

Presentation Wexford Newsletter

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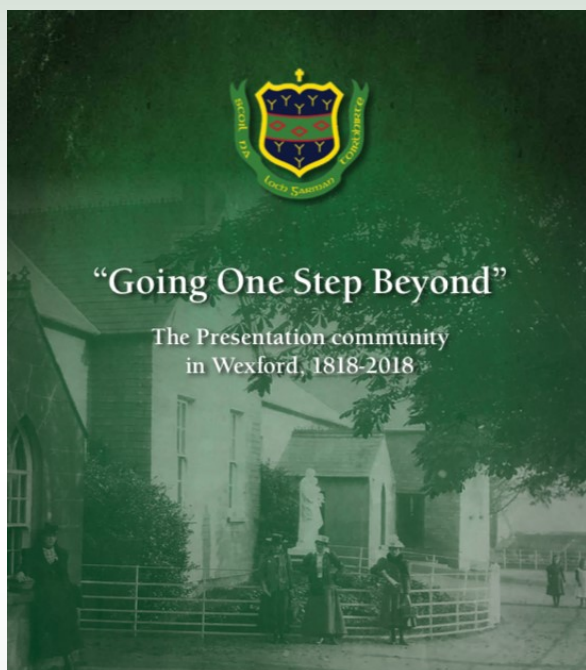
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Presentation Wexford to celebrate Bicentenary



The entire school community is gearing up for a major milestone next month when we celebrate 200 years of continued education and service in Wexford Town. The Presentation Convent was the first religious order to be established in Wexford town, after the Penal Laws. The convent was opened on Francis Street on Friday, October 2, 1818 on the Feast Day of the Guardian Angels with two Presentation nuns Sister Mary Frances de Salles and Sister Mary Baptist Frayne coming from the already established convent in Kilkenny City.

The Bicentenary Committee have been working hard behind the scenes to put together a schedule of events to mark this special occasion, with the celebrations starting on Tuesday, October 2nd. Present students will begin the day with walks through the Convent and Convent gardens, with the book launch of "Going One Step Beyond, The Presentation community in Wexford 1818-2018" taking place prior to a lantern procession that evening.

A celebratory Bicentenary Mass with Bishop Denis Brennan and school chaplain Fr Tom Dalton will take place in Rowe Street Church on Thursday October 4th.

The celebrations will come to a close on Friday evening, with the Bicentenary Gala Concert in Rowe Street Church at 7.30pm.

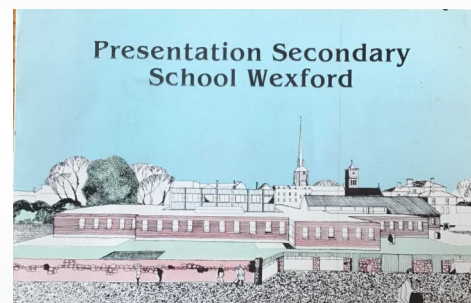
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Autumn Edition

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2018/2019 academic year! A new group of Journalism students in Transition Year have worked to capture some of the highlights of the opening of our 200th year in service. We look forward to sharing in the celebrations with you in October and hope you enjoy catching up on what has been an eventful start to the year. Enjoy.



The official invitation to the opening of our 'new' school building in 1979.



The official Bicentenary logo flying on our new flag, specially designed by local artist, Reiltín Murphy. The logo features the map of Wexford Town in the background, the frame of the Presentation Convent door and the lantern, an important symbol of the Presentation Order. The light that is shining is the light of education that has shone from the Convent and School over 200 years. Thanks to Flagman Ireland.

Principal's Address



William Ryan

Over the last days, we have seen so much progress made in getting our school back to normal following the unfortunate fire in one of our Science labs. Throughout these days, the amount of work carried out has been huge. A massive thank you to Wexford Fire Brigade, our caretakers, cleaners, admin staff, our own teachers, and the many contract cleaners, electricians, plumbers, painters who have worked vigorously so that we can get back to what we are here to do, which is to continue to provide excellent education and facilities to our students.

Thank you to all the Parents/Guardians and students for your patience; the health and safety of our students and staff was paramount over the last number of days.

