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January Newsletter

Leinster Champions!



Leinster Senior Camogie 'C' Final

Presentation Wexford: 1-4

St Brigid's Callan 1-2.

Blackwater

Presentation Wexford's senior camogie team clinched the Leinster 'C' title on Saturday 21/1/17 with a 2 point win over St Brigid's Callan in Blackwater. Marshalled by captain Aine Ennis and guided by mentors Mr Walsh, Mr Hackett, Ms Murphy and Mr Stafford, the girls held their nerve to get over the final hurdle to lift the cup.

An excellent first half display saw the girls go in at half time with a 1-2 to 0-1 lead, with player of the match Aoife Whelan working superbly in defence. Scores from Emma Sweeney, Aisling Byrne and a long range point from Ennis helped Presentation over the line to secure a deserved victory.

We now look to the **junior section** where we hope our girls can emulate the senior side's success in their Leinster final v Banagher (Offaly) this Saturday. (28/1/17– Garmoy, Kilkenny, 1.30 pm.



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New Year – Newsletter!

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2017. The year has already started with a bang with our senior camogie side winning the Leinster title on the sports field and so many activities taking place in and out of the classroom. We hope you enjoy!

Presentation - Wexford

1. Ailis Neville	4. Aine Fitzgerald
2. Aoife Whelan	3. Alannah Davis
5. Fiona Kinsella	6. Aine Ennis (J-Capt)
7. Ciara Bridges	
8. Sarah Harding-Kenny	
9. Sinead Furlong	
10. Lauren Murphy	11. Aisling Byrne
12. Emma Sweeney	
13. Emma Sinnott	14. Emma Dempsey
15. Holly Hynes (J-Capt)	
16. Diuri McDonald	22. Eleanor Hammill
19. Orlaith Barrett	23. Saoirse O'Connor
21. Cora Doyle	24. Aoife Fielding
28. Nicole Byrne	29. Hannah Hearne
25. Andrea Fielding	26. Catriona Kinsella
27. Jess Howlin	30. Kaitlyn Whelan-Kinsella



A Chairde,

As this is the first newsletter of 2017, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very happy and healthy 2017.

First years are getting well settled and once again I encourage parents to make sure your daughter is getting involved in after school activities.

Message from the Principal

It is now an extremely busy time in school—mock exams, preparing for orals, practicals, doing CSPE projects etc. A lot of hard work starts to come together, students are making choices re Senior Cycle and Transition Year, and 2nd year options.

Our Camogie teams have been making great efforts, our Senior Camogie team won the Leinster Camogie C final against St Bridget's of Callan in Blackwater, thank you to Blackwater GAA for hosting, and to all the supports who went to show support.

Our Junior Camogie team are in a Leinster Final on the 28th January against Banagher of Offaly, we wish them well. Also, a big thank you to their mentors, who put a huge amount of time and effort.

Congratulations to all of the students who have represented Presentation Secondary Wexford in so many sporting activities, debating, competitions etc.

It also is chance to remind parents and students, of the vast amount of extra-curricular activities that are available here in Presentation Wexford, from camogie, Gaelic Football, Basketball, Badminton, Soccer, Debating, Athletics, Deep-green, Games Club, to the Feminist Society there is something for everyone on offer.

Currently our 3rd and 6th years are busy preparing for the Pre Leaving & Junior cert examinations, we wish them all the very best, the hard work will pay off. Mock examinations are very important learning experiences for students regarding time management and how to read questions carefully as these are the two main pitfalls experienced.

There is also a very excited group of Transition years who will be heading to Co Louth for their activity holiday, and a further 40 students will be travelling to Italy to hit the slope in Folgaria for a week.

Please enjoy reading all that follows in this newsletter and keep in touch via the website and social media until our next newsletter.

William Ryan

6th Year RE



Many thanks to the guidance department for organising the 6th Year visit to Waterford IT and Waterford College of Further Education.

Snow White & Babes in The Wood

Transition Year students treated the people of Wexford to a side-splitting production of Snow White & Babes in the Wood on the 8th/9th December. Congratulations to all of the girls on their performances in this all singing, all dancing bonanza. Many thanks to Mr Paul Walsh for all of his efforts in putting this together. Thanks also to everyone who supported the group by coming or sponsoring the event.



Transition year students pictured at the Cycle Against Suicide launch at University Limerick this month.





Scenes from Science

This year has been particularly busy in the Science department with students taking part in a variety of workshops, demonstrations, talks and activities.

October saw fifth year Biology students head to the Wexford Wildfowl Reserve for their Ecology study of a wetland. Under the guidance of Education Officer John Kinsella the girls gained great scientific insight into this World Heritage site.

Later on the same month, John Daly brought his Chemical Magic Show to wow the third years. Explosions, smoke and flying objects made for a truly awe-inspiring morning. A few brave volunteers even took part in the fun!

