

# KINSALE COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER *December 2015*





# From the Principal's Desk

The front cover of our previous edition featured a photograph of the Minister for Education and Skills, Jan O'Sullivan TD, performing a sod turning event in respect of our new state of the art school building. It is most heartening to see builders on site as we go to print with this edition. MMD Construction commenced site works on the 10 million euro project on 3 November 2015. The main block of this construction, which runs parallel with the road, will be complete in January 2017, with the new gym and the extension of the e-block to be completed by September 2017. We look forward with great anticipation to these new facilities, which shall consolidate our reputation as a highly regarded educational establishment.

I want to congratulate our Leaving Certificate class of 2015 on their magnificent achievements in their examinations and wish them well in their third level studies. Their performances, and the results of our Junior Cert class of 2015, vastly outstripped the national average. As a school community, we are incredibly proud of all of our students who sat the State Examinations last June. It was wonderful to celebrate the achievements of our students at our Annual Awards evening in October in the company of our Guest of Honour, Ms Mary Kennedy. Ms Kennedy addressed our gathering about the importance of kindness and community and the need for every one of us to look out for each other. The sense of community and kindness that Mary Kennedy spoke of was so evident when all of our students and staff participated in our 'Caring for Ciara' sponsored walk which raised in excess of 30,000 euro. It is a wonderful testimony of our community. Ciara is a very strong, brave and resilient young lady with a bright future and we wish her and her family every blessing.

I was delighted to learn that a former Kinsale Community School student, Cian Gallagher, was awarded a UCC Quercus Scholarship at a formal reception at UCC on 1 December 2015. It is wonderful to learn that the achievements of past pupils of our school are so highly recognised.

In the course of this term our school hosted a number of distinguished guests which included the Spanish Ambassador, Mr José Maria Rodriguez-Coso. The Spanish students in our school add considerably to the vibrancy and culture of our community. It was a very special occasion to raise the Spanish flag with him while our music students, under the direction of Ms Brid Kearney, provided a recital.

We welcomed Senator Gerry Craughwell, who delivered an inspiring presentation to our Leaving Certificate students regarding achieving their target in life and the importance of healthy ambition.

We also welcomed Barnardo's CEO, Mr Fergus Finlay, who provided our Transition Year students with a fascinating presentation on equality and childhood poverty. Mr Finlay was visiting Kinsale as a guest of the Kinsale Peace Project, and as always, we are very grateful to Mr Pdraig Fitzgerald and his colleagues in the Kinsale Peace Project for including our school within their programme when such guests are in the locality.

We hosted a delegation from the Maltese Ministry for Education. The Maltese government is currently revising their teaching practices. To that end, they have liaised with UCC. Those that visited our school were exceptionally impressed and are anxious to maintain their liaison with us.

Our school show 'Billy the Musical' was a great success and I wish to acknowledge the artistic excellence of Mr Tony Cierans, the musical brilliance of Brid Kearney and the exceptional creativity of Kathleen Fitzpatrick in making the show such a success. The students involved will never forget the excitement that they experienced playing to full audiences over five shows.

Again, I wish to acknowledge with heartfelt thanks all of the friends of our school. Our friends include the Kinsale and District Lions Club, which provides our school with practical assistance and



support throughout the year. This ensures that we can provide direct help where it is most needed in the course of the school year. In that regard I urge you to please support the Kinsale and District Lions Club this Christmas. Such friends also include Eamon Judge for the support, assistance and guidance that he and his colleagues in Eli Lilly provide to our Young Scientist students. We wish the twenty one students from Kinsale Community School every success in the upcoming exhibition. I also want to acknowledge the contribution of our local GAA clubs in seeking to improve the good fortunes of our hurling teams. This, Rebel Og backed initiative is being piloted in our school and will benefit our students physical and social well being.

I want to extend a special word of thanks to Maria Brosnan for the continued excellence of her work in producing this very impressive publication of the Newsletter.

Finally I want to acknowledge the parents, staff and students for making Kinsale Community School such a success story. All of you enable us to achieve a wide variety of accolades on an academic, artistic and sporting basis. Truly this school adheres to our motto of 'All together in Learning'.

On behalf of the Board of Management and our Chairperson Sr Rita Twomey, I wish to extend every blessing to you for Christmas and the New Year.

Ba mhaith liom Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliann faoi mhaise a thabhairt diobh go leir.

*Fergal Ó Gortáin*

# Deputy Principals Desk



## Caring for Ciara Walk

Friday the 23rd of October was a very special day at Kinsale Community School and a demonstration of the unbreakable spirit and unity of the community in support of one of our own.

The morning itself was a dark and rainy morning and it was a testament to the character and energy of the pupils, volunteers and staff that everyone participated and finished the route with a smile. As a School Community, we raised €30,000 for the Ciara O'Brien Trust and we will present the cheque at our Christmas assembly. Well done everybody! Special congratulations and thanks to the following pupils who collected in excess of €100:

YEAR	PUPIL
1	Rosie Deasy
	Rory McCarthy
	Ellie May Dyer
	Tegan O Donovan
	Ellen Farrissey
	Lia Farley
2	Leticia McCarthy
	Aoife O Leary
	Aisling Coughlan
	Ellie Jane Gregg
	Daniel Collins
	Cormac Hartnett
3	Lily Cronin
	Tom O Connell
	Daire Buckley
	Paige Keary
	Eve Casey
	Ellen Nyhan
	James Crowley
	David Hankard
	John O'Brien
	Michael Madden
	Bethan Lewis

YEAR	PUPIL
4	Darren Bolton
	Clara McCarthy
	Ellen Kelleher
5	Aine O Sullivan
	Jordan Corkery
	Sean O'Brien
6	Rachel Lysaght
	Fintan Forde
	Amie Lynch
	Emma McAuliffe
	Eadoin O Leary
	Sophie Edwards
	Reese Hurley
	Rachel Hurley
	Sinead Keating
	Georgina Hunt
	Eoghan Callanan

**Kathleen O'Brien, Deputy Principal**





# *ENTERPRISE TRIP to Inchydoney*



## **'LEADERS ON OUR LEVEL' CONFERENCE**

On Monday 13th October, TY mini-company students and their teachers Ms O'Donovan and Ms Brosnan attended an enterprise conference hosted by West Cork Enterprise Board at the Inchydoney Hotel. It was a very busy event with over 300 TY students from all over West Cork attending! It was a very eye-opening and interesting event for the enterprise students who listened to a variety of speakers from various business backgrounds. It also provided students with an opportunity to learn about the steps in setting up a business, developing business ideas and also marketing plans.

Speakers included Kevin Buckley, CEO and Co-founder of Spearline Labs who opened the conference with a presentation on the steps involved in becoming an entrepreneur. He spoke about his own experiences of mini-company in secondary school, his studies, experience in industry and his own company which

now employs over 20 people locally in Skibbereen. He explained to students the importance of having vision, belief and strength for a business to succeed.

Young entrepreneur and Rosscarbery native, Peter Nagle then took to the stage to talk about his company Bitcove which he set up with his brother which acquires and sells Bitcoin. Peter spoke to students about his own experience of mini-company and the difficulties he experienced. He also advised students that it is vital to develop a product that sells to people and reiterated the importance of finding a niche for a market.

After a short break the next speaker Brid Ryan from Carrigaline spoke about her enterprise called QueenB Athletics. Brid spoke to students about her passion for sport and this was where the idea for her business started. She identified a niche in the area of comfortable yet fashionable sports kits for women. Brid focused her presentation on the importance of building a brand for a product and the variety of

methods that can be used to promote a product such as newspapers, sponsorship, competitions, websites and social media.

Finally the conference ended with a presentation from Niall O'Callaghan on motivation and goal setting. Niall spoke about his past experience as a Senior Executive Engineer with Cork County Council and his new business Pure Results Bootcamp. Students were very surprised and delighted to hear about his work with presenter Kathryn Thomas! Niall advised students about the importance of teamwork, motivation, dedication and innovation when working on a mini-company product.

Overall it was an interesting, enjoyable and educational experience for all the TY mini-company students who had plenty of questions to ask each speaker! Best of luck to all mini-company students in their mini-company projects!

*Ms Brosnan & Ms O'Donovan*



# Student Council 2015



*Congratulations to Alison Condon and Hugh Whelan on being elected as 2015 Head Girl and Head Boy (pictured at the annual awards night).*



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## TEACHER ACHIEVEMENTS



*Congratulations to Ms Dullea (Bantry Blues) on receiving the Player of the Game Award at the Munster Finals in November. Congratulations also to a number of staff who also took part in the Run in the Dark in support of spinal cord injuries. Pictured are Ms Bennett, Ms Barrett, Ms O'Brien and Mr Holly. Ms C. Murphy and members of the Jamie Wall team also took part.*

# ÉACHT NA SCOLAÍRÍ 2015

C E L E B R A T I N G   S T U D E N T   A C H I E V E M E N T

Kinsale Community School held its annual awards ceremony, Éacht na Scolairí, on Friday 16th October. Nearly 600 students, parents and staff packed into the school hall to honour the achievements of the Kinsale students in a variety of areas. Guests were treated to a variety of musical arrangements prepared by Ms Brid Kearney and her music students prior to commencement of the Awards Ceremony.

Guest of Honour for the night was broadcaster Ms Mary Kennedy who expressed her delight to be in attendance celebrating the success of students at Kinsale Community School. Ms Kennedy was impressed by the diversity of the awards being presented and stated that it was a good indicator of the entire community that is, Kinsale Community School. She commended the opportunities, celebrations and accolades being provided in the school and the success of the Leaving Certificate class of 2015 and in particular, the fact that 20% of students received over 500 points. She also expressed her delight at the number of students receiving Gaisce Awards (which is celebrating its 13th anniversary) and encouraged those who received a bronze Gaisce Award to work towards receiving a Silver. Ms Kennedy also stated that she got a very good sense of a holistic approach to education and that it was 'centre stage' at Kinsale Community School.

During her address, Ms Kennedy quoted Mahatma Gandhi in the statement 'Be the change that you want to see in the world'. She stated that the young people of Kinsale Community School had the energy, insight and the vision to make change happen. She also referred to many social issues now occurring in Irish society such as the issue of homelessness, mental health issues and bullying. She called on students to be conscious of the issue of bullying. She appealed to students to be on the lookout for people who may be going through a difficult time, to reach out to those who are vulnerable and also to reach out when they themselves are feeling vulnerable.

