



Summer Newsletter 2010

This 1st yr prayer was read by Roisin Callaghan for our 6th yr students to mark the end of their journey at the Presentation and the beginning of a new adventure. Lord Jesus, may you bless, protect and guide our 6th yr students in all that they do in the weeks, months and years ahead. Watch over them during their examinations and ease their worries. Inspire them to use the knowledge that they have gained in this school to better themselves on the road of life ahead. Help them in their important decision-making and may they live their lives to the best of their God-given abilities.



Celebrating success

A celebration of achievements was held in the Sportshall on Monday May 24th. Guests on the day were past-pupil, Aine Codd, current captain of the Wexford Senior Camogie team and Tony Dempsey, chairperson of the Board of Management and former teacher at Presentation. Aine's advice was to be

proud of all achievements no matter how insignificant they may seem. Tony urged the girls to remember the importance of teamwork, whether that was among a group of friends or on a competitive school team. The ceremony was student led with an opening from Aoife Thomas, Student Council Chairperson and a closing speech from Kathy Diskin, Dep.Chairperson. Full list of Awards presented is on page 8 of the newsletter.

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Transition Year News – April to May 2010

Congratulations to all the Transition Year Mini-Company students who were nominated to compete in the County Wexford Student X-Cel Enterprise Ceremony following a school based competition held in March. This prestigious event was held in White's Hotel on Wednesday 21st April.

The groups nominated in the Senior section were :

FIVE ---- Sinead Cowman, Niamh Fenlon, Emma Murphy, Doireann O'Brien and Nicola Walsh.

CLAAS ---- Chloe O'Brien, Laurina Kehoe, Aine Lawless, Aoibhinn O'Connor and Sarah Lacey.

The group nominated in the Environmental category were :

KANNS ---- Katie Bent, Sarah Byrne, Annelise Delaney, Niamh Mullins and Niamh Roche.

The group nominated for their Best Display was;

SAPPHIRE ---- Maria Bunici, Dearbhla Daly, Ciara Edwards, Akvile Varnelyte and Emma Walsh.

As the night progressed the tension mounted and expectations were high.

A huge cheer went up when our CLAAS Mini-Company were named winners of the Senior Section for County Wexford - the top prize of the night.

Minds were immediately turned to preparations for the Student Enterprise Awards National Final, due to be held five days later in Croke Park.

The CLAAS girls, with their fantastic Mentors Ms Wyse and Ms Sunderland, worked tirelessly preparing to compete at the highest level against 35 other Mini-Companies nationwide.

Even though the girls were not among the six award recipients on the day, they enjoyed representing the school and county at the All-Ireland level of the competition. One of the many highlights was having the opportunity to meet and chat with BOTH Bill Cullen of "The Apprentice" and Bobby Kerr from "Dragon's Den" .

Other events this term were:

- Irish Kidney Association talk (all students received donor cards)
- Beauty and Make-up workshop with Deirdre Butler of Sam McCauley's Chemists
- Fundraising events for the Niall Mellon Township Trust and Special Olympics, Ireland
- Gaiety School of Acting "Confidence and Creativity and Performance Skills" workshop
- T. Y. 2 students went bowling at LeisureMax complex, followed by a necessary trip to McDonald's!!

Congratulations to 42 T. Y. students on the completion of their Bronze Gaisce (the President's) Awards. The girls have been involved in this since the beginning of the year. Having already completed the Adventure task back in October, participants had to complete a Personal Skill, a Physical Activity and Community Work for a set number of weeks. The girls will receive their certificates/medals/pins on T. Y. awards night. Well done to all.

Y. S. I. has come to an end for this year - T. Y. 1 students have recently been in the local paper with their project: "Quid Pro Quo - Teenage Consumer Respect" and T. Y. 2 students finished their project: "G. A. A. - Girls Also Allowed" whereby the girls have organised a Rounders match versus the teachers, from which all donations will go towards the Development Fund of Ladies G. A. A.

T. Y. 2 students have been working on the F.D.Y.S. Drugs Awareness Project with Tommy Redmond. Meanwhile, T. Y. 1 students have been extremely busy in continuing their great work with the F.D.Y.S. in developing a "Youth Café" in the F.D.Y.S. centre on Francis Street, which was formerly a part of the Presentation Convent. No doubt we will hear much more about this exciting venture in the coming weeks and months ahead. Well done to all.

