

Presentation Wexford Newsletter

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All-Ireland Glory for Junior Camogie Stars



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An Ailis 'Messi' Neville inspired Junior Camogie team clinched All Ireland glory this month after a monumental battle with Castlecomer Community School saw the sides go hammer and thongs for the third time this season. Having clinched the Leinster title at their Kilkenny counterparts' expense, our girls held their nerve in a replay that incredibly also went to extra time. The skill and mental strength of the panel and selectors ensured they came through as two point winners and manager Mr Hackett declared it a proud moment for Presentation Wexford.

'It's an incredible achievement from the girls who deserve everything they have achieved. They have worked hard all year and that showed on the pitch. They're a tight knit bunch and the character and skill they showed over the three games is a credit to the school and everyone involved. The girls were asked before extra time if they wanted success or sympathy and they went out and made sure it was the former.'

The win caps an incredible season for our camogie panels following on from the Junior Leinster title win after our senior girls were also crowned Leinster champions. Congratulations to all of the players and mentors Mr Hackett, Mr Walsh, Ms Murphy, Mr Stafford and Mr Browne on a season to remember.

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Spring Edition

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2018! A new group of Journalism students in Transition Year have worked to capture some of the highlights as we enter what is our 200th year in operation. Congratulations to our Junior Camogie team who clinched the All Ireland title this month which stands out as a highlight from another busy term at Grogan's Road. Enjoy!



Salute the Winners

Mr Rolston points to our All Ireland winning mentors.

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	1. Fiona Cousins	
2. Nicole Harding Kennedy	3. Alibeth Moran Curran	4. Catriona Kinsella
5. Niamh Cogley	6. Aoife Whelan	7. Cora Rowe
	8. Eleanor Hammel	
	9. Sinéad Furlong (Capt)	
10. Niamh Rowe	11. Emma Dempsey	12. Ailis Neville
13. Andrea Fielding	14. Tara Murphy	15. Aoibheann Mernagh
16. Lily stout	22. Kennedy Cullen	25. Hannh Hearne
19. Rachel Murphy	23. Grace Harding Kennedy	26. Rebecca Fanning
20. Orna Corrigan	24. Sarah O' Donoghue	
21. Clodagh Whelan		

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.

Massive congratulations to our Junior Camogie Team on becoming ALL-IRELAND champions after an extra time in a replay. We are all so proud of you all and what you have achieved over the last year. A special word of thanks and major gratitude to the team of Mentors involved with the team, Mr Hackett, Ms Murphy, Mr Stafford, Mr Wash and Mr Browne. Thank you also to the Parents, teachers and students who have supported the team throughout the year. We will remember your campaign here in Presentation for a long time to come!

Another massive congratulations to our Second Year basketball team who also brought home silverware to the school recently, in their South East region final, the last time we won this was in 2010. A massive well done to the girls and their mentor Ms Colfer. We are proud of you all.

I am also proud to let you all know that we recently announced as a pilot school for Leaving Cert Physical Education, which follows on from our recent piloting of Politics & Society for leaving certificate. These two subjects add to the wide variety of subject choice that we offer to our students and shows the dedication and commitment of our teaching staff here to new and exciting curriculums. We now offer 16 optional subjects to our students for Leaving Certificate.

Thank you to all the students and teachers involved in both Literacy Week and Seachtain na Gaeilge.

We have been notified by the Department of Education and Skills that the school will be involved in a Whole School Evaluation on Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th, and Thursday 19th April 2018. Throughout these three days, the evaluation team will be in the school and will visit a selection of classes.

The evaluation team will visit the school prior to this on Tuesday 10th April to meet with the Principal, the Deputy Principals, the Board of Management and representatives of the Parent Association and representatives of the student body. They will also distribute questionnaires to students and parents.

We welcome this Whole School Evaluation, as it is an opportunity for all of us - students, parents, teachers and management - to show all the great work that happens here in the school.

I am very proud of the school and in particular, of the very many achievements of our students, both past and present, and I am certain that these achievements are in no small way due to the co-operation and support of parents. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and to thank you once again for your ongoing support as we work together for the good of all students here in Presentation.

I'd like to 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.

‘Futurewize’ 1st Years

Well done to our first year science students for completing the Futurewize STEM programme this term. Thank you Odile from EPA Ireland for volunteering to share your knowledge of STEM with the students. Here they are pictured with Mr Ryan, Ms Dooley, Mr Stafford and Odile.



Seachtain na Gaeilge 2018

Bhí roinnt mhaith imeachtaí ar siúl mar chuid de Sheachtain na Gaeilge 2018 inár scoil. Ghlac na daltaí páirt i dTráth na gCeist. Mar gheall ar an drochaimsir a bhí againn an tseachtain roimhe sin, chuireamar na himeachtaí go léir ar siúl i rith na ranganna Gaeilge i rith na seachtaine seo.