As part of **Science Week** in November, second year students had the opportunity to attend a Science Foundation Ireland talk in the Wexford Arts Centre. Catherine McGuinness from the Natural History museum gave a stimulating talk entitled Across Africa which included lots of student participation and even a challenge.

Just before Christmas outer space came into the school in the form of a mobile Planetarium. **Big Bear Planetariums** gave first year students an up close experience of our solar system outside Earth.

At the beginning of January, Education Interactive set up a crime scene in the study hall. Second year students learned the secrets of forensic science and put their heads together to discover the perpetrator in this fascinating **CSI workshop**.



TY Scientists in Irish Top 50

A group of our TY students have succeeded in getting through to the top 50 in Ireland of the **SEAI One Good Idea competition**. Each team had to send away a proposal on one of 8 given topics related to saving energy or making awareness of it. This group chose to focus on saving water within school and using rain-water to power toilets and for deionised water for our labs. The next step is that a mentor from SEAI comes to visit the team and do a mentoring session with them before they activate their project and make a presentation to the judges via video. The top 10 teams will be selected for the final.

The students involved are:
Shauna Whelan Buckley
Nicole Murphy
Emma o Connor
Megan Dempsey

IRISH INSIGHTS

Scéim Scoláireachta 2017

Tá daltaí sa dara bliain ag obair go crua ar a dtionscnaimh Gaeilge ag iarraidh páirtscoláireachta chuig Coláiste Laighean a bhuachaint. Oibríonn na cailíní i mbeirteanna agus téann siad isteach ins na seomraí ranga Gaeilge éagsúla. Cuireann siad an Ghaeilge chun cinn, i mbealaí siamsúla. Tá daltaí as an gcéad bhliain ag blaiseadh, Tráth na gCeist, Tóraíocht Taisce, Damhsa Gaelach, Kahoot, Amhránaíocht 'Tóg Amach mé - Wagon Wheel'.



Maith sibh a chailíní, gan dabht tasc deacair a bheidh ag Iníon Ní Chinnsealaigh, Bean Uí Mhurchú agus Caoimhe Ní Shuilleabháin, na buaiteoirí a phiocadh. Go n-éirí an t-ádh libh go léir.



Presentation Represented at Public Speaking

Congratulations to 5th Year Olivia Malone who represented the school at the Regional Finals for **Soroptimist International** Public Speaking in Maynooth this month. Many thanks to Ms Murphy for her work.



Charleen macht Schluss

5th Year German students travelled to Waterford, Garter Lane Arts Centre this month for a screening of **About A Girl** (Charleen macht Schluss.) Directed by Mark Monheim this film explores issues of growing up, falling in love, mental health and finding meaning in life. Many thanks to Ms Killackey and Ms Murphy for organising a great afternoon's viewing.

Basketball

SPORT

The first and second year's basketball

league will swing into action in the next week. The girls have been busy training in preparation and are looking forward to the commencement of the League.

There will be two first year teams. The Celtics will play Bridgetown, Loreto and Ramsgrange in the group stages. The Demons will play Colaiste Bride Enniscorthy, Colaiste Abbain and Colaiste Bride Carnew in there group.

The second years will face Bridgetown, Loreto and Ramsgrange in their group and will be hoping to go a step further than the semi final, which they reached last year.

Basketball Christmas Cracker

Our annual basketball blitz with Our Lady of Lourdes, New Ross took place before Christmas. It was an ideal opportunity for the girls from both schools to don their respective kits for the first time. It was a roaring success and it was a pleasure yet again to welcome the Rosbercon girls to our school.

Special Olympics

Our girls were honoured to play a friendly match this month against Wexford Special Olympics team. Well done all.



SOCCER

Hard Luck 6th Years

Pictured left is the victorious teachers' soccer team who easily defeated their student counterparts in the annual Staff v Students fixture. In what was a comfortable victory, the students rarely threatened the teachers' goal, who found their opponents all too easy to overcome. Better luck next time ladies.

**Fixture: 1st Year Cup 1st Round
Colaiste Bhríde v Presentation**

Thursday 2/2/17 @ 2 pm.



1st Years in Focus



1st Year Students were treated to a day out at Leisuremax prior to the holidays. Pictured are the girls getting involved in bowling, high ropes, zip-line, zorbing, sumo wrestling, bungee runs and foot golf. Great fun was had by all.



Ancient Roman Come Dine With Me



Ancient Roman Estate Agents



Evening Study



The second session of Evening Study will begin on **Monday 27th February 2017**. Registration for this session will take place on **Monday the 30th January in room 7 at 12:55**. Full details including payment options can be found on the school website www.preswex.ie.



Best of luck to all of our 3rd & 6th year students who sit their mock examinations in the coming weeks.



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Winners: Mr Stafford & Mr Walsh pictured with the Leinster 'C' Senior Camogie Trophy.

TY Students complete GAA leadership and coaching course!



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