Preparations are well underway for the T. Y. awards night, which is to be held on Thursday 27th May. This event marks the end of the year for our current crop of T.Ys and all students will receive their certificates and awards on the night.

The T. Y. co-ordinator's would like to take this opportunity to thank the " T. Y. Class of 2010" for their co-operation, dedication and hard-work throughout the year. The current T.Ys have certainly laid down a marker for next year's Transition Year students!

Leading by example

Congratulations to **Ms. Anne O' Brien**, our Deputy Principal, who was recently conferred with a B.Sc. (Hons) Psych. Ms. O'Brien was awarded the BPS prize (British Psychological Society) of Top Student of the Year in the UK and Ireland for Open University Psychology Graduates.



Newsletter Quiz Question 1 : What distance did Christina

Camogie news

Pres impress to take the Leinster Title

The girls of the Presentation Secondary School Wexford captured their second Leinster Camogie title in as many years by defeating Ballyhale, Kilkenny last Thursday 20th May 2010. In a hotly contested final the girls emerged deserving winners on a scoreline of 3-5 to 2-3. However it was not until the last quarter that the girls confirmed their earlier dominance. Ballyhale were quickest out of the blocks and took an early lead thanks to a brace of points from their classy centre forward. Corner forward Geraldine Doolan opened the Presentation's account with a goal when she latched on to a long ball and got the deftest of flicks to guide into the Ballyhale net. The Presentation fired over two quick points, compliments of Ciara Rossiter and Mary O Rourke. Ballyhale struck their third point before the referee's whistle drew a close to a closely contested first half.

Presentation girls hit full stride early in the second half and in a ten minutes purple patch they struck 1 goal and 3 points. A goal from Aleisha Cullen and fine solo efforts from Ciara Rossiter and Lauren Nugent saw the Presentation take a commanding lead. However Ballyhale's reply was immediate with a goal of their own. With ten minutes remaining on the clock, the Presentation scored their third goal. An emphatic ground stroke from Aishling Earle sent the ball crashing into the roof of the net. Ballyhale managed a late consolation goal but it was the Slaneysiders who emerged victorious to claim the Leinster Minor C camogie Title.

This team displayed 100% team effort, starting with solid goalkeeping and back foundation. This, combined with an imperious midfield performance and some skilfully taken scores from the forwards throughout the game led to Presentation capturing this highly sought after title. Well done to all the girls who no doubt will be looking for the hat trick next year! Well done to team mentors Mr. Walsh and Ms. Colfer.

Presentation Team: Sophie Meehan, Ciara Byrne, Shannon O'Brien, Dervla Potter (Capt), Aoife Rossiter, Rebecca Kirwan, Shauna Hogan, Aleisha Cullen, Ciara Rossiter, Mary O Rourke, Edwina Whelan, Lauren Nugent, Eadaoin Fitzgerald, Róisín Tobin, Geraldine Doolan, Aishling Earle, Hannah Carroll, Aoife Long, Marion Flood Power, Coleen Flood Power, Leanne Murray, Sophie Donnelly, Maeve Doyle, Sarah Cogley, Rachel Wall, Kelly Adamson, Rachel Howlin



Presentation School Choir



The School choir with music teacher, **Ms. Gartland**, take a break from 6th yr Mass preparations recently for this photograph. 6th yr choir member **Eimear Tyrrell** received an award at the awards ceremony to acknowledge her outstanding commitment to the musical life of the school.

Science News

Emma Mordaunt, sixth year student, competed in the Irish Senior Biology Olympiad in DCU on 27th March. She was one of 79 students selected by schools from around the country to take part. The competition involved both high level theory questions and a practical section. Emma received a certificate for her participation in the event.

2nd yr. South East Basketball Champions.

Back : Aoife Rossiter, Kacey Maher, Aine McDonnell, Fiona Kubin, Rebecca Kirwan, Chloe Thomas, Cathy Wheeler. Front : Ciara Redmond, Clodhna Flynn, Aleisha Cullen, Hollie Crosbie, Niamh Butler.

Newsletter Quiz Question 2 : Name the chairperson of the outgoing

Student Council 2010-2011

The following students have been elected:

1st Year	Leeanne Brennan	Shannon Ellard
2nd Year	Sarah Berry	Emma Rea
3rd Year	Emma McDonald	Nicola Cullen
4th Year	Sarah Byrne	
5th Year	Clare Busher O'Sullivan	Karen Cousins & Nicola Cogley

Aoife wins German Scholarship

Congratulations to Aoife O'Brien, 5th Yr student at the Presentation School, Wexford who has won a three week language scholarship to Weimar Thuringen in Germany next August.

