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On Wednesday 21st November our school community celebrated the tercentenary of the birth of Venerable Nano Nagle, our foundress and patron. It was apt that this school year was also Year 2 of our ACE (Alliance for Catholic Education) School Culture Project. Over the past two years we have used this opportunity to discuss and evaluate our Catholic ethos and culture; looking at how we can define, practice and continually deepen our shared beliefs.

As part of the ACE School Culture Project our staff and students asked themselves the question, "What makes our school a Catholic school?" We then looked at what students and staff believe about Catholic education and developed a list of shared beliefs. This list was discussed at great length and from it we carved out our five root beliefs. Next, we looked at what values stem from these root beliefs in order to ensure that we remain true to them on a daily basis. With the help of some of our parents we further discussed and fine-tuned our work.

Our job from here on in is to ensure that, complemented by our school mission and CEIST core values, we continue to live out our five Root Beliefs and Shared Values in everything we do. From morning reflections to Maths lessons; from our Code of Behaviour to games on the sports field.

Our School Culture Project has helped us articulate and understand why we 'do what we do' every day here in Presentation Milltown. It has also set us the challenge of ensuring that we continue to live out our Root Beliefs and Shared Values as we move forward.

As we come to the end of another successful school year, we are very grateful to all of our hard working and dedicated staff. Thank you for giving so much more than is required and for ensuring our students have a holistic and fulfilled school experience which allows them to flourish and grow.

Thank you to all of our wonderful students who continue to amaze us with their creativity, ingenuity and resilience. The respect, courtesy and kindness that you show each day is truly uplifting.

We would like to thank our wonderful and hard working Parents Association for your dedication to our school. Your help and support for our Leaving Certificate Graduation and other school events is greatly appreciated.

We thank you all for your support over the past school year, helping our school community to strengthen and flourish. On behalf of the staff and Board of Management we wish our exam students well and we wish all of your families a happy, safe and enjoyable summer.

Kerry Harkin, Principal

WORLD MEETINGS OF FAMILIES 2018



In the afternoon we went to the Phoenix Park and practised the mass for the next day. We had the job of Eucharistic Umbrella bearers. We had to hold our umbrellas over the priests distributing the Eucharistic, to keep them dry and act as a beacon for others to see where to get communion.

The next morning, we got up at 6am and set out for the Phoenix Park. At around 9am the crowd started to arrive. The Pope arrived at 2 o'clock. Our part of the mass came and went really fast. That evening we travelled back down to Kerry after a tiring but incredible day. It was a once in a life time experience and I enjoyed it very much.

Paudie Horgan



On Saturday the 25th of August Ms. O'Brien, Ms. Sheehy, Mrs. Harkin and around twenty students ventured to Dublin, to help participate as volunteers for the Pope's visit. We arrived at Colaiste Bríde, which was the host school for the duration of our stay. They gave a warm welcome and they showed us our rooms. We settled into our accommodation and were ready for action in no time.

CEIST STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2019

The Annual CEIST Student Leadership Conference took place on Wednesday 20th March 2019 at DCU St. Patrick's Campus, Drumcondra, Dublin. This was a great opportunity for students from all CEIST schools to come together and celebrate being part of the CEIST community. Eoin O'Donnell, Lilly Foley & Conn Fleming with teacher Ms Myers represented our school at the event. Now in its fifth year, the conference was delighted that students from almost 80 of 107 schools attended the event. The day began at 10am when students were welcomed by Dr Marie Griffin of CEIST and Dr Gareth Byrne, Associate Professor of Religious Education and Director of Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education, DCU. His Excellency, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin also spoke and thanked so many students and teachers for making the journey to Dublin for the conference. Students were then divided into smaller groups. Each group was assigned to a different classroom where volunteer teachers presented a workshop entitled "Wellbeing and Hope in the light of CEIST values". Student leaders from some of the schools then made their own presentations to demonstrate how they had shown leadership in their own schools.



and congratulated them all on the work they were doing as leaders in their own schools.

The Keynote speaker was Minister of State at the Department of Education with special responsibility for Higher Education Mary Mitchell O'Connor. The Minister spoke to the students about the importance of leadership and also spoke of her ongoing encouragement for equality for women in the workplace. She urged all students to follow their dreams and informed them of the places available for them in further education, apprentices or university once they finish school. The day was a wonderful success and highly enjoyable.

After lunch, everyone returned to the main lecture theatre where each school was presented with a gift of two stoles, two ciboria and a copy of the Papal Encyclical "The Joy of Love" kindly given by the World Meeting of Families in thanks for CEIST's involvement in the Papal mass.

Professor Daire Keogh, Professor of History and Deputy President Dublin City University, then spoke to the students about Leadership

