

PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL



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Spring Newsletter 2011

2nd yr French Exchange



Students pictured on the banks of the Seine!

2nd yr South East Finalists



1st yr Class League Winners 1A3



Presentation blossoms with Spring sunshine.

This issue is action-packed with details of an abundance of activities, including school based projects, visiting speakers, sporting encounters and also trips, both national and international. It has been a busy term for all exam classes with both teachers and students working hard to make up for lost time. Best wishes to all who are currently involved in language orals, Home Economics, Art and Music practicals and also to History, Geography, Science, LCVP and CSPE students with project completion.



Win this great Easter Egg in the Newsletter Quiz! Complete entry on page 7.

Maliboo



Spring newsletter Quiz Question 1 :

Name the 5th yr student who played in Croke Park on St Patrick's Day.

(Answer form on page 7)

Student Council

Student Council members, under the direction of chairperson, Nicola Cogley, and staff mentor, Ms. J. Wyse, have been working hard trying to fulfil any suggestions made by the students during the year. Elections were held earlier in the year to allow 1st yr students to be part of the Council for the first time. Sarah White and Sara Byrne were elected.

On Friday 25th March the Council members sold pins and badges in school as part of the Daffodil Day fundraiser for the Irish Cancer Society. The girls raised over €200.

The girls are currently working on getting a zebra crossing from the side gate on Grogan's Road to the footpath on the clinic side. A meeting took place with Tony Dempsey from the County Council and it is hoped to have the crossing in place as soon as possible.

The Green Schools competition is also being introduced to the school by the Students Council. A committee will be set up and recycling bins will be introduced to 1st yr class rooms within the next few weeks.

Student Council members are planning on conducting a survey in relation to how families receive their newsletter. Your assistance in completing this will be greatly appreciated.

The girls will then need to concentrate on organising the 2011/2012 Student Council elections which will be held in May.



Spring newsletter Quiz Question 2 :

Who was the 'Master of the Dance' at the Céillí?

(Answer form on page 7)

Debating and Public Speaking

The tradition of Debating and Public Speaking continues in Presentation Wexford. In late November TY students Michaela Itaire, Stephanie Storey, Beth Kavanagh and, substitute, Alison O' Doherty competed in the local heat of the Mental Health Ireland debates. Representatives from St. Peter's were winners on the night but the girls did themselves and their school proud with excellent delivery of their insightful and inspirational material on what is surely one of the most important issues in our society today.

Mens sana in Corpore sano.

Connie Tackacs and Kelly Monahan, also TY, represented the school at the local heat of the Soroptomist Public Speaking Competition in early January. Kelly represented the county at the regional heats in Bray, Co. Wicklow.

Well done to all of the girls involved and to their mentors Ms. J. Burke and Ms. N. Cullen.

Careers events Term 2

1st yr. Study skills, Jan. 2011

3rd yr Parents meeting re options for 5th yr or TY.

TY visit to UCD campus in March.

5th yr Interview skills workshop in March with optional mock interview.

6th yr WIT and WCFE Open Days.

6th yr. School talks from PLC Colleges, Enniscorthy and Wexford Voc. Colleges + WCFE

Saturday Study continues during the Spring and Summer terms and during the second week of Easter holidays. We encourage all 3rd and 6th Year students to make use of this facility to make maximum use of time for exam revision.

The dates are:

Sat 2nd April, Sat 9th April

Mon 25th April, Tues 26th April, Wed 27th April, Thurs 28th April

Sat 7th May, Sat 14th May, Sat 21st May, Sat 28th May

Times are: 9.30 to 3.00, with breaks

Cost is €5.00 per day.



