

# Presentation Secondary School Listowel



## Summer Newsletter 2018

### Principal's Address

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the Summer 2018 edition of the Presentation Secondary School Newsletter.

Our Mission Statement reminds us that

'We aim to assist in the development of the full potential of each girl in a pleasant and safe environment, where the dignity of each member of the School community is recognised, affirmed and valued'. It is my sincere hope that we, as a school community, honour that statement every day.

This year marks three hundred years since the birth of Nano Nagle. The Presentation Sisters in New Zealand, Zambia, India, Rhode Island, Manchester and Ireland continue to dedicate their lives to Nano Nagle. We, as a Presentation School are tasked with ensuring that we continue to share the story of Nano Nagle. We have reviewed the roles and responsibilities of our Management and Leadership Team this year and have appointed an Ethos Coordinator who will lead our ethos activities within the school and with the parish.

If you are in Cork City, consider visiting the newly regenerated buildings of the South Presentation Convent and schools, now called Nano Nagle Place, a beautiful heritage, education and spiritual oasis in the heart of Cork City.

This year has been an engaging one on a number of levels. We are embracing the continued roll out of the New Junior Cycle with Classroom Based Assessments and Assessment Tasks. Wellbeing is now an important aspect of Junior Cycle. We have, over the years, always prioritised wellbeing activities for our students but the New Junior Cycle has given it a place on the curriculum. This year we took part in an action research project called 'Forbairt'. The teachers involved reflected on the wellbeing of their students and classroom culture. We have appointed a Wellbeing Coordinator to coordinate the various curricular, cocurricular and extracurricular activities. These extracurricular activities have taken on a new importance with the introduction of the 'Other Areas of Learning' on the Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement Certificate. Students are now being asked to list activities in which they have been involved in, outside of the classroom, over the three years of their Junior Cycle.

The Board of Management met with the Student Council in May. The girls gave a very comprehensive report to the Board. We are very mindful of the importance of student voice in the school. In 2018-2019 we will be looking at ongoing reporting on student progress and assessment. We hope to discuss the systems and structures that we have in place to encourage genuine engagement, offer clear communication on a broad range of achievement and be sensitive to the self-esteem and general wellbeing of the students

I am grateful to the Board of Management, Margaret Walsh, Deputy Principal, the teaching staff, Special Needs Assistants, Geraldine, Jayne and Bridie in the office and Johnny Ryan, our Caretaker for their care, commitment and dedication to our school. We are all committed to the Mission Statement which states:

'We aim to awaken our girls to their true dignity and role as women in present day society. Inspired by these values we dedicate ourselves to the continual development of our Presentation School.'

Kind Wishes *Eileen Kennelly*

### 75 Years of Pres

#### Commemorating 75 years of The Pres Listowel

The Presentation Secondary School Listowel celebrated 75 years last Friday 18th May with a Media Day



3 Presentation Sisters: Sr. Consolata, Sr. Mary, Sr. Maureen

Ann Dillon who sat her Leaving Cert in 1954 with 5 present day students

Some Old Photos from 75 years of The Pres.  
 Top left: 5th Year and Leaving Certs 1952  
 Top Right: Winnie Hartnett, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Shanahan (on where the current school now lies)  
 Above: Annette Keane, Anne Walsh, Marie Kirby, Ina O'Sullivan in 1954  
 Far left: Sr Benedict & Sr Colette  
 Upper Left: Final Day in Leaving Cert 1954  
 Left: Annette Keane and Marie Kirby (back turned)  
 Bottom from left: 1954 Leaving Cert Selfie, Final Day Leaving Cert 1954, Anne Dillon (New Walsh) - 1952 Aged 15, And 5th Year and Leaving Certs 1952