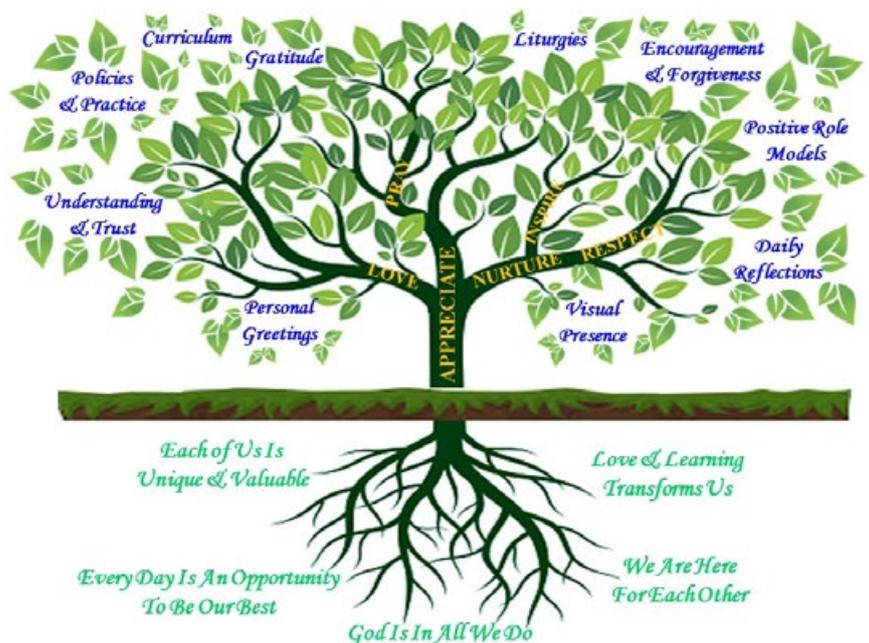


ACE SCHOOL CULTURE PROJECT

The image below depicts our school as a tree in full bloom. The crown of a tree, its leaves and flowers, are the visible signs of the tree's beauty and growth. This represents the actions and behaviours we see every day in our school that make it flourish and thrive.

The trunk and branches of a tree support the crown, giving the tree its shape and strength. Our Shared Values underpin our actions and behaviours, providing us with a shared sense of strength and identity as to our purpose as a school.

The strongest and most beautiful parts of the tree can only survive and grow if the roots are strong and healthy. Our Root Beliefs are the origins from which our values and actions stem. It is in nourishing our Root Beliefs that we will be able to promote the spirituality and growth of our school community.



ALL IRELAND 'A' BASKETBALL FINAL - MINOR TEAM 2019

The first team had a great run in the league winning all their games comprehensively. This meant they qualified for the Regional Finals in Ballybunnion on Wednesday 21st March 2019. They secured a place in the final beating Presentation School Killarney on a scoreline of 36-29. In a very close game final, which saw both teams take the lead on several occasions, our girls narrowly lost out to Mounthawk 26 points to 25. They went on to represent the school for the first time in the All Ireland A Finals, which were held in the University of Limerick on Saturday 11th & 12th of May. On the Saturday the girls played 3 matches, winning games vs J & M Salerno, Galway (29-13) & Mercy Waterford (44-34) but lost out to Virginia College, Cavan (30-23).



This then drew the girls against one of the favourites, Scoil Chríost Rí, Laois, in the All Ireland Quarter Finals on the Sunday. After a very exciting game, which saw our girls fight back to lead 22-21, we lost out on a score of 22-26. The girls worked very hard until the end, showed great belief, hard work & did themselves & the school very proud. Best of luck to all the Basketball teams next year! Well done to the coaches Ms Moriarty and Ms Kerfoot and thank you to

the families who supported the girls during the season. The future looks bright for girls; basketball in Milltown. Team: Maura Burke, Orlaith Burke, Mary Casey, Luisne Corcoran, Olwyn Evans, Sarah Fitzgerald, Leah Foley, Mia Griffin, Ellen Kelliher, Louise Kennedy, Nicola Kerins, Lea Morris, Tirna Murphy, Aideen O'Brien, Kacey O'Connor, Orna O'Leary, Grace O'Sullivan. Missing from photo Mary Casey.

YOUNG ECONOMIST OF THE YEAR 2019



for economics and all have a bright future in the subject should they pursue it at third level. Three of our projects (Economics of Hype Marketing - Gold Economics of Wish Discounts - Silver and The Economics of Fashion Using Game Theory - Adidas and Nike - Bronze) were chosen as winners at the National Awards in UCD. We travelled up on May 2nd at 5am to the O'Reilly Hall UCD where the students showcased their projects. A great day of events took place with student listening to talks



Our 5th Year Economics students had a very busy and successful year. During the year, the class took part in the Young Economist of the Year Awards. Each group came up with an Economic theme to base their project on. The themes of the projects included "The Economics of War", "The Economics of School Lunches", "The Economics behind Apple's Success", "The Economics of Tea", "The Economics of Hype Marketing", "Economics of Fashion Using Game Theory - Adidas and Nike" and "The Economics of Wish Discounts". All projects showed off the students' talent



from the Central Bank and IGESS who are the policy makers for the government. At the Awards, Liadain O'Connor and Jade McLellan were awarded Best 5th Year Project for Economics of Hype Marketing while Archie Galway and Eoin O'Donnell were awarded Best Economics Video for their project Economics of Wish Discounts. The students travelled first to UCC where they met with two Economics lecturers who gave them a guided tour of the campus. From there the students were given a talk on the different options available in UCC in which they pursue their study of Economics. In the afternoon, the students sat in on a 1st Year Economics lecture to sample what third level Economics is like.

NANO NAGLE ART COMPETITION



To celebrate 300 years since the birth of Nano Nagle, our school organised an art competition. It allowed the students to illustrate the message of Nano Nagle in a modern way. We could illustrate

Nano's message through words, drawings or both. 257 students took part in the art competition and our art teacher Ms. O'Connor and Sr. Canisus had a difficult task to select the winners. The first place winners were - Nicola Kerins 1G, Siún O'Connor 1G, Justyna Pryborska 2J and Fiona MacDonald 5R. Our second place winners were Anna Dennehy 1H, Luisne Corcoran 1G, Niamh Dinham 2H, Ellie Redmond TY, Muireann Mulvihill 5R, Rebecca McHugh 5R. Highly Commended were Cameron Rowe 1R, Laoise O'Connor 1R, Lucy McMahan 2G, Cillian O'Neill 2G, Frances O'Connor 2K, Sophie O'Shea 2K, Clodagh Evans 5H, Rebecca O'Connell 5R, Shauna Murphy 5R. Well done to all.

By Ellie Redmond.