Out of 9,000 students to sit Junior Cert German, Aoife scored in the top 100 countrywide and was invited by the German Embassy in conjunction with the Goethe Institute to participate in a language test in Dublin to choose the top 29 for scholarships.

Religion Education *Diocese of Ferns pilgrimage to Lourdes*

Two of our fifth-year students - Patricia Doran and Clare Busher O'Sullivan - represented Presentation, Wexford on the recent Ferns-diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience - from start to finish - and are both very thankful for the opportunity to experience this special event.

Blessings for all state-examination students

Special blessings go out to all our Junior-and-Leaving Certificate students, who will be undergoing their State-examinations at the start of June. May God guide, bless and protect you in your preparations for the exams and during this rather stressful time.



BASKETBALL NEWS

What an outstanding year for basketball as both the second years and under 16's were crowned South East Champions. Each team this year from 1st year right through to senior displayed fantastic commitment to development of their skill levels and training at lunchtimes and after school.

The 2nd year basketball team overcame the challenge of Presentation Waterford in the South East final on 24th March, edging out their namesakes in a thrilling encounter which finished 34-31. The capturing of the title saw them continue into the All Ireland Playoffs, where they took on the Champions of the Midlands, Southern and South Western regions. On the 24th of April the girls took to the road to Thurles, with their sights firmly set on following in the footsteps of the U16 team and booking a place in the All-Ireland semi final.

The girls got off to a great start, winning a close encounter against Loreto College Mullingar by a mere basket, as they left it late in the game to snatch victory. With only half an hour to recover, the girls were on court for their second game, this time facing Pobalscoil Inbhear Sceine of Kerry. This was a more straight forward victory as the girls found their footing early in the game with the outcome never really in doubt, as they ran out winners.

Game three was the deciding game on the day, as the Presentation came up against the other unbeaten team, Scoil Mhuire of Cork. The rebels' side got off to a flying start and set the early pace of the game. Presentation fought back with great determination, but despite their gallant efforts, the Cork side proved a little too strong. The defeat saw the girls exit the competition as the Cork side went on to the All Ireland Semi-Final.

Team: Aleisha Cullen, Niamh Butler, Cliona Finn, Cathy Wheeler, Aoife Rossiter, Chloe Thomas, Ciara Redmond, Fiona Kubin, Áine McDonald, Rebecca Kirwan, Hollie Crosbie, Kasey Maher.

Well done to all players involved in the school basketball club this year. Let's hope that the club will grow from strength to strength and build on their success from this year!



Under 14 Football

Despite an opening round defeat to St Mary's, New Ross, the Under 14 footballers bounced back in fine style with comfortable wins against Scoil Aireagail, Ballyhale on a score-line of 4-19 to 0-3 (played in Ballyhale) and against FCJ, Bunclody on a score-line of 3-11 to 1-4 (played at home). Even though the girls did not progress into the knock-out stages of the competition, they showed great skill and character in those two victories and have laid a great foundation on which to build next year. Well done to all involved. **Panel :** Leeanne Brennan, Kinesha Butler, Niamh Butler, Sophie Donnelly, Geraldine Doolan, Meghan Doyle, Marian Flood-Power, Rebecca Foley, Ashleigh Godkin, Jessica Hore, Niamh Kenny, Kacey Maher, Beth McGuire, Meghan McIntosh, Zi O'Neill, Ciara Rossiter, Ailish Sinnott, Roisin Tobin.

Demons & Dragons

Congratulations to these 1st and 2nd yr Basketball teams who were **unbeaten in the South East leagues**. Medals were presented to them this week by Ms. Cogley

1st yr Demons were: Amy Cullen, Hannah Daly, Ashleigh Godkin, Anja Blachon, Lauren Mieier, Shannon Di Luca, Gemma Fanning, Roisin Callaghan, Niamh Kenny, Aoife Kavanagh, Johanna Kavanagh, Kiara Doyle, Michaela Redmond, Anna Cunningham, Katherine O'Rourke.

2nd yr Dragons were: Crioia Loughnane, Brídín Nolan, Sarah Cogley, Lauren Nugent, Hannah Carroll, Lisa Goodison, Sarah Berry, Leanne Murray, Marion Flood-Power, Shannon O'Brien.

