

Presentation Wexford Newsletter

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Exam Success for Presentation Wexford



Excitement in August as students received their results.

A new start to a new year, but it would be remiss of the opening newsletter to pass without congratulating our Leaving Cert and Junior Cert classes of 2017. Both sets of examinations saw students from Presentation Wexford achieve highly and principal Mr William Ryan was happy with the girls' results.

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The Junior Certificate cohort were the first to sit the new Junior Cycle English paper and English teacher Mr Joseph Rolston said that students performed well under the new grading system.

“This year, English was the first subject to be assessed in the new Junior Cycle. It's a big movement away from the traditional grades of the established Junior Certificate, so these new grade bands– Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved etc.– will take time for students and teachers to get used to but, overall, the English department were very pleased with results. Congratulations to all students who received their results.” said Rolston.

Welcome Back!

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2017/2018 academic year. As always, it's been a hectic start to the school term and our team of reporters are on hand to bring you all the latest news.

Enjoy!



Principal's Address



Welcome to the 1st newsletter of this academic year.

It has been a very busy few months since we returned this year. Wow, tempus fugit!

By November 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 and 3rd years are considering their options for next year.

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This year following Budget 2017 the Minister of Education announced that schools with over 700 students would receive an additional Deputy Principal. We welcome Ms C Ryan to the management team here in Presentation Wexford, and wish her every success on her new journey here in the school.

The amount of events and activities that are organised here in Presentation Wexford, never ceases to amaze me, as does 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 are preparing for 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, School Mass, staff in-services, European day of Languages, Science & Numeracy week, Friendship week, Well-being days etc.

Students have been on many trips such as Curracloe Beach, Farm Visit, the Opera House, the National Art gallery to name a but few, which 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, soccer, 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.

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. Please see our Facebook page for more information.

As part of the ongoing changes here in the school, we now have a Five year school focus and school plan, where the main areas that we will be working to improve upon between 2017 and

2022 are; Academic Achievement, Attendance, Positive Behaviour, Well-Being, 3rd Level Progression, School Community.

As part of the Mission and Vision review last year – the school has a new Motto – “Our Best, Always”. We hope that students will always strive to achieve their best with us here in Presentation Wexford, it is through planning over the next 5 years that the school can only improve on its excellent position already.

Thank you to Mr Gaynor and his team of reporters for yet another excellent newsletter. William Ryan

Learn a Language Speed Dating

By Sinéad Kennedy, Catriona Kinsella & Erika Kearns.

Learn a Language speed dating took place on September 28th in the study hall to mark European Language Day. Some of the languages spoken at the event were Chinese, Polish, Ukrainian, Russian, Lithuanian, Arabic, Romanian, Korean, Italian, Estonian and Swedish. To start with everyone picked a phrase out of a hat. Each person sat opposite someone who could speak a foreign language and had 30 seconds to learn how to say the phrase and the end of the event all participants were thrilled to receive a lollipop.

A big thank you to Ms. Pac Kenny, Mr. Doran, Ms. Dooley and Hazel Mythen for helping organise this event and well done also to Eman Osman and Anastasiia Mohylina.



Ms Ryan announced as second Deputy Principal



Transition Year students **Caitlin Hayes** and **Ava Mc Garry** embarked on an exciting adventure this month, getting the chance to interview Ms C. Ryan who joins Ms Dooley as the school's second Deputy Principal.

How have you settled in to your new role as our second Deputy Principal?

I think I've settled in well, it's a challenging role so there's a lot of new and different areas of the school that I haven't been involved in before that I'm now involved in. I find that the days are busy but yes I feel that I have settled in well to my new role.

What is your favourite aspect of your new role?

I think I have much more interactions with a wider range of students now that I wouldn't have had before. It would have been limited to the classes that I taught and the iPad with first years but now I get to meet an awful lot of different students and on different issues. I can now help students that might need particular support so that's a good part of the job and I also get to see and talk to parents of students so I'm seeing the other side of it too which I find very beneficial.

Do you enjoy your new position?

I do enjoy it. I find it challenging because there are lots of different things to learn and there are lots of new developments in education. I'm finding that I am much more involved with new developments and with leading that process together with Ms. Dooley and Mr. Ryan.

What has been the most challenging thing that you have had to overcome so far?

I would say the most challenging thing so far is the variety of work every single day. It's a positive thing and I haven't had two days since I started that have been the same, so every single day brings something different. And some of those things are new to me so I have to find out what the process is, and as well as that the fact that there are a lot of changes in education with the new junior cert program, my responsibilities have changed from being a classroom teacher to leading that process as well.

What are you looking forward to the most in the future as a deputy principal of Presentation Secondary School?

I think what I'm looking forward to most is that at this stage, it's a very exciting time in education. We have had iPads introduced to the school, we've had a new junior cert program and there are a lot of new initiatives such as well being and the positivity group. There's seems to be a good active atmosphere amongst students and amongst staff for bringing in new things that are benefitting students and what I'm looking forward to is seeing those different things develop overtime so that we can continue to have a vibrant community. But also with the new strategic plan that we'll have more involvement within the school community. The strategic plan is a five year program and one of the things that I'm looking forward to is seeing that come to fruition and seeing all those areas develop as we hope that they will.

We thank Ms. C Ryan for her participation and for taking time out of her busy day, we also wish her all the best for the rest of her time as Deputy Principal. Also a big thanks to Caobhlinn Gabbett and Josephine Beck for their help on editing this piece and giving their opinions to help Ava and Caitlin.

Camogie

Seniors off to Winning Start at Higher Grade

Borris: 4-8 Presentation: 4-13

The Senior Camogie players got off to a great start to their Leinster B Camogie campaign on Monday the 25th September.