She also commended the Irish as a nation and how we show caring and in particular mentioned to the audience the good works



done by the Irish Naval Service providing support to migrants who were fleeing the troubles in their countries. Also she mentioned the Defence Forces who adopted two charities in their time off – a hospice for the dying and a children's charity for orphans of the civil war. She stated that this is what is in the DNA of Irish citizens and stated how the students of Kinsale were getting the opportunity to do good with the activities that are offered in the school. Ms Kennedy concluded her address by wishing the students well and encouraging students to continue their studies and to continue to achieve. She also wished the school well in their 20th Year Celebrations next year.

On the night, which was MCed by Deputy Principal Kathleen O'Brien, students received awards for a host of achievements and activities ranging from Year Awards to Sporting Awards to Academic Awards. Pupils from the Leaving Certificate class of 2015 were honoured for their outstanding results with the Senior Academic Award being presented to Eoghan Gilleran. The Junior Certificate Academic Award was presented to Fiona Deasy and Christopher Healy who were recognised for their excellent Junior Certificate results both receiving 10 A's and 1 B. Other notable awards on the night were the Sinéad Barry Memorial Award for Business which went to Alana McCarthy and Isabelle Lordan and the Catherine O'Byrne Memorial Award for German which was presented to Eoghan Gilleran and Maedhbh O'Leary. The Civic Virtue Award was presented to Fergal O'Brien. The Killian Ryan Memorial Award for the Arts was presented to Kayley Shine. The Joe McGrath Memorial Award was presented to Niamh Sheehan and the

Special Achievement in Sports Awards to Conor O'Callaghan (Table Tennis), Simon Kearney (Rowing) and Cathal Butler and Gary Ward (Golf). Finally, Life Science Consultants in Kinsale presented the Science and Technology Award to Gary O'Leary.

In welcoming Ms Mary Kennedy to the Kinsale Community School annual awards evening Fergal McCarthy, school principal extended his thanks to her for taking time out of her busy schedule to celebrate the success of the students at Kinsale Community School. Mr McCarthy also commented on how Kinsale had been nominated by Cork County Council to represent Cork in the Pride of Place Awards. He stated that he was thrilled with the fact that when Kinsale looked at what is great in our community and what defines our community, they singled out Kinsale Community School. Mr McCarthy also conveyed his congratulations to the Leaving Certificate class of 2015 who obtained exceptional results and also stated that their contribution to the school during their time there was truly remarkable.

The principal congratulated the parents and the teachers for all of the care and work that is associated with preparing students for this level of excellence. He congratulated the current students in attendance on their magnificent achievements and stated that they were now the role models within the community. He stated that they demonstrated the characteristics that the school community place a great value on. He appealed to the students to ensure they maintain a balance in their lives and to enjoy what life has to offer 'Enjoy music, enjoy art, enjoy sport, be generous with your time and most importantly continue to display the kindness and active citizenship that is being encouraged by your teachers during your time here'. He also appealed to the award recipients to be entirely grateful to their parents and paid tribute to staff for the abundance of energy, enthusiasm and drive brought to their work. Finally, he thanked Sr Rita Twomey (Chairperson of the Board) and all the board members as well as the community. In particular he expressed his thanks to the primary feeder schools, the Lions Club, Kinsale Peace



Project, James O'Mahony, Eli Lilly and Eamon Judge. He concluded with a final message 'The future is built by the people in this room'.

The Awards Ceremony concluded with a musical finale directed by Ms Brid Kearney which included a number of ballads, songs and dance performed by members of the trad group and Ms. Kearney's music classes.

***The full list of nominees and awards winners is as follows:***

**FIRST YEAR:**

Michelle Collins, Katie Condrón, Kelly Coughlan, Liliann Cronin, Orlaith Cummins, Clíodhna Doyle, Emily Gleave, Oscar Humphreys, Daniel Keating, Cian Murphy, Paul O'Riordan, Christopher O'Sullivan, Lucy Plant and Dara Tyner. The Overall Winner was Cian Murphy.

**SECOND YEAR:**

Adlina Ali Mohommad, Abi Allen, Mary Carpenter, Sarah Cotter, Christine Coughlan, Darragh Crowley, Una Donovan, Siobhan McCallum, Selena McCarthy, Triona Nyhan, Conor O'Callaghan, Andrew O'Connell, Daniel Scanlon and Richard Sweetnam. The Overall Winner was Andrew O'Connell.

**THIRD YEAR:**

Skye Allen, Dominika Andron, Clodagh Butler, Rebecca Corkery, Aine Cummins, Marie Dempsey, Jake Hyland, Jasmine McShane, Ethan Monkhouse, Maggie Mullally, Josh O'Leary, Gillian O'Neill, Rachel O'Regan and Stephanie O'Regan. The Overall Winner was Skye Allen.

**TRANSITION YEAR:**

Richard Barry, Frank Curtin, Kane Curtin, Kate Delaney, Adam Higgins, Janet Hourihan, Charlotte Hurley, Abbie Jeffery, Melissa McCarthy, Jennifer O'Leary, Donal O'Neill, Aine O'Sullivan, Mary-Claire Scanlon and Diarmuid Walsh. The Overall Winner was Charlotte Hurley.

**FIFTH YEAR:**

Lara Butler, Kane Carpenter, Niamh Gannon, Sinead Keating, Aaron Kelly, Amie Lynch, Joe Moriarty, Rose Murphy, Karen Nyhan, Caoimhe O'Callaghan, Sadhbh O'Hanrahan, Marie O'Keefe, Jack Reardon and Anna Wawer. The Overall Winner was Anna Wawer.

**SIXTH YEAR:**

Cathal Butler, Nicola Coleman, Eimear Crowley, Eoghan Gilleran, Eoin Healy,

Elizabeth Keogh, Shane Lanigan, Jason McCarthy, Louise O'Connor, Denise O'Leary, Gary O'Leary, Sheilann O'Meara, Niamh Sheehan and Kayley Shine. The Overall Winner was Eoin Healy.

**GAISCE PRESIDENT'S AWARDS:**

**Silver Awards:** Jake Butler-Murphy and Laura Murphy

**Bronze Awards:** Richard Barry, Oceane Brophy, Marieke Buckley, Rachel Butler, Frank Curtin, Kane Curtin, Maebh Delahunty, Kate Delaney, Zoe Fennell, Luke Henderson, Adam Higgins, Ali Hill, Charlotte Hurley, Abbie Jeffery, Sheila-Marie Kelleher, Stephen McAllister, Melissa McCarthy, Tadhg McCarthy, Nathan McCarthy, Conor McCarthy, Sarah McCarthy, Sarah O'Callaghan, Clodagh O'Donovan, Paul O'Donovan, Sharon O'Leary, Gavin O'Leary, Stephen O'Neill, Kerri O'Reilly, Siobhan O'Riordan, Aine O'Sullivan, Hannah Quinn, Niamh Twomey, Cathal Whelan, Jenny Walsh and Max Shanahan.

**JUNIOR SPORT:**

Joseph Bohan, Juliette Cronin, Darragh Crowley, Simon Dorney, Georgia Gould, Patrick Gowran, Christopher Healy, Oisín Herberich, Hester McCarthy, Tracy McCarthy, Ross Mooney, Luke O'Callaghan, Andrew O'Connell, Aidan O'Donovan, Adam O'Leary, Sadhbh O'Leary, Donnacha O'Mahony, Eoin Redmonds, Rhys Reynolds, Harry Sheehan and Dara Tyner.

**SENIOR SPORT:**

Richard Barry, James Bohan, Nicola Coleman, Linda Collins, Shane Cummins, Eoin Healy, Abbie Jeffery, Ellen Murphy, John Murphy, Sharon O'Leary, Cian O'Mahony, Niamh Sheehan, Clare Tyner and Hannah Quinn.

**SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT IN SPORT AWARD:** Conor O'Callaghan, Simon Kearney, Cathal Butler and Gary Ward.

**JOE MCGRATH MEMORIAL AWARD:** Niamh Sheehan

**SINEAD BARRY MEMORIAL AWARD:** Alana McCarthy and Isabelle Lordan

**BANK OF IRELAND AWARDS**

Timmy Murphy, Cuan Tobin, Hugh Whelan and Caitriona O'Reilly

**CIVIC VIRTUE AWARD:** Fergal O'Brien

**KILLIAN RYAN MEMORIAL AWARD:** Kayley Shine

**CATHERINE O'BYRNE MEMORIAL AWARD:** Eoghan Gilleran and Maedhbh O'Leary

**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AWARD:** Gary O'Leary

**BT YOUNG SCIENTIST COMPETITION**

Cathy Hynes, Eve Casey, Orlaith Cummins, Lucy Plant, Amanda Draper, Mia Hynes, Sadhbh Hanrahan, Ciara Walsh, Ali Hill, Lorcan O'Brien, Neil O'Brien, Jennifer McCarthy, Luke Henderson, Tadhg McCarthy, Jessica Sheehan, Max Shanahan, Hugh Whelan and Ken McVitty.

**ACADEMIC AWARDS:**

Aaron Clayton (Art), Fionnula Cogan (Religion), Eoghan Gilleran (Maths, German, Applied Maths, Physics, Chemistry), Eoin Hurley (Irish, Chemistry, Biology, Accounting), Alana McCarthy (Business, Home Economics, LCVP), Emily McCarthy (English, Biology, Accounting, Irish), Gary O'Leary (Chemistry), Meadhbh O'Leary (Irish, German, Chemistry, DCG), Siobhan Ashford O'Leary (English, History, Art, Biology), Ashling Rice (Home Economics), Katie Wall (Accounting, Irish), Linda Collins (Home Economics), Shannon Forde (History), Anna Hannon (LCVP), Clodagh Henderson (English), David O'Leary (Engineering, Construction Studies, LCVP), Katy Poole (Religion), Amy Roberts (German, French), Michael Sheehan (Engineering, LCVP), Kayley Shine (English), Clíodhna Walsh (Music), Eimear Crowley (LCVP), Isabelle Lordan (Biology), Mael Moru (French), Ellen Murphy (LCVP), Donal O'Donovan (History, Business, Religion), Cormac Cowhig (Business) and Clare Tyner (LCVP).