SCIENCE WEEK

On the 19th of November, the Transition Year students organised a science quiz for the first years. The themes of the questions covered Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Agriculture Science, Scientist, Scientific Inventions, Science movies, Picture Round and Tie-breakers. Everyone got involved and took part in the quiz. Congratulations to Lea Morris, Orlaith Burke, Louise Kennedy and Orna O'Leary from 1K who won the quiz and won a prize each.

Tara Kissane



FIRST YEAR TRIP TO SPLASH WORLD IN CASTLEGREGORY

Splash World has loads of fun and exciting activities, such as trampolines in the bay where you can jump off into the water. They teach you how to canoe and also have big paddle boats that fit 7 people. You can walk over to the other side of the strand where you do surfing and if you don't know how to surf, they teach you! In my opinion it was a really fun and exciting experience. The only drawback is that it was freezing, so you are better off doing it on a warm day.

Tirna Murphy 1R



THE 100K CHALLENGE



The school have set the first ever challenge for our TY students to have run 100km by the end of the year! To succeed this challenge, we run a 5k every week for twenty weeks. We run every Tuesday lunch and we have to try to beat 25 minutes for a 5k or 5 minutes a kilometre. Mr Crowley is the head of the event. We are thinking of doing a few charity runs outside of school. There are 8 of us doing the challenge and we are all thoroughly enjoying it. On completing the challenge the students were presented with T-shirts to mark the achievement.

Aaron McSweeney



JUNIOR CERT MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY DESIGN BRIEF

Students chose one of the following design briefs and completed an artefact based on the requirements. Some magnificent pieces were created and students should be very proud of their work. Thank you to Mr Evans for his support, guidance and technical advice. Here is the brief. Which one would you pick?

1. Wood is an ideal medium from which to handcraft beautiful items of unique design and function. Design and make a distinctive artefact for the neat storage of newspapers, magazines or other printed material. Your artefact should include an innovative secondary function and should showcase a range of your handcraft skills. The maximum dimension of your artefact must not exceed 450mm.



2. Young people share global concerns about the health and sustainability of our oceans and seas.

Design and make an elegant artefact that evokes the beauty and diversity of our oceanic habitats. Your design should reflect the importance of protecting and preserving our fragile oceans. A variety of carefully chosen hardwoods, complemented by a range of handcraft skills, should enhance your design. The maximum dimension of your artefact must not exceed 350mm.

3. Cherished items are often simple, cleverly conceived, well crafted and beautiful in appearance. Design and make a slimline unit to hold a variety of small personal items in a young person's

room. Your artefact should be designed to be wall or corner mounted and should incorporate distinct spaces to facilitate neat organisation. Handcrafted joints should be a distinctive feature of your artefact. The maximum dimension of your artefact must not exceed 450mm. Good Luck!

BOYS BASKETBALL



SENIORS:

The senior boys started off the season playing the SEM Killarney in Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre, which they comfortably won. Next they played Gaelcholáiste at home. This game came down to the line going to overtime but came out with the win. They then hosted ISK for another game. The game was extremely close but unfortunately the seniors fell short by just one point. Finally, the boys played Mounthawk away which was a do or die game for Milltown. The boys fought hard but lost out to a strong Mounthawk team.

CADETS:

The Cadet Boys played the SEM in a close and came out with the win. Next the cadets played the Gaelcholáiste in Milltown. The cadets were out played by a talented Tralee team and unfortunately lost. Then the boys played ISK at home and came out the victors over a strong ISK side. For the final game of the season the cadets played Mounthawk but were beaten by the reigning All Ireland Champions.

Tadhg Riordan

TRANSITION YEAR VARIETY SHOW

Every year, TY's and First Year students put together the TY Variety Show in the Milltown Community Hall. This year all 4 first year groups worked extremely hard perfecting their plays. This year's Variety Show welcomed everyone from the Young Offenders to the Greatest Showman! A big thanks to Ms Horan, Mr Curtin, Mr Tierney, Mr O Sullivan and Mr Hanly for helping the classes with their shows. **Milly Mason**



KERRY SCHOOLS' BADMINTON

Badminton is alive and well in our school. This year's competition took place Killarney Leisure Centre on Friday 11th January 2019. We had a strong representation this year with girls' team for U14 & U16, boys U14, U16 & U19. Well done to the girls U14 team who were runners up on the day & the U14 Boys team who were 3rd overall. Congratulations to the boys U19 team who were crowned County Champions on the day & went onto represent the school for the first time in Munster Championship in UL on Thursday 24th January. Special mention to Evan McCarthy (1K) who won the U15 Boys County Badminton Singles.



CEILIÚRADH NA N-ÓG

In March, a group of 5th Years represented the school at Ceiliúradh na n-Óg in Tralee where they presented a project that they had been working on entitled 'Pilgrimage'. There were over 15 post-primary schools from throughout the diocese taking part in this event. The students visited the mass rock at Killaclohane or Coill an Clocháin in Irish can be translated to mean 'Church of the strong ford'. Mass would have been celebrated here during Penal times & indeed is celebrated here each year. The purpose of Ceiliúradh na n-Óg is to develop the faith life of Transition and Fifth year students. This is achieved through school or parish based initiatives. The programme forms part of a comprehensive approach to Youth Ministry initiated by the Diocese of Kerry in collaboration with the principals, teachers, chaplains and students of the diocesan Post-Primary schools. The programme was carried out through a number of stages. The students actively participated in a faith based programme of exploration, action, reflection

and presentation. On March 27th the students' work was recognised and celebrated. This gathering provided students with the opportunity to present their work and what they learned from it. Bishop Ray Browne presented the certificates in recognition of the students' work.



COOKING UP A STORM WITH ST. FRANCIS SPECIAL SCHOOL

On Friday the 22nd of March we the TY students had the pleasure of cooking with the fabulous pupils from St. Francis Special School in Beaufort. Six students from the school came in on the day and twelve transition year students joined them to cook up a storm. Together we all cooked beautiful chocolate chip muffins and showed them how to make Ms Costello's signature dish, the Inside Out Toasties. I had never worked with children that have special needs before so this was a new challenge for me.

