



Easter Newsletter 2010



Top Class Student in German Aoife

Congratulations to Aoife O'Brien who was one of the top 100 students in the country in the Junior Cert German exam 2009.

This is a huge achievement considering that over 9,000 students sat the Junior Cert German exam!

Aoife has been invited to undergo a language test in the form of group interviews on 24th march at the German Embassy which will determine the best 29 students for language scholarships to Germany this summer.

Aoife is hoping to follow in the footsteps of Shenagh O'Byrne, former Presentation girl, who did likewise in her JC exam a few years ago and succeeded in winning a scholarship. She is now studying Psychology and German in Maynooth.

We wish Aoife the very best of luck at the interview. We are very proud of her and hope that the interviewers see that she is a most talented girl and very deserving of the scholarship.

The annual Book Blitz to collect books for the English Fiction Library, is taking place once again this year. Last year literally hundreds of books were kindly donated by teachers and pupils alike. As a result there is a great selection to choose from and we are very grateful to all concerned. We hope that you will be equally generous this year. Don't forget to use the World Book Day vouchers to get a reduction on any books you buy and if you do not want the book yourselves - well remember where the library is.



2nd yrs Rhiane Dempsey and Emma Shannon

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Reminder!

Newsletter Quiz Question 1:

What is the new creative writing web site?

(Answer form on page 9)

Religion Dept.

January 31st we celebrated the beginning of Catholic Schools week with prayers and reflections for the day. On Wednesday 2nd February we had a prayer service for grandparents day where each student wrote a prayer and presented it with a photograph of their grandparents in the hall room.

Thank You to all those who supported the Lourdes Fund on No Uniform Day.

Congratulations to 5th yr students, Lauren Stewart Clancy and Patricia Doran, who were the lucky students chosen to travel to Lourdes in May. Well done girls and we hope you will have a great experience. We wish you well on this wonderful opportunity.



Lent 2010

Annual Trocaire Lenten Campaign is well underway. All our 5th and 6th year students have been working on Trocaire Education Pack which this year focuses on the inequality of the World's Trading System. On Monday 25th March 5th year students attended a talk on the work of Trocaire given by Jennifer O'Gorman of Trocaire Head Office (Maynooth). Approximately 100 students participated in this year's Trocaire Fundraiser by giving up something for 24 hours and collecting sponsorship. Well done to all who took part.

Sacrament of Reconciliation was available to students on Thursday 11th March at lunchtime with our school priest, Fr. Tom Dalton.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

For Seachtain na Gaeilge a wide range of activities was organised.

There were poster competitions, céilí dancing, tráth na gceist and an increased emphasis on labhairt na Gaeilge. It was a great week up to Lá le Pádraig.

Easter newsletter Quiz Question 2 :

Name the 2nd yr Helper at the Careers night.

(Answer form on page 9)

First Year Awards

Well done to all the students who recently received certificates for their first term in first year. Certificates were awarded in the following categories

- Academic Excellence
- Academic Achievement
- Academic Effort
- Perfect Attendance
- Sportsmanship
- Artistic Achievement
- Musicianship



I. B. "Build-a-Bank" Showcase in the Ormonde Hotel, Kilkenny (well done Aisling Nolan, Akvile Varnelyte, Laura Shanahan, Sarah Lacey, Aine Lawless and Dearbhla Daly who took part in this)

All Transition Year students have participated in a **First-Aid workshop** run by Yvonne Sinnott from First-Response. The girls really enjoyed learning about the various issues involved in basic First-Aid skills and all will receive certificates of participation for their attendance at these sessions.



Group awards went to 1a5 for the most organised class, and 1a2 won the award for the cleanest class.

Well done to all who achieved awards for the September to December period. Certificates will be awarded next September for the period January to June 2010. Well done to all the girls who received an award and the best of luck to all the first year students in their studies.

Ms. Redmond would like to congratulate the 1A1 class for their magnificent compendium of poetry. Well done girls.



Basketball



The under 16 basketball have had a truly amazing year. Following their South East final win in December they came through their All-Ireland qualifier on 6th February, with two victories over Colaiste Ide of Dingle (33-26) and Mohill of Sligo (40-38). This put the girls into the All Ireland Semi-Final, held in the National Basketball Arena, the home of Basketball Ireland on Thursday 4th March.