Congratulations to all Transition Year students and to Ms. Honora Burke who were involved in a most enjoyable production of 'Romeo and Juliet' back in December. A top class performance was given by all who participated. Despite the unfavourable weather conditions in the lead up to the play there were still three full houses

On Monday 14th February, 79 students departed Wexford for their much anticipated activity break in **Delphi Mountain Resort, Leenane, Co. Mayo**. On arrival we were greeted by the beautiful picture postcard snow-capped Twelve Pins. The girls certainly pushed out their boundaries taking part in activities such as hill-walking, kayaking, team-challenges, orienteering,

raft-building, rock-climbing, Jacob's ladder and the dreaded zip-wire, for even some of the brave and adventurous this proved too great a challenge! Busy day-time and evening schedules were provided for the girls and very quickly mobile phones, favourite TV programmes and Facebook were a distant memory, at least until a random mobile signal beamed into this remote part of the country to be greeted by shrieks of excitement. All agreed that this was a great fun-filled adventure. Many thanks to Mr. Rolston, Ms. Kinsella, Ms. Murphy and Ms. Croke who accompanied the group.



TV mini-companies have been working diligently in preparation for the mini-company enterprise competition. The first round was the school competition which was held on the 10th February. Four mini-companies qualified in five categories. 'New Generation', 'Explosive Effect' and 'Halo' went through to represent the senior category. 'Just Smile' won the merit award and 'New Generation' also won the environment award. A presentation was then given to a panel of judges to choose a company to represent the school in the senior category in the county final taking place in Whites Hotel in April. The company chosen were 'New Generation', who will represent the Presentation. The best of luck to the team. (Photo) The mini-companies would like to thank their teachers, Ms. Wyse, Ms. Devereux, Ms. Sunderland and Mr Walsh for all their hard work, support and patience this year.



Sa deireadh thiar thall, ar an 15ú Márta bhí ceiliúradh '**Seachtain na Gaeilge**' faoi lán seoil i scoil na Toirbhirte Loch Garman le Céilí Mór. Chuireamar fáilte roimh ár gcara as Corcaigh Seán Ó hUiginn, máistir an rince', I dteannta sin d'fhreastail na buachaillí as Coláiste Naomh Peadair agus Scoil na mBráithre Críostaí Loch Garman ar an ócáid speisialta seo. Bhain gach duine an-taitneamh as an gcéilí agus ghlac siad páirt ann le fonn agus le fuinneamh.



Well done to all our budding Riverdance stars in what was a day filled with craic, ceol and lots of worn out feet.

Presentation claim Leinster Camogie Title

2011 has been a busy year so far for Presentation Camogie club, the highlight so far has been the Senior Camogie girls capturing the Leinster schools Camogie title with an impressive win over St Marys of Naas on a scoreline of 4-4 to 0-0. While the score-line did not reflect the spirited display shown by St Mary's, great credit must go to the Presentation players for a marvellous team display and solid goalkeeping. Defence performances combined with an authoritative midfield display provided a solid platform for the Presentation's forwards to register some well taken scores. The girls then progressed to the All Ireland stages and faced the Mercy of Roscommon. The girls got off to



a solid start and were winning at half time but the Roscommon team stepped up a gear in the second half and were 3 points ahead at the final whistle.

The Junior Camogie had a solid campaign reaching the Leinster quarter finals only to come up against a very strong Mountrath side who won comprehensively on the day. The girls showed great spirit and determination

all year and were not helped by the absence of a few key players through injury.

Four of our Junior Camogie players (Eadaoin Fitzgerald, Sophie Donnelly, Hannah Carroll and Lauren Nugent) were chosen to represent the school in a skills display at half time of the All Ireland Club Camogie final in Croke Park.

The girls performed really well coming 3rd in the **Caman and Run** race. It was a fantastic experience for the four girls to play in Croke Park and hopefully we'll see more Presentation girls line out in Croke Park for club and county level in the future.

Finally, Minor Camogie has started, training every Friday in school at lunchtime, anybody interested to come along!



All Ireland Hunter Trials 19/03/2011



It was an early start for all the Presentation girls involved. The team events started at 8.00 am. Demi Farrell on Coole Sam, Katherine O' Rourke on Trampoline and Jessica Reville on Glencairn Smarty jumped off at 8.15 am. The team had a very good round with two out of the three girls going clear and unfortunately one knocking the surprising knockables.