Initially, I was a little bit nervous because this was new territory for me but as soon as I met the students, I was so eager and excited to work with them. I personally could not have enjoyed this experience enough because from the very minute those students came in the door they were absolutely amazing, they were so eager to cook and learn from us it just made the whole day so enjoyable and fun. I also thoroughly enjoyed not just the baking side of things but also the social side of it and just talking to them about their hobbies and interests and really just becoming friends with them because that was the best part of it for me anyway. Of course the baking was absolutely gorgeous and we couldn't but not have a taste of our produce.



The day was a great success and everyone was all smiles which of course was a great sign. I also think this experience gave me a deeper understanding of students who have special needs. There is a quote which I think really nails this whole experience on the head. The quote is "We're all normal but different and yet different but normal". We all thoroughly enjoyed the day and I think I speak for everyone when I say I can't wait for them to come again. A special thank you to Ms. Costello for giving us this great opportunity that I will no doubt remember for the rest of my life. **Caomhe Foley**

SCIFEST

Our school was well represented at Scifest 2019 at the IT Tralee. Congratulations to Justyna, Sonja, Heidi, Molly, Abigail & Sarah who presented excellent projects and whose hard work, enthusiasm and confidence is something they should be very proud of.



PHYSICS STUDENTS VISIT DELL



Our 5th Year Physics students, along with three visiting students, accompanied by Ms McCarthy (Physics Teacher) & Ms Stack (Career Guidance Counsellor) to Dell EMC in Cork in April. The students met engineers, logistics managers and IT staff in the company. They enjoyed a comprehensive site tour and informative staff presentations followed by student questions. A very educational day out was had by all.

MERCHANT OF VENICE

Our 3rd Year students attended a performance of the Merchant of Venice in Muckross Schoolhouse Killarney. The schoolhouse is becoming a popular and much loved venue for plays offering the audience a special and memorable theatrical experience.



LGFA

We had such a great interest in girls GAA that we had four teams this year. A 1st year team, 2 Junior teams, Junior C & Junior D, & 1 Senior team. These teams played games in the Munster C league, the Kerry Schools League & a Munster Ladies Gaelic Football Association blitz in Mallow in May. Our Senior team were first to get the year under way against Kenmare in Listry in early September. From here, the Senior & both Junior teams went on to play right up until late April. The last game against Kenmare in the Kerry Schools League, played in Fossa GAA, saw a mixture of girls from both Junior teams come together & put on a great display of football, to come out as winners and end a long year on a high! Well done to all girls for their commitment to the sport from the very beginning of the year to the very end.

The first year girls, who have shown great interest all year, enjoyed a great day of football in Mallow GAA Complex on May 1st. The

girls were divided into two teams of 12. They got to play two pool games & a quarter final with some very competitive games. Both teams did very well on the day with, which resulted in one team winning their group in a hard fought final. Well done to all girls who took part in teams this year. Looking forward seeing all girls again next year!



ECOLOGY

Not only had this group super weather for their Ecology trip but Ms Horan's 5th Year Biology students also had a super time on a field trip to Killarney National Park to complete the mandatory practical aspect of the course.

Thanks to Ms Horan for organising the trip and providing the sunshine.



A big thank you to JP Cormac and Grainne who represented our school so ably at the inaugural Kerry GTA Geography Quiz.



LISTOWEL BOOK FAIR

On the 15th of November all TYs and fifth year students went to the book fair in the community hall in Listowel along with 800 other students from around Kerry. There were different speakers such as Kieran Donaghy, Joanne O' Riordan, Pat Falvey and Bernard Casey to name a few. The aim of their speeches was to teach us we can do anything once we put our minds to it. It was a great day overall and we really enjoyed ourselves.



REFEREE COURSE

Our senior girls undertook a LGFA Referee course delivered by William Harmon on the 14th of May. The girls got an insight into what is needed to become a referee. These girls can now go on to referee GO GAMES in the county.

Many thanks to the girls for participating in what was a very insightful day into the world of refereeing. Best of luck to all in their refereeing career going forward!



AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

5th year Agricultural Science students have been working very hard this year outside in the vegetable patch.



HANDBALL HEROES

Congratulations to Tommy and Seán Quirke who won the Munster Colleges competition this year.

2ND YEAR BASKETBALL

For the second year, all girls teams in the school were playing in the 'Division A League'. During the year the girls competed in some very competitive games where they displayed great team work & determination.

Well done to the Second Year Basketball team who have had an extremely successful year. The girls came third in their group in the Kerry Schools League so they then reached the semi-final when they were unlucky lose. However, they then qualified them for the All Ireland play offs which took place on Tuesday the second of April in Portlaoise. The girls won one out of three games which was a great achievement at All Ireland Level. Well done Girls!

Caoimhe Foley



COASTEERING

On the 27th of October our Transition Year class went coasteering at Mennogahane Pier in Causeway, as part of our science class. The drive was an hour long. When we got there, we were given wet suits, helmets and life jackets. The water was freezing when we first got in but then it slowly began to warm up. We swam in the cold water through a cave and got out on a piece of coastal rock. Then nearly everyone began to do some cliff jumping. It began low but got higher each time.