Eimear Daly—Student of the year



Rebecca Mason—Overall School Spirit Winner



Evelyn O'Flynn—Achieved highest results in Leaving Cert 2017

# Transition Year 2017/2018

Since we returned after Christmas it has been an eventful few months for the TY group. The 3 day Dublin trip involved visits to Glasnevin cemetery, the I.F.L., the Natural History Museum and D.C.U., as well as bowling and of course shopping during the January sales. Since January the group has been busy with various activities. These included modules in self defence with Taekwondo and Personal Safety Ireland, the Manuela Programme on relationships and consent with the South West Counselling Centre, excellent workshops with Séamus Whitty, gardening with Ms. O'Loughlin and Johnny Ryan and photography with Ms. O'Riordan. The girls participated in the Gaisce trip to the Black Valley, an Irish and History trip to Dingle and a team building day incorporating Paintballing and Go Karting in Limerick. In the spirit of fostering good community links within the local area, the work experience and social justice programmes in Nano Nagle, Ard Chúram, Áras Mhuire and the Community Hospital provided a platform for students to become connected to the locality in a real and meaningful way. The group took the initiative in various charity and community events, frequently raising money for worthy causes. The play "Shrek" was definitely a highlight for many, it was an excellent (and hilarious) production for the school and for the community later again that evening. Special thanks to Ms. Kelly and Ms. O'Shea for their input and guidance. As the girls move forward to Senior Cycle, they must be commended for their excellence and maturity in what was a hectic year.

*Eoin Hilliard T.Y. Co-ordinator*



## *An Ghaeilge san Idirbhliain*

Bhí bliain ghnóthach ghníomhach ag rang na hIdirbhliana arís i mbliana. Bhí Bliain na Gaeilge á cheiliúradh ar fud na tíre agus bhí an scéal mar an gcéanna anseo i Meánscoil na Toirbhirte, Lios Tuathail. Thosaigh rang na hIdirbhliana an bhliain le tionscadail éagsúla bunaithe ar a bhféiniúlacht agus ar a gcultúr.

D'eagraigh siad Gaeilge 24 sa scoil. Is dúshlán náisiúnta Chonradh na Gaeilge é a iarrann ar dhaltaí scoile an Ghaeilge amháin a labhairt ar feadh lae amháin. Thug Conradh na Gaeilge cuairt ar an scoil arís i mbliana leis an Seó Bóthair do na daltaí ón gcúigiú bliain agus ón Idirbhliain. Bhí ceiliúradh iontach acu i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge agus d'eagraigh siad 'Pop-Up Gaeltacht' in ionad sóisialta na scoile le díolachán bácála, tóraíocht taisce, ceardlanna amhránaíochta agus bileoga oibre ón gConradh. Bhí Gaeilge le cloisteáil ar fud na háite. Bhain na daltaí taitneamh agus tairbhe as. Sa deireadh thiar thall thug an rang cuairt ar an nGaeltacht i gCiarraí. Gan dabht ar bith, rinne rang na hIdirbhliana obair den scoth i rith na bliana chun foghlaim na Gaeilge a chur chun cinn agus thá Roinn na Gaeilge an bhuíoch díobh. Go raibh maith agaibh freisin

do na daltaí agus do na múinteoirí go léir a thug tacaíocht dúinn i rith na bliana.

## *Transition Year Show*

The Transition Year students took to the stage on Wednesday 16th May to present their version of "Shrek the Musical". A day and evening show took place. The first production was for teachers and students while the second was open to parents and the community. Preparations began at the start of the year when auditions were held and the main characters were cast. Using the movie franchise, Shrek, as their inspiration, the girls transformed the school hall into Shrek's "bog" and performed their tailor made story, combining the first two Shrek movies with references to many other characters and shows along the way, all set in the Kingdom of Kerry! The Transition Years truly entertained with their witty script, creative set and beautiful vocals, creating an unforgettable show that had the staff, students and parents in stitches. The Music Department would like to congratulate the Transition Years on a successful show and hope that their participation will long be held in their memories as they continue on their studies.

*Ty Musical Coordinator Emma Kelly*



## *Pres' Got Talent*

The Talent Show took place in December. Students from all Year Groups took part in the week long lunchtime competition. It was a wonderful opportunity for all students to showcase their variety of talents.

Congratulations to all the students who took part and were placed in the competition.



## Music



Art/Music Week 19th - 23rd March

There were lunch time recitals every day during Music Week. A different year group performed each day. Needless to say, many genres were performed from early classical, right up to pop and modern musicals. Sessions and set dancing were not left out either!

Music week was invaluable to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> years, as they got a chance to perform before their practicals, which took place after Easter.