The Senior Singles jumped off at 11.00 am with Ciara Byrne on Maliboo, Bronwyn Smith on Newtown Commander, Demi Farrell on Coole Sam and Jessica Reville on Glencairn Smarty, four girls went clear.

The Junior Singles jumped off at 1.30pm with Joanne Corish on Bobo, Alanna Roche on Con O' Mara and Katherine O' Rourke on Protexion, again the three girls went clear.

The weather was thankfully on their side for most of the day until the afternoon when it began to rain. All in all it was a great day for everyone involved and we are looking forward to participating in the next event. Tally Ho!!

Thanks to Ms. F. Devereux who coordinated the teams for this event.

Basketball

School basketball didn't have much time to get over the snowy Christmas break as it was straight back to action as both the under 16 and senior teams had qualified for the South East semi-finals.

The under 16 team had a close fought game against St Anne's, Tipperary, with both sides evenly matched. As the game entered the final quarter, we were in the lead, but a tough and determined St Anne's side were not giving up! They drew level with only minutes on the clock, then took a two point lead with just 60 seconds remaining. Pres were operating a full court press and drew level with 30 seconds on the clock. St Anne's had the final say however as they coolly slotted home the deciding basket to end Presentation hopes of reappearing in the South East final.

The Senior team overcame St Anne's in the semi final. The final saw a repeat of last year's, as we met our Waterford counterparts in a Presentation derby! The game was a tight and tense affair for the first two quarters, but some excellent team work and determination ensured we pulled away in the second half to win the title 41-25.

As South East champions we progressed into the All Ireland Playoffs being drawn against Portmarnock CS, Tarbert of Kerry and Ursuline Blackrock from Cork. We were chosen to host the one day event and narrowly lost our opening game to Portmarnock following over-time! We were unfortunate on the day and didn't progress to the next round. The girls displayed great heart and determination in front of the home crowd. Many thanks to all the students, teachers and parents whose help on the day was fantastic. Our visitors were all very complimentary of both our facilities and hospitality!



February saw the 1st and 2nd years swing into action.

The 1st yrs recorded wins over Bridgetown, Rosbercon and Colaiste Bride but suffered an agonising defeat to our near neighbours Loreto! Their exploits were enough to see them finish in second place in the Wexford section and progress to the quarter final v Baganalstown. The girls did not disappoint as a mean defence and flowing attack play ensured the Pres girls marched on to the semi-finals on a score line of 18-8

Presentation Waterford had home advantage in the semi-final, but our 1st yrs were keen to march on in the competition. It was a tight and tense affair with the score being 4-3 at half time to Pres Waterford. The Wexford girls defended well and built attack upon attack, but the finishing was slightly off and Pres Waterford forged ahead to win 16-6.

The 2nd yrs have also been working very diligently and recorded wins over Rosbercon, Loreto and Colaiste Bride to see them top the Wexford section and ensure home advantage in the quarter finals. As the draw went, we were pitted against a much improved Rosbercon team. The girls had a spirited win over the New Ross side and booked their place in the semi-final.

St Annes of Tipperary Town were again our semi-final opponents and the Pres girls embarked on the long journey with a win firmly set in their minds. A very exciting game unfolded as the sides were tied 4-4 at the end of the first quarter. Presentation edged in front 10-6 by half time. The third quarter saw us maintain our four point lead at 14-10. St Anne's went ahead with 53 seconds on the clock. Some excellent work saw Presentation draw level and add two more unanswered baskets to win 18-14, and book their place in the final against old rivals, Presentation Waterford!

The club has also been operating two development teams for 1st yrs and one development team for 2nd yrs. This has been very successful as the girls are improving their skills in competitive games. The help of our senior and under 16 players at training sessions has been invaluable.