Newsletter Quiz Question 3 : Name the 1st yr who read the prayer for the 6th yrs over the inter-

Athletics

Congratulations to **Christina Furlong** (5th year) who set a new Intermediate hammer record, throwing a whopping 42+ metres at the South Leinster Athletics Championships in Scanlon Park, Kilkenny on Wed 5th May. It is a tremendous achievement for Christina and is just reward for her hard work and dedication to training. Christine went on to win the Leinster title in Santry on May 19th. She is hot favourite to take the all-Ireland title in Tullamore on June 5th, to add to her Junior title of 2008.

Eleanor Nolan (Transition Year) won bronze in the Intermediate shot putt, recording a best throw of 8.25m.

Christina Furlong

LCVP - Fifth Year Groups

This year Fifth Year LCVP students, made up of four enterprise groups went all out with their enterprise projects to raise funds for four deserving causes.

Group 1 - organised a fun run for all Fifth Years in aid of Crumlin Children's Hospital.

Group 2 - organised a table quiz for all First Years in aid of Haiti.

Group 3 - organised a sports day for all First Years in aid of Wexford hospital.

Group 4 - organised a movie afternoon for all Second Years in aid of a local boy Ryan Healy Nolan

A total of € 1268.00 was raised. LCVP teacher Mr. Brophy sends his congratulations to all the LCVP students.



5th Year Orienteering in Curracloe

On Tuesday 25th May the 5th year students headed off to Curracloe for an early afternoon of Orienteering. Prior to this event the girls had been learning the necessary skills involved in Orienteering during their PE classes. Great fun was had by all, as the girls worked in teams to complete the 12 control course correctly against the clock. Well done to the overall winning team with a super time of 22 minutes and 2 seconds - Deirdre Kenny, Gemma Kelly, Jessica Lawlor and Karen Cousins.

Newsletter Quiz Question 4 :

Name the Caption of the Minor Camogie team

Outdoor Education - Trip to Shielbaggan

As part of their PE programme, 2nd Year students were given an opportunity to experience outdoor adventure activity during a one-day visit to **Sheilbaggan Outdoor Education Centre**. 43 students from 2A3 and 2A4 went on Friday 7th May and 37 students from 2A1 and 2A2 went on Wednesday 12th May. The girls were blessed with great weather on

Teamwork - **Orienteering at Tintern Abbey**

Adrenaline rush! — **Coasteering at Slade**

both days. They went Coasteering in Slade and Orienteering in Tintern Abbey. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the challenging experiences which will be fondly remembered by all.

Check out week long multi activity courses at Shielbaggan during the Summer at www.shielbagganoec.com



**Wishing everyone the very best in the
Summer exams and a restful and fulfilling
Summer holiday.**



**Newsletter Quiz Question 5 : Name the
guest past pupil who presented awards at the cele-**

Celebrating Success

The full list of awards presented on Monday 24th. May is as follows.

- Business: Dearbhla Daly, Aoife O'Brien, Niamh Creed, German; Aoife O'Brien,
- Science: Niamh Creed, Yun Woo Lee, Aoife O'Brien,
- Physics: Niamh Creed, Biology; Emma Mordaunt,
- Choir: Rebecca Kelly, Katie Doyle, Eimear Tyrrell, Grace Cowman, Sarah Furlong, Megan Fawsitt,
- Bank of Ireland: Beth Kavanagh, Anita Gaughan,
- Gaeilge: Nicola Cogley, Christina Furlong, Orla Cunningham, Niamh Moore,
- Mini-company: Chloe O'Brien, Laurina Kehoe, Aoibhinn O'Connor, Aine Lawless, Sarah Lacey,
- Equestrian: Grainne Keeling, Demi Farrell, Fiona Miller, Stephanie Kelly,
- Athletics: Christina Furlong, Eleanor Nolan,
- Soccer: Aleisha Cullen,
- Rowing: Maria Bunicci, Akyvile Varnlyte, Aoife McNamara.
- The School Inter A Hockey team,
- The u-16 Basketball team
- The 2nd yr Basketball team

European Science Olympiad

Yunwoo Lee, Fifth year student, was part of a team representing Ireland at the European Olympiad in Gothenburg, Sweden, in April. The team competed with the top scientists from around Europe and received a bronze medal. The team's trip home provided another challenge when they had to travel overland as all the flights were grounded due to the volcanic ash.

Newsletter Quiz Entry form

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