**Award's Day 16th May**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Music class choir, with soloists Ava Stack, Kyra O'Sullivan and Laura O'Connor were joined by the 5<sup>th</sup> Year Music class choir, who sang:

- Down by the Sally Gardens
- Thank you for the Music
- Wade in the Water and finished with The Climb
  
- Soloists in 5<sup>th</sup> Year were:-
- Megan O'Sullivan (piano) who played Debussy
- Rachel Costello who sang 'Somewhere'
- Olivia Stack who sang 'Waving through a Window'
- Shauna Slemmon sang 'Sick of Losing Soul mates' and finally
- Shantelle Blackburn melted our hearts when she sang 'Sad Song'

### Leaving Cert Graduation Mass - May 25<sup>th</sup>

The Leaving Cert Music class was represented by fine musicians and singers. Mairéad Brosnan played I giorni.  
Erin Halpin sang 'The Cloud' Veil - the opening hymn.  
Kaylene Chute sang the psalm - Sing a Song to the Lord.  
Meabh Trench played 'Michelle's Air' on concertina during the Offertory.  
During communion Cara O'Brien played The River Flows on the piano.  
Erin and Kaylene led the 6<sup>th</sup> Years in their final hymn 'Who will light the Lantern.'  
The 6<sup>th</sup> Years were accompanied by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year music class, musicians and singers.



## Percussion

Jabba Jabba Jembe visited the school, providing a drumming workshop for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, TY and LCA music students. David Day explained where the drums came from and demonstrated various rhythms. The students then created their own rhythms and took part in hour long drumming sessions. The feedback was very positive, with all students enjoying the experience.



### History

The subject continues to thrive in the school with a large uptake for Leaving Cert in the forthcoming academic year. Students have shown a great desire to engage with the prescribed topics, with present day events such as Donald Trump and international terrorism being used to understand the events in our past that shape our present.

Trips included a 2nd Year trip to Blarney Castle with many students enhancing their gift of the gab by kissing the famous stone. We also visited the Nano Nagle Centre in the city to understand the school's origins and the inspirational figure who inspired it. Leaving Certs also went to Belfast for a couple of days to experience the city's troubled but fascinating past. After a visit to Stormont, the girls experienced an escape room experience based on the Titanic. The trip culminated with a renowned black taxi tour incorporating former political prisoners of the Troubles speaking about their experiences, regrets and hopes for the future.

As the academic year draws to a close, the department wishes all students an enjoyable Summer!

Eoin Hilliard



### Le Département de Français

This term was a busy one for all. Third Year students had their French oral exam in April. All students did very well. It was a wonderful experience and improved the girls' fluency and confidence.

Our Sixth Year students also completed their Leaving Cert oral in April. The students were given the opportunity during their Easter holidays to complete a mock exam with Stephan who has many years' experience in this type of work..... **Bonne chance à toutes nos filles et, comme toujours, merci à Stephen.**

First Years completed a presentation as part of the New Junior Cycle French course which helped them improve their proficiency in French. Teachers also received inservice training as part of their JCT in MFL.

**Bonnes vacances! J**



# Green Schools



On the 3rd May 2018 the school was awarded its fourth Green Flag. Three TY students were delighted to be presented with the flag during an Awards Ceremony held in the Radisson Blu Hotel in Cork. The Greens Schools' Committee, with the help of Angela Wall representing an Taisce, worked hard for the Travel Flag and are very much looking forward to taking on the Biodiversity Theme in the next academic year. Representatives from the Listowel Tidy Towns visited the school on Friday 4th May and thanked the students for participating in the St Patrick's Day Parade under their banner. We wish them well as they prepare for a Tidy Towns inspection this summer which we are sure will result in a prestigious prize being awarded to them.

Green Schools' Co-Ordinator *Margaret Daly*



## Home Economics

It has been a busy term. Congratulations to the Third Years who prepared well for their practical cookery exam. The Third Years submitted their Childcare projects to be marked as part of their Junior Cert Home Economics. We look forward to the introduction of the new Junior Cycle specifications in First Year Home Economics next year.

LCA 1 visited The Seanchaí Literary Centre and The Famine Graveyard as part of their Hotel Catering and Tourism module. Well done to LCA 2 students who completed their practical cookery exam as part of HCT. 5<sup>th</sup> Year Home Economics students along with LCVP students attended a talk from Padraig Flynn, Listowel Credit Union.

Best of luck to Transition Years who will sit an online exam on completion of the Safe Food for Life Programme in May. This is an industry recognised qualification in food hygiene which gives students lifelong skills in food safety and food hygiene.

Best of luck to all our Junior Cert and Leaving Cert students.

Home Ec. Department: *Ms. O'Connor & Ms. Whelan*



As always the Art Room has been a hive of activity for the last number of months 6<sup>th</sup> Years completed their project coursework and practical exam, 3<sup>rd</sup> Years finished their project (worth 75% ) and practical exams,

2<sup>nd</sup> Years became interior designers, designing their rooms in a box, TY students made some fantastic props for their musical 'Shrek', 1<sup>st</sup> Years developed a greater understanding of the elements of Art. 5<sup>th</sup> Years worked tirelessly on competing their canvas paintings and photomontages.

