



Summer Newsletter 2012

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"Presentation Secondary, Good morning, how can I help you?" The friendly 'first voice' of our office staff. Ms. Lorna Murphy, Ms. Angela Wall, Ms. Deirdre Hughes and Ms Evelyn McCafferty

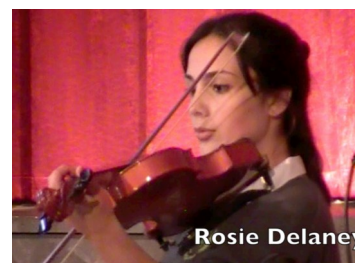


Congratulations Ciara Doyle, 6th Yr.,
2nd in National Final of Computer Game Design.

Musical Soirée
May 11th.



"Blame it on the boogie."



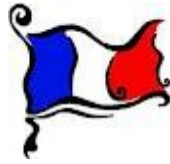
Rosie Delaney

Leinster Camogie Champions (Full report page 4)

Well done girls on a super victory!



Vive la France



French Quiz

We had 3 teams entered in the TY/5th Year French quiz organised by the French Teacher Association of Co Wexford. The quiz took place on Thursday, May 10th in Coláiste Bride in Enniscorthy. The atmosphere was congenial and a little of *je ne sais quoi* thrown in. The girls were treated to some French delicacies like *pains au chocolat*, *croissants* and hot chocolate along with a good dose of French culture and language. The girls came 3rd, 4th and 6th. Bravo à toutes !



Aoife Whitty, Marie Whelan
& Aisling Boyhan.



20th March is the official French World Speaking Day.

We decided to celebrate it for a whole week. We had a film screening of "La tourneuse de pages" for TY, 5th and 6th Years at lunchtime, we had quizzes in class and in the whole school. We also had the 1st Years who study French teaching the 1st Year German class a few words and sentences. It was a successful week!

Congratulations to 2A1 who raised €200 by holding a cake sale in aid of the Local WSPCA.

The 2A1 CSPE project was to promote awareness of the local charity which involved a member of the society giving a talk to the class. Their teacher Mr Brophy sends his congratulations to the class.



Attendance poster competition

All second years recently took part in an advertising poster competition to highlight the issue of school attendance. The Fifth Year students judged the competition and declared Alice Bellamy's entry the winner. A selection of entries are on display around the school.



Amnesty International By Taylor Watson

This year over 30 of the 5th Year students set up an Amnesty International school group with the help of Adam Gill. We have been working hard fundraising and attending monthly meetings to come up with new ideas to help raise money and to raise awareness of what Amnesty involves. Amnesty International Ireland is the countries largest human rights organisation with over 15,000 members and supporters. We are part of a global movement of more than 3.2 million people working in more than 150 countries around the world. We campaign on the right to mental health, for the rights of LGBT people and to educate and involve a youth generation in Amnesty. We are also looking to recruit new members next year to increase awareness of the organisation. So don't forget to like our Facebook page "Amnesty Wexford Students Group" and we hope to see you all at the meetings next year.



Musical Soirée 3rd. & 6th. Yr. Music students

On the 11th of May the 3rd and 6th Year Music students together with the School Choir performed their end of year concert to a very full School Hall. The idea behind this event was that the 3rd and 6th Year Music students would have a platform to perform their exam pieces which they have been working on throughout the year. The students who performed on the night were simply outstanding. The music ranged from traditional Irish pieces on the Banjo to Adele's 'Someone like you'. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the variety of music presented and everyone agreed that we have some amazing talent in the Presentation. The School Choir made their first official concert debut on the night and were truly superb! The girls in the Choir have rehearsed every Monday and Thursday after school for the past few months and their dedication to the choir and to Music in the Presentation is very much appreciated. What made the concert so enjoyable, apart from the brilliant talent, was how much the girls enjoyed performing. Students are already talking about next year's Concert which I'm sure will be an equal success!



Art News



Ciara Doyle, 6th year, again made the final of the national Scratch computer programming competition for her designed game: Make an Aquarium. The 2012 Scratch competition National finals were held in IT Tallaght on Saturday May 19th from 11-13:30. Ciara finished in 2nd place this year and was thrilled to improve on her runner-up position from last year. Well done to Ciara. Thanks to Mr. D. O' Carroll, Art Teacher, who started Ciara with her interest in Computer Design.

Dynamic Masks

Masks designed and constructed by Ms. Conway's First Year Art students, are fashioned and decorated to uniquely represent culture, life and celebration. Each mask bursting with colour, personality and creativity. Well done girls on your innovative approach towards design and decoration.





Gaelic Football News

This has been a very encouraging year for Gaelic-Football in the Presentation, Wexford.

