emma Jones, Amy Clancy, Olivia Malone, Cría Barry agus Blaithín He-Adley chun obair liom agus go n-éirí libh go léir leis an Ardteist gan dabht.

An t-Uasal de Brún



1st Year History Projects

Presentation Day

Ancient Roman Come Dine With Me

Tuesday November 21st saw our school community and the global Presentation Community mark Presentation Day.

The school gathered as always to celebrate the occasion with a mass at Rowe Street church. Well done to all in the religion and music departments for their work in organising the day.



College Awareness Week

A massive thank you to everyone who got involved in College Awareness Week and well done to Ms Kavanagh and Mr Nugent for organising. Included in the snaps are the winners of the competition from 1st and 2nd Year Rachel Gregg & Esther Avtina.



King Lear

November saw our 6th year English students attend a Gaiety Theatre Crew production of King Lear at Smock Alley Theatre.



6th Year Retreat at Ballyvaloo



All Smiles at our 6th year **Religion Retreat!** A fantastic group of 6th Years. 'Thank you' to Ballyvaloo and 'Our Mustard Seed'.



Congratulations to al those who completed their Couch to 5K in Currancloe.



Art students had a visit from a very special guest this month!



Ag Science students on a recent visit to Slaney Farms



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