Presentation, Wexford is a very proud school with a long tradition of providing excellent services to the wider community, we will continue to do so in the future. As we plan to celebrate our Bicentenary in October we continue to plan for the future with further investment on our school campus. We recently received funding from the DES and support from our Board of Management for an additional wing to our school. The new wing will consist of 2 General Purpose Classrooms, Science Lab with Prep room and toilet facilities.

We not only look forward to this new addition to our wonderful campus, but also to our Bicentenary celebrations.

Again, thank you all for your kind messages of support, offers of help, good wishes and your patience. I look forward to marking 200 years of education with our whole school community and wider community over the next few months. Please take the time to read our newsletter, which is just a snapshot of what goes on here in Presentation Wexford.

Delight As Students Receive Exam Results

Sarah Doyle, Jamie Benson, Rachel Monahan

Congratulations to the students who collected their results for both their Leaving Certificate and Junior Cycle exams this year. Principal Mr Ryan commented how the results were a 'reflection of the hard work on the part of the students, teachers and their parents, and that all should be very proud.' Well done, ladies.

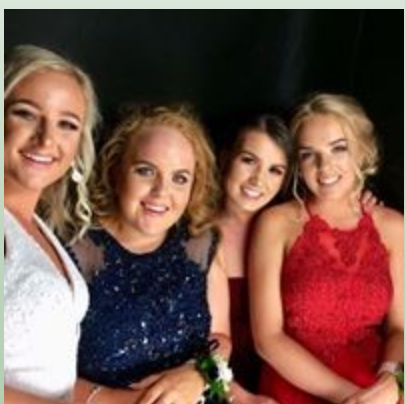




Glitz at Graduation

Dearbhla O'Hanlon

Photos of the class of 2018 at their Graduation at the Riverbank House Hotel on August 23rd.



Charity Walk for Wexford General MRI Scanner

On the last week of term of the 17/18 academic year, then 2nd year students went on their annual charity walk, this year in aid of Wexford General Hospital. The theme and charity were chosen by the students and we look forward to seeing what this year's cohort come up with.



Gravity



A new year and a new bunch of Transition Year students. Lily Mangan and Kate Walsh were on hand to capture the bonding day.



Action from the high ropes– a hit on the day. Each obstacle leaves hanging up to 15m from the ground traversing rope nets, rolling logs and bouldering walls!

6th Years Visit Higher Options

6th years got the opportunity to visit the Irish Times Higher Options exhibition this month. Higher Options is the largest and most comprehensive exhibition for Leaving Cert students, mature students, teachers and parents who want to know what third level university and college options are available and how to apply for them. Mr Nugent and Ms Kavanagh bumped into a familiar faced with Ms Pac Kenny working at the Languages Connected Hub.



Pres at the Papal Visit

Stephanie Carr & Alice Mulligan

Presentation pupils did not miss the opportunity to see Pope Francis on his visit to Ireland on August 25th & 26th. His holiness arrived for the World Meeting of Families just as we were getting ready to start school in earnest but some got the chance to go to Phoenix Park to see the pontiff. One of the students on the trip, Amy Mulligan said 'it was a once in a lifetime experience' to get to see the Pope, even if it meant a long day from a 5am start until late that evening. Many thanks to past pupil Maura Bell for accompanying the girls on their trip.



Rachel Grace Performs at EP

Tara Murphy & Dawn Dempsey

6th year student Rachel Grace continued her incredible rise in the music world this year by performing on the Body & Soul stage at the renowned *Electric Picnic* Festival in September. Speaking about the gig, Rachel revealed her delight at being asked to perform. "It was an incredible experience to get to perform at Electric Picnic. It's such a big festival and it really was amazing to get the opportunity to play in front of such an audience." We wish Rachel continued success.



Welcome 1st Years

August 2018 marks an important milestone for our new first years as they begin their journey with us at Presentation, Wexford. We wish them the very best as they settle into their new surroundings and begin their post-primary journey with us. Here a number of students are pictured debating Needs v Wants as part of their CSPE Well-Being module.



Equestrian Stars Start Season

Mia Berry & Elisabeth Renger

Our Equestrian team were the first out of the blocks to represent the school this year and they did so with pride with an excellent 2nd and 4th place finish at Wexford Equestrian. Well done in particular to Eva Mulligan and Elise Cahill who are our new first year riders. It was also a first outing for our new school flag; keep an eye out for it at our events and games this year.