The Senior footballers won the Wexford division of the Leinster Post-Primary competition, defeating Gorey Community School, Ramsgrange Community School and F. C. J., Bunclody. They were eventually defeated by Heywood Community School of Laois in the quarter-finals of the tournament.

Presentation Wexford's Under 14 footballers emerged victorious from the group division of their competition, with victories over Coláiste Eoin, Hacketstown and Ramsgrange Community School. They were defeated by a more experienced Scoil Dara, Kilcock of Kildare in the quarter-finals of the competition. Presentation also played a highly entertaining challenge game against Loreto Wexford.

The great majority of this year's Under 14 panel consisted of First Year students and most of these players will be able to play again next year and that experience will be vital in going forward in the Leinster competition. Well done to all involved this year.

Presentation Wexford Under 14 panel, 2011-12: Róisín Nolan, Lauren O'Donoghue, Nicole Meyler, Mary Ann Sheehan, Jessica Doyle, Rachel Dalton, Chloe Roche, Áine Ennis (joint-captain), Brídín Reville, Rianna Cullen (joint-captain), Sarah Murphy, Melina König, Niamh Berry, Laura Dowdall, Gráinne Roche, Cora O'Donnell, Keely Smyth, Rachel Woodbyrne, Hazel Kennedy, Saran Matthews, Casey Nolan, Clare Moran, Ciara Frayne, Katie Connick.

Mr Rolston encourages everyone, who was involved in both the Senior and Under 14 competitions this year, to continue their full commitment in 2012-2013. The Leinster Post-Primary football competitions are highly challenging and competitive tournaments, so all experience is necessary for 2012-13. All new players are always welcome to join. The Senior and Under 16 competitions will begin in mid-September, while the Under 14 footballers will start their campaign in early 2013.



Presentation Camogie Girls Triumph (From front page)

The girls of the Presentation Wexford captured the Minor C schools Leinster title with a comprehensive victory over Kilcormac Offaly. In difficult conditions both sides contributed to what was a thrilling final played at a very high standard. The Presentation were first to settle, scoring a goal in the opening minutes compliments of Rachel Flood O' Keefe. This was soon followed by two quick points as the Presentation forwards began to find their range. Kilcormac fought back and began to gain a foothold in the game. They pushed for their opening score but were denied by excellent goalkeeping and a solid defence performance. Midway during the first half the Presentation hit a purple patch registering 2-2 in a ten minute spell. The pick of the scores was a fine point from Orlaith Barrett. This left the Presentation in a commanding position at half time as they led on a scoreline of 3-4 to 0-0.

At the beginning of the second half both sides had a flurry of opportunities that were not converted. Ten minutes into the second half the Presentation opened the scoring with a long range point from midfielder Katie Murphy. Kilcormac hit back with 2 quick points. However, 2 goals in as many minutes saw Laura Dempsey claim her hat trick and the Presentation put the game to bed as a contest. A pointed free from Kilcormac was the final score in the game. The referee's whistle drew an end to the final which finished on a scoreline of 5-7 to 0-3. The game was much closer than the scoreline suggests and great credit is due to a spirited Kilcormac side. It was an outstanding team performance by the Presentation. Some excellent goalkeeping and solid defensive performances were crucial in securing this Leinster title. The midfielders worked tirelessly throughout the contest and this allowed the forwards to flourish. Well done to all involved, this is the fourth Leinster title for the Presentation in as many years.

Aoife O' Neill, Dervla Byrne, Chloe Cash, Aoife Kenny, Áine Ennis, Niamh Walsh, Kelly Lawless, Shauna Kelly (capt), Katie Murphy(0-1), Jessica Sinnott, Laura Dempsey(3-4), Orlaith Barrett (0-1), Rachel Flood O' Keefe(2-1), Chloe Mahon, Jessie Doyle, Holly Hynes, Rachel Brady, Katie Hammel, Rachel Delaney, Katie Banville, Claire Lacey, Niamh Peare, Niamh Berry, Aishling Whitty, Megan Murphy, Katie Clarke, Chloe Colfer, Clodagh Dempsey.

On the 9th March, a Céilí was held in the school hall in aid of Barretstown. The Céilí was for the CBS and Presentation Transition Year students. Our theme was 'Irish Myths and Legends' and many people dressed up as famous Irish figures. Barretstown gave us decorations for the Hall and we had spot prizes for the best dressed male and female. An Irish dance instructor came in to teach us the different dances. Everyone enjoyed the Céilí and we raised €500 for Barretstown. To thank us, a representative came to our school to talk to us about the work they do at Barretstown. The money we donated was very beneficial to them as 96% of the money they



need to run programmes successfully comes from donations. We learnt that Barretstown is an activity camp for terminally ill children and their families. They have weekend programmes and an 8 day summer camp. Their aim is to rebuild the lives of children affected by childhood cancer, which we thought was a great cause. It is clear all the children and their families love escaping to Barretstown in Ballymore-Eustace, Co. Wicklow. In the end, we raised valuable money for a good cause and we had a very good time doing it too!