Bhain na daltaí idir taitneamh is taribhe as an Tráth na gCeist. Bhí deis ag an gcéad bhliain, an dara bliain, an tríú bliain agus an cúigiú bliain Tráth na gCeist a dhéanamh. Dhírigh na ceisteanna ar ghnéithe éagsúla de shaol na mac léinn; spórt; caithimh aimsirí agus an ceol, gan ach cuid de na hábhair a lua. Bhí siad ag obair i ngrúpaí beaga mar sin, bhí ról áirithe ag chuile dhuine sa ghrúpa. Bhí na daltaí ag foghlaim le chéile agus óna chéile sa phróiseas foghlama seo. Ansin, bhí orthu freagraí an ghrúpa eile a cheartú agus a chomáireamh mar sin, bhí béim á chur ar scileanna uimhreachta mar aon le scileanna litearthachta sa tasc seo.

Ina theannta sin, gné suntasach eile mar chuid de Sheachtain na Gaeilge ab ea an tSeamróg. Ba cuid larnach ab ea an gníomh seo. Tharraing agus Ghearr an chéad bhliain seamróga amach agus cuireadh timpeall na scoile iad. Ba léiriú iontach ab ea iad ar oidhreacht agus stair na hÉireann. Cuireadh na seamróga seo ar na ballaí timpeall na scoile ansin. Tá siad le feiceáil i láthair na huaire ann agus is siombail tábhachtach iad dár dteanga dhúchais.

Anuas air seo, cuireadh an céilí ar siúl i halla na scoile i rith na seachtaine chomh maith. Ghlac daltaí na hIdirbhliana páirt ann. Chuir siad feabhas ar a dtuiscint ar na rincí éagsúla agus thaitin na rincí nua go mór leo chomh maith. Ní dhéanfaidh siad dear-mad ar an lá seo go deo na ndeor.



Comhghairdeas , Buaiteoirí na Scoláireachtaí 2018

I mbliana bhuaigh Caoimhe Hill agus Aoife Burke, daltaí ón Dara Bliain páirtscoláireachtaí chuig Coláiste Laighean.

D'oibrigh na daltaí a ghlac páirt inti, go dian i mbeirteanna, an dúshlán a bhí rompu ná an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn, a leathnú agus a spreagadh i measc na ndaltaí eile sa scoil. Rinneadh amhránaíocht, cluichí le linn na ranganna Gaeilge agus ag an gClub Gaeilge. Bhain daltaí na gcéadbhliana an- taitneamh is tairbhe as an bhfoghlaim tríd cluichí, spórt agus spraoi.

Beidh deis ag na daltaí a gcuid Gaeilge a fheabhsú anois le linn an tSamhraidh. Beirigí Bua as an Samhradh a chailíní.



Carlingford



February saw a return to Carlingford Adventure Centre for our Transition Years and it surely didn't disappoint. From Ziptopia to kayaking with laser tag thrown in between, another incredible few days were enjoyed by the students and staff. Here's what they had to say:

"It's my favourite week of the year . Loved it from start to finish. The girls were great craic and didn't let the bad weather dampen their spirits "- Mr Hackett

"It was great we had loads of fun. There was a good range of activities and I really enjoyed all of it" - Aislinn O'Sullivan

"The best week ever packed with fun, adrenaline and aching joints. Amazing year spirit. Fantastic bunch of girls. " - Ms. L. Murphy



Pres Girls Bank Honours Thanks to AIB

The Be You TY Bank claimed the prize for Backing Your Community at the national AIB Build A Bank awards held at the RDS in March. The group, comprised of Shonagh Barry, Shauna Sinnott, Ava McGarry, Aine Fitzgerald, Jessica Sludds-Byrne and Katie Cunningham have worked hard all year with the help of Mr Hackett and all at AIB Wexford. Congratulations ladies.



TYs pictured at the showing of Legally Blonde at the Bord Gais Energy Theatre.



Junk Kouture

Julia Sanina models our Junk Kouture entry 'Homeless Not Hopeless' which made it to the regional qualifiers at the Helix Arena in Dublin. Congratulations to all involved.

Marilleva 2018

Mr Nugent reflects on a week on the slopes.

Departing School Street on Friday the 9th of February 42 students and 4 extremely brave teachers navigated their way to the slopes of Marilleva 1400 in Italy on this year's TY ski trip. After a 'short' bus trip from Milan there is nothing more exciting during the school term than hopping on the ski lift, heading up top to the slopes and climbing in anticipation. While on the slopes throughout the week it was clear to see the thrill that the pupils gained by getting down without 'falling', listening attentively to the directions of 'snowplough' by the ski instructors and taking the magnificent views of the world that surrounded us.



