

# PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL



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November Newsletter

## School Community Comes Together To Celebrate Presentation Day



The entire school body of staff and students converged at Rowe Street Church this month to celebrate Presentation Day. Presentation sisters, members of the board of management and parents council representatives were also present on the 21st of November to mark the feast day of the Presentation of Mary. As usual, the hard work of the religion and music departments paid off, with the congregation treated to an insight of the work carried out by the order in 26 countries around the world. Masks, representative of each of these nations were brought up to the altar, with the choir once again providing excellent musical accompaniment. Principal Mr William Ryan echoed the importance of such occasions, with this being one of only two occasions that the school comes together each year.

### Welcome Back!

Welcome to our second newsletter of the year. Our team of reporters continue to bring you updates throughout the year on activities inside and outside of the classroom. We hope you enjoy.



*Cora Bennett playing the harp at this month's celebration.*



## **Message**

### **From The Principal**



Welcome to the 2nd newsletter of this academic year. It has been a very busy few weeks, since Mr Gaynor and his team of TY reporters issued the 1st newsletter of 2016/2017.

Wow, tempus fugit! By December we have achieved so much in the school for each year group and as a whole school. Students have settled into routines, revision for house exams is underway, 6th years are looking at their options for further study next year.

The amount of events and activities that are organised here in Presentation Wexford, never ceases to amaze me, and the support, dedication and indeed commitment that both our staff and students show to the school.

As I write this, our 1st, 2nd & 5th years sit their House Exams, I am sure that the hard work they have put in since September will pay off. We have also had the parents' information nights in school, parent teacher meetings, various staff meetings after normal school hours, Presentation Day, staff in-services, etc.

Our 3rd and 6th years, are having Block teaching this week, and I am sure they will be looking forward to the break over the Christmas holidays, remember ladies, it is a marathon to June and not a sprint!

Students have been on many trips such as Curracloe Beach, Killowen Farm, Wexford Nature Reserve, Carlow, the Opera House, the National Art gallery to name a but few, shows the wide variety of activities that are carried out.

From a sporting point of view, all sports have been out and taking part in events, the extra-curricular activities that are offered here is wide, Camogie, football, Futsal, Equestrian, Basketball, Badminton, Debating, Green Schools, Deepgreen, Choir, Feminist Society, Games Club, there is something for everyone. We encourage students to try one of these activities if they haven't done so far this year.

On the 21st November we had our annual whole school community celebration of Presentation day. Wonderful music, readings and art work were on show during the service in Rowe Street. A massive thank you to all those involved, teachers, students and staff.

The school is approaching a big celebration of 200 years in Wexford in October 2018, and already the school has started to organise celebrations, if there are any past pupils, past staff or parents who would like to get involved in the events please let us know.

The school is currently working on a new Mission and Vision for the school, and on the 10 November over 60 people, staff, students, parents and members of the wider community came to the school to share their knowledge, thoughts and hopes for the school going forward, it was a wonderful night of engagement and participation.

Finally, as the festive season approaches I would like to commend the Transition Year students for the time and effort they are putting into their Annual Panto, Snow White Babes in the Woods. A massive thank you to Paul Walsh and all the teachers & staff involved in putting on this production. Tickets are available from the school, the two evening shows are Thursday the 8th December, and Friday the 9th December, a great way to start the holiday season.

I look forward to the school panto next week, & I take this opportunity to wish all of our staff, students and parents a peaceful, Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2017.

William Ryan



## Public Speaking Success

5th Year student Olivia Malone progressed to the Wexford Soroptimist Public Speaking regional finals at Maynooth this month as she represented the school superbly at the Riverbank this month. Well done to all the girls involved and to Ms. Murphy.



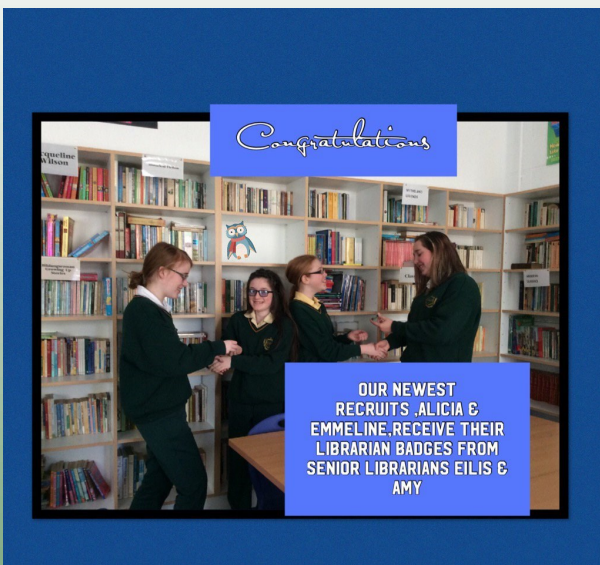
## New Library Recruits Welcomed



## 5TH YEARS OPERA VISIT



It certainly is an exciting time of year in Wexford and our 5th years didn't miss out as they followed in the footsteps of many others enjoying the delights of opera, visiting workshops at Whites this month.