Basketball Camp

A two day skills development camp was held over February mid-term and was open to all 1st and 2nd yr players. Trish Nolan, a former international player, led the girls through a range of skills and tactics and did so in a fun and challenging way. 24 girls attended for the two days and they found it to be a very enjoyable and worthwhile experience and their improvement was very evident! It is hoped to run a camp in August to prepare the girls for next years competitions.



5th Year trip to production of 'Hamlet'

On Monday 7th March, all 5th year Honours English students travelled to The Helix in D. C. U. to see a production of William Shakespeare's 'Hamlet', which is being studied as The Single Text on the Leaving Certificate English course. Students were accompanied by their English teachers, Ms. Walsh and Mr. Rolston. The play was produced by the renowned Second Age Theatre Company and all students found it to be a thoroughly enjoyable production.

Quiz question 3 :

What Black and White striped facility is Nicola Cogley and her team organising for pedestrian safety?

(Write answer on Quiz form on Page 7)

Hockey

Intermediate A (TYs & 5 Yrs)

During the league the **Inter A** team have so far played Loreto Kilkenny, Kilkenny College and St Leo's. Despite some tough competitive games they lost out to both Kilkenny College and St Leo's. The girls met again with Kilkenny College a week later (31st January) in the Inter A Cup but again they just lost out on getting through to the next round. It was very disappointing as the girls beat them last year in the final to win the Cup! They will meet with Newtown from Waterford in Enniscorthy on Friday 25th March for their final league match.

Minor B (2nd Years)

The **Minor B** team have only 3 games to play in their league as Loreto Wexford pulled out of this section. The girls played F.C.J. Bunclody and Kilkenny College before Christmas. No games were won before Christmas but the girls did hold out for a 0-0 draw to Kilkenny College. They are due to play Loreto, Kilkenny on Wednesday 30th March in Enniscorthy for their final league match.

This Minor B team are drawn to play Newtown in the Minor A Cup (no Minor B section at Cup level) which will be held on in Enniscorthy on Friday 25th March.

1st Years

The 1st **Year** team has begun training and will hopefully play a couple of friendly competitive games in the coming weeks.

We wish the teams all the best in the rest of their matches. **Keep up the training girls!**



Academic Scholarship for past pupil Lisa Sills

Congratulations to Lisa who has been awarded an Academic Scholarship for the 2010/11 at the Institute of Technology, Carlow. Lisa is following a degree course in Science in TV and Media. Criteria used for the selection included highest Leaving Certificate points on the course. Well done Lisa.

U-14 Gaelic Football

With just 3 teams in their section the girls will only have to play two matches. Unfortunately they lost out to St Mary's New Ross on Monday 7th March in St Peter's College pitch. They will hopefully have better luck next time when they meet with Colaiste Bride in Enniscorthy. Once again we would like to thank Suzanne Brennan from Clonard G. A. A. club for her coaching services with the team.

Training takes place for all every Monday lunchtime and Wednesday after school.

CSPE project in aid of the WSPCA

Class 2a5, pictured here, proudly displaying their certificate of achievement from the W.S.P.C.A. for donating €220 to the local branch of the society for injured and abused animals. The girls recently held a tuck shop sale as part of their C.S.P.E. project and donated their cheque to Cabrini Desmond, an officer from the society, who gave them an insight into the invaluable work that the society provides to the local area. Well done girls and to Ms. J. Burke.

Spring newsletter Quiz
Question 4:

How much does Sat Study cost per day?

(Answer form on page7)



1st yr Basketball Class League

Well done to the players on the 20 teams who took part in the 'in-house' Basketball Class League. The final was an excellent nail-biting game with 1A3 the eventual winners : Katie Young, Georgia Swan Sludds, Kayleigh Goodison and Chloe Mahon.

Runners-up were from 1A2 : Sarah Byrne, Elisa Valadez, Katie Doyle, Emma Tyrrell and Jessica Kennedy.

Top scorers up to and including semi finals: Chloe Mahon 42 pts. Jessica Sinnott, Elisa Valedéz and Sarah Byrne all on 40 pts.

