

L.C.V.P. Department

Since returning to school in September the Fifth Year and Sixth Year students have been busy. The Fifth Year group began the new school year with a visit to the Lartigue Monorail in September. We visit to make the students aware of its history and it's importance as a local enterprise to the economy of Listowel. As part of the enterprise module the girls are working on producing a school calendar of artwork produced by students in the school. I hope many of you will have one of their calendars on the wall of your home in 2018. The girls have worked very hard to put the calendar together. It has been a great learning experience for them.

The Sixth Year students went on a visit to Kearney's Home Baking Ltd. in Ballyhahill, Co. Limerick in November. It was a very educational visit for the girls as they listened to the very informative presentation from Maura Kearney, entrepreneur and saw the work in progress at the bakery. The girls were also delighted to have a visit from Ildiko Farago of Wellness Baking Listowel in November. Ms. Farago gave a very interesting presentation on her business and gave the girls some brownies from her product range. The girls really enjoyed eating the brownies!!!. It was great to invite one of our parents who is a very successful business woman to the school.

The Sixth Year girls will have a visit in from a representative from the local St. Vincent de Paul to give a talk to the girls about the work of the charity in Listowel. The Fifth Year girls will have Tony Carroll from SIPTU in for a talk on Trade Unions on December 21st.

Wishing all the LCVP students the best of luck in 2018 and, on behalf of the LCVP Department I would like to wish all parents, students and staff a very Happy Christmas



Ildiko Farago of Wellness Baking Ltd, 6th Years Visit Kearneys Home Baking Ltd, 5th Year LCVP students and Bonita O'Doherty (6th Year) visiting the Lartigue Monorail

Art Department

This year, so far, students have been busy working on various art projects including graphic design, 3D sculptures, pattern designs, and a photography module for Fifth years, paintings on canvas and also Art History.

Fifth and Sixth Years visited the Hunt Museum in Limerick and viewed work by the amazing contemporary Irish artist Rita Duffy which we really enjoyed. It focused on objects in the gallery brought to life in her fabulous paintings. This was so timely as the new revised framework for Senior Cycle relies heavily on bringing primary sources to life in their artwork.

Congratulations to our Credit Union competition winners Erin Halpin, Orla Shine and Gabrielle Kiely
Ms.C.O'Riordan



Credit Union Art Winners Erin Halpin, Orla Shine, Gabrielle Kiely. Some 5th Year Art Work

Science Department

Following on from our last Newsletter, we hope that all our First Year students have settled in and are enjoying their time with us. Since our return to school, we have had a busy and successful first term, the highlight of which was 'Science Week'

As part of Science Week, A Science Quiz was sent out to primary schools in the area and our congratulations to Molly O' Riordan, Moyvane and Aodhnait Morrissey, Dromclough who were our overall winners. Our First Year students enjoyed a Science Table Quiz during the same week. Our congratulations to our winners: Aisling Leahy, Dana Vesco, Keelin Galvin and Andrea Carey. Our First Year students also made models of food pyramids which were displayed in the Social Area. Our Second Years researched and launched their own home made bottle rockets, see the photograph. Our Fifth and Sixth Year Ag. Science students visited our own local mart in Listowel as part of their Leaving Cert course. Our thanks to the following Leaving Cert students who represented the school at the I.S.T.A. Senior Science Quiz in Tralee during that week. Marie Kennelly, Megan Cauty and Kelly Scanlon. The winner of the screen quiz was Caroline Fitzell. A big thank you to the TY students for their help and cooperation in the organising and running of events during the entire week. More events are organised for the New Year so keep an eye out for our next news letter. So, as 2017 comes to a close, the Science Department wishes you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.



Presentation Secondary School, Listowel, Co. Kerry Christmas Newsletter 2017

Principal's Address

I am delighted to introduce the Christmas 2017 edition of the Presentation Secondary School Newsletter. Staff and students have been very busy. We celebrated excellent results in the State Exams at both Leaving Cert and Junior Cycle.