TY students created imaginative hats from recycled materials and co-ordinated an event for all 1st Years as part of a wellbeing initiative organised by Ms. C O'Riordan. We organised a Cake Sale and raised much needed funds for the Kerry Hospice, a good excuse for cake!!! We look forward to the coming academic year '18/'19 and all the projects it will bring. I would like to wish everyone a very happy and creativity filled Summer break.

*Ms.C O'Riordan*



## Business Department

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Year students have been immersed in the new specification for Junior Cycle Business Studies this year. The new course focuses on improving students' understanding of the business environment. Through a variety of learning methodologies, we aim to help the students develop a set of skills, knowledge and values that allows them to make informed financial decisions.

To help students prepare for CBAs next year, the girls undertook some project work in small teams, which proved very beneficial for all. The girls enjoyed presenting their findings to the class, as is evident from the happy faces of our 1C students in this picture !



## Bond Trader Event

Our Fifth Year Business students attended a Bond Trader event organised by Bank of Ireland at the Brehon Hotel in Killarney in January. There were students from all over Kerry present and the girls learned a lot about the world of trading and the stock exchange. The event ended with a competition and we were delighted that one of our teams from Pres Listowel was the overall winners. Congratulations!



As the school year comes to an end it's time to highlight a few events in the L.C.V.P. calendar of 2017/2018 for both 5th Year and 6th Year students.

The 6th Year girls had a visit from Mary Francis Behan and Marie McAuliffe of the Listowel Branch of St. Vincent de Paul and Mr. Robert Carey of NEWD, Listowel. They completed their portfolio in March and had their final exam on May 2nd. Best of Luck to all the Leaving Cert. girls in their future careers.

The 5th Year girls have been busy with their mini company, work experience, a visit from Mr. Terry O'Brien representing the Listowel Branch of the Irish Wheelchair Association and Mr. Padraig Flynn of the Listowel Credit Union since Christmas. The girls ran a successful Mini Company between September 2017 and January 2018. They produced and sold a beautiful school calendar showcasing artwork produced by students in the school. It was a resounding success. All profits were presented to Mr. Terry O'Brien on his visit in January 2018. Mr. O'Brien was highly complimentary to our girls. He was delighted with the girls' work and how they helped to raise awareness of the organisation in the school. They also went to UCC for their Open Day which will be helpful when completing their career investigation for their portfolio. Work is ongoing regarding the completion of their portfolio.

I wish to thank the following for all their help in making the school year successful.:

- \* All the local employers who provided our girls with work experience in April.
- \* All the visitors we had to the classroom during the school year.
- Maura Kearney and staff of Kearney's Bakery, Ballyhahill and the staff of the Lartigue Monorail for facilitating visits during the school year.
- Students, staff and parents who supported our Mini Company

*Teresa Cullhane*



"I don't believe in the kind of magic that's in my books. But I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book."  
— J.K. Rowling

Reading for just ten minutes a day can make a huge difference to a young person's future. Literature and books play a fundamental role in developing academic engagement, development and life choices, providing the framework and stimulus through which to deepen their understanding of themselves and the world around them, through empathising with characters and situations in high quality stories.

We have a wonderful school library, which contains a very wide range of books, dictionaries, encyclopedias and other reference books for all Year Groups. I feel that this great asset in our school is under used, so I want to encourage you all to pay a visit and delve into the wonderful world of reading. Facilities include several tables and chairs and a desktop computer for the use of all students and staff, whether availing of a quiet 'downtime' or working on a project.

During this school year, I am happy to relate that the school library was open every day during lunch rather than the usual two days as was the case in previous years. This is largely due to the help and support of a dedicated group of volunteers. I would like to thank Megan O'Sullivan, for her help and support in facilitating these opening times. Our school library continues to be used by the Book Club for their weekly meetings, run by Miss O'Loughlin, in order to encourage recreational reading, the club would be delighted to welcome new members.

During the last school year, I carried out a survey of students, to canvass their opinions on which titles they would like to see in the school library. The results were collated and a selection of titles, reflecting the broad choices revealed in our survey, was purchased. This gives our library a fresh and more current appeal to all our students

I am appealing to all bibliophiles amongst our students, past and present, and our staff, to donate any books for which they no longer have any use, to the library, where they will go on to inspire our students for many years to come.

