

# PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL



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October Newsletter

## Junior Cert Success as Presentation Embrace Technology



**Jacinta Horgan**

There were celebrations last month as 142 of our girls received the results of the Junior Certificate 2016. Presentation Secondary school made history with this group of students as they were the first cohort to complete the course using i-Pads in the classroom, and Principal Mr. William Ryan is happy with the results.

‘The i-Pads seem to be a good influence. The students are very, very happy and the teachers are too. In a nutshell, it is the result of three years of their work, their parents’ work, and their teachers’ work.’

## Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

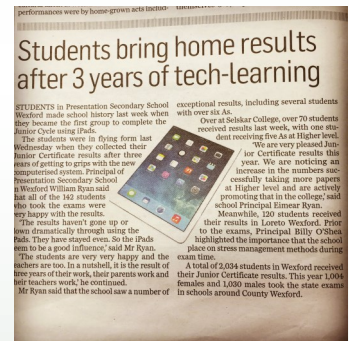
September marked a very special occasion for the school as Sr Marie and Sr Vera celebrated their diamond jubilee. Congratulations and many thanks to both on your years of dedication. Long may it continue.

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### Welcome Back!

Welcome to the first newsletter of what has been another eventful start to a new school year. Our team of reporters will be bringing you updates throughout the year on activities inside and outside of the classroom. We hope you enjoy.



# Start of Year Mass



We gathered as a school community to celebrate the start of year mass on Thursday October 13th. Celebrated by Fr. Tom Dalton, the congregation of staff and students heard readings and well wishes surrounding the year ahead.

Principal Mr. Ryan called on the girls to look at this year as a blank canvas, encouraging everyone to throw as much paint and colour at it as they could as they go through another school year.

A special word of thanks to Mr Rolston and all the RE department for their help organising the mass, as well as Ms Mahon and Ms Redmond in the music department. The choir, singers and musicians performed absolutely beautifully throughout. Well done girls!



*Hitting the ground running with  
3rd years as they embark on their  
first exam year.*

*To celebrate National Potato  
Day 2016, 2nd year students  
wrote poems dedicated to the  
humble spud.*

**Junior Cert Art Projects**







## 5th Year Ecology Trip

Eilís Cooney

5th Year students were lucky to visit Wexford Wildfowl Reserve in the glorious sunshine for their ecology trips over the last number of weeks. Adorning their wellies and coats, they set off to complete their project for a studied habitat on the leaving cert course. Early in the morning they conducted a series of experiments, such as identifying different plants and animals. Later, in the afternoon, there was time for pond dipping, with many catching small fish and even the odd water bottle!

A great time was had by both students and teachers.

## Meitheal Girls Lead The Way



A new year, and a new group of first years. Our Meitheal leaders helped the girls settle in to their new surroundings with fun activities and ice-breakers organised to make it an easy and fun transition from primary. The first years now look forward to their bonding day on Wednesday October 26th which includes a trip to the National Heritage Park at Ferrycarrig.

## 6TH YEARS AT AN TRIAIL







## 2ND YEAR FRENCH EXCHANGE



Nicole Byrne

The second years left for France with Ms Pac Kenny to see what it is like to live there for a week. Many girls were excited, some were nervous about leaving their families for a week.

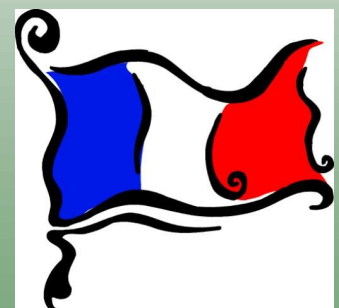
When the girls arrived, they were quite tired from travelling from Ireland and they were paired with their host families before heading home for the night.

The girls spent the weekend with their host families and got to know them, some of them met up with friends. As Monday morning arrived some of our second years found it harder to get up as the schools start in France earlier than Ireland. Most of them enjoyed croissants for breakfast. When they arrived at school they had some classes and it was very different to school at home. They didn't have to wear uniforms in France and also they had to line up outside before entering the school.

It wasn't all about school in France though! The girls also headed off on trips to theme parks, went canoeing, went shopping, visited aquariums, went swimming and even got to visit the Mayor.

As most people know there are many different delicacies in France and a popular one is snails, some of the girls gave it a taste—most decided not to!

As the last day approached everyone was sad to leave their families and new friends they made but were also very excited to return home. Everyone had a great time on the French exchange 2016 and I'm sure they won't forget the great times they had.



# SPORT

## Rugby



Action from 6th Year Rugby 7s

## GAA

### Victory for Senior Camogie

10th of October 2016.

Clonard GAA pitch V Colaiste-Bride Carnew .

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### Nicole Byrne

Our first senior camogie match of the year was started off with Colaiste Bride-Carnew in the lead but that didn't make the Presentation girls give up—they fought back with great effort, speed , excellent hooks , blocks, many saves from our goalie and the

backs and of course many goals and points scored throughout the game. The girls put in excellent teamwork and effort. Well done girls!

### Presentation Secondary School Wexford:

Hannah Hearne, Sinead Furlong, Alannah Davis, Aoife Whelan, Ciara Bridges, Aine Ennis, Orla Barrett, Sarah Harding Kenny, Aisling Byrne, Cora Doyle, Emma Sweeney, Ailish Neville, Lauren Murphy, Emma Sinnott, Catriona Kinsella, Deirdre Mangán, Jess Howlin, Aine Fitzgerald, Aoife Feilding, Nicole Byrne, Diuri McDonald, Katlyn Whelan Kinsella.

## Equestrian



## SOCCER



Our first year soccer team are preparing for the FAI Futsal tournament to be held on Wednesday October 26th in Bunclody.

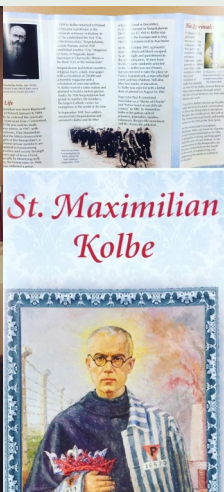


# Transition Year

Transition Years have certainly got a flavour for what this year is all about with an action packed start to the term. They got their walking boots on in late September to take on the 3 Rocks Trail in fine weather, but muddy conditions, and look forward to their 25 km hike in Glendalough on the 27th/28th of October.

Sean Kinsella from St Brigid's Centre visited to disclose to the girls the great work they will be carrying out in the community.

Driver Safety Awareness Week also saw the girls go to a screening of One Life, with a whole host of activities ran in between. Modules such as Challenge to Change, Junk Kouture, Greenwaves Radio, Young Social Innovators and CSI have seen great effort being put in by the TYs, and we look forward to the rest of the year developing.







Goal Jersey Day Friday  
October 14th

## Cycle Against Suicide

Our girls receiving  
their 3rd award  
for Cycle Against  
Suicide.



TY Student Megan  
Dempsey awarded 3rd  
place and €100 for her  
project "Positive Mental  
Health is..." at Riverside  
Park Hotel this month.  
Well done Megan!

REMEMEBER: TRICK  
OR TREAT FOR TEMPLE  
STREET OCTOBER 26TH



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