**JUNIOR ACADEMIC AWARD:** Fiona Deasy and Christopher Healy

**LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED AWARD:** Sheilann O'Meara

**SENIOR ACADEMIC AWARD:** Eoghan Gilleran



ACADEMIC AWARD RECIPIENTS



BTYS AWARD WINNERS



GAISCE AWARD RECIPIENTS





JUNIOR SPORTS NOMINEES



SENIOR SPORTS AWARD NOMINEES



TY NOMINEES





Y1 NOMINEES



Y2 NOMINEES



Y3 NOMINEES





Y3 NOMINEES



Y5 NOMINEES



Y6 NOMINEES





*Bank of Ireland Award - Catriona O'Reilly, Hugh Whelan & Cuan Tobin*



*Bank of Ireland Award - Timmy Murphy*



*Catherine O'Byrne Memorial Award Winners*



*Civic Virtue Award - Fergal O'Brien*



*Joe McGrath Award - Niamh Sheehan*



*Junior Academic Award Winner - Fiona Deasy*



*Junior Sport Winner - Sadhbh O'Leary*



*Killian Ryan Memorial Award - Kayley Shine*





*Leaving Cert Applied Award Winner - Sheilann O'Meara*



*Science & Technology Award - Gary O'Leary*



*Senior Academic Award Winner - Eoghan Gilleran*



*Senior Sport Award Winner - Eoin Healy*



*Sinead Barry Award - Isabelle Lordan & Alana McCarthy*



*Sports Award - Conor O'Callaghan (Table Tennis)*



*Sports Award - Gary Ward & Cathal Butler (Golf)*



*Sports Award - Simon Kearney (Rowing)*





Y1 Winner Cian Murphy



Y2 Winner Andrew O'Connell



Y3 Winner Skye Allen



TY Winner Charlotte Hurley



Y5 Winner Anna Wawer



Y6 Winner Eoin Healy



Junior Academic Award Winners - Chris Healy & Fiona Deasy





# Christmas Food Appeal

This year we started the Christmas Food Appeal again in the school, due to the wonderful support it got from students and staff last year. Unfortunately homelessness in Cork is still a problem so we hope to do a little bit for those who need it this Christmas.

The food appeal accepts all non-perishable food items for example, tinned foods, cereals, pasta, biscuits, soups, sweets, tea bags, coffee etc.

We will donate it to the Cork City Lions club who will then distribute it to families in need in Cork City on Christmas week.

The Cork City Lions club are so thankful that our school community get on board to make such a difference in the lives of others at Christmas.

Donations can be made into the trolley at reception in the school, a big thanks to Mr. Sean O'Callaghan in Smith's Centra in Kinsale for kindly letting us borrow the shopping trolley for this year's food appeal.

Sometimes we assume Christmas is a happy time for everyone, but in reality it is a completely different story.



Well done to everybody that has contributed in any way to the food appeal so far this year.

*Ms. M. Fleming*

# ECDL

Each year, as part of Transition Year in Kinsale Community School, students undertake the ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence) programme. This is an online computer-based subject which consists of 7 modules. The New ECDL programme is now in its second year at Kinsale Community School consisting of newer updated modules along with core modules – Computer Essentials, Online Essentials, Word Processing, Spreadsheets, Presentations, IT Security and Online Collaboration.

The ECDL Programme is an extremely beneficial programme which provides students with the opportunity to broaden their knowledge and skills in computer technology. Upon successful completion of all 7 Modules, students are awarded a Certificate in ECDL which is an internationally recognised qualification. A highly valuable asset to any CV!

Well done and congratulations to the students of TY 2014/2015 and their teachers Ms. Mullaney and Ms. Brosnan, who worked with great determination and diligence. 97% of students in 2015 were awarded with Certificates in ECDL!

Pictured are the TY students of 2014 - 2015 who were presented with their ECDL Certificates by the ECDL Co-ordinator, Ms. Brosnan.





# KCS HURLING LAUNCH

A function was held in Kinsale Community School this term to launch a new coaching initiative in this progressive school. The clubs that provide players for the school hurling teams have combined together to provide a coach to help the teachers who are already involved in hurling. This scheme is being supported by Cork GAA Games Manager Kevin O'Callaghan and local GDA Paudie O'Brien who were present for the launch. Martin Barry is

the new coach and all present wished him the best of luck for the year ahead. Mr. Fergal McCarthy Principal of the school spoke about the huge value he places on the position of sport in a young person's education and thanked the teachers from the school who are involved in all the sports that are on offer. Kevin O'Callaghan welcomed the initiative and challenged the school to aim high and challenge for Harty Cup honours in the

years to come. Niall Murphy outlined the recent successes in hurling that the school has achieved which include nine County titles, with successes at Munster and All Ireland level also. The recent successes of the Cork Development Squads were also acknowledged with five students from the school involved with those panels. The future certainly looks bright for hurling in KCS.



*Representatives from all our feeder clubs*



*Ballinhassig*



*Coursey Rovers*



*Kinsale*



*Slabh Rua*



*Tracton*



*Valley Rovers*



*Students in Cork Development Squads*



# Fergus Finlay

On Thursday 1st October the TY students were delighted to welcome guest speaker Fergus Finlay, Chief Executive of Barnardos, Ireland's largest children's charity. Mr Finlay, spoke to students about the work of Barnardos and the services the organisation provides such as working with vulnerable children and campaigning for children's rights. It was a very informative and eye-opening experience for all the students. A big thank you to Padraig Fitzgerald of Kinsale Peace Project for giving us the opportunity to hear such a wonderful and inspiring guest speaker.



# Language and Logic

Kinsale Community School runs a Language and Logic Puzzle for first year students every week. This is part of the schools literacy and numeracy strategy, and is a response to the government's National Strategy to Improve Literacy and Numeracy among Young People. A new puzzle is posted to the first year notice board each week and a winner is drawn from all correct entries. Furthermore, every student who enters - regardless of answer - will be eligible for an end of term draw. This ensures every student has a chance to win, as long as they take part! Photographed are Nicola Lucakova, Mr O'Callaghan and Leo Hipwell recent winners of the Language and Logic Puzzle.



Numeracy is not simply limited to the ability to add, subtract, multiply and divide. Numeracy encompasses the ability to use mathematical understanding and skills to solve problems and meet the demands of day-to-day living in complex social settings. To have this ability, a young person needs to be able to think and communicate logically, to make

sense of data, to have a spatial awareness, to understand patterns and sequences, and to recognise situations where mathematical reasoning can be applied to solve problems.

Similarly, literacy includes the capacity to read, understand and critically appreciate various forms of communication including spoken language, printed text, broadcast media, and digital media.

To ensure our students have the ability to fully engage with the modern world, KCS is committed to developing their language and logic skills. The Language and logic quiz is a popular and fun way of supporting the work our students carry out in the classroom and at home.

*Mr O'Callaghan*



# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## SEPTEMBER

During Positive Ageing Week a group of students from our school went up to the Friary for our annual "inter-generational" mass and sang and did the readings.

Afterwards, we went and had tea and a chat with them. They loved the company. They told us a few stories and some students sang songs or played music for them. Even some of the elderly sang a song or two as well!

They were so happy and it was wonderful to see the big smile on their faces.

*Cornelia O' Reilly (Y3)*

### REFLECTION: AUTUMN CHURCHYARD

*Do not search me down among the  
marble headstones  
Where rooks on November branches  
Make gathering cry for the dying year  
Do not look for me where summers  
leaves  
Decay on waves of winter grass  
Do not imagine me as you last saw me  
Pale, bruised and empty of life  
I am not here  
But see that shaft of sunlight  
Which spots the grey dark lake of late  
November  
On the heather hillside of Donegal  
Or listen to the thrush  
Squeeze out the last notes of its sunny  
summer song  
Or hear the laughter  
I splashed in my sisters face On the sun  
drenched beach that summer before I left  
you  
I go on playing not where winter withers  
But where spring  
Is eternal.  
(John McCullagh)*



## NOVEMBER

During the month of November, the school remembered all of our loved ones who have gone before us. The T.Y. Students created our remembrance tree and brought paper leaves to all classes so students could write the names of deceased family members and friends and place them on our tree. Fr. Robert came to the school on the last day of the month to commemorate our Faithful Departed.

### ADVENT

Advent is the name given to the four weeks leading to Christmas, and signifies the coming of Jesus into the world. It is a season of hope, and an invitation to renew our faith and become better people in our relationships with others. Because it is a season of hope, our prayer is that peace

might actually break out across the world. We also think of the many homeless in our community, those who feel alone, and people all across the world who feel that they have been abandoned or forgotten. The school has many fundraising drives during this period: "Making Cents" for Cork Simon, the Christmas Food Appeal in conjunction with the Lions Club, and a clothing, footwear and tent/sleeping bag initiative organised by Andrew Dillon, who is travelling to Calais to assist charities working with migrants. We appreciate all of the support parents have given already, and we thank you for your continued support.

*Mr. Pentony (Chaplain)*

## KCS KOUTURE!

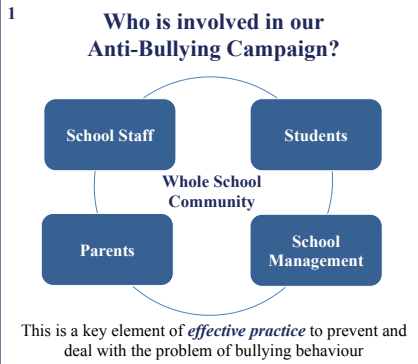
Junk Kouture is a National competition that encourages Senior Cycle pupils to design and create high end Kouture outfits that are made from recycled materials. All entries are judged and the best eighty proceed to compete in the provincial heats. From there the top twenty entries from each province are sent to compete in the 3Arena in Dublin. Materials can include anything that is being thrown away and items that wearing wasn't its intended purpose.

We are currently in the collection / construction stages and there are four designs being created in the school. A tin costume, a cereal box costume, a plastic/paper-mâché costume and an ice-cream shop costume. The pupils are working extremely hard and hope to represent Kinsale Community School on a National level. Best of luck to the students and their Art teacher Mr Keith Murray.





# Kinsale Community School Anti-Bullying Charter



**2 What is Bullying?**

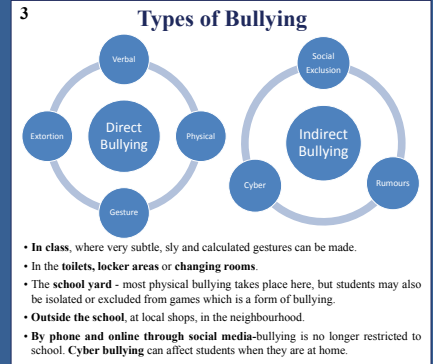
Behaviour which is

**1. DELIBERATE**  
**2. HURTFUL**  
**3. REPEATED OVER TIME**

If **all three aspects** are present together, whatever else the behaviour might be called **it is bullying** and must be dealt with as such.