The School is 75 Years old this year, having been established in 1942. The Pres 75 Committee are working on the book that will be published next summer and launched in the school on Friday 21st September 2018. If past pupils have photographs or would like to contribute a written piece to the book, please contact the school.

Our Teaching and Learning Committee, Junior Cycle Management Team and 'Forbairt' Team are working on the implementation of the New Junior Cycle at present, with a particular emphasis on active Teaching Methodologies and Wellbeing. I wish to draw the attention of all Junior Cycle parents to the new grading system which has been introduced nationwide for all the new Junior Cycle subjects. We plan to publish a guide for all parents in the New Year explaining the new Junior Cycle but if you are interested in more information in the meantime please log on to www.juniorcycle.ie.

At present, the Board of Management is in the process of completing The Strategic Plan 2017-2022. This School has a wonderful history, full of tradition and care for our girls. The Board wants to develop a strong vision for the future. It is undeniable that the new building will enhance our facilities and we will continue to plan for the development of the campus.

I hope that you enjoy reading this newsletter. It highlights the wonderful range of activities and engagement with learning that goes on in our school.

I wish to sincerely thank the Board of Management, staff, parents and students for being part of a very vibrant, caring community that is Presentation Secondary School Listowel. Your commitment, support and enthusiasm for all we embrace is very much appreciated. I wish you all a happy and restful Christmas.

God bless.
Eileen Kennelly



Student Council 2017-2018



Upcoming Events

- 8th January: Senior Options Meeting 7pm
- 9th—11th Jan: Transition Year Trip
- 11th Jan: Study Skills Workshops
- 16th Jan: **School Closed** Staff for Junior Cycle In-Service
- 17th Jan: Board of Management Meeting
- 25th Jan: **School Closed** Staff for Junior Cycle In-Service
- 25th Jan: Junior Cycle Options Meeting 7pm
- 31st Jan: Mocks Exams Commence
- 6th Feb: House Exams Commence
- 9th Feb: Midterm Break

Top Tips For Studying:

PARENTS – have you asked your daughter to:

STUDENTS – have you tried the following:

- * I re-read notes & highlight key information.
- * I practise spelling out difficult words & saying new vocabulary out loud.
- * I practise Maths questions & check my answers
- * I revise with a friend where I have to explain what I know about a topic
- * I look up something I don't understand yet on the internet and then explain it to a family member. " I record myself talking about a topic that I need to remember.
- * I draw diagrams and label them.
- * I study in short bursts of time (15 mins) and always check 'what have I just learned?'
- * I could make mindmaps for my subject, using pictures and definitions.



Green Schools

Our TY students organised a Green Schools' Theme Week in October. Ironically, hurricane Ophelia hit and some of the events had to be postponed. However, the First Year Quiz was a great success and enjoyed by all. The winning teams received some wonderful prizes sponsored by Angela Wall, representing An Taisce. To highlight the impact of climate change due to our reliance on fossil fuels in transport, a walk to school was organised. Students walked behind a banner from SuperValu and photographs which were taken were uploaded to our school twitter account. Other activities undertaken were traffic surveys and a Cycle Training event will be offered to students next term. We wish all our students and staff a safe Christmas on our roads.

Margaret Daly.



Book Club

We run a book club every Wednesday at lunch time, to encourage discussion around literature. We meet in the library which allows teachers and students to communicate and discuss books. It is always a pleasure discussing the books that we love and loath, while trying not to spoil the ending for others. I know that my Christmas shopping list is full of books as a result of our enthusiastic bookworms. Gemma O Loughlin.

German Department

The first term has been a busy and productive one for our German students

The girls took part in the poster-making competition as part of our languages theme week and European Day of Languages. Some very fine work was produced and displayed in the front hall. The visiting German students have made a great contribution and in particular with power points on Weihnachten in Deutschland.