The girls travelled to the semi-final with the support of over 120 of their fellow pupils as they took on St Attracta's of Sligo. Presentation started the brightest and scored first. As the game wore on,

the Sligo side's direct play got The Presentation girls into personal foul trouble and their Sligo counterparts pulled away into a lead. The girls continued to fight hard and put every effort they had into the match, unfortunately our girls were unable to close the gap on the lead for the remainder of the match. We bowed out on a score line of 28-43. The girls can be very proud of their achievements and although they view their All Ireland bronze medals as a consolation, this is a great achievement for this hard working bunch of girls!

Team: Lauren Lawlor (Capt), Emma Walsh (Vice Capt), Eadaoin Miskella, Aisling Nolan, Cara McDonald, Eleanor Nolan, Jessica Reville, Susan O'Doherty, Ciara Grey, Beth Kavanagh and Caoimhe O'Sullivan.



The 1st year COMETS commenced their school basketball careers with a very narrow loss to Loreto Wexford. They comfortably won away matches to Colaiste Bride and Bridgetown which saw them advance to the quarter finals. Bagnalstown provided the opposition in the quarter finals and an almost never-ending journey to Old Leighlin in Carlow. Bagnalstown were a very strong side with several club players but the Pres girls were not going to let them have it their own way. It was neck and neck through the third quarter but unfortunately The Carlow side pulled away in the final minutes. The girls

can be very proud of their achievements and their amazing teamwork. No doubt that this group of players will continue to practice their skills and develop into a very formidable side in the years to come.

Team: Jessica Hore, Katie Mae Boyce, Kim Brazzil, Roisin Hayden, Emma Nolan, Sophie Donnelly, Aoife Doyle, Eileen Larkin, Rebecca Grey, Lauren Bridges, Orla Coleman, Kasey Maher.

The 2nd year CELTICS recorded three wins from three in the group stages, dealing with each opposition comfortable and ensuring themselves with a place in the quarter finals. A home victory to Loreto Wexford followed by wins on the road against Colaiste Bride and Bridgetown paved the route to the knock-out stages. Here they also came up against Bagnalstown, and the Pres girls overpowered their opposition with a fantastic team performance. This pitted them against FCJ Bunclody in the semi-final, again away in Old Leighlin. Despite a shaky start, the girls went on to again dominate their opposition and book their place in the South East final. Presentation Waterford are our opponents on the 24th March in the Kingfisher Centre. We wish the girls all the best in their final. LETS GO PRES!

Team: Aleisha Cullen, Niamh Butler, Caoimhe Finn, Cathy Wheeler, Aoife Rossiter, Chloe Thomas, Ciara Redmond, Fiona Kubin, Aine McDonald, Rebecca Kirwan, Hollie Berry.

BASKETBALL DRAGONS AND DEMONS



Both of these teams have had an unbeaten run so far in the South East Leagues. Both teams had exciting games against Abbey Community School on Thursday February 11th. The Dragons won 22 - 18. Top scorers were Lisa Goodison, Lauren Nugent, Crioa Loughnane and Marion Flood-Power. The team also includes Hannah Carroll, Sarah Berry, Bridin Nolan, Shannon O'Brien and Sarah Cogley. Also playing on the day were 1st yrs. Anja Blachon and Katherine O'Rourke.

The Demons won 18 - 12 in a thrilling match. Star of the opening quarter was Shannon Di Luca who scored a terrific points. Also featuring on the scoresheet were Anna Cunningham, Anja Blachon and Ashleigh Godkin. The rest of the team are Gemma Fanning, Lauren Mieier, Micheala Redmond, Roisin Callaghan, Aoife J Kavanagh, Niamh Kenny, Hannah Daly, Kiara Doyle, Johanna Kavanagh, Katherine O'Rourke and Amy Cullen.

The Dragons also beat Vocational New Ross in a very tough match on March 11th. The girls showed great composure come through this test and win 11 - 4. Top scorers on the day were Crioa, Sarah B, Shannon, Sarah C and Lisa.

Well done girls.