*If you see it don't support it!*

**RECOGNISE IT, REJECT IT, REPORT IT!**



**4 Psychological Impact of Bullying**

- Feelings of insecurity, nervousness, being 'on edge,' less trustful.
- Damage to self-confidence, stops getting involved, becomes a loner.
- Lowering of self-esteem, unhappiness with oneself, more self-critical.
- Unexplained mood changes, mood swings, less relaxed and less happy.
- Behaviour changes, becoming suddenly aggressive or cranky.
- Stress/distress, inability to cope, lacking motivation, giving up.
- Extreme anxiety/panic attacks, getting away, opting out, 'mitching.'
- Nervous breakdown, inability to function normally even at home.
- Depression requiring psychiatric intervention, maybe hospitalisation.

*Bullied students feel so hurt, humiliated and isolated that they find it hard to 'admit' they are being bullied!*

*This is usually why they need someone like you to report the bullying!*

**5 Things I could do if I am aware of a Bullying situation**

1. Make sure I **do not join** in the bullying behavior.
2. Make sure I **do not show support** for the bullying by laughing along.
3. Make sure I **do not avoid** and so further isolate the targeted student.
4. Always **treat the targeted student with respect** even if I don't like her/him - I don't have to like everyone but I should still respect them.
5. With my friends present **remind the bullying student(s) about how harmful bullying is** - even when it seems to only involve 'little things.'
6. Suggest that the **bullying student(s) go and do something else**, maybe with me and my friends.
7. As soon as I get a chance, **report the bullying behaviour** so a teacher can investigate it and then, if it continues deal with it.

*Bullying is usually secretive. It is hidden from teachers - or they are not there to see it repeated since they move from class to class.*

*You see it so the targeted student may need You to RECOGNISE IT, to REJECT IT because of the damage it can do . . . and then REPORT IT.*

**6 'REFORM NOT BLAME'**

- Any students found to be involved in bullying will **not be punished** provided they **promise to stop the bullying** and keep that promise. (This '**Reform, not Blame**' approach is necessary so students will feel able to give **honest information**).
- Students **usually know if someone is treating others unfairly** but may be reluctant to report it, for various reasons, if perpetrators are likely to be punished.
- In the event that there has been bullying taking place, the student is asked to complete and sign a '**Student Behaviour Promise**' form and the relevant Year Head countersigns it.
- If the student **breaks this promise**, then a **second form must be signed** by the student and also signed by his/her parent/guardian.
- In the unlikely event that this fails, the **school's code of discipline** will be referred to.

*Do you want to begin to make our school a better, safer place? You can prove it . . . by how you treat each other from now on!*

You can follow us on twitter @kcsantibullying

# WOODWORK



Photographed are 2nd year Woodwork students with their sports themed projects.





# BALLYHASS DIARIES

Day 1:

A tangerine sun waking to meet the receding darkness greeted me this morning on the usual 20 minute drive to school. Yet here is where I entered the unknown. A thorough security check conducted by Mr. Hayes ensured I was not carrying any illegal substances on this long, arduous trip to the foreign lands of...North Cork. Ballyhaas can be described as many things, to me on first appearances it was a mildly converted quarry, But over the course of the next three days it became a feared then loved sanctuary.

On arrival to Ballyhaas, Two others and I both swore we would not enter the water on the first day, we were then told to immediately suit up and prepare for wakeboarding. My heart sank, I had tried wakeboarding once before in the much warmer climate of the Middle East, and had ended being towed by a high speed yacht face down in the water for what felt like millennia. As the line slowly shrank for wakeboarding I legged it and hid beneath the pontoon as not to be seen. Next came the Ringo, which we quickly renamed the H.S.M. (High speed mattress) where we would be pulled across the lake at 'high speed' on a dodgy looking mattress with handles. This would turn out to be the most entertaining ride of the day, as up next was abseiling. Before I could politely refuse to hang the wrong way down a rock face, I was hauled over the edge, partly because I wanted to conquer my fear of heights and partly by a Belgian named Phillip.

*Killian O'Neill (TY2)*

Day 2

An early morning start thanks to an unnamed member of our room meant there was plenty of time to be washed and dressed and then beat them with pillows, before we were awoken by our actual alarm clock, Mr. George Hayes.

Paddling as if my life depended on it, I swerved in and around other vessels trying to make for open water, this wasn't some warzone it was Group 1's attempt at kayaking, much unexpected swimming ensued. A very short game of 'Kinsale Community School water kayak polo' ended in mayhem as members of the same team tried to sink each other rather than catch the ball.

We next travelled even further into the countryside to a muddy forest, where

with some rope, an oddly bent miniature shovel and baby wipes, we were ordered to immediately to build a water proof shelter. I nominated myself as head architect, Hugh the rope and scouting expert, Laura, Saoirse, Niamh and Eva the scavengers and Lorcan..... given the job of minding the collapsible saw. Between Ethan, Lorcan, Hugh and myself we picked a spot with a sunken floor and three adjoining trees, we decided then as a group a triangle roof was the most practical design. We sent the girls to scavenge as we set about over engineering and over complicating everything. What we inevitably ended with was a camouflaged one story cross between a garden shed and a many shrubs. It was magnificent. Passing the water proof roof test with flying colours, the other groups rampaged through our shelter trying yet not succeeding in tearing it down. I stood incapable of stopping these animals that I call my 'classmates' destroy 4 hours of work, auburn leaves falling in slow motion around me. Connor Desmond then tried to take down the triangular roof we had constructed by jumping and hanging from the 'structural beams'. He couldn't and I smiled smugly at his failure. When it came to the turn of the other groups I made sure to tear apart their shelters just as violently as they did ours.

This evening's entertainment was something other than chess, or singing. It was the inaugural 18th 'Ms. Ballyhaas' the less said about this the better!!

*Killian O'Neill (TY2)*

Day 3

Wake up call at 8am breakfast was followed by a tidy up and a quick chance to make sure everything was gone from the bedrooms and it was time for our departure. However, one thing changed - we had to undress our beds and no that was not in any way fun!!

We made our usual 15 minute journey to the adventure centre. When we arrived we got straight to work leaving no delays. We all put our harnesses on and headed off to the scary part which was abseiling. I was full on sure it was going to be no bother but it is safe to say I was having a heart attack! It looked like great fun; just not good when you are scared of heights! Everyone went in twos and after a while Kate and Niamh headed on down. Then it was time for Georgia and I... I don't think my heart has ever went so fast! At first I refused but I felt guilty and decided to try it out, scared

an all. Don't worry, I had Georgia well warned that she was to stay with me and "Mar Bear" our instructor too! I knew I was in safe hands. I stood back and relaxed and off I went. Although I had been dreading it because it was something I didn't want to do, I surprisingly enjoyed it. I must say the cheering from the top was a great help NOT!!!

Next we made our way back to the Gladiator where we all got a chance to participate in that. The gladiator really showed who you would trust especially when we had the harness for the people climbing!! I did not have the courage to do that but I must say that the fun we had holding people up there was mighty, especially Niamh when she thinks you are going to drop her and the same for Georgia too. I took the school camera and that job kept me busy for the next while, documenting everyone's adventures of the day!!

After lunch we were told that we needed to pick 4 team members to participate in a kayaking race and that did the job for ending our trip! It was so much fun watching everyone and we all got to see the competitive side of our year group! My group of course got a little head start as we were voted for by our instructors. We of course came first no one's knows how talented we were! Although I didn't participate in the race the group needed a lot of encouragement and of course that's what I and the rest of my group were doing.

Once it was over we headed to the bus and that was when we sadly departed Ballyhaas. We sat back all so tired after our hectic few days on an adventure! Barely a word was said for a while but eventually all lightened up and had a little bit of fun with each other playing games etc. We stopped at Mc Donald's thank god! When we were done there we were on the road home and although I was sad I was so happy to have an early night and a late morning. Sadly Ballyhaas came to an end just a little too fast but now we have to look forward to Malaga!!!

We would like to thank all of the teachers and staff who accompanied us over the week including Ms Hay, Ms Brosnan, Mr Hayes, Mr Madigan, Ms Woulfe, Ms Moran and Ms Foott.

*Aliesha O'Shea (TY2)*







# School Bank

It all began this year when the students who were interested in banking went for interviews with AIB. We had to hand in our CVs and two members of AIB Kinsale came in to interview over 20 students. We were nervous but they were very friendly and it was easy to relax. They selected someone for role of general bank manager; David Graham, assistant manager; Chris Healy, financial manager; Aine Cummins, marketing manager; Ellen Kelleher, digital officer; Charlotte Howey and customer service; Darren Bolten.

Build a Bank is run in partnership with AIB. It is a national initiative to promote saving skills for young people and it allows us to run a school bank. The six who were chosen to run the school bank went down to AIB Kinsale for an hour to look around the bank and to be taught the basic skills of working in a bank.

We went into Kinsale to look for sponsorship from local businesses and shops. We were kindly sponsored by The Seafood Café, Fishy Fishy, Koko, Kinsale Sports shop and Rhino Print. We will be able to do so much to market our bank as a result of this help.

On Thursday the 9th of November, the Fisherman's Cash bankers held an open day for any students who were interested in opening a bank account. We prepared for this day by organising competitions and prizes to encourage people to become a member of the school bank. We left class early with our teacher's permission, to set up the classroom and meet Brian, the AIB bank student officer. We also bought sweets, balloons and music. Lots of the first years came to see what was happening. We also had Cork hurler, Seamus Harnedy in to launch the bank!

Every week we have three classes to discuss future events and improvements that can be made in the bank. We also open every Tuesday at lunchtime and are going to be running competitions throughout the year! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more!

*Charlotte Howey (Digital Officer)*





# KCS WELCOMES THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR

On Tuesday November 3rd the Spanish Ambassador José María Rodríguez-Coso attended a flag-raising ceremony in celebration of the Spanish students attending Kinsale Community School.

The Ambassador was greeted by a large group of Spanish students from a range of year groups along with Mr Fergal McCarthy (Principal), Ms Kathleen O'Brien (Deputy Year Head), Ms Niamh Hay (TY Co-ordinator) and Ms Rachelle Kelly (Educate with Friends).

The event commenced with a music recital performed by members of the trad group and their Music teacher Ms Bríd Kearney. Mr McCarthy welcomed the Ambassador and commented on how the presence of the Spanish students at Kinsale Community School added a rich dimension to the school community.