During the course of the year, various talks were given to TYs to raise awareness about important issues and organisations. In the last few months we received very enjoyable talks from the International Women's Association, The Irish Wheelchair Association and the Irish Heart Foundation. On 8th March, the International Women's Association spoke to the students about women's rights and how to be successful. The Irish Wheelchair and the Irish Heart Foundation talks on the 16th April and 23rd April gave important messages to the students on how to look after their bodies because even though it might not have an impact on their well-being now, it will certainly have an impact in the future. Volunteers from the TY classes offered to go down town and sell badges to fundraise for the charities.



The group are off to Leisure Max to take part in Sumo-Suit fighting, pillow bashing and bowling with an optional lunch in McDonalds. More workshops include Ballroom Dancing with the CBS and 'Psycho Spagetti' which will definitely prove an interesting experience for the girls. The Awards night on Monday 28th May is much looked forward to by the girls, even though there may be a few tears shed as the TY year comes to a close. TY has been a very enjoyable experience for the girls with some very happy, interesting and long-lasting memories.

Typing room

When three teachers heard about the possibility of making a film in school, they jumped at the opportunity! Many months and long hours later, it is finished! 13 TY students have worked on it since November. *Typing Room* is a 5 minute film made entirely by students from the writing of the script to editing the film. This has been quite a commitment from the girls and many skills have been learnt. The film will be officially launched on the TY graduation night and will also be shown as part of the FÍS Film Festival. A special screening will take place in September in Saint Michael's Theatre in New Ross. The film is also entered in the FFF national competition which will take place in October or November of this year (www.fis.ie).

TY students involved: Gabija Varnelyte, Austėja Varnelyte, Dervla Potter, Chloe Thomas, Emma Rea, Geraldine Doolan, Béibhinn Whelan, Megan Mc Intosh, Cathy Wheeler, Brídín Nolan, Megan Boyle, Saoirse Finnegan, Samantha Carr.



Athletics

Day 1 of the South Leinster Athletics Championships took place on Wednesday 2nd May in Kilkenny. Presentation had students competing in the Minor and Junior age categories with a very impressive success rate. Our minor athletes made it to many of their finals and were very unlucky that the relay team did not make the final! The pick of the minor athletes were Rihanna Cullen who made the final of the long jump and the relay team of Jennifer Murphy, Jessica Goggins, Brídín Reville and Rihanna Cullen.

The Junior athletes had a fantastic success rate, as all our competitors made it to their respective finals and the majority of whom were in the medals. Stephanie Nolan struck gold in the High Jump and followed this up with a bronze in the javelin. Sadhbh O'Flaherty and Eimear Gilhooly both took home silver medals in the long jump and triple jump respectively. Over in the shot putt competition Elisa Valadez and Trudy Downy were competing well with Elisa winning silver and Trudy finishing a credible fourth place. Katie Young and Eimear Gilhooly both made the 100m final. The relay team of Trudy, Eimear, Sadhbh and Katie finished a close fourth and could easily have been amongst the medals in what was a fantastic race.

On Wednesday 16th May the medallists travelled to Morton Stadium, Santry to compete in the Leinster finals, and acquitted themselves very well. Eimear Gilhooly finished 5th in the triple jump, with just 4cm separating her from third place. Sadhbh O'Flaherty jumped consistently in the long jump to see her claim 4th spot, the same position as Stephanie Nolan claimed in a highly competitive high jump competition. Elisa Valadez was unlucky not to place in the top 6 of the shot putt as did Stephanie in the Javelin.

1st.yr. Rounders League

The 1st Years have been busy at lunchtimes playing their way through in-house league matches. The final was played on Friday with 2 teams from 1A1. Team Actimel were the winners over Team Hogwarts. Well done to all who participated.



Second Year Soccer Cup

A mini indoor soccer league was held in May for Second Year students. Teams competed for the prized 'Junior P.A.L.S Cup' and competition was fierce. High standards of skill and team work were visible in all teams and the atmosphere was friendly and fair. 2A2 were represented by the talented 'St. Hamat F.C' with Sara Byrne top scorer from week one. 2A3 had 'Fozzie' and 'The Buzzie Bees' showcasing their talents and worked hard in every game. 'Deleablo' represented 2A1 and smiled throughout. Overall this was a great tournament to see the excellent level of skill and talent in this year group.