September next, I propose to survey a broad selection of students' opinions and use the results to guide our future library purchases. In the meantime, if there are titles that any of you would like to see on our bookshelves, please let me know.

Our library is very much a work in progress and we will continue in our endeavours to create a warm, vibrant space where students can relax, unwind and escape into the world of a good book.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." — Dr. Seuss

*As always, happy reading.*  
*J. Neumile.*



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## German



During this term, Junior Cycle students took part in cultural activities. They researched Ostern in Deutschland and Karneval They organised an Osterfeier and German treats were sampled and enjoyed.

1st Year students did a presentation on a topic they had prepared. This type of experience was very beneficial to the students to boost their confidence and proficiency in German.

6th Year students completed their orals for Leaving Cert in April and were given an opportunity to do mock orals with an outside examiner beforehand. We wish them Alles Gute für die Zukunft!

A 5th Year pupil Caoimhe O' Connell, see below, received a scholarship to Germany for her exceptionally high results in her Junior Cert. She will travel to Hamburg and Berlin for 3 weeks in June where she will attend school. Caoimhe met the German Ambassador at his residence in May. Herzlichen Glückwunsch an Caoimhe.



## Science Dept



In early March our 6th Year Chemistry students were visited by Trevor Carey from the chemistry Department in UCC where the students did a two hour work shop called 'Spectroscopy in a suit case'. This gave the students a hands-on approach to working and learning with chemical instrumentation as part of their Leaving Cert chemistry course.

The 5th Year Agricultural Science students planted a bed of record potatoes in the school as part of their projects. When school resumes the students will be harvesting in early September.



## Sports Day 2018



The 5th Year Biology trip to Killarney National Park





Four 1st Year students attended UCC for a day visit to the Salters' Chemistry festival, accompanied by Ms. Catherine Kennedy. They carried out a number of practical activities and developed techniques in various areas of Chemistry including forensic science



Our Fifth Years and TYs attended the wonderful Young Adult Literary Festival earlier on in the year. It was an enormous hit with our girls and most definitely added to their appreciation of all things literary. Shauna Slemon was one of the prize-winners in the six-word story section. She is being congratulated here by her classmates for work well done. Congratulations Shauna!

It was with deep regret that we learned of the sudden passing of Margaret Broderick RIP who was, for many years, our connection with this hugely successful event. Her sincere interest in and gratitude for our school's participation did not go unnoticed. We salute you Margaret.

Fifth Years welcomed the opportunity to immerse themselves in a live production of Shakespeare's Macbeth at University Concert Hall, Limerick. The story of this 'dead butcher and his fiend-like queen' was made real for all of us.

The first Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs) with the 2nd Year Science students, as part of the Junior Cycle, have been a great success.

We would like to wish all of our students an enjoyable and safe Summer.



*The Science Department*

Other aspects of our work in the English Department are dealt with in our annual report which will be available on the school website in September.

## 2018 Winners—Presentation Cup

### TY Debate Winners 2018



# Student Council Report to the Board of Management May 2018



We had a Student Council meeting every three weeks. The students split into groups. They discussed the issues that they felt needed improvement. Each group presented their ideas to the meeting. This gave students a chance to improve their communication skills and allowed them to voice their opinion. Once an open discussion had made, it was evaluated and shared with the Principal

## Canteen

One of the accomplishments that the student council achieved was having more variety of foods in the canteen to cater to all diets. It was brought to the attention of management and then to the staff members in the canteen who then went on to contact the company that provides us with our food. Fortunately, we received a positive response and from this we are now catering a number of healthy options among the students of our school.

## Activities

Our school has numerous activities during lunch time. We felt that it is very important to give students a variety of things to do because not every student has the same interests. The Student Council has tennis, Zumba, table tennis, badminton and different board games up and running. Other activities are also available like football, soccer, basketball, Book Club and Music Club. These activities give students a break from school work and can release any stress or worries by having fun with their friends. It gives them a chance to interact with students who have similar interests.

## Mental Health Awareness

Mental health is very important in society today. Mental Health Week is very important in our school. A variety of tasks was carried out to create awareness among students.

## Scrabble Pictures

Miss Kelly decided to give each class a bundle of words from the Scrabble game. Our job was to come up with as many positive words as we could. Once we came up with some words, we would stick the words onto a canvas picture. As a group, we designed it and marked our class name at the bottom right hand corner. Every class picture was different and unique. This task involved teamwork and communication among students.