The experience of exhilaration and rush going down the mountain was a sight to behold. Successfully or not getting to the bottom and looking up, I feel the pupils were filled with pride and accomplishment. This year's group of TY student really grew in confidence learning new skills, enhanced their social skills travelling to a foreign country, and not to mention improved their balance and coordination. The highlight of the week had to be the progression of all thorough the week. We learned that perseverance was the key to success and that if we weren't falling we weren't trying hard enough. By the end of the week it is safe to say that everyone including Mr. O'Leary had become accomplished skiers.

Each evening the students had the opportunity to relax, catch up with friends, and to take part in a number of extra-curricular activities. Whether this was Zumba, card games, swimming, bobsledding, a night-time hike up the Alps, or the light show on our last night in Marilleva, memories that will last a lifetime to say the least. All in all, I can personally say that it was one of the best school trip's that I have ever had the opportunity to be involved in. From the get go, the pupils were fantastic, behaviour wise they were exemplary and have set the standards very high for the coming years.

French Exchange

This term saw our friends from Parthenay visit our shores and what a time they had! A big thank you to Ms Pac Kenny and all of the host families for being so accommodating and making the students feel so welcome. Our girls are already looking forward to the return trip at the end of April.



German Exchange

Heute morgen hießen wir unsere Austauschschülerinnen von dem Lessing Gymnasium in Köln herzlich willkommen! Unser Schulleiter Herr Ryan und unsere Stellvertreterin Frau Ryan waren auch dabei! #Austausch #Fremdsprachenlernen Wir wünschen ihnen einen schönen Aufenthalt bei uns!

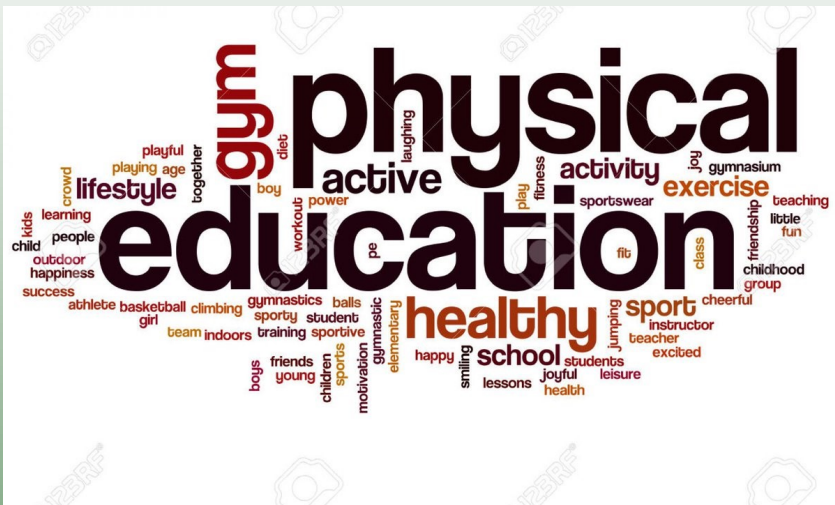
A big welcome to our friends from Cologne, pictured with their host students, Mr Ryan, Ms Ryan & Ms Killackey.

Literacy Week

Try as it might, Storm Emma couldn't stand in the way of Literacy Week 2018 with another jam-packed week of literary fun rolled out by Ms Power and her library team. From blackout poetry to emoji book quizzes and of course our costumes on World Book Day, staff and students were treated to a host of activities once more during one of the highlight weeks in the school calendar.



Presentation Chosen as PE Pilot School



The school learned of fantastic news this term when it was announced that it would be one of the chosen schools to run a new pilot for Leaving Cert PE from the next academic year.

Following on from the successful piloting of Politics & Society, the school was one of 65 schools chosen nationwide to take part in the programme and PE teacher Mr Doran outlined how the course will look.

'The course looks at lots of different areas– there are elements of PE, business, sports science, critical thinking and cultural studies to it...that's very exciting.'

Assessment for the course is broken down as 50% written examination, 30% performance assessment and 20% on a project and Mr Ryan revealed his delight at the move.

'A huge cohort of our students are already very physically active and we've always been known for attracting students with sporting backgrounds.'

Triple Crown for Presentation Camogie

2018 will certainly be a year to remember for sport and camogie in particular for Presentation Secondary School with three titles secured in a whirlwind campaign.

First it was the turn of our senior side to clinch the Leinster 'B' final with a 1-9 to 0-7 win over Abbey CC back in January. After racing ahead in a breath-taking first half, the girls held their nerve to endure the Abbey onslaught that came their way in the second half, showing 'savage' heart and determination in the process. Captain Aisling Byrne slotted two points with Lauren Murphy also splitting the posts before Ailis Neville (0-5) and Emma Sweeney (1-1) notched to ensure a memorable victory for our players and mentors.