As part of the new Junior Cert, First Years are creating a portfolio which has included ID cards, maps and a family tree. We are currently organising a Christmas card competition in German, which will be judged by Miss O' Riordan and First Year classes sampled chocolate treats to mark the feast of St Nikolaus on December 6th.

Frohe Weihnachten und ein frohes Neues Jahr 2018. Eileen Counihan und Kay Kennedy.

Transition Year

The Transition Year group have certainly been busy since September as they race towards Christmas and a well earned rest. Events, modules, trips and coursework have greatly occupied the group over the term and all their sterling work will be showcased to the TY teaching team as part of their portfolio assessment before the festive period. These have included surfing and swimming lessons in Ballybunion, trips to places such as the Ploughing

Championships and the University of Limerick, participation in the Listowel Food Fair and the annual Enterprise Event in the Community Centre and providing assistance for various events in the school such as themed quizzes, mentoring of new and incoming students and fundraising for some fantastic causes such as Enable Ireland. Our students have continued on the tradition of visiting Social Justice locations such as Áras Mhuire, Nano Nagle and the Community Hospital while also engaging in work experience placements in some of the thriving businesses in operation around the

local area. While there have been many individual and group highlights, one that sums up the drive and initiative of the group is the fact that six of the group won the chance to work and produce their own show on Radio Kerry with only fourteen places available throughout the county. The group are visiting community organisations throughout the area to strengthen links between the school and the community at this particularly important time of year. The class are at present planning their Dublin Trip which takes place in January. Merry Christmas and a fantastic 2018 to all from TY in Pres Listowel! Eoin Hilliard TY Coordinator



English Department

It has been a very busy but rewarding first term for English students and teachers in Pres. Numerous students took part in the regional 'Poetry Aloud Competition' and congratulations to all who entered.

All TY and Fifth Year students attended the 'Young Adult Bookfest' which was run in conjunction with Listowel Writers Week. Students were given the opportunity to listen to writers discuss their books and passions for writing in various forms. They heard from writers such as Leaving Certificate poet Brendan Kennelly, Holocaust survivor Tomi Recihental and popular author Stephanie Preissner. They were also given the chance to meet comedian Katherine Lynch and witness the play 'Tom Crean'. Congratulations to Shauna Slemmon who won a prize on the day for her five word story. We are already excited for next year.



Aideen Quinlan

Furthermore, we would like to congratulate Aiden Quinlan who was awarded third place in the Ballydonoghue writing competition. Aideen collected her prize Friday the 1st of December at the launch of the Ballydonoghue Magazine.

English Department.

Transition Year Bank

Our TY Banking Team have been very busy this term. They were appointed official banking positions following a rigorous application and interview process. After a brief training session, they expertly took up their roles and established a very effective school branch of Bank of Ireland.

The girls were ably assisted by Shane Enright each Wednesday, and have gained invaluable experience in the world of banking. Bank of Ireland generously provided raffle prizes for the new account holders and a contribution towards Transition Year activities.

Marguerite McSweeney



Basketball Team



Home Economics

In September, Leaving Certificate Applied Year 1 and 2 had a very informative and enjoyable visit to the Lartigue Monorail as part of their Hotel, Catering and Tourism course which looks at local tourist attractions.