Hockey

Intermediate A (TYs & 5 Yrs)

After a very successful season the Inter A Team came out top of their group for the **South East League**. They met with Abbey Community College (Waterford) on Thursday 11th March for the South East League Final. The girls played a brilliant game and with no score at the end of the match, extra time had to be played. Despite many opportunities for both teams no goals were scored. The game ended in penalties with Abbey winning 1-0. Well done to Goalkeeper Lauren Campion (5th Year) who made some really super saves on the day.

The girls also played in the **South East Cup** and are through to that final on Wednesday 24th March. They will meet Kilkenny College on the astro pitch in Enniscorthy and we would like to wish them the very best of luck.

Minor B The Minor B team have also had a very good season. So far they have maintained their unbeaten record in the South East League with winning two games and drawing two. However one match still remains to be played against Loreto Kilkenny after Easter. Well done so far girls!

First Years Training has been under way for the first year team in preparation for matches after Easter. Their first match will be against Loreto Kilkenny on Wednesday 14th April.

Keep up the training girls and good luck with the matches!

Under 16 Football

The Under 16 footballers received a bye into the Leinster Post-Primary semi-final after Pres. de la Salle, Bagenalstown withdrew from the competition. On 8th February, the team travelled to St Patrick's G. A. A. Grounds in Wicklow Town to contest the semi-final against Scoil Mhuire, Trim from Co. Meath. From the outset, both teams were evenly matched and Trim led by just 2 points at the half-time interval. As Presentation, Wexford chased the game in the second-half, Trim scored crucial breakaway scores at key times during the half and they ran out winners. Our players were obviously very disappointed at the game's cessation but will take great experience from this year's tournament as a whole and will bring that into next year's competitions. Well done to all involved.

Under 14 Football

The Under 14 Leinster Post-Primary competition began in February. The footballers' first match was against St Mary's, New Ross, a game that was played in New Ross. Our team's inexperience showed on the day and St Mary's ran out victorious. The girls' second match was against Scoil Aireagail, Ballyhale. This was another away trip but the result was much more positive, as the Presentation, Wexford finished comfortable winners on a score-line of 4-19 to 0. Congratulations to all the girls on a great display. At the time of going to print, the girls still have one more fixture to fulfil against FCJ, Bunclody, which will be played at home before the Easter break.

Training continues on Monday's (after school) at Coolcotts pitch.

TY trip to BURREN



On Monday 8th of February, all students journeyed into the West for their T. Y. Trip to the **Burren Outdoor Education Centre** in County Clare. They were accompanied by the brave Ms Sunderland, Ms Croke and Mr Rolston. En-route to the Burren, the girls made a stopover at the Comeragh Mountains where they went for a hike up to see the beautiful Coumshingaun, Corrie lake. This certainly got the girls warmed up for what would be a busy few days in the Burren.

Blessed with great weather throughout the trip, the girls participated in a variety of activities such as kayaking, hill-walking, orienteering, rock-climbing, body-boarding and caving. The girls resided in the centre and all meals were provided for by the wonderful staff at the centre. Great fun was had over the week and the girls especially enjoyed designing the teachers' hair with blue hair-spray!!!! Thanks to Ms Mahon and Mr McCormack who accompanied the girls on the hike up the Comeraghs.

CAMOGIE

Junior Camogie is back, the minor camogie will begin next week when they will open their campaign against Ballyhale, Kilkenny. Minor camogie is available to all first and second year who wish to take part. The girls will start the campaign with high spirits having recently received their Leinster Junior Dev. Camogie medals from last year. The presentation of the medals was an enjoyable evening attended by parent, teachers and students. Presenting the medals were Eamon Saunders and former All Ireland winner George O Connor. They talked about the importance of fitness, team spirit and enjoyment of the game. The girls are drawn in a tough group that includes Ballyhale, Gorey, Castlecomer and Thomastown. The girls wish to return to winning ways and are hopeful of a very good showing in the upcoming championship!!

MEITHEAL AWARDS

The Meitheal Awards ceremony takes place on Thursday 25th March in the Riverbank House Hotel, Wexford. The Leaders will be presented with their certificates of achievement by the County Wexford Meitheal Alliance. Fifteen girls participated as Meitheal Leaders in the school this year: Sarah Barry, Aishlin Brown, Emma Callaghan, Sinead Busher Carley, Starra Clarke, Eimear Corcoran, Grace Cowman, Megan Fawsitt, Elizabeth Gilhooly, Nicole Guerrine, Tessa La Roche, Sarah Robinson, Stacey Scallan, Saskia Stafford, Skaiste Vitkute. It is a very successful programme and the girls are excellent leaders.