Equestrian News

The last All Ireland Inter School show jumping event of the year took place in Enniscorthy Show grounds on Saturday the 28th of April. One team and a number of individuals participated on the day. Alanna Roche, Ciara Byrne, Shannon Hynes and Katherine O'Rourke represented the school in the team event. First round they all jumped clear but unfortunately they picked up four faults in the second round which knocked them out of the running for a prize. Both ponies and riders looked the part and performed really well for the event.

There were two senior individual competitor, Ciara Byrne and Nicola McDonald. Both displayed great skills but did not manage to get into the winning enclosure. Better luck next time girls!





Religious Education - 1A4 and 6th year LCVP students unite

On Thursday 10th May, Mr Rolston brought together his 1A4 and 6th Year Religious Education classes for a very special occasion. Over the last number of weeks, the 6th Year LCVP group worked on writing individual



letters to every student of 1A4. As the 6th Years are coming to the end of their time in the school, these letters reflected their journey in the Presentation, Wexford, their experiences and memories; while they also passed on some general advice to the 1A4 students. After the formal exchange of the letters, Sarah Morris, on behalf of 1A4, thanked the 6th Years and wished them every success with their upcoming State exams. 1A4 also wrote a poem for the 6th Years and recited it as a group. Lauren Barry then recited a poem called 'Don't Quit', before Sarah Morris, Katie Barrett, Rachel Woodbyrne and Clare Moran sang a hymn. Akvile Varnelyte, on behalf of the 6th Year LCVP group, wished the 1A4 students all the best for their future time in the school.

Lourdes Congratulations to our two 5th Years who were chosen to go to Lourdes representing our school on the annual pilgrimage. Chloe Lee and Nicole Hammel travelled on the pilgrimage leaving on May 17th for five days. Well done girls.

Best wishes and good luck to all Sixth Year students as they celebrated their Graduation Mass on Thursday May 24th in the Friary Church at 7.30pm. Many thanks to Fr. Tom Dalton for his ongoing help and support in celebrating the mass. A very sincere thank you to all the **Presentation Sisters** who have been praying for our Sixth Year students as they approach their exams. Your support and prayers are very much appreciated in our school community.

Many thanks to all students who fundraised for Trócaire during the year. Your support is very much appreciated.



Well done to First Years in 1A1 whose poster work explored "Faith as we see it". Many thanks girls for your lovely work.

1A1's Project

For the last few months our class, 1A1, were working hard on raising money for the volunteers, which includes Ashling, Ms. Daly's daughter, that are going to Nepal to help give nutritious meals to school children. We decided as a class to sell hampers to raise money for them.

To make these hampers we divided into three groups: the make-up group, chocolate group and hair group. Each individual in each group brought in goods to go in the hampers. We then brought in the materials to make the hampers such as the straw, ribbons, baskets, cellophane and so on. Things were starting to come together. We advertised our hampers over the intercom and over two weeks before the Easter holidays we sold tickets during lunch time. At the end of the two weeks we thought since it was Easter we would draw out the winning ticket for the chocolate hamper. The winner of this was Zoe Moorehouse from 3A2. Congratulations.

After the Easter holidays we advertised the make-up hamper and the hair hamper and sold more tickets for another two weeks. When the two weeks had passed we drew out the winners of the remaining hampers. The winner of the hair hamper was Sarah Murphy from 1A1 and the winner of the makeup hamper was Mr. O' Brien. Congratulations to both of them.

We raised over €136.19. We were thrilled, considering that in Nepal a family could live off €2 for a week. A week later the whole class gave Ashling the cheque.

We wish to thank everyone for giving money for this cause, to our C.S.P.E teacher Ms. Sunderland, without her we couldn't have done it, Ashling for coming in and accepting the cheque and Ms. Pac-Kenny who took the picture of us. We would also like to thank Ms. Rossiter for organising Ashling's talk to our year. That talk really inspired us to do it.



2nd.Yr. Outdoor Education at Shielbaggan

A total of 102 2nd Yr. students experienced a day's adventure in Shielbaggan recently as part of their Junior Cycle P.E. programme. The day included water and land based activities. Students were challenged with new skills, new equipment and some brain teasers as well. Much learning and teamwork took place in a fun outdoor environment.



Message from Mrs Cogley and Mrs O'Brien

We wish all our students success in their forthcoming exams, especially our 3rd and 6th Years, that the Lord may guide them in their preparation and during the exams. We wish our Leaving Certs every success in the future and encourage them always to strive for their personal best wherever they may be and in whatever careers they choose. We wish all our students and staff a happy and safe Summer holiday.

This Summer we especially extend our gratitude to our three retiring members of staff, Mrs Colette Mahon and Mrs Mary Lehane, teachers, and Ms Evelyn McCafferty, secretary. They have each given many years of dedicated and loyal service to our school and we wish them well as they enter a new phase of their lives. May they be healthy and enjoy many active and fulfilling years of retirement from school life.



C.M. over and out!