Home Economics week ran from the 6th to 10th November. As part of Home Economics Week, 6th Year Home Economics and LCVP students visited Kearney's Home Bakery Ltd., Ballyhahill, as part of their investigation of a local food business. Thanks to Kearney's for the wonderful hospitality that we received there. Margaret Crean of, That's Life Education Programme delivered a presentation on Healthy Living and Well Woman Issues to First Years and Third Years. Sincere thanks to The School Food Company who kindly sponsored fresh fruit for students for a day. Transition Year and Fifth Year students were delighted to attend The Food Academy at Listowel Food Fair this year as part of Home Economics week. Lizzy Lyons from "Lizzy's Little Kitchen" gave an excellent cookery demonstration. Nutritionist from Horans Health – Sarah Neilan gave a very informative talk on healthy eating. Healthy Living Coach – Dr. Ailís Brosnan gave a demonstration and very good tips on the benefits of eating smoothies. Students had the opportunity to try Zumba, Yogalates and a Fitness workout. They were treated to lots of healthy food tastings generously sponsored by local businesses. Our sincere thanks to the Listowel Food Fair committee for organising such a wonderful event for our students. We're looking forward to next year already! Warm congratulations to Róisín Kissane, Transition Year, who won first prize in the senior category of the Bord Bia Schools' Competition. David Moran and Ailish Byrne (Bord Bia) presented Róisín's prize at the Food Academy.

Congratulations to the following students who won the "Cake Bake Off": 1st Prize: Caoimhe Stack, 2B, 2nd Prize: Gabrielle Kiely, 2A, 3rd Prize: Johanna Kiely 1C, Runner up: Katie McCarron, 1C

Congratulations to the following students who won prizes for "Healthy Muffin" baking competition: Yvonne White, 1B, Rebekah Keane, 1A

Congratulations to the following Transition Year students who won the "Bake Off" at the Bank of Ireland Business and Community Expo on December 1st. 1st Prize: Mary Kate Reidy 2nd Prize: Eve Kenny. Our thanks to the organisers of the event and to Rachel Allen and Jerry Behan who judged the competition.

The Home Economics Department was very pleased to welcome lots of budding chefs from the local Primary Schools who had fun decorating cupcakes for Christmas at our Orientation Day.

Congratulations to the following Primary School students who won our Home Economics competition on the Open Night: Aodhnait Morrissey, Dromclough National School, Sarah Mahony, Gael Scoil, Lios Tuathail.

We would like to thank all those who have helped us in any way throughout the term in the Home Economics Department. We would like to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.



Róisín Kissane winner of Bord Bia Schools' Competition



Eve Kenny and Mary Kate Reidy winners of the "Bake Off" Winners at the BOI Business & Community Expo

Music Department

On Friday November 10th our 1st years went to Limerick to see the Cork Pops Orchestra. Everybody enjoyed the day.

The Senior Music Students attended a Concert of Bach's Cantata in St Mary's Cathedral in Limerick on October 18th in Limerick. It is one of their prescribed works in their Leaving Cert course.

Christmas Carol Concert was held in St Mary's Church Listowel. All music students took part from First to Sixth Year. Ann O' Neill & Emma Kelly



Le Département de Français

Our French Theme Week took place in September, coinciding with European Day of Languages. We organised a French breakfast for all First Year students which allowed the girls to sample French pastries and listen to some French music in the canteen. As part of the week we ran a very successful poster competition. All the work was displayed in the Social Area. «Un grand merci» to the our Transition Years who helped organise these events very efficiently.

The Transition Years attended the Kerry Film Festival in Killarney where they watched the film «Le Voyage de Fanny.» The girls gained a lot from this experience and completed worksheets on the film afterwards.

Joyeux Noël à tous Eileen C et Muireann O'S

Gaeilge 24-Speak Irish for a day

D'eagraigh rang na hIdirbhliana 'Gaeilge 24' sa scoil i Mí na Samhna. Is dúshlán náisiúnta é, atá eagraithe ag Conradh na Gaeilge, Gaeilge a labhairt ar feadh 24 uair a chloig. Mar chuid de, bhí ar na daltaí Gaeilge a labhairt ar feadh an lae ar scoil. Ghlac go leor daltaí leis an dúshlán agus bhí crannchur againn ag deireadh an lae le thart ar seasca ainmneacha ann. Bhuaigh na daltaí t-léinte agus bráisléid le manaí Gaeilge orthu. Bhain na daltaí tair-bhe agus taitneamh as an lá.

Beatha Teanga i a Labhairt