Then we swam into a cave. Lilly sang a song and we could hear her echo. Then we did some more cliff jumping. We then swam back towards the pier. It was a really enjoyable day and I am so glad I participated in the activity. We hope to go again in May (pictured). Thank you to Wild Water Adventures & Ms. O'Donnell and Mr. Curtin for bringing us on this exciting trip. **Anna O'Connor**



U15 BRENDAN O'SHEA SHIELD WINNERS



PRES MILLTOWN 1-14 KENMARE 3-3

From the throw in Milltown took control of the game with Liam Evans & Tadgh Evans dominating at centre field. Up from there was some fantastic plays which resulted in quick scores kicked by Shane Evans, Harry Kelly and Fionan Griffin who slotted away the goal from the penalty spot after Sean O'Sullivan had been taken down. Milltown led at half time 1-8 to 1-2. Just like the beginning of the first half, the second half took off at 100 miles an hour with superb defending from Luke Benson, James Prendiville & Shane O'Connor with Dean Sheehan in goals pulling off some great saves. At wing back with his lightening quick pace was Joshua Coffey who made numerous runs up and down the wings helping the defence to clear balls and setting up the forwards who continued to pick away at the scoreboard. It finished Pres Milltown 1-14 to Kenmare 3-3. Captains were Liam Evans & Shane O'Connor.



The 2018/19 season was a positive one for our senior footballers. Initially we were faced with the difficult task of defeating an early favourite Inver Sceine Kenmare team in the first round of the Moynihan Cup. Unfortunately, on the day the Kenmare side had the rub of the green and so our fortunes turned to the Moynihan shield for the rest of the season.

Undeterred, our senior team applied themselves very well and we progressed through the shield section of the competition with an outstanding performance against MS Castlegregory in Caherslee. We would go on to play Colaiste Na Sceilge in the final in what turned out to be a high scoring and tense affair. The final was eventually settled after a period of extra time when our lads commitment and will to win came through, Dylan O'Neill went on to lift the cup on behalf of the team for Presentation Secondary School Milltown.

Congratulations on a terrific achievement to all involved.

CPR TRAINING

As part of the Transition year curriculum, the TY students took part in "hands only" CPR and defibrillator training. This took part in the TY classroom under the watchful eye of Miss Kerfoot, it took place over the course of three classes. The aim of this course was to train up the whole school and teach them to perform hands only CPR and be able to use a defibrillator in case of an emergency.

Liam Nidegger





STUDENTS 2019



FIRST YEAR



SECOND YEAR



THIRD YEAR





FIFTH YEAR



TRANSITION YEAR



2ND YEAR SKIING TRIP



Earlier this year I attended the 2nd year school tour to the Italian Alps. This ski trip had been in the works since the end of 1st year and was the source of great excitement for many months. However, by the time we all arrived back to school in September, the reality of what we were due to undertake set in and for many students a weekend that was spent scouring the aisles of Lidl for budget ski gear.

When the faithful day finally arrived we set off with high hopes on our midnight adventure. We travelled through the night from sleepy, old Milltown to busy Terminal 1 of Dublin Airport and eventually, to our cosy hotel in the heights of Folgaria. Before receiving our ski gear at the base of the slopes, we were shown to our rooms where the discovery of bidets was thoroughly thrilling. Although the name the bidets earned was of a more vulgar nature!

The next morning, we rose before the sun, completely oblivious to the carnage that was to ensue. If you have not already guessed, the first day of skiing was a train wreck. Our poor, traumatised ski

instructors helplessly screamed, "Snow plough! Snow plough!", as we raised havoc on the slopes. Over the next few days we miraculously managed to perfect the snow plough and learnt to love the snowy slopes.

In the evenings we had many activities to keep us occupied. These ranged from watching movies to fighting the staff at tobogganing or even giving the world cup a run for its money!

Having all arrived home safely and with no serious injuries, I can confidently say without a doubt that the trip was a huge success! Of course, it wouldn't have been a school tour without a few hiccups along the way, but that only adds to the numerous funny memories we made. I would most certainly recommend this ski trip to others again, just remember to have the right mind-set and some arnica cream. Also, a huge thank you to all the teachers who made this trip possible and ensured none of us got left behind!

Lauren Foley



BT SCIENTIST AND TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION

On Friday the 11th of January the TY's attended the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition in the RDS. We left Milltown at 6 in the morning and arrived in Dublin at 10. We were accompanied by Ms. O' Donnell, Ms. O' Connor, and Mr. Walsh.

We spent the day walking around the exhibitions, testing out simulators and most importantly getting freebies. There was a car crash simulator that tested out the benefits of seatbelts. Other simulators showed you how it looked when you drive under influence, and there was also a driving simulator.

Tadhg Riordan



I WISH CONFERENCE

On the 8th of February the TY and 5th year girls who studied chemistry and physics headed off to the Cork City Hall for the I Wish conference. Our bus left at about eight thirty and we arrived in Cork at about ten. When we arrived we were greeted straight away with a beautiful purple bag that we used to keep the plenty of freebies we gathered! The conference hall was packed with girls from all over Munster coming to the STEM workshop. Soon enough the doors opened and we were led into the conference hall. During the conference we heard from some amazing speakers which really changed my whole mind-set about Physics and Chemistry and how they open up so many job opportunities. Some of the speakers included Ruth Buckley, Caroline O'Driscoll, Pamela Myers and many more inspiring women! After the talk we were brought into the freebie area which we thoroughly enjoyed and took full advantage of. It was also great to speak to many different businesses and companies to hear what they had to say about what they do which we all found really interesting. We then departed City Hall at about two o'clock after a fun filled day. It was undoubtedly a great experience and everyone really enjoyed the day.

Caoimhe Foley

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WINNING VIDEO

Kerry Students' Chewing Gum Video is the Winner of the Environmental Protection Agency's Story of Your Stuff Competition

This is the second year the EPA has hosted their secondary school competition, The Story of Your Stuff. Dr Easkey Britton, five-time Irish national surf champion, was chosen as the ambassador for this year's campaign. Students were asked to submit stories about the life cycle of an everyday object with an underlying theme of recycling and sustainability. The submitted entries focused on everything from wellies to wheels. The judges were impressed with the entrants' ability to approach the competition with a creative and refreshing perspective.

