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November Newsletter

'I'd Love To See Politicians Reach Out To Students'



Karen Roche grabbed the headlines this month as she became a member of the first Wexford Junior Council, and one of the first in Ireland. The 5th year student's exploits were covered on a local and national level, as students from the town discussed the issues of the day.

As chairperson of the Junior Council for the Wexford and Bridgetown area Karen feels that politicians should focus more on listening to the youth of Ireland.

"I'll be eligible to vote next year, and before I joined the council I had no idea how the process worked. I'd love to see politicians come to meet fifth and sixth year students."

Karen says that they also want to help with issues like the homeless crisis and care for the elderly by getting schools involved and students to volunteer – something that's already happening, but to roll it out on a larger, more connected scale.

Karen says that she wants to be the voice for her classmates and other young people and one of the main skills you need to do that is confidence, leadership, and to be a good communicator.

Welcome Back!

Welcome to the March edition of the Presentation Newsletter. We've seen the slopes, Berlin, success on the pitches and exciting times in the classroom. We hope you enjoy catching up with it all.



Do Ireland's first junior councillors have the answer to mental health issues?



Our Senior Camogie Players Who Had A Fantastic Campaign

Principal's Address



It is now an extremely busy time in school, students prepare for orals, practicals and project work for their exams. We wish them all continued success.

We say hard luck to our camogie teams, but are very proud of their run this year, well done to all.

Two trips took place since the last newsletter—to Berlin for 2nd years and Italy skiing for the Transition years. Both trips were great successes and students were very well behaved, as always, on both trips.

The behaviour of the students on our trip to Berlin was so impressive that we have received an email of compliment, praising the excellent manners and responsibility of the girls, which is desired, promoted, positive behaviour that we wish to see in our young girls. I would like to thank the teachers for travelling with the students and the Parents/Guardians for allowing your daughter to travel on these trips.

Thank you to all the students and teachers involved in both Literacy Week and Seachtain na Gaeilge. Well done to the senior prefects and their teachers for organising our first ever "Student Subject Fair".

On a more serious note, can I take this opportunity to remind Parents/Guardians, and students, that entry for students is only on Grogan's Road. For any one driving into school, can I ask that you please take your speed slowly as students and teachers are often walking through the grounds of the school.

Finally, as Easter approaches fast, I thank everyone for their continued hard work on behalf of the school. I encourage students to put their heads down in final preparation for exams, awards etc. your hard work will pay off in the end.

Please take the time to read our newsletter, which is just a snapshot of what goes on here in Presentation Wexford. Thank you Mr Gaynor and your reporters.

Yours,

William Ryan

5th Year Subject Fair

On Tuesday 28th February second year prefects, sixth year prefects & sixth year subject ambassadors organised our first ever "Student Subject Fair".

The aim of it was to give next years 5th years an opportunity to talk to 6th year students about their specific subjects, in order to help them decide on what option subjects they'd like to do for their Leaving Certificate. It was a great success & all the students benefited from it.

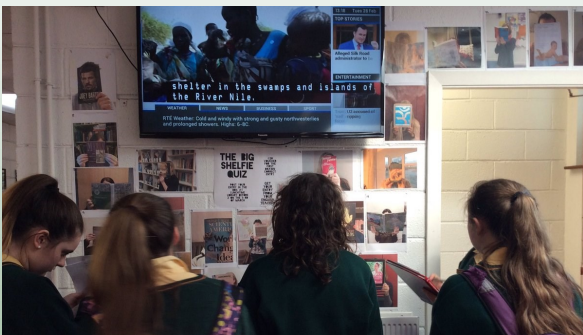
A huge thank you to everyone involved from Ms Kinsella & Ms B Murphy. A fantastic idea resulted in a very informative & educational afternoon!



Literacy Week & World Book Day



February 27th saw the kick-start of Literacy Week – and what a week it was! From World Book Day to ‘Shelfie Quizzes’ and from Black Out Poetry to a visit from acclaimed writer Caroline Busher, students were treated and thrilled for 5 straight days with thanks to the English department – and especially Ms Power and her team. Well done to all on your hard work – we’re looking forward to next year already!



Berlin Bonanza

By Rang

Aobhnait

(2nd Years)

On our Berlin class trip we stayed at the Meninger Hotel beside the Hauptbahnhof train station. In total, we spent 4 amazing days in the city.

We went on many trips and saw beautiful scenery such as Asisi Panorama and Reichstag. We went on an interactive tour around 'The Story of Berlin' museum. We also visited Brandenburg Gate, which we found very beautiful and interesting. We went to Bikini Berlin and other shopping centres and experienced a real taste of Germany. We also visited many historical locations such as Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp and the Holocaust memorial. As well as all of that, we visited a museum dedicated to computer games.