Science News

Best of luck to Yunwoo Lee who is off to Gothenburg to compete in the International Science Olympiad in April. She is part of a team of six representing Ireland.

Junior Certificate Science Projects

Third Year students are currently working on their Coursework B projects which account for 25% of their Junior Cert result in Science. The projects are due to be finished and with the Dept of Education and Science on 30th April 2010. Full attendance is of the utmost importance to ensure a high mark.

ART ROOM NEWS



Easter newsletter Quiz Question 3:

Who 's sitting beside
George O'Connor's right
hand side?

(Answer form on page9)

First year student's Katherine O'Rourke, Kelly O'Connor, Anna Cunningham, Lisa Furlong, Aimee Cullen under the Stage Management of Shannon Fitzpatrick are performing a short 10 minute Puppet Show in the junior social area on Friday 26th March at 1pm

Anita Gaughan, sixth year has reached the National Final by winning the Regional stages of the Bank of Ireland Student Award for Art

BANK OF IRELAND STUDENT AWARDS

Many thanks go to the students and teachers who participated in the Bank of Ireland Student Awards. This is an annual event which acknowledges the excellence of second-level students across the country.

Building on last year's successes, our school has been once again very successful in the Student Awards with two students being selected to represent the Eastern region.

Congratulations to Anita Gaughan 6th yr and Beth Kavanagh 3rd Yr who were presented with their certificates and an Ipod Nano at the BOI Regional Award ceremony on 24th March in Carlow.

Anita won the Senior Art category and Beth won the Junior Academic category.

We must also congratulate the following Students who were our school nominees and winners in our eyes! Perhaps next year they will proceed to the next stage of the competition like Anita and Beth.

Junior Art : Gabjia Varnelyte 3rd yr

Junior Sport: Aleisha Cullen 3rd yr

Senior Sport: Sarah Furlong 6th yr

Senior Academic: YunWoo Lee 5th yr

Senior Groups: CLAAS Mini-Company TY (Chloe O'Brien, Laurina Kehoe, Aine Lawless, Aoibhinn O'Connor, Sarah Lacey)

;Creative Writing Group (among the students involved were Aoife O'Brien, Jessica Roche, YunWoo Lee and Melissa Philips)

TY NEWS



The Young Social Innovators (Y. S. I.) course is keeping all the girls busy in Transition Year. On Monday 18th January, the T. Y. 2 group - with their project "G. A. A. - Girls Also Allowed" - hosted a "Questions and Answers" session with Pat Quill, the President of the Ladies G. A. A.; Michael Whelan, Chairperson of Wexford Ladies G. A. A.; Breda Curran, Secretary of Wexford Ladies G. A. A. and Maeve Quill, Wexford inter-county footballer. The girls asked their guests about their experiences of working in the G. A. A. and found the session very beneficial to the development of their project. Both T. Y. groups have now submitted their project reports to the Y. S. I. headquarters in Dublin and are currently working on their "Speak Out For" - where they get to communicate their projects in a fun and effective manner.



Newsletter Quiz Question 4 :

Who's off to Gottenburg?

(Answer form on page9)

Class 2A1 Fundraise for Crumlin's Children's Hospital

The class of 2A1 went all out this term to raise much needed funds for Crumlin's Children's Hospital as part of their CSPE class.

The class first held a cake sale in the hall and held a raffle for a large iced cake bearing the logo of the hospital. The cake was kindly donated by a parent of one of the students.

The class then went on to hold a sponsored fun run around the school. Great fun was had by all. The total raised was €740.

Their teacher Mr Brophy said he was very proud of all the students and congratulated them for all their hard work.

TY MINI COMPANIES

A recent focus for the T. Y.'s was the development of their Mini-Company products. The last few months we have seen all the girls working extremely hard in order to meet all the deadlines for the Mini-Company competition. Examples of products and services included the 6th year Year-book, computer classes for the elderly, parties and delicious foods amongst many, many other things. The Mini-Company showcase took place on 26th of February, where the judges were hugely complimentary of this year's efforts. Best of luck to the groups who go forward to represent the school at the next stage of the competition.