"I'm completely inspired by the creativity from everyone who participated in The Story of Your Stuff competition. It showcases so powerfully the talent and potential for young people to engage with issues they care about and create stories with positive impact. Congratulations to winners Amber and Lauren for their unique and highly creative perspective on the story of chewing gum. Incredibly well researched, beautifully illustrated using stop motion techniques, with a cyclical narrative and strong take-away message and solutions for a cleaner environment and healthier society."



GREEN SCHOOLS



On Friday the 25th of January the TY'S were visited by a green schools' representative Angela Wall, who came to talk to the TY class about our new green flag which is "Travel" and also to help us maintain our current green flags energy, litter & waste and water. The TY's took part in a Walkability Audit where they walk around Milltown identifying the problems in the area regarding travel and solutions to those problems. She suggested a technique of travel called Park & Stride and we contemplated destinations where this could be possible. She also brought our suggestions to Kerry County Council in the hope that they would fix them.

Evan O'Sullivan



COOKING WITH FRIENDS

Our TY's and students from St Francis Special School were cooking up a storm recently in the Home Economics room.

ST FRANCIS SPECIAL SCHOOL

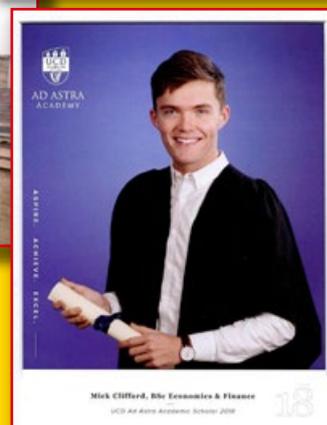
Every year the school choir and orchestra go for a day trip to St Francis's Special School in Beaufort. When we get there, we begin by playing and singing our pieces. We also perform with the children and adults that go to the school. We also receive a special visit from Santa and everyone loves it. St Francis's school strives to enable, encourage and enrich the lives of all their students to the best of their ability. Thank you to Ms. Coyle for organising this trip.

Saibh O'Brien



SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to our former students –Emily Cahill (University College Dublin), Sinéad O'Donnell (Mary Immaculate College Limerick), Isabella Stein (Trinity College Dublin) Dan Phelan (Limerick Institute of Technology) who were presented with university entrance scholarships this year. The scholarships were awarded based on their outstanding achievement in the Leaving Certificate. Mick Clifford (University College Dublin) was awarded UCD's Ad Astra Academy Scholarship in Academia recently.



WALK A MILE WITH A SMILE!



The Junior Cert is right around the corner and the Third years are studying hard at home to get their good grades that they all want and deserve. This is a quite stressful time for them and they don't have enough room on their timetable to get some fresh air. So, on the 10th of April the school organised a soothing walk for the 3rd years. They will be walking from the school to the Mass Rock and back to school. This will hopefully focus their minds on studying and getting them in the right mind-set going into the exam. Best of luck in your exams!

Oisín Quirke

DOUBLE, DOUBLE, TOIL AND TROUBLE...



Thursday 17th January will be a day long remembered for a very happy group of sixth year students. We departed the Kingdom in the early hours of the morning and our efforts were rewarded when the Dublin skyline came into view. The Bank of Ireland Building in College Green was the first stop for half of our merry crew. The Seamus Heaney exhibition, 'Listen Now Again' was worth the journey to Dublin. How wonderful it was to be taken into the world of Seamus Heaney. A poet we have revelled in studying since first year. We were given our headphones and our guide, Lesley Kehoe, talked us through the memorabilia which was laid out on tables, walls and all around, just as Seamus himself would have liked it. To see his own notebooks and handwriting, the desk he composed his wondrous works at, felt like meeting him in the flesh and a sense of the man was brought to life. His last words to his wife, Marie, were emblazoned on the final wall as we departed – 'Noli Timere', don't be afraid.

Our next stop was the National Library on Kildare Street, where the poet W.B. Yeats was celebrated in magnificent style. This multimedia rich experience captured not only the life and works of a poet, but also a man who oversaw the formation of our state. We were brought back to a time rich in history and culture.

The highlight of our trip was the eagerly anticipated performance of "Macbeth" in the Bord Gáis Energy Theatre. In terms of characterisation, all characters in the performance were not what I expected them to be. In one way, I was pleasantly surprised by lady Macbeth's role in the play as my initial impression of her, from studying the play in class, was that she was utterly cruel and emotionless. The performance however, emphasised more affection than I expected, allowing me to see her in a different light. Macbeth, himself, was a little disappointing for me personally. In my mind, Macbeth was built up to be the ultimate tyrant, full of cruelty and guilt. It is a shame that these traits were not shown to the extent that I believe them to be.

The modern setting of a battle zone accurately reflected the play's main themes. One thing that remained constant, and made the set on stage very clever, was the sloping cat walk that moved from one side of the stage to the other between the scenes. Its subtle movement added simplicity to the set and provided easy, smooth access for the next scene to take place. The costumes were dominated by the khaki uniform of the soldier. Macbeth's red suit highlighted his role as chief architect of the play's many deaths. I would definitely recommend any student studying "Macbeth" to go and see a live performance, as a way of providing a different and perhaps helpful view of the characters and setting. Many thanks to our teachers for organising this trip.

Rachel Hctor

Ms. O'Donnell's 5th year Biology class had a fantastic day in Killarney National Park completing their Ecology Fieldwork.