Mr Rodríguez-Coso and Mr McCarthy jointly raised the Spanish flag on the school grounds in celebration of the Spanish students. Mr Rodríguez-Coso thanked the school, students and guests

for a very special moment which was also his first visit to Kinsale and Cork. The Ambassador spoke fondly of his own memories studying English in Ireland - what he had learned, his experiences of Irish culture and the friendships he had made along the way. He concluded by thanking the management of the school, Kinsale Historical Society and the Spanish students for building a strong sentimental link between Ireland and Spain.



## MATHS & SCIENCE HIGH ACHIEVER

Congratulations to TY student Sorcha Doyle who was recently identified by the State Examination Commission as a high achiever in Maths and Science in her Junior Certificate. Sorcha now joins a pool of Irish students that will compete amongst each other to represent Ireland at the International Junior Science Olympiad in Daegu, Korea and the European Science Olympiad in Tartu in Estonia.

## LEAVING CERT RESULTS 2015

Congratulations to the Leaving Certificate class of 2015 who performed excellently in their Leaving Certificate Examinations. 20% of the students who sat the Leaving Cert in Kinsale Community School received 500 points or more - double the national average! In particular, congratulations to students Owen Gilleran who achieved 610 points and Meadhbh O'Leary who achieved 575 points. Kinsale Community School is now ranked as being in the top 1% of Community Schools nationally.

## Debating Society

This year KCS Debating Society has come into being. Transition year students Fiona Deasy, David Graham, Julie Moynihan and Clodagh Butler are through to the next round of the prestigious UCC Philosophers Munster School's Debating competition. We will also see KCS debate in the Concern League debates, hosting Davis College, Mallow for the next clash. We wish the team the very best of luck!





# CARING FOR CIARA FUNDRAISING WALK

WELL DONE TO STUDENTS AND STAFF ON RAISING A WHOPPING €30,000 IN SUPPORT OF PAST PUPIL CIARA AS PART OF THE CIARA O'BRIEN TRUST

















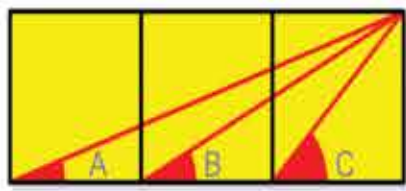




### BE LOGICAL!



Three boxes are respectively labelled Apples, Bananas and Combo. One does indeed contain only apples, another only bananas, and the third is a combination of both fruits. However, all three boxes are mislabelled. You are allowed to reach into one box – no peeking and no feeling around – and extract one piece of fruit. From that you must deduce the correct labelling for all three boxes. What should you do, and why?



Can you prove that angle C is the size of angles A and B?

Albert and Bernard just met Cheryl. “When’s your birthday?” Albert asked Cheryl. Cheryl thought a second and said, “I’m not going to tell you, but I’ll give you some clues.” She wrote down a list of 10 dates:

- May 15, May 16, May 19
- June 17, June 18
- July 14, July 16
- August 14, August 15, August 17



“My birthday is one of these,” she said. Then Cheryl whispered in Albert’s ear the month — and only the month — of her birthday. To Bernard, she whispered the day, and only the day.

“Can you figure it out now?” she asked Albert.

Albert: I don’t know when your birthday is, but I know Bernard doesn’t know, either.

Bernard: I didn’t know originally, but now I do. Albert: Well, now I know, too! When is Cheryl’s birthday?

**The Puzzle:**  
This is a famous puzzle based on the story “Let’s make a deal”.

The boss, Henry Hall, offers you a choice of three doors. Behind one is a sports car, but behind the other two are goats.

When you have chosen one door, he invites one of the other two doors behind what is a goat (the winner’s reveal a goat).

Now he gives you the chance to switch to the other unopened door or stay in your initial choice. You will then get what is behind that door.

You cannot hear the goats from behind the doors, or in any way know which door has the prize.

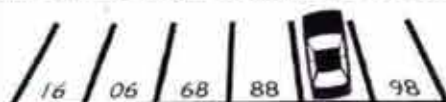
Should you stay, or switch, or doesn’t it matter?

### Find the pattern!

Find the pattern and apply it to each row?

2	4	12	48
10			240
25			
	62		

Hong Kong Elementary School First Grade Student Admissions Test Question



What is the number of the occupied parking space?

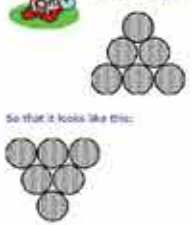
Three people check into a hotel. They pay €30 to the manager and go to their room. The manager suddenly remembers that the room rate is €25 and gives €5 to the bellboy to return to the people. On the way to the room the bellboy reasons that €5 would be difficult to share among three people so he pockets €2 and gives €1 to each person. Now each person paid €10 and got back €1. So they paid €9 each, totalling €27. The bellboy has €2, totalling €29.



Where is the missing €1?

## Dingbats

**The Puzzle:**  
Look at the triangle of six pennies below. I want to turn the triangle upside-down. So that it looks like this:



What is the smallest number of coins I must move?

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(frozen h2o) <sup>3</sup>		44



# ART ATTACK

*This is a selection of batiks and craftwork prepared by various leaving cert students in Ms Fitzpatrick's Art class.*



*Batik by Caoimhe Hill*



*Batik by Denice O'Leary*



*Clay Modelling -  
Fionnuala Cogan*



*Clay Modelling -  
Shannon Mouroz*



*Poster Design - Dimitra Das*



*Poster Design -  
Siobhan Ashford O'Leary*



*Preliminary Drawing -  
Denice O'Leary*



*Prep Work - Shannon Mouroz*



*Batik by Capri McPhearson*



*Batik by Lydia Buckley*





Clay Modelling - Jake Butler Murphy



Prep Work - Aaron Clayton



Prep Work - Capri McPhearson



Prep Work - Dimitra Das

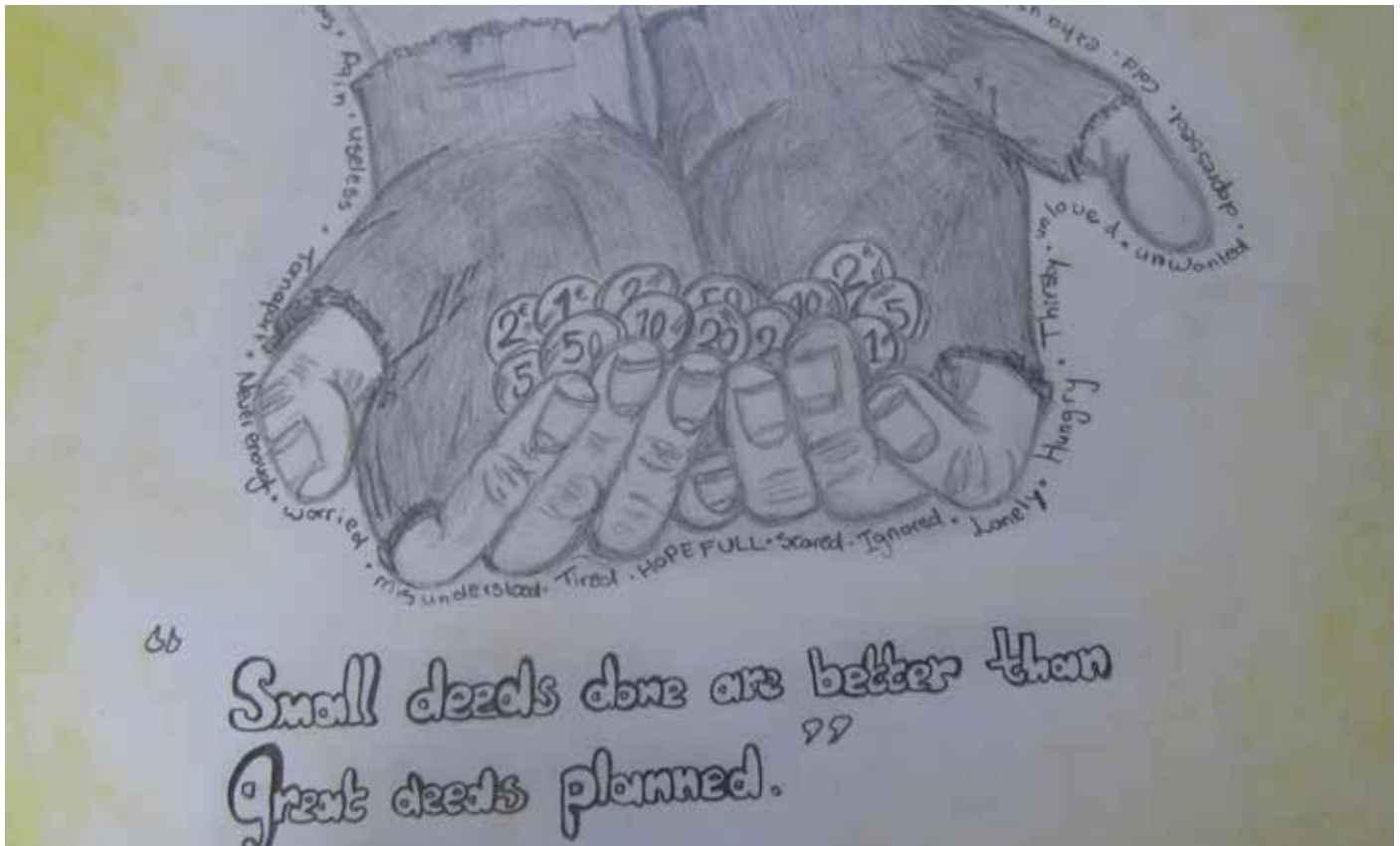
# ART GALLERY VISITS

Pictured are Ms. Fitzpatrick's 5th and 6th year students who visited the Crawford Art Gallery and the Glucksman Gallery UCC respectively.





# CORK SIMON COMMUNITY



*Congratulations to 3rd year Art student Orla Kelly who received a runners up prize in the Cork Simon Community Poster Competition.*

## GAEILGE 24

Ar an 10ú Samhain, ghlac beagnach 50 dalta ón Idirbhliain páirt i nGaeilge 24. Dúshlán náisiúnta is ea Gaeilge 24, eagraithe ag Conradh na Gaeilge, chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn i measc aosa óig na tíre. Thug gach éinne faoin dúshlán le fonn is le díograis. D’fhreastail na scoláirí ar a ngnáthranganna i rith an lae, ach ghlac siad páirt trí mheán na Gaeilge. Bhí ana-lá go deo acu!