The reigning “C” champions made the journey up to Borris in Carlow to play Borris Vocational College. The game started off with a tight battle between both of the sides, however as soon as we got our first score up on the board, the Pres girls managed to stay on top and controlled the game for the rest half.

The second half began strongly for the Pres girls with the forwards scoring from all angles. Towards the middle of the second half the Borris girls began to control the game for the final quarter but the Pres girls managed to hold on to get their first win of the year after just being promoted to division B.

Presentation Senior Team:

Hannah Hearne, Áine Fitzgerald, Alibeth Curran, Aoife Whelan, Fiona Kinsella, Alannah Davis, Ciara Bridges, Sinéad Furlong, Diuri McDonald, Emma Sweeney, Lauren Murphy, Aisling Byrne, Emma Sinnott, Emma Dempsey, Áilis Neville



Outgoing senior Captain Aine Ennis



Winners: Presentation for Senior Camogie Champions

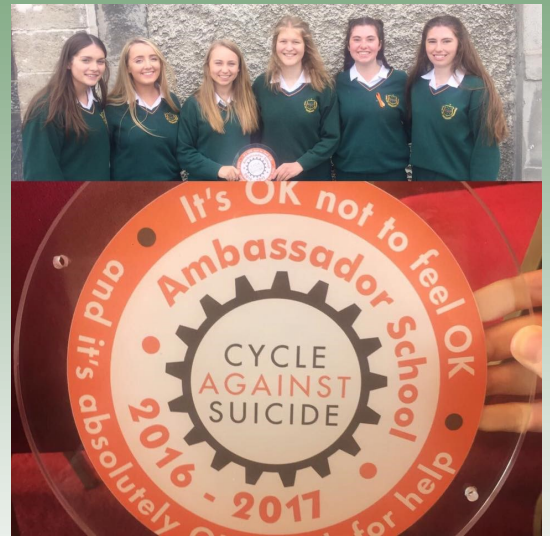


Soccer

Massive thank you to EMS Copiers for sponsoring our new jerseys this season. Thanks also to our supplier Balon & water sponsor Kaqun Water!

Cycle Against Suicide

Medals for Presentation At Equestrian Show



Members of our school's Positivity Team receiving the Cycle Against Suicide Ambassador School award for the 4th successive year. We are proud to have stood with this organisation since we supported the very first Cycle as an anchor school. Well done to all who continue to support this cause in our school community.

By Emily Kavanagh, Erin Byrne, Suzie Brennan.

Congratulations to our novice green team, who won at Wexford equestrian on September 10th. These are Emily Roche, Lauren Reck, Erin Reville, Ciara Moore. This was the only team to keep a zero score all day!

More ribbons were awarded to our red team with a 5th place finish! Alice Mulligan, Michaela Whelan, Portis Cahill and Katie Cullen. The open team was Lillian Mc Donald, Sarah Whelan and Amy Mulligan.

Once again congratulations to all the girls and Ms. Kenny on their continued success.



TY Three Rocks Trail

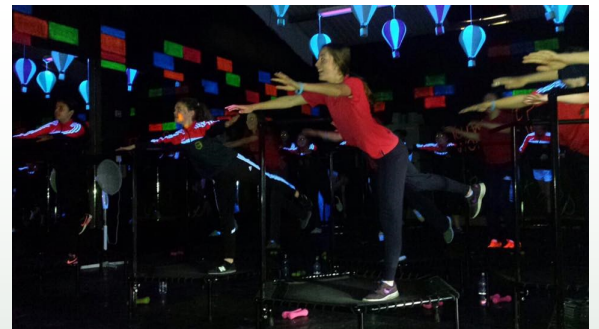
By Tamzin Howell & Gabrielle Marin

Transition Year students went on their first outdoor trip to Forth Mountain for their 3 Rocks Trail walk on September 28th. They completed an 8 kilometre walk in four different groups. This helped all the students to bond with all of the girls in their new class. This gave students that are not in their regular and close group of friends a chance to bond with other girls and make new friendships. This also helped everyone to bond with our new exchange students, helping all the students settle in and feel more comfortable within the class. This trip also helped the students to get to know the teachers more.

It was a great experience, many said and amazing memories were made. The ground was quite mucky and slippery which made it all the more fun. We also visited the Quarry before beginning the walk, this was unexpected but enjoyed by all. Each student is looking forward to the next Transition Year outdoor trip so we can continue to bond as a year group.



Jump Fitness



Bonding Day at Gravity Adventure Centre



Just One Life Road Safety Film





1st Year History Projects

Time Capsules & Cookie Excavations for our
1st Year Historians



Librarians Launch New School Year

**By Uxua Oteiza, Aroa Martinez
Musitu and Emma Downes**

September saw a Bookish Craft Fair organised by 6th year student Amy Clancy Leonard on behalf of the ever busy librarian team.

The event saw girls get involved in the creation of bookmarks, decoupage and all things literary as the new school year was kicked off in style.

Speaking about the day, Amy said 'it was great to see so many girls get involved and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves also.'

Well done to the library team and reminder that the library is open for your reading pleasure at lunchtimes!



6th Year at An Triail



Leinster GAA Inflatable Pitch Courtesy of Glynn Barntown GAA

Daltaí ón Séú Bliain ag baint sult is tairbhe as 'An Triail' i gCeatharlach inniu. Máire Ní Chathasaigh 'Ciontach nó Neamhchiontach?'



6th Years At Higher Options



Glitz at Graduation



Ag Science Students en route to Teagasc Beef & Dairy Farm



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