2ND YEAR TRIP TO PARIS



On the 6th of February at 6:00 in the morning we left Milltown to start our three day trip to Paris. Travelling took up most of the first day. We got on the plane at 9:30 and we arrived in Paris at around 2:00. We were greeted by our bus driver ready to start our guided tour of Paris. We saw the Louvre Museum and the Eiffel Tower which was stunning and amazing to see in real life. We ate dinner at a pizzeria. After dinner we drove to the river

Seine and got on a boat for a river cruise. It was so fun. We even got to see the Eiffel Tower light up! We checked into our hotel at 11:00.

We had an early start on day two. I was buzzing to go; I had never been to Disney Land before. When we got there we got our tickets and we were let off to go do whatever we wanted. The park was so big and colourful. We went on all the big rides, but my favourite was 'Rock 'n' Rollercoaster'. The princess castle was huge, it was so enchanting and almost picture-perfect. We then watched fireworks and I absolutely loved them, they were incredible.

On the last day of our school tour we got up at 7:00 and headed for breakfast. At around 10:00 we loaded the bus with our suitcases and set off on an hour long journey to Notre Dame. We got a tour of the cathedral. Our next stop was Versailles. Versailles was so big and had some amazing artwork on the walls and roof. We got on the bus again and drove another hour to Aéroville shopping centre. It was huge! Our final stop was Charles de Gaulle airport. It was the biggest airport I've ever seen. We were back in Milltown by 6:00 Saturday morning.

My favourite part about the trip was Disneyland as I love going on rides and seeing the stalls and Disney characters. I would recommend this trip to anyone, I really enjoyed it. Each day we did so many enjoyable activities we had hardly any time to sleep. It was all worth it in the end.

Sophie O'Connor



TY SPORT ACTIVITIES

TY's organised many sporting activities during the year for 1st & 2nd Years. Pictured 1st Year Basketball Blitz & Spikeball.



SENIOR HISTORY TRIP

In November, our senior history students visited Dublin and its many historical buildings and monuments. To further their knowledge of the Easter Rising 1916, 5th and 6th year students toured the GPO and the National Museum at Collins Barracks. It was a very enjoyable day and it was interesting to visit places mentioned in our history books. Thanks to our teachers for organising the trip.



THE JINGLE BELL RUN

Every year the school organizes a Jingle Bell run. This year the Jingle Bell will be held on the 11th of December. Students may run, walk or jog. It is a 5km route to the mass rock and back to the school. Will last year's winners be able to hold their title again for another amazing year of running? €5,560 was raised by this event for school funds.

Dean Cahill

CORK POPS

On the 8th of November, all of the first year classes went to see "The Cork Pops". The Cork Pops is a concert, which a lot of schools attend. In the morning, we first got a bus from our school all the way to The City Hall in Cork, where the concert was happening. While we were waiting for the concert to begin to conductor was speaking to us. When the concert started we all stopped talking and listened to the orchestra. There was also a girl who sang with the orchestra. After the concert we went to "Merchant Quay" where we got food. After that we went back out to the buses and drove back down to school again. "Cork Pops" is a great memorable and fun day out for all of first year.

Leona Clifford, 1K

TD TALK



Brendan Griffin TD visited the school on Friday 25th January to meet our 2nd year, TY and 5th year student's business studies students for a question and answer meeting.

Students were able to query some of the recent government decisions made in relation to economic policy.

This will be of particular benefit to students in their upcoming CBAs.

TRÓCAIRE WORKSHOP

The TY's recently attended a Trócaire workshop with Ms. Myers at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Killarney, where they learned about refugee life and to help spread awareness of this important issue through activities that teach us the struggles of being a refugee and the trauma they go through on a daily basis. Through computer games and real life simulators that help us experience their journey from their native country to when they move to new countries. Overall it was a very good learning experience and gave everyone a new perspective of refugee life.

Evan O'Sullivan



ROMEO & JULIET

Our 3rd Year students didn't have to travel far to see a fantastic production of this play. Held in the Old Schoolhouse at Muckross, it was a real treat and thoroughly enjoyed by all.



BAKE FOR BRAIN INJURY 2019

A school Bake Sale took place in April raising €650 for Acquired Brain Injury Ireland. Well done to Ms Costello and the Home Economics students who worked so hard preparing for the event. Thanks to all the fabulous bakers and to everyone who supported the event.

GAA AWARDS

Our TY's were delighted to get the opportunity to complete, not one, but two GAA courses in one day! Thanks to PJ Reidy who delivered the GAA Foundation Coaching Course and to Pat Sheehy who delivered the GAA Refereeing Course.



LIFE LESSONS



Some of our 2nd years enjoying the results of their Pad Thai cookery class. Delicious.

MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY WOOD

It was a busy year for our Materials Technology Wood department with an exceptionally high number of students entering our classrooms. Here is a quick glance at just some of the projects made by our students throughout the course of the year.

1ST YEAR STUDENTS WHO RECENTLY COMPLETED THEIR KEY RING HOLDERS



1st Year group having some fun with our drag race in which students handmade and designed their own race cars. Pictured in front either side of the race track are our overall winners Ben Downes, Ben Levy & Daniel Redmond.



3rd Year with some fantastic ideas, craftsmanship and finishing put into these projects



Another successful project by our TY woodwork students who recently completed their end of term moonlight candle holder projects.

Here is our 2nd Year students with their animal themed clocks. Once students had their clocks finished and varnished, students of each class voted and chose the top 6 designs from each class and on completion of their small bedside table our winners were presented with an Easter egg prior to the Easter holidays.



TY TRIP TO PARIS

The TY students went to Paris on the 26th of March. We had a late start on Monday night at 11:20 outside the school in Milltown. Once we were all on the bus it was a quick journey up to Dublin Airport, as there was little to no traffic on the road.