Almost 50 TY students participated in Conradh na Gaeilge’s national challenge Gaeilge 24 on 10th November. The aim of this initiative is to inspire young people to speak Irish for 24 hours at school, at home, in their towns, in shops and everywhere possible. With the support of staff, the students set about the challenge enthusiastically and it was a positive experience for all involved.





# SEÓ BÓTHAIR

Conradh na Gaeilge's exciting Seó Bóthair arrived at Scoil Phobail Chionn tSáile on 12th November. Two interactive and highly enjoyable workshops were held with students from Transition Year and Sixth Year as well as three classes from Gaelscoil Chionn tSáile. The sessions aimed to actively encourage pupils to use their Irish outside of school as frequently as possible, by discussing language rights. There were lots of games, debates and prizes. Bhain gach éinne taitneamh is tairbhe as an Seó!



## CLUB GAEILGE

Cé? An 1ú Bhliain

Cá háit? Seomra F07

Cén Lá? Dé Máirt

Cén tAm? Am Lóin

Bígy linn – Bíonn cluichí, comhrá is craic againn.

*Fáilte roimh gach duine*

Whether you have *cúpla focal* or *milliún focal*, pop in to FO7 on Tuesday lunchtime!



## KINSALE EQUESTRIAN TEAM

It was another exciting year for the school equestrian team.

It kicked off in November, with Bandon Grammar hosting a Hunter Trial Event in Farrengalway. We had a great turn out for the day and everyone thoroughly enjoyed their lesson with Eimear White. We would like to thank Bandon Grammar for their great organisation, and look forward to the next one!

On Wednesday the 2nd December we hosted our Annual Interschools Show Jumping Event in Kinsale Equestrian Centre. This year we had a fantastic response from local schools with 7 schools taking part and 12 teams. KCS were pipped to first place by Scoil Mhuire Gan Smal, Blarney, but we did some brilliant jumping to come second and third overall. Big shout out to the excellent riding of Mya Mahendren, Rayima Reynolds, Anna Walsh and Ciara Judge. We also had a 3rd place thanks to Laura Jolly, Lily Patton, Ellie Greg and Ciara Ryan. In addition, well done to Rayima Reynolds who came 3rd in the individual 1m competition. Well done to all the riders who took part, there was lots of positive feedback after the day and the event goes from strength to strength! We would like to thank Mr McCarthy who came to the event and handed out the prizes, and a big thank you to Spar Kinsale who sponsored the prizes. Also thanks are due to Bandon Co-op, the sports shop, Kinsale and O'Briens Saddlery, Bandon all of whom contributed prizes for the event.

We also need to thank Zoe Barrett and Siobhan Cast from Kinsale Equestrian Centre for setting up the course, supplying horses and spending lots of time and effort making sure the

event was safe and successful.

Several more exciting programmes are on the horizon and so the team is busy preparing for forthcoming events over the spring months.

Ms Sheehy, Ms McCartan & Ms Reynolds would like to thank all the team members and their parents for their enthusiasm & dedication as well as all the hard work and effort made to present themselves and their ponies so well at competition. Also the team would like to sincerely thank Mr McCarthy and Miss O'Brien for all their support throughout the year.





# En vacances en France!

27 Transition Year students participated in a French Exchange Programme this year. The French Department in Kinsale Community School and the Lycée Audiberti in Antibes annually organise this exchange. Pupils who participate in this programme are hosted by their partner for a week in Antibes in October. They then host the French student for a week in Kinsale in April.

This year has been a very tragic one for France and in solidarity with the French Nation we flew the French flag at half-mast during the week of the Paris attacks in November.

Antibes itself has seen its share of tragedy with severe flooding a week before our arrival in October. Several underground car parks and basement flats were flooded resulting in tragic deaths. The legacy of the floods was still evident during our visit with train delays and worst of all a swimming ban due to the mixture of flood, sea and sewage the previous week.

However this didn't dampen our fun. Each day a programme of activities was planned to show students the best that this area has to offer. Excursions which are the highlight of the trip included Monaco, Monte Carlo, Cannes, Nice and a Walking Tour of Antibes. All day trips while in France are paid for by the French students and subsequently when they visit Ireland the Irish pay for their day trips.

Accommodation varied from small two bedrooled flats to villas with pools to penthouse apartments to a catamaran moored in the town centre marina!!

The weekend which is spent 'en famille' is always an interesting experience. Most love this time when they get to know their partner and family. Some though experience homesickness and need some TLC from the accompanying teachers. It's all part of the 'away from home' experience!!

*Mr Tony Cierans*









# Music News

The corridors have been filled with musical notes as Ms Kearneys music pupils prepared for a very busy term. The school year began with the annual school mass which took place in the Parish church. There was also a Mass for the Aged which took place in the Friary where students performed hymns and mingled with members of the local community over a cup of tea!! Members of the school choir and trad band performed a number of melodies at both of these events.

At the recent awards night, special guest Ms Mary Kennedy, nominees and guests were also treated to a variety of performances by the trad band making it a very enjoyable event. The audience were enthralled with a rendition of Stitches sung by Callum Fennell and accompanied by Cathal Flynn on the guitar. TY student and World Dance Champion Cian Walsh also performed a reel to the music of Stephen Desmond.

In recent months, Ms Kearney along with many students have also been preparing for the school musical – Billy The Musical, which takes place in December. The students and teachers involved have been practicing for many hours and at weekends and we are very excited to see their performance in the coming weeks!

Here are a selection of photographs of the school choir and trad band performing at a number of events this school term.



*Performing for the Spanish Ambassador*



*Performing at School Mass*



*Cian Walsh performing at Award Night*





# German Exchange 2015/16



Kinsale Community School has been running an exchange trip with the Goethe Gymnasium in Karlsruhe for the last few years. This year has been our biggest yet and in September we welcomed 28 German exchange students. During the week the German pupils stayed with Irish families and attended school. It is an opportunity for the German pupils to practise their English and experience the Irish culture, while our students practise their German. Here is what one of the exchange students had to say:

“It was such a fun experience. I was a bit nervous in the beginning but once

I met my exchange partner I felt calm! They arrived on a Friday afternoon, we all met them in school and had a small welcome party (Thanks to all the parents and students who helped!). During the week we attended some organised events with school but we also planned our own activities at the weekend and in the evenings.

One highlight was Laser Tag in Cork Omniplex. We mixed the Germans and Irish and made two teams – blue and orange. We also took the Germans shopping – they were really impressed with all the shops in Cork city (I can’t

wait to see what shops they have in Karlsruhe!!).

We also did the Ghost tour in Kinsale. It was a fun way of showing the Germans just how beautiful and unique Kinsale is. We also played Footgolf in Belgooly; some were better than others but we had fun!

We had so much fun during the week, showing them the sights, introducing them to our family and our culture. They said it is different to life in their school and we are all eager to meet them again in Germany!!”

## From Karlsruhe to KCS

Kinsale Community School is very fortunate to have a link with the University of Education in Karlsruhe in Germany. Every year students from the university come to Kinsale to work with the German Department. This is a really important link which promotes German within the school and gives the students of KCS an opportunity to practise their German with native speakers and to learn about German culture first hand.

This year Vanessa Paulus and Anna-Katharina Schmitz are working with KCS as part of their internship.

“Hello! We are Vanessa and Anna. In Germany we study History, English,

Politics and Religious Education. We are both from the southwest of Germany. Our college is in the lovely town of Karlsruhe. The school knows Karlsruhe very well, because of the TY exchange every year. We are both really looking forward to becoming teachers. Therefore we are lucky that we can use this great opportunity to be a trainee in Kinsale Community School. We are getting a lot of experience. We work with the staff to support students of German, one to one and in class.

We are really enjoying the experience – we love working with all students and observing different teachers. This is a great way to get to know new or different teaching method and of course it is interesting to see how the subjects are taught in a foreign country.

Besides the work experience, living abroad also offers the possibility to learn something about the culture, people and history of Ireland. We use our free time

and the weekends to explore Ireland. It is a beautiful country and we are just about getting used to the rainy weather!!!

We are both really enjoying getting to know Kinsale Community School and Kinsale and look forward to the rest of the year.”

Viele Grüße

**Vanessa and Anna**





# CAMERA CLUB

The camera club has gained several new members this term who have shown that they have a good eye for an interesting photograph. In addition, it has also added a new and exciting dimension with the use of drones. TY student Ethan Monkhouse has taken a number of shots of the school and Kinsale using his drone, one of which features in the back of the newsletter. There will also be a series of photographic displays

in the school during the year as well as publication in the school newsletter.

The Camera Club meets every Tuesday in EO3 and we will be actively recruiting new members. So if anyone is interested in this very creative pursuit and wishes to develop their skills in this area, please contact Mr. Diarmaid O'Donovan.



*1968 MGB B&W by Killian O'Neill (TY)*



*1969 Volvo Turning by Killian O'Neill (TY)*



*Bandon River by Ethan Monkhouse (TY)*



*Bat's Eye View of Kinsale by Ethan Monkhouse (TY)*



*Bend of the River by Luka Phelan (TY)*



*Compass Quay Estate by Ethan Monkhouse (TY)*



*Daly by Jake Hyland (TY)*



*Down the Mountain by Zofia Cielen (Y6)*



*Dying of the Light by Jake Hyland (TY)*



*Enigmatic by Anna Wawer (Y5)*



*Moon Lit Cliffs by Luka Phelan (TY)*



*Royal by Anna Wawer (Y5)*





*KCS by Night by Ethan Monkhouse (TY)*



*Scenic Route by Zofia Cielen (Y6)*



*Solar Valley by Lorcan O'Brien (TY)*



*Sunset on the Headland by Joseph O'Donovan (TY)*



*Steam Train by Killian O'Neill (TY)*



*Tireless Tide by Jake Hyland (TY)*



*Tree within the Woods by Killian O'Neill (TY)*



*White Secret by Anna Wawer (Y5)*



*Balance by Luka Phelan (TY)*



# Loudres Pilgrimage 2015

What is Lourdes? Who is it for? Is it for young people? What is my role if I go? Do I go to mass all day everyday?

These are some questions that people may ask if they have not been to Lourdes before, to anyone who has been there will understand how Lourdes can have a positive effect on them and friendships and bonds that can be made from the trip. First of all without the young generation that we have today we would not be able to have this annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. To all youth who have journeyed to Lourdes, they will be able to tell you their own experiences and how they have seen a different side to people, making new friends, helping the elderly and overall enjoying their time out there. Two young ladies joined our pilgrimage this year from Kinsale Community School - Sarah McCarthy and Niamh Twomey. This article will help young and old to get an insight into Lourdes and what it's about.