## Positive Sticky Notes

Transition year students wrote positive words and quotes on different coloured sticky notes. They then stuck a sticky note on every locker in the school. When students came to their locker they would receive a positive word or quote which would put a smile on anyone's face. This was a great

way to spread positive vibes among everyone.

## Poster Making

The Student Council decided to make posters. We gave them paper and markers from the Art room. Each student wrote positive words and quotes and then designed them. We played positive music as they made their posters. It was a lovely way to reflect on mental health. Once the posters were finished, the student council stuck them up on the bathroom walls near the mirrors. Students could take the time to read them especially if they were having a bad day.

## Renovation

The Transition Years renovated the outdoor area of our school as part of "Me week". They were taught gardening techniques as an alternative method of stress relief. The girls planted flowers and painted the area. It is hoped that this module will continue next year and further renovations can be made.

New benches have been purchased and dispersed around the school grounds. This provides vital seating areas outside which the Council highlighted. This encouraged students to go outside and get fresh air during lunch time.

## Guest Speakers

Pat Murphy came and helped us to get our Student Council Committee up and running. He outlined the structure and assigned roles within the council and the duties of each person. He provided a workshop on communication and listening skills.

**Michelle Foley** (HPS coordinator) provided a talk on health promotion schools and how to go about promoting mental and physical health within our school. She explained how to prioritise aspects of our work. We decided as a Health Promoting Team to concentrate on healthy eating, raising awareness of mental health, bullying and increasing physical activities amongst the student body.

**Seamus Whitty** did workshops with individual classes. He covered certain topics such as happiness, life choices, stress and self-confidence. He is a great asset to the school as he promotes positive mental health. We really enjoy participating in his workshops.

**Pat Courtney** spoke about the effects and consequences of bullying to the junior students. He outlined the different types of bullying, what you should do if you are being bullied, how to report bullying and how to recognise the signs of bullying. This was an important workshop because bullying is a huge problem among young students today. This provided student with an opportunity to broaden their knowledge on this topic. As result of this workshop, we printed out informative bullying posters and displayed them all around the school.

## Inclusion

A new notice board was displayed highlighting LGBTI communities. This board provided information on counselling services, definitions and inclusive slogans, all providing a means of support for members within our school.

## Wellness Walks

Hike walks and outdoor activities were all arranged for individual Year Groups e.g. all Year Groups enjoyed the Bog Walk, TY students walked in the Black Valley and near Torc waterfall

## CEIST Student Leadership Conference 2018

Three students had the privilege of attending this year's CEIST in Dublin. They interacted with other schools, and they saw what other Student Councils have accomplished. Having attended this workshop, it gave them some ideas to share with the Student Council. They thoroughly enjoyed their day.

Mentoring 5<sup>th</sup> Year students organised a Team Building Day with 1<sup>st</sup> Years. As 5<sup>th</sup> Year mentors, it is our job to guide them and help them when they need us. We organised a treasure hunt where each group worked closely together to solve the questions being asked. The winning team received a selection box. It was an amazing experience to interact with the Junior Students and to form a bond with them.

## Working in progress and upcoming events

1<sup>st</sup> Years and the Student Council organised a *Bake Sale* to promote mental health awareness.

*Sports Day* is always a big day in our school. This took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May. Students participated in this event with their friends and teachers.

*Awards Day* took place on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May. Followed by the Transition Year students' school play. Certificates and awards were presented to students.

The Student Council has participated in encouraging student voice in the school. They have played a vital role amongst students. We look forward to encouraging students to join the Student Council. I would like to thank Mrs Kennedy, Miss Kelly and Mrs Kennelly for time and support.



## Re-Opening:

August 27th: Staff

August 28th: 1st Yr/TYs

August 29th: 6th Yr/3rd Yr

August 30th: 2nd Yr/5th Yr

## Calendar 2018/2019

Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup>: Staff Planning

Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> and Transition Years

Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup>, LCA 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Years

Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Years and LCA 1

**Mid-Term Break:** Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 - Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2018

**Open Evening:** Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2018

**Christmas Holidays:** Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2018 - Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2019

Continuous Assessment Reports will be available for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Years before Mid-Term and for all other classes after Mid-Term. Mock Examinations for Exam Classes and tests for other Classes will take place in February. Reports and results of tests will be available on E-Portal.

**Mid-Term Break:** Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2019

**Easter Holidays:** Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2019

**Summer Holidays:** Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2019

### **Provisional Dates for Parent/Teacher Meetings:**

Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2018: 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Years LCA 1 & 2

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2018: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Years

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2019: 1<sup>st</sup> and Transition Years

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### ***Staff 2017/2018***