## HISTORY UNCOVERED AT NATIONAL HERITAGE PARK



1st year students were brought back in time last month as they visited the National Heritage Park in Ferycarrig. The site, which includes models and reconstructions from Ireland's Ancient past, deals with a large section of the first year history course. From crannógs to fulachta fiadhs, students got to witness first hand just what life must have been like for our ancient ancestors.

Earlier in the day, the girls were treated to a morning of bingo and music as part of their 1st year bonding day. Coming from a number of different primary schools, it is important for the girls to become familiar with each other as a class group in a fun environment, taking the girls out of their comfort zones.

Many thanks to Ms Whelan and all the first year tutors for organising a memorable day for the girls.





## Junior Camogie Team Advance to Leinster Semi

Pres Wex 4-9 1-2 Gorey CS

**Presentation Wexford's Junior Camogie team advanced to the Leinster semi-final after a comprehensive 4-9 to 1-2 win over Gorey CS this month.**

**On a cold day against a physical Gorey side, our girls were dominant throughout and but for some**

**wayward shooting, the score-line**

## Equestrian



Our Open Green team: Andrea Dempsey, Alannah Cahill, Kathy Dempsey and Ciara Frayne.



could, and should, have been even more comfortable. Ailis Neville ended with 1-5 to her name, adding to an early fine goal by Aoife Fielding. After beating Borris (Carlow) by a score line of 5-8 to 2-8 earlier, the girls now look forward to the semi-final in January in high spirits.

Hannah Hearne, Sinead Furlong, Alannah Davis, Aoife Whelan, Ciara Bridges, Catriona Kinsella, Cora Doyle, Emma Sweeney, Ailis Neville, Saoirse O'Connor, Lauren Murphy, Emma Sinnott, Aine Fitzgerald, Aoife Fielding, Emma Dempsey. Subs: Eleanor Hammjill, Andrea Fielding, Sarah O'Donoghue, Elena Sinnott, Nicole Byrne, Niamh Cogley, Tara Murphy, Cora Rowe, Niamh Rowe.



Senior Camogie Team

## Semi-Final Defeat for 1st Year Soccer

Our first year soccer team reached the semi-finals of their first Futsal tournament this year, losing out to overall winners St. Mary's in Buncloody on October 26th. After topping their group, a narrow 2-1 defeat in the last four saw the girls show plenty of signs of encouragement for the future. Many thanks to Wexford Youths Football club for their kit and support.



# TYS @ Glendalough

## Nicole Byrne

Having dipped their toes in the water on the 3 Rocks Trail, the transition year students got to grips with Glendalough this month as part of their Gaisce Presidential Award, with 2 days of hiking. After dropping their bags off at the hostel, the girls and guides headed for the Wicklow Mountains for a challenging afternoon of walking with a view! The girls showed great strength of character and camaraderie, with everyone pushing each other to get over the finish line.

After fending for themselves in the kitchen, and an evening of sing-songs and stories, the girls rested in preparation for another busy day.

Each group went a different route on day two and again, the girls were a credit to the school and themselves, with words of encouragement, a smile and a joke offered when needed. Well done to all involved, girls and teachers, for all their work and helping to make it such an enjoyable and rewarding experience.



## **Radio Gaga For Corner Boy**

Greenwaves Radio, Presentation's TY Radio show, kicked off their year with a bumper Halloween show, featuring Wexford's own Corner Boy as special guests in the studio. Lead singer Michael Darcy popped into the studio and treated the girls to an exclusive first rendition of their brand new single. The girls also gave listeners a chance to win a host of prizes on the day, as well as the low down on what to watch, and what not to watch during their spooky special. Keep an eye out for details of the girls' next show coming soon!



# Trick or Treat For Temple St.

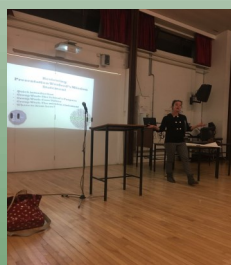
## Jacinta Horgan

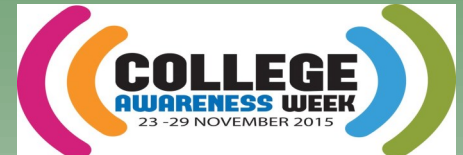
October 25th saw the girls ditch the uniforms and don their Halloween costumes for a great cause. Trick or treat for Temple Street allowed students to come to school, dressed as ghouls, goblins and all in between, with all donations going towards Temple Street Children's Hospital. Many thanks to Mr Stafford for organising, and to everyone for getting involved and supporting a wonderful cause.



## Mission Review

Student representatives, teachers, parents and members of the local community gathered together on Thursday October 10th, to begin reviewing and changing our current school mission statement. Together, it was discussed how we could improve our school environment in the future. Special thanks to Lizzy Noone, Mr Ryan and Ms Dooley for organising and hosting the evening. And also, thank you to all who attended this evening of collaboration among members of the school and local community.





Many thanks to all involved in organising Friendship week and College Awareness Week in the school over the past month.

**Christmas Exams 28th Nov-2nd Dec**



**Our New P.E. Uniform Modelled by 2nd Years**



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