Thanks to all club members who helped with refereeing games.



Shielbaggan for 2nd yrs.

Outdoor education dates have been booked with Shielbaggan Outdoor Education Centre for May for 2nd yr students.

P.E. Teachers will distribute application forms soon. Outdoor Education Adventure activities are an integral part of the Junior Cycle PE programme and students should make a big effort to avail of this opportunity to get a taste for what could turn out to be a lifelong activity.



Want to win an Easter Egg?

Search the newsletter for 5 questions and answers. Please detach completed entry form below and return to NEWS-LETTER COMPETITION BOX in Foyer **before 9.00 am Thurs. 6th April.** Winner announced at break on **Thurs. 6th.**

NAME : _____ Class _____

Q1 _____

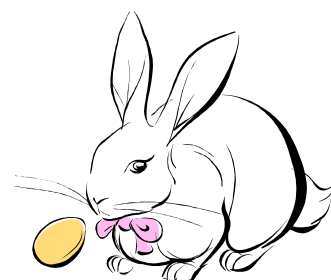
Q2 _____

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Q4 _____

Q5 _____

SIGNED : _____ (PARENT/GUARDIAN)



Spring newsletter Quiz**Question 5:**

Hannah (. . .Who . .) was on the team who came 3rd in the Caman and Run competition.

(Answer form on Page 7)



Scór na nÓg Leinster Champions play Croke Park

Musicians Dearbhla Daly, 5th yr, and Jessica Reville, TY, members of Bannow-Ballymitty Scór na nÓg had the honour of playing music at half time of the All-Ireland Club Hurling match in Croke Park on St Patrick's Day.



Place de Tertre

French Exchange 2011

Second Years students pictured here were in Paris in February as part of the annual Student Exchange with College St. Marie, our partner school in Paris. While staying in the homes of students from the Paris school, the Wexford students attended classes in school and visited places of tourist, cultural and educational interest including Le Louvre and Orsay Museums, Les Champs-Élysées, the Tuileries Gardens, the Eiffel Tower, The Sacre-Coeur Cathedral, Place du Tertre and a cruise on the River Seine. They had the opportunity to improve their French further on the return visit of the Paris students to Wexford at the end of March.

Other TY events

We have had the pleasure of inviting in some guest speakers this term, from the 'Irish Cancer Society', 'Fairtrade Ireland' and St. Brigid's Day Care Centre Wexford.

On March 3rd all Transition year students attended the 'Just One Life Programme' organised by Wexford County Council / Wexford Rotary Club. This was an informative, educational insight into road safety awareness and the effects of speeding. The girls have taken many valuable lessons from this worthwhile workshop.

The following Thursday was another busy day for the students as they got to sample life in the Bellfield Campus of UCD. Another enjoyable day was had by all, visiting the Law, Arts, Commerce buildings, sampling the on campus cuisine and most importantly informing themselves with course-content. Many thanks to the careers teachers who organised this event and travelled with the girls to Dublin along with Ms. Wyse and Ms. Sunderland.

APT - Action to Prevent Trafficking

A series of very interesting and informative talks was delivered to all TY and 5th Yr students on Thurs 24th March by Sr. Catherine and Sr. Sheila from APT. The talks focused on raising awareness of the global problem of trafficking in persons, its roots in extreme poverty and on what ordinary people can do to prevent it.

Happy Easter to all our students & their families

CAREER**First Year Awards****GUIDANCE**

Well done to all the students who recently received certificates for first term in first year. Certificates were awarded in the following categories:

Academic Excellence	Academic Achievement
Academic Effort	Perfect Attendance
Sportsmanship	Artistic Achievement
Musicianship	

Group awards went to 1a5 for the most organised class, and 1a2 won the award for the cleanest class.

Well done to all who achieved awards for the September to December period. Certificates will be awarded next September for the period January to June 2011. Well done to the girls who received an award and the best of luck to all the first year students in their studies.

Happy Easter to all our students & their families