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AUTUMN NEWS PRESENTATION COLLEGE HEADFORD

WELCOME

A very warm PCH welcome to our new Principal, Ms. Fiona Gallagher.

Ms. Gallagher was the Principal of Roscommon CBS for eight years prior to coming to Headford.

The community of PCH would like to wish Ms. Gallagher every health and blessing in her role.

We also would like to wish our former Principal, Ms. Aisling McAlpine every best wish in her new role as Deputy Principal of St. Joseph's, Castlebar.



OUR NEW PREFECTS 2021-2022

Congratulations to our new cohort of student leaders for 2021-2022.

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ALL SHALL BE WELL AND ALL SHALL BE WELL, ALL MANNER OF THINGS SHALL BE WELL

JULIAN OF NORWICH

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY 2021



World Teacher's day was celebrated with a number of special events in PCH including a delicious 'Thanks a Brunch' on Tuesday October 5th. This delicious brunch was a joint PCH/ASTI initiative and was organized by Ms. Siobhán Shaughnessy, Ms Andrea Walsh and the Wellbeing Team.

Siobhán also created this beautiful presentation to commemorate the teaching profession, please follow the link to view this moving piece;

<https://presheadford.ie/a-moment-of-inspiration-for-teachers/>

First Year Fun Day



Happy faces on our 1st year fun day!

Our new first year cohort enjoyed a fun filled day recently with six energetic activities to help them to bond and get to know each other. These were all conducted outside in a covid compliant manner. Activities included; Drumadore-drumming masterclass, giant outdoor boardgames, quizzes, treasure hunts and an ice cream van! The event was coordinated by Ms. Siobhán Shaughnessy, Ms Sinéad Conlon, senior student leaders, and the students who participated in the Level 5 Foróige Leadership for Life programme held collaboratively between PCH & NUIG.

All Ireland Camogie Final Victory- PCH's Ms. Niamh Hanniffy



Photo Courtesy of Ben McShane/Sportsfile

Huge congratulations to PCH's Ms. Niamh Hanniffy and her teammates on the Galway Camogie team who scored a brilliant victory over Cork in the All Ireland Camogie final.

Gaillimh Abú !

NOVENA IN ST MARY'S CHURCH, HEADFORD.



Pictured are two of our dedicated PCH students- Shane Graven (fifth year) and Eoin McGuire (second year). They deserve great credit for volunteering to assist with the upcoming Novena in St Mary's Church, Headford. Shane has committed to being present most evenings. It is wonderful to see such a great sense of community in our school. A

large number of students have also volunteered to do a session each at the Novena. It is wonderful to see such a sense of spirituality in our young community. Thank you to our RE department in PCH for organising the students.

CULTURE NIGHT IN PCH 2021



Well done and congratulations to all of our PCH Art Students on creating such a lovely display of Art work in the corridors of our school. Over 180 Art Students created a piece of Art for a group exhibition In Presentation College Headford. The theme of this lovely exhibition is "Something Bright and All Things Nice" to celebrate Culture Night in our own way in PCH. This is just one example from 150 beautiful creative pieces that are exhibited throughout the halls of PCH

Thank you to Ms. Sarah Martyn for her work in organising this lovely exhibition.

SCIFEST @GMIT- PCH SWEEPS THE BOARDS!



We recently held a small, outdoor award ceremony for all of the students who took part in Scifest@GMIT over the summer. Students submitted science projects last May and they were judged during the summer. We enjoyed a large amount of success, with 9 awards won by PCH projects.

1st Place Intermediate Technology: Anna Cooper

3rd Place Intermediate Technology: Elana Monaghan and Ella Cook

3rd Place Senior Life Sciences: Luke Mulligan and Paddy Toman

1st Place Senior Physical Sciences: Lauren Price and Sinead Kavanagh

Two other projects had particular success at the competition. Anna Cooper won the Boston Scientific prize. Her project involved an analysis and comparison of blood glucose monitors and sensors for people with type 1 diabetes. Anna found that the lag in continuous monitors can potentially put those with type 1 diabetes at risk. She developed a communication protocol that could be used to communicate between sensors and insulin pumps. Her project was selected by judges at Boston Scientific to go forward to the national final in November.

Jonathan Flanagan claimed the Institute of Physics prize and the second place prize overall. Jonathan built and calibrated a device for analysing the spectra of different light sources. He used the device to compare sunlight and moonlight. He then used this evidence to show that in moonlight, things appear more blue than in daylight because of how the eye acts in low light. Since Jonathan claimed second place in the GMIT competition, his project was also selected for the national final in November.

This now means that PCH has two projects in the national final of the competition, which is impressive given the fact that only around 60 projects compete in the final. Well done to all students involved and many thanks to all the teachers in the science department, particularly Ms. Halleran, Ms. Hannify, and Dr. Toner who mentored the students as they developed their projects.

A Prayer for Mental Health Week October 2021

Our prayer today is for peace of mind. It is a Native American prayer.

"Looking behind, I am filled with gratitude.

Looking forward, I am filled with vision.

Looking upwards, I am filled with strength.

Looking within, I discover peace"

Our students in 2nd and 3rd year are also being treated to Movie Magic on Wednesday Oct 13th and Thursday October 14th as part of Mental Health Week 2021



AU REVOIR !

On Friday October 8th we said a fond farewell to our esteemed teacher and colleague, Ms. Michelle Fox. Michelle has taught in PCH since 1993. She is best known as a French teacher but was also involved in Career Guidance, SPHE, Wellbeing, Learning Support. Michelle was very involved in extracurricular activities such as The Twinning Project with La Faouet in France and Badminton.

We wish Michelle every health and happiness on the next stage of her life's journey and thank her sincerely for her dedication, commitment, professionalism and collegiality.



Ms. Michelle Fox pictured with her former colleague in the French Department, Mr Brendan O'Mahoney who retired earlier this year.