We arrived at the airport at roughly 3:30 in the morning and had a few hours before our flight at 6pm. We landed at an airport on the outskirts of Paris. We got onto a bus and started to head towards Paris. It took the best part of an hour to get to Paris. Once we got there we went to our hotel and dropped off our bags and went straight onto the metro to go to the "Champs Élysées" and then to the Arc de Triomphe. We got a guided tour of the Champs Elysees and the areas that surrounded it. After the tour we went to get food in the Latin quarter, once we were finished eating we went on a boat trip on the River Seine and then went back to the hotel and to bed.



On the second day we woke up at half 7 and left for Disneyland, it was an hour on train. Once we arrived we picked up a few snacks for the day ahead, we were handed our tickets, given a meeting point and went on our own way. At 2pm we met at our meeting point and let the teachers know we were ok. We were told that we were going to stay an extra two hours so that we could watch the fireworks.

On the third and final day we went to the Eiffel Tower, the sights were delightful. We grabbed something to eat and then went to catch the Metro. We had to catch the bus to go back to the airport and catch our flights. We got onto our flight with about five minutes to spare. We arrived in Dublin for 11pm and grabbed the bus with a new passenger. We arrived back in Milltown at 3am. It is safe to assume that everyone slept well that night. Thanks to Ms Barratt & Mr Ryan for organising the trip.

Liam Nidegger

ATHLETICS

Schools Cross Country Girls & Boys Teams

The school Cross Country was held in the Demesne in Killarney on Thursday 17th January 2019. We had a great interest from students as 27 travelled to represent the school. The Cross Country is always a great day out for students. Well done to all who participated. The Junior boys team came 2nd overall. Cian Spillane won the race & went on to win the South Munster's. He will represent the school in the Munster Cross Country in Waterford later this year.

Kerry Colleges Track & Field

Kerry Colleges Track & Field' was held in Castleisland on Wednesday 1st May which is always a great way to kick start the summer. All students had a very enjoyable day. Well done to Cian Spillane who won both the 300m & 1500m. Cian then went on to represent the school in the South Munster's in Cork Institute of Technology on the 10th May where he went on to win the 1500m. Well done Cian & best of luck in the Munster competition later this month.



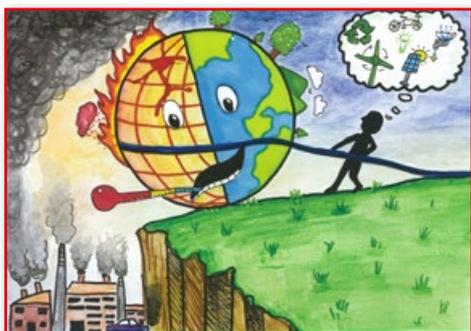
Cian claimed a silver medal in the Junior Boys 1500m in the Munster Schools Athletics Championships in CIT recently.

Art & Craft work is flourishing in the school. Our Art students are a very creative and dedicated group who are supported and encouraged by their teacher, Ms M. O Connor. The students are always very successful in the Astellas Art Competition calendar is compiled each year showcasing the winning creations while raising money for the Irish Kidney Association. Pictured below are examples of artwork during the year.

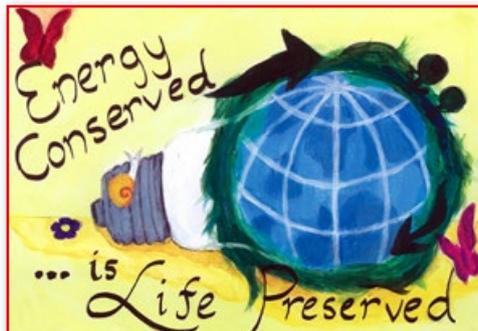
Encouraged by their teachers, Ms C. O Connor & Ms Costello, the creative flair of our students is also evident in Home Economics. Below are some photos of cushion covers made by students as part of their Junior Cycle.



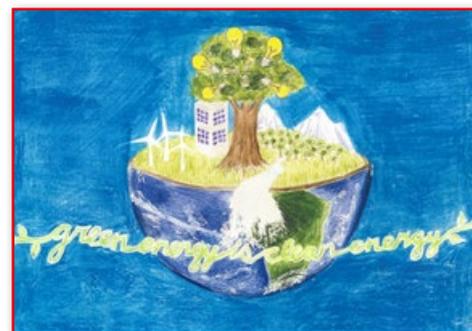
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Katie O'Brien



6TH YEAR ADDRESS

“Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten” -BF Skinner.

A school, by definition, is an institute for educating children, but to each one of us graduating this year our school is so much more. It is the place we have spent the last five or six years of our lives growing up. It is the place where we figured out our passions, maybe even our future careers. It is the place where we have made lifelong friends and memories that we will laugh about in years to come. It's where we learned some hard lessons, where we figured out not everything in life comes easy, but also that there is so much more waiting for us when this is over.

There will come a day, when the English quotes, History dates and Biology definitions fade from our memories, but we will never forget what each subject, teacher and peer has taught us. It has given us an understanding of the world around us, of all the people we have met and the opportunity to be a moral, respectful person, mindful of ourselves and others. We are grateful of the privilege of a good start in life, an educated one, and even though the passage through the years hasn't been smooth sailing for everyone, I think we will all look back on these days with a hint of nostalgia. When we spent our days laughing with our friends, bemoaning exams and dreaming about the future, maybe not appreciating how good we had it.

But before we look back, we must go forward. Forward into the reality that we are all going our separate ways, down different

paths and on new adventures. Although this is a daunting thought, it is an exciting one. Once the leaving cert is finished, it is our choice what to do with our lives, it is our time to live our lives for ourselves, dress how we want to, make new friends and new memories and to see what the world has to offer beyond the walls of Pres Milltown. I'm sure some of us may not feel ready. Others couldn't be made stay with any bribe in the world. But independence is the next step for all of us and whether we know it yet or not, we have been given the tools and guidance for this during our time here, and all we have to do is walk forward.

Lucy Barrett