Leave me give you a background into Lourdes. It is a city located in the south-western region of France. Lourdes has become a major place of Roman Catholic Pilgrimages each year. In 1858, The Virgin Mary appeared to Maire-Bernadette Soubirous on a total of eighteen occasions at the grotto of Lourdes. The first of these apparitions began on the 11th February 1858 when the Virgin Mary told Bernadette to dig in the ground at a certain spot and to drink from the small spring of water that began to bubble up. Today thousands of gallons of water gush from the source of the spring, and pilgrims are able to bathe in it. Countless miracle cures have been documented there, from healing of nervous disorders and cancers to cases of paralysis and even blindness.

Yearly from March to October the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes is a place of mass pilgrimage from Europe and other parts of the world. Each September, Carmelite Lourdes pilgrimage begins the journey to Lourdes on the 27th September until 2nd October. From my own personal experiences each year in Lourdes is a totally new experience. I am only 22 myself and I have been going to Lourdes since the age of 7 (15 years in a row), some people really find this hard to believe this but it's true! Each year for me is different to the previous one, from meeting new people to seeing old friends and assisting the elderly to helping out at ceremonies. Lourdes is a place of peace, tranquillity, being humble,



friendship, togetherness and seeing people for who they truly are. My sister Gemma and I, have been fortunate enough to attend Lourdes each year. This is due to the support of our relatives and parents Nora & Paul Eaton who are head of the Kinsale Carmelite Pilgrimage Group, alongside Fr. Stan Hession of the Friary Church in Kinsale. What better way to give a perspective than to get it from young members of our pilgrimage group and Kinsale Community School students Niamh Twomey (5th year) and Sarah McCarthy (5th year).

## Niamh Twomey

"Looking back at my trip to Lourdes this year I can only recall fond memories and experiences. Prior to the pilgrimage I hadn't known what to expect and was slightly cautious heading out on the plane. I didn't know many of the pilgrims going besides the sole other youth helper Sarah. But I was welcomed with open arms into this tight knit community and got along great with everyone! I loved talking to the older generation and other pilgrims that we were accompanying. Seeing the happiness

on their faces over the simplest of things really made you reevaluate your priorities. As well as that, we met other youths from all over the country and were able to partake in many activities with them. A highlight for me was definitely the youth mass and the midnight prayer vigil.

In regards to the spiritual side of the trip, I came away with far more than expected. My faith was definitely rejuvenated after seeing all that Lourdes had to offer. It made me look on many aspects of my own life in new light and appreciate much of the little things I take for granted. Overall it was a pilgrimage I'll always remember and I would recommend it without hesitation to anyone interested."

## Sarah McCarthy

"I went to Lourdes when I was 13 with my grandmother, mom and brother. I saw the youth helpers and thought it would be a great idea to come back as one when I was old enough. This year my friend Niamh Twomey and I decided to go on the pilgrimage as youth helpers. I knew what to expect since I was there before, but this year was even more magical as I got to make a difference helping with the sick. We didn't realise we'd make so many friends both young and old from all over Ireland! It was a great experience and very rewarding when we saw the smiles on the faces of the people we helped."

I have been travelling to Lourdes for the past 15 years and each year I have a different but always positive experience. Two years ago, I had the opportunity to carry the statute of Our Lady with my father Paul for the Torch Light Procession. This year I completed the High Stations which takes you up a steep incline around the Stations of the Cross. Here, I met two women who I helped all the way. It was a wonderful experience getting to know them and it is often the little things that can have a positive effect on a person. Even just a "hi, how's it going?" can brighten up anyone's day! It is a fantastic way to make friends with a great bunch of people both young and old. Year to year the faces might change but the friendships and bonds remain. I hope that this has helped you to get an insight into what really goes on in Lourdes and hope to see you in 2016 in our annual pilgrimage. God Bless.

## Mark Eaton

Kinsale Carmelite Pilgrimage & past pupil of KCS





# Junior Cert Results 2015

The Kinsale Community School Junior Cert students in the class of 2015 performed exceptionally well with the top 10 student's results accumulating a collective haul of 70 higher level A's and 40 higher level B's!

The highest performing students were Fiona Deasy and Christopher Healy both with 10 A's and 1 B.

Sorcha Doyle and Stan Russell also obtained amazing results with Sorcha obtaining 9A's and 2 B's and Stan obtaining 8 A's and 3 B's.

Fergal McCarthy expressed great delight at the achievement of all of the students. He said that their hard work and dedication paid off. He also paid tribute to the parents and teachers of the students for the support and guidance that these students received.

Mr McCarthy also remarked on the value that is placed on the Junior Cert as an incentive to keep student focused and on task. He said that it allows students to now look at their subject options for leaving cert in terms of knowing where their strengths lie. He said that the Kinsale Community School student's have had a very affirming experience with the state examinations and that this will stand them in good stead for their Leaving Certificate.



*Sorcha Doyle, Chris Healy, Fiona Deasy & Stan Russell with Principal Mr Fergal O'Brien*





# LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED

LCA students have had a very busy first term to date. An underlying principle of the LCA Programme is the exposure to new learning experiences in a variety of contexts. LCA teachers are constantly seeking enjoyable ways to continue to do this.

LCA 1 students began the year by taking part in an activity day which was held in the Oysterhaven Centre and the rain did not dampen spirits on the day!

The class have started on a journey involving active learning with guest speakers to the classroom as excellent sources of information on a range of topics.

They have also taken this journey of learning outside the classroom when they visited St. John the Baptist Parish Church and had breakfast together at the Blue Haven Café. They also attended the Cork Film Festival where they viewed a selection of short films.

In addition, the work in the classroom

has highlighted many talents and skills among the class. This was evident when they organised and held a Coffee Morning for the staff as a fundraiser event for Marymount Hospice.

All LCA 1 students are currently preparing for their first external assessment of a major project which is called a Task. The Task will allow them to showcase what they have learned in Art, Religion, French and English. They will also have the opportunity to demonstrate their research, presentation and communications skills when they attend an interview based on this work. We wish them the best of luck as they continue in their preparations.

Meanwhile LCA 2 students are veterans in their Task preparation having completed three already last year. This term they are working on a further three Tasks in the areas of Graphics and Construction Studies, Contemporary Issues and Practical Achievement.

In addition to continuing their learning experiences LCA 2 students have

been involving themselves in their community through awareness raising activities throughout the school. These have included profiling Cyberbullying, promoting our inaugural sponsored school walk (Caring for Ciara) and organising an event for Positive Ageing Week in conjunction with Haven Bay Care Centre.

LCA 2 students have also brought their learning outside the classroom when they spent a day experiencing one of Kinsale's most prominent industries-fishing. This was indeed an experience worth savouring by the class when they cooked their catch!

Students have been made aware of current opportunities in apprenticeships and trades when a representative from SOLAS (FÁS) addressed the class. Indeed the world of work has been sampled by this class on work experience and we are fortunate to have the continued support of local employers to facilitate this vital experience again this term.

*Ms Anne Kelly (LCA Co-ordinator)*

## COFFEE MORNING

Photographed are LCA1 students who organised a coffee morning in aid of Marymount Hospice as part of their studies in Hotel, Catering and Tourism with Ms Geraldine Barrett. Congratulations to the students for raising a total of €186.36!



## FILM FESTIVAL

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of November, LCA 5 attended *the Cork Film Festival* accompanied by Ms Dunne and Mrs Moran. The students attended a showing in the Opera House, entitled "Post Primary Shorts". This was a selection of short films with a wide variety of themes. The short films explored topics such as love, friendship, mental health, loss and the firm favourite, a superhero in Bantry! A great day was had by all!

## MOTORCROSS CHAMPION

Jack Daly sixth year student has achieved Irish and European success in the extreme sport of Motorcross. This is the off road version of motorcycling. Specially adapted full size bikes are driven to their limits on circuits designed which test their riders' physical and mental abilities. Jack is a celebrity in Irish racing circles and he regularly trains at the local Cork track at Vernon mount.

Jack was given his first motorbike at age 4 and started to compete competitively at age 6, the minimum legal age for a licence.

He first competed in competitions all over Ireland where he soon became known as a boy to be reckoned with. In 2006 at the age of 7 he won the Automatics, a 50 cc race, and soon moved on to win at circuits all over Ireland.

Ireland soon became too small for Jack and he has competed in Belgium, UK and France where he has also taken home many awards.

He currently rides a KTM 250 and rides at the top of his level, a huge achievement for this 16 year old Kinsale native. Most recently in 2014 he came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Irish and Southern Championships. He also won the McKeown Memorial Cup at his local track in Vernmount and came 9<sup>th</sup> in the UK Big Wheel 85 Championships.

We are very proud of Jack here in Kinsale Community School and we wish him great success in the future.



## OYSTERHAVEN

5<sup>th</sup> YEAR LCA enjoyed a trip to Oysterhaven Outdoor Adventure centre back in September. The students braved the strong wind and rain that day and completed all the tasks and activities set out for them. They took part in team building games, kayaking, mud runs, obstacle courses, jungle quests, and many other difficult but fun team tasks. It was a superb experience for LCA 5 who thoroughly enjoyed the day!



## WOODTURNING

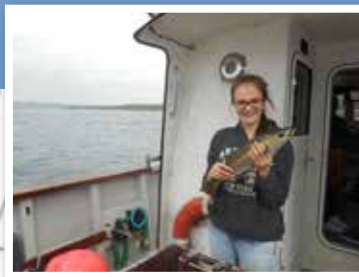
Pictured are the LCAI woodwork students who visited local woodturner Hillary Hale to have a look at her gallery as well as getting first-hand experience of woodturning with their teacher Mr Duggan.



## FISHING TRIP

This term the 6th year Hotel, Catering and Tourism Group took part in a fishing trip. After boarding the boat "Happy" the students set sail in search of a fresh catch for their next cooking class with Ms. Prendergast. It was a very successful day and the students caught a number of mackerel and large pollock between them. Congratulations to Niamh Gannon who caught the largest fish of the day!!

On their return to school, the students froze the fish and they were cooked the following week. It was a delicious meal and a great success. The students would like to thank Ms Orla Prendergast and Mr Brendan Barry for accompanying them on the trip.