WEX FACTOR

Our course like Mini-Company proves that you can achieve anything once you put your mind to it and this was clearly evident on Friday 22nd January, when the girls from "Claas" Mini-Company organised "The Wex-Factor" show in the Concert-Hall. This was a brilliant night for the girls, the T. Y.'s and the school community as the Hall was packed to the rafters to see all the great acts on stage, with proceedings hosted by South-East Radio presenter Alan Corcoran. Winner on the night was Luke Jackson from the CBS and second was Presentation 6th year Marie Kehoe. A professional production by all concerned, so well done to Chloe O'Brien, Aoibhinn O'Connor, Laurina Kehoe, Sarah Lacey and Aine Lawless for all their hard work and dedication to see



Girls from the "Sapphire" Mini-Company organised a very successful Graduation Fair on February 22nd in the Concert-Hall. 6th year students got a flavour for the fashions involved in graduations and great credit goes to Maria Bunici, Dearbhla Daly, Akvile Varnelyte, Ciara Edwards and Emma Walsh for their hard work in organising this event.

Other events that have taken place for TY s this term were:

Careers Night on January 27th - a great experience for all T. Y. students present as they plan their future careers

Wexford Women's Refuge talk

Wexford Local Area Network Against Violence Against Women talk

W. E. E. E. Recycling talk

Michael Mellon Township Trust talk

Marda Grace Fitzpatrick talk on various social issues in Wexford

P.E. To include Yoga, Self Defence, Contemporary Dance and an option on Kayaking.

CAREERS NIGHT

A very successful Careers Night was held on January 27th. Careers department staff Ms Kavanagh and Ms. Duggan were very happy with the high attendance of students on the night and wish to acknowledge the time given by all the Speakers, Parents Council and helpers. It was a huge undertaking but very worthwhile.



Past pupil EMMA BOGGAN awarded KPM prize for accounting 1st yr BA Finance and Accounting at NUI Maynooth

Careers night speakers

Idola Dunbar, Caitriona Whitty, Tommy Byrne



Chairperson Mrs Nicola Howlin, Speakers Lt. Kieran Kennedy and Brid O'Leary

Want to win an Easter Egg?

Search the newsletter for 3 questions and answers.

Please detach completed entry form below and return to **NEWSLETTER COMPETITION BOX** in Foyer before 9.00 am Friday 26th March. Winner announced at break on Friday 26th.

NAME : _____

Class _____

Q1 _____

Q2 _____

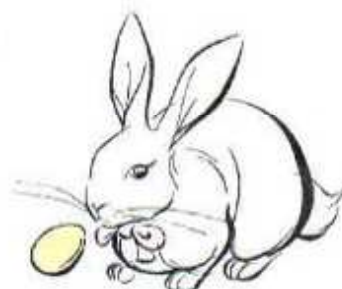
Q3 _____

Q4 _____

Q5 _____

SIGNED :

(PARENT/GUARDIAN)



CAREER GUIDANCE

A 'Careers Night' for all 3rd, 5th, & 6th yr students and their parents was held at the end of January. Thank you to the Parents Council for all their hard work and many thanks to all the parents who supported this event.



Many of the local Colleges of Further Education held school talks for 6th yr students in January and students have attended PLC College Open days.

5th years spent a day 'on campus' when they visited UCD on 10th March. All 5th years attended an Interview Training seminar in school on Tuesday 2nd March. Individual Mock Interviews were also held before Easter.

3rd years and TY students have made decisions about subjects for senior cycle. An Information Night for parents on the options available in the school was held on Thursday 11th March.

1st years completed a Homework Skills Workshop in January. It is hoped that they have developed more effective homework habits as a result.

Saturday Study

Supervised Study is available on Saturdays for 3rd, 5th and 6th Year students. It runs from 9.30 to 3.00 with a 45 minute break for lunch. Cost is €5 per day. There will also be supervised study for four days over the Easter holidays – Mon 29th March to Thurs 1st April. Names should be given in advance to Mrs O'Brien. Students who have availed of this facility find it very useful and get great work done, leaving time for relaxation on Sundays.

Newsletter Quiz Question 5 :

Happy Easter to all our students & their families