On our second last day we went to dinner in an Italian restaurant called the '12 apostles' that served the traditional pizza and pasta. Our final night saw us playing a great game of glow in the dark mini-golf!

All in all, it was a really fun trip, whilst being educational at the same time. Thank you very much to our teachers for bringing us.



Camogie

SPORT

PRES SUFFER AGONISING LOSS IN ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL THRILLER

Presentation Wexford were in bonus territory last month as they travelled to Gorey to play Castleknock Community College in the All Ireland senior 'C' camogie semi-final having won the Leinster final three weeks previous.

In a very close contest where the sides were level numerous times it was the Dublin side who eventually edged the entertaining tie with a score-line of 2-8 to 1-8.

The Presentation girls can be extremely proud of their excellent year under the management of Mr. Walsh, Ms. Murphy and Mr. Stafford and can look forward optimistically to next year in the 'B' grade in which they will only lose three of this years panel.

Our Junior team were also unlucky in defeat this term as they lost out in the Leinster B Semi-Final to Banagher College. Again, it was an excellent campaign from the girls and they can look back on this season with pride.

Presentation Senior Team and Scorers:

Ailis Neville, Aoife Whelan, Alannah Davis, Duiir McDonald, Fiona Kinsella, Aine Ennis, Ciara Bridges, Sinead Furlong, Sarah Harding-Kenny, Aisling Byrne 1-1, Kaitlyn Whelan-Kinsella, Emma Sweeney, Emma Sinnott 0-1, Lauren Murphy 0-1, Cora Doyle 0-5.

Subs: Holly Hynes, Aine Fitzgerald, Orlaith Barrett, Catriona Kinsella, Eleanor Hammell, Saoirse O'Connor, Jess Jowlin, Aoife Fielding, Andrea Fielding, Hannah Hearne, Nicole Byrne.



Senior Camogie Panel



Junior Camogie Panel

Equestrian



Congratulations to Andrea Dempsey who qualified for national finals in April in Mullingar.

A photo of Siobhan Doolan, a young woman with long brown hair, wearing a red and black Wexford Youths FC jersey. She is smiling at the camera.

"Doolan signs from Curracloe United having represented the club at all levels including their Senior Women's Team. The 17 year old has played a huge part in the Wexford League Gaynor Cup squad over the last number of years and is also a talented GAA player having represented the Wexford footballers on numerous occasions.

Siobhan can play as either a midfielder or an attacker and will be a fantastic asset to this year's squad."

Laura Heffernan

Soccer

Congratulations to 5th year student Siobhan Doolan who has signed with Wexford Youths for the coming season!

Soccer



Our first years in action as they kicked off their soccer season.

Presentation Blitz All In U14 Gaelic Football

Nicole Byrne

Our u14 Gaelic footballers followed in the footsteps of their camogie counterparts by adding to the growing list of silverware claimed by Presentation this year. Four wins from four in the group stages at Ferns were followed by victory over Bridgetown in the final to see our girls claim the Wexford Schools 'B' Blitz title. Well done to all players and mentors and we wish you continued success!

Basketball



Congratulations to the first Year Celtics team who have maintained an unbeaten record in the league having overcome Tullow Community School in the South East quarterfinal on a scoreline of 32-11.

This victory came following an unbeaten group league which saw the girls record wins over Loreto, Ramsgrange and Bridgetown.

The girls will meet Presentation Ballingarry, who topped their group before seeing off Rosbercon in their quarter final.





TYS Hit Italian Slopes

This term saw our transition year students hit the San Valentino slopes on their Italian trip. Ms Kenny, Ms Colfer, Mr Nugent and Mr Stafford accompanied the girls on a trip of a lifetime which saw them enjoy all that the snow covered Italian peaks had to offer.

As well as whetting the appetite of our winter sport enthusiasts, the students also had the opportunity to travel to Verona to see the famous Juliet Balcony and Statue on their final day.

Well done to all involved for helping to make it a trip to remember!



1st Year History Projects

Pictured are a selection of history projects created by our first years. The Irish National Heritage Centre will be displaying the girls work in their audio-visual room. Well done to Ms Whelan and all the students.



Parent Information Night

Pupils and parents of next year's incoming first years visited the school this term for an information night. They were addressed on the night by principal Mr Ryan, Deputy Head Girl Anna Bates and were treated to wonderful music by our ever-excellent choir. Be sure to check out our social media pages to hear them in action!





Meitheal Leaders on Presentation Day



***Well done to our Junk Kouture entry
Miss Chrysalis***



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