# HOME ECONOMICS

## BELGOOLY SHOW

It was a highly successful day for Kinsale Community School Home Economics students this year at the Belgooly show. Students entered a variety of categories ranging from knitting and sewing to cooking and baking!

The winners at this years event included:

Class 29 Hand-knit Items:

1st Place - Gillian O'Neill

2nd Place – Georgia Gould

3rd Place - Sorcha Doyle

Highly commended - Mary O'Donovan.

Class 30 Embroidery / Cross Stitch

1st Place - Aine Cummins

2nd Place - Marie Dempsey

3rd Place - Alielsha O'Shea

Congratulations also to Sheila Marie Kelleher who baked her way to success winning 1st Prize for Homemade Iced Carrot Cake, 1st Prize for her Homemade Ice Children's Birthday Cake and 2nd Prize for her Homemade Iced Coffee Cake!

Well done to all involved and to Home Economics teacher Ms Orla Prendergast.



## EASYFOOD HOME COOK HERO AWARDS - ALL IRELAND FINAL

Dublin. It is an excellent competition for the subject of Home Economics, where students were rewarded for having the ability to cook such wonderful dishes,



On 6th of November, John Walsh, a second year Home Economics student, at Kinsale Community School, took part in the All-Ireland Easyfood Home-Cook Hero Awards.

The final took place in the Cook's Academy in Dublin, where John had to prepare, cook and serve, his dish 'Jill's Macaroni and Cheese', in a time scale of one hour. He was judged by celebrity chef's Catherine Fulvio, Nick Munier and Easyfood's publisher Gina Milltiadou.

John was awarded first place in the category 'Easy Cheesy' and was given prizes to the value of 1,500 euro for winning the prestigious accolade. John received his award at a black-tie-awards ceremony in the Shelbourne Hotel, hosted by TV3's Martin King.

John claims the secret to his dish was the use of local ingredients particularly the Dubliner Cheese, which was produced in Carbery Factory, Ballineen.

Reacting to the win his teacher Ms. Barrett said 'I am absolutely thrilled with John's success and for the excellent experience he received throughout the day in

in such beautiful surroundings as the Cooks Academy in Dublin. John is a fantastic student and a pleasure to teach and I have no doubt this phenomenal achievement will stand to him in the years to follow'.

The 'Easyfood Homecook Hero Awards' programme, was aired on TV3 on 14th November, at 12pm. Congratulations John!





## MACROOM FOOD FESTIVAL WIN

Congratulations to TY students Niamh O'Sullivan and Niamh McCarthy who won 2nd place in a cooking competition at the Macroom Food Festival Inter-Schools Competition in September. The students faced a lot of competition from six schools all over Cork including Mitchelstown, Mallow, Macroom and Dunmanway. Well done to both students and their teacher Ms Barrett.



## OPEN NIGHT

TY students were very busy preparing for the annual opening night which took place on 22nd September. Here is a selection of the food they prepared and displayed in the Home Economics room.



## TASTE OF WEST CORK

Congratulations to 5th year students Jessica Sheehan and Michaela O'Driscoll and their Home Economics teacher Ms Orla Prendergast who returned home with prizes from the Taste of West Cork Cookery Competition. The competition took place at Mercy Heights Secondary School in Skibbereen on Wednesday 9th September and the girls faced stiff competition from 10 competing teams. The students won a nutri-bullet each and a meal in the Farm Gate Restaurant in the English Market with their teacher.

Both students cooked a mouth-watering two meal course: Skeaghmore Pan-Fried Duck served with roasted fondant potatoes, Clonakilty black pudding, locally grown Calovo Nero and pickled beetroot served with a raisin Jus followed by a Buttermilk Vanilla Panacotta with Wild Blackberries and Oatmeal Tuille for dessert.

Congratulations to Jessica and Michaela and their teacher Ms. Prendergast.





# BOYS FOOTBALL

## U14 BOYS FOOTBALL

2015 has proven to be a wonderful year thus far for our U 14 footballers. In May we captured the Cork Post Primary Schools B title for the very first time and in doing so became the first football team in living memory to bring home some silver ware.

The 2015/16 campaign has also started very well with a first round win over Colaiste an Phairsaigh (6-8) KCS (11-12) and a second round win over Carrigaline CS (3-12) KCS (9-12). Even though there are still two group games left to play the lads have virtually guaranteed a quarter final spot for the second year in a row. Onwards and upwards!

## U15 FOOTBALL

This team competed in the Munster competition in the C grade. Hopes were high after capturing the U14 Championship in May. In their first game they had a comprehensive win over Bantry CS

(2-4) KCS (11-06). In their second round game they accounted for Gaelcolaiste Ciarrai (2-7) KCS (7-16). In the Munster quarter final we were drawn against St Patricks CS Castleisland. Even though we were missing a couple of key players on the day, the lads gave a great account of themselves, but lost narrowly on a scoreline of St Pats (1-14) KCS (1-12).

With continued training and development it is hoped that these teams will bring further success to their school and clubs in the near future.

## SENIOR FOOTBALL

The senior footballers had a disappointing year and it seemed to be over before it started. We lost to Beara CS in the Cork PPS first round on a score line of Beara (2-17) KCS (2-6). We then travelled to Carrigaline a couple of weeks later to take on Douglas CS in the Munster PPS first round. Even though the lads gave a good account of themselves on the day we lost to a better Douglas team on a scoreline of 1-15 to KCS (2-02).



## Senior Ladies Football

The senior team won both their group games by big margins, ensuring they qualified for the quarter finals. In early October they easily saw off the challenge of Schull CC and just before the midterm break travelled to Bantry to take on Beara CC. The Beara girls provided more of a challenge but the victory was in the bag with ten minutes still to play. Between storm Abigail and Barney, pitches were difficult to come by but the quarter final was eventually played in Glanmire against Glanmire CC on a calm and sunny Thursday. In the opening 10 minutes Glanmire ran at the Kinsale defence and except for some fantastic saves from Dara Tyner in goals, they could have been out of sight. When the visitors found their rhythm however, there was only one team in it. Goals were flying in from several of the forwards and some nice points were taken from distance also. The second half continued in much the same way and the game was well over as a contest midway through the second half. With that in mind the defence was a bit more relaxed and Glanmire claimed a few green flags of their own, resulting in a final score of KCS 13-21 Glanmire

CC 12-9. Next up in the semi-final is Our Lady's, Templemore.

Panel: Sinead Keating, Emma O'Brien (c), Sarah McCarthy, Rebecca Corkery, Kelly-Marie Crowley, Sadhbh O'Leary, Hester McCarthy, Tracey McCarthy, Aine Cummins, Siomha Dolan, Holly McVitty, Katie Daly, Georgia Gould, Niamh Steenson, Cara O'Dwyer, Juliette Cronin, Anna McShane, Niamh Cronin, Jenny Murphy, Dara Wall, Fiona Keating, Aisling Hurley, Dara Tyner, Hannah Kellett, Clare O'Dwyer, Faye Aherne.





# *Camogie 2015-2016 season - the story so far...*

## **JUNIOR CAMOGIE**

The Junior camogie team started off their season with a Cork Colleges championship game against Presentation Convent Bandon on the 24th September on our school pitch. This was an exciting and very competitive fixture with Kinsale having a great first half, only to have Bandon come back and draw the game with the final puck of the ball. A replay took place this time in Bandon on the 15th October. Once again there was very little between the sides and at the end of normal time the sides were still level. Extra-time followed and Kinsale won well, showing determination and spirit to beat Bandon by 2-6...the reward for such a hard fought win was ice-cream for all on the way home! Next up were Carrignavar on 3rd November, where Kinsale totally outclassed their opponents and by so doing reaching a county final versus St.Mary's, Middleton. This match is due to be played early in the new year, when hopefully conditions will improve for camogie!

In the Munster championship the Junior team are also progressing well and to date they have notched up a fine win against BCS

Lismore on a very wet and stormy day in Lismore. They next go onto meet Dromcollagher to see which side will make it into the Munster semi-final.

We wish the Junior team every luck in their county final and in the upcoming Munster competition.

## **FIRST YEAR COMPETITION**

The first year camogie team represented the school in a first year blitz on Friday the 16th October in Coachford. The girls played extremely well, winning one match, drawing a second and getting beaten by the eventual winners on the day. There will be league starting after Christmas for the 1st year team, they are sure to have a very busy 2016!

## **SENIOR CAMOGIE**

Our senior camogie team had two outings this year, one against Clonakilty and the second against Middleton. However, despite their best efforts and never say die attitude they were narrowly beaten in both games. Well done to all the girls who participated, especially the Leaving cert players.

Well done to all girls involved and here's hoping 2016 will be a successful year for our teams.

# **HURLING REPORT**

## **U14 A HURLING:**

Our U 14 hurlers are competing at A grade in the Cork Post Primary Schools Championship. We currently top our league after three games, having defeated Glanmire CC, Col and Spraoid Naomh Bishopstown, and Patrician Academy Mallow. Mr John Corcoran manages this team and is really impressed with the commitment, attitude and skill of this young bunch of hurlers. It has been great to see parents attending these games to enjoy the achievements of their sons.

The panel have worked well with Mr. Martin Barry from Rebel Og Coaching and with two further fixtures in the offing we look forward to the opportunities ahead for this great bunch.

## **U 16 A HURLING:**

Our U 16 hurlers are also competing at A grade in the Cork Post Primary Schools Championship. In our quarter final fixture we defeated Colaiste Choilm Ballincollig on a scoreline of 3-13 to 2-13. This was a fantastic victory with the team staying focussed right to the very end and scoring two goals in the final three minutes to secure victory. We are due to play Gaelcolaiste Mhuire Ag (North Mon) in the semi-final with St. Colman's Fermoy playing Middleton CBS in the other semi-final.

Mr. Kevin Madigan and Mr. Niall Murphy have worked with this team along with Mr. Paudie O'Brien from Rebel Og Coaching. The commitment of the team was very evident when they trained on Friday 2nd October from 10:00am to 13:30 when the rest of the school was off.

## **U16½ HURLING:**

This team competed in the Munster PPS B grade and our first round fixture was against Col Treasa Kanturk. There were a total of ten Cork Development Squad players on view between the two sides which resulted in a fantastic game of hurling. All our players showed great commitment and again we recovered from an 8 point deficit to bring the game into extra time. Unfortunately a number of injuries curtailed our advances and we lost out by 2-20 to 3-13.

Mr. Kevin Madigan and Mr. Niall Murphy are working with this team.

## **SENIOR HURLING:**

Our senior hurlers are competing in two separate competitions. In the