The second piece of silverware for the school came in the shape of a Leinster Junior Camogie Title courtesy of their first win of the season over Kilkenny school Castlecomer CS by a scoreline of 1-10 to 2-6.

Ailis Neville continued her fine scoring form from the senior final adding another 0-8 to our tally while it was Emma Dempsey's turn to raise the green flag as she rattled the net on their way to a remarkable one point win.

And finally as reported earlier, it was the incredible rematch with Castlecomer in the Junior All –Ireland Final, that went to a replay, that eventually saw Presentation Wexford reach the summit of Junior Camogie in Ireland for the first time.

Congratulations to all of the players and mentors– the entire school community is very proud of you all.



Our Leinster Senior 'B' Champions 2018





Active Schools Committee which consists of students from all years conducted Student Physical Activity research in the form of an Active schools survey. As a result of the survey the Active Schools Committee have organised Just Dance on Wednesdays, Hip-Hop on Thursdays and a walking club Tuesday to Friday so far, resulting in more students and teachers being more active, more often! Well done all.



South East Title for 2nd Year Basketballers

A late, late basket from Rita Redmond ensured Presentation Wexford clinched the South East 'C' 2nd Year Basketball title for the first time since 2010. In a low scoring battle with GC Ceatharlach, our girls showed great skill and determination to come out on top in 12-10 scoreline. Congratulations to all the girls and Ms Colfer.

All Ireland Playoffs for Seniors

In January, the senior team made the long journey to Ballybunion in Kerry to participate in the All Ireland League Playoffs. In our first game we came up against Colaiste Pobail Scoil Setanta. Unfortunately, a slow start in the first quarter haunted us as we didn't overhaul their lead fully, but played some expansive, attacking basketball.

Further games against the hosts Ballybunion and Macroom from Cork saw the girls work hard and put together some great play in parts, but both oppositions proved too strong for us and two losses were recorded.

There was much to be taken from our All Ireland experience. We bid farewell to our sixth years Siobhan, Deirdre and Eman at the end of this year. The three girls had a great season. Uxua will also be moving on as she returns to Spain at the end of the academic year, but there is a wealth of talent in Transition and Fifth year to compete for court time as well as a dynamic set of third years who will be moving into the senior category next year.

The team were: Siobhan Doolan & Deirdre Byrne (Joint Captains), Eman Osman, Ciara Harrington, Mairead Nolan, Uxua Oteiza, Coast Moroney, Kaitlyn Maher, Kayleigh Furlong, Joy Barry Cousins, Aisling Fanning, Sinead Furlong and Aroa Martinez Musito (who returned to Spain before Christmas).

Our Celtics also did very well this year reaching the quarter final stage where they were defeated by an excellent Castlecomer team while the Dragons will finish their campaign after Easter.



League Cup For Equestrian Stars

Bank holiday Monday 19th March saw the final of the novice showjumping league come to a finish. In its first year the league kicked off in September with 5 legs being ran throughout the school year. With two wins and two placings our novice green team of Emily Roche, Lauren Reck, Katie Cullen & Ciara Moore headed into the final lying in 4th place. With double points on offer & an amazing win in the final leg meant they were now joint first in the league with the Loreto/St. Mary's. Because we were the winners in the final we secured the league cup.

Our novice green team made up of Emily Roche, Michaela Walsh, Alisha Derry & Alice Mulligan also put in great performances throughout the league regularly bringing home ribbons. They placed 6th on the day in the final and also brought home 6th place in the league. Presentation Wexford were the only school to have two teams placed in the league.

A mention must also go to Megan Murray Byrne, Portia Cahill & Erin Reville who jumped on teams throughout the league to help us win some ribbons but were unable to compete at the final.

I am so proud of each and every one of these girls. The hard work and dedication behind the scenes often goes unnoticed by others but how they performed and behaved today and throughout the year made me very proud to be on Team Presentation Wexford. Well done girls!



Nano Nagle Place

Thank you to Nano Nagle Place for reconnecting Rang Frossach and our Senior Nano 300 ambassadors to our origins. The icing on the cake of our Junior Cert projects on the use of icons in communities of faith. A quality experience from start to finish.

CEIST Conference

March saw a proud day for the school with Shona Kavanagh lighting the CEIST candle as the school enters our 200th year. Here are girls are photographed with Ms Hartnett before the start of the CEIST student leadership conference.



Well done Abbie!



Abbie Devereux, pictured here with her teacher Ms Hartnett, finished an incredible 2nd place in the **Odlums CEIST National Bake Off** this term. Congratulations Abbie!



TY students meeting 2fm DJ Eoghan McDermott at **AIB 'Future Sparks'** event at the RDS.



Mr Ryan addresses the crowd as our school community came together to honour our **All Ireland Camogie Champions**.



Our girls proudly went orange this term in support of **Cycle Against Suicide**



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