Pres Girl Named as Interpro Goalkeeper

Congratulations to 2nd year student Kate Freeman who was selected on the South East Interprovincial u16 Hockey Team for their tournament this month.



Senior Captains Revealed

Congratulations to Katelyn Maher, 6th Year, and Ciara Bridges, 5th Year, who have been named joint Senior Gaelic Football captains for the coming season. We wish you all the very best with your Leinster campaign.



Library Corner



Meet our four new Library Team members Mila, Katie, Susie and Ava who have waited since early in first year to get their badge. Also pictured are some of the entries for the Wexford Literary Festival Book Trailer competition. Best of luck, ladies .

3rd Years Make a Splash at Shielbaggan

Lauren Kelly, Cora Busher, Ciara Fallon

3rd year students braved the heights and the cold water at Shielbaggan's Outdoor Education Centre for their start of year bonding day. Check out some of the highlights.



5 Times Cycle

Against Suicide Award

Shauna Murphy, Johanna North & Shauna Whelan Buckley collected the 5 times winner award on behalf of the school from Dr Harry Barry last week.



6th Year Poetry



Students in Ms Burke's English class pictured with a parrot inspired by Patricia Beer's poem 'The Voice'.

Tuesday 2nd October 2018 (Foundation Day of the Convent on Francis Street)

- **Organised walks** for all present students to the Presentation Convent and Convent Gardens

- **Open evening** in the Convent and Secondary School for all past students from 6.30pm

- **Book launch** of “Going One Step Beyond” - the Presentation community in Wexford, 1818-2018’ in the school Concert Hall at 7.30pm

- **Lantern procession walk** from the Secondary School to the Convent, finishing at the Convent Cemetery in the Convent Gardens (after the book launch)

- Light refreshments in the school

Thursday 4th October 2018

- **Celebratory Bicentenary Mass** with Bishop Denis Brennan and school chaplain Fr Tom Dalton in Rowe Street Church for all present students, staff and Sisters at 11am

- Light refreshments in school for staff and guests

Friday 5th October 2018

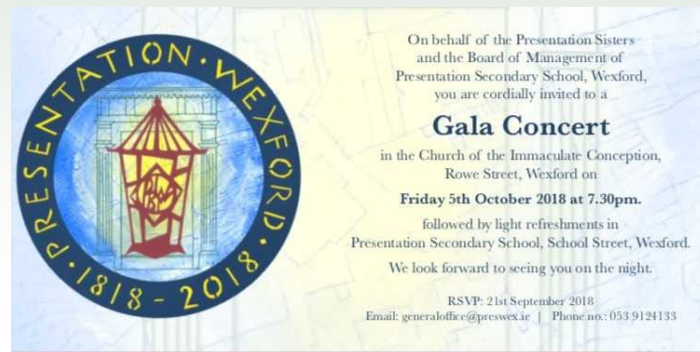
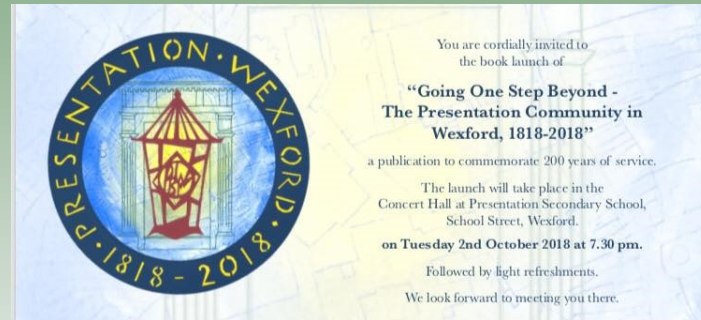
- **Bicentenary Gala Concert** in Rowe Street Church at 7.30pm with the Presentation Secondary School choir (present and past members)

- Light refreshments in the school Concert Hall afterwards.

All students will have a half-day on Tuesday 2nd October and Thursday 4th October. All students will also receive a **specially commissioned bookmark** to mark the occasion.

Also, a specially **commissioned sculpture** to commemorate the Bicentenary is currently being designed and will be unveiled on Presentation Day, 21st November, in the school grounds. An **art mural** is also being designed and painted and will be permanently placed in the Secondary School in due course.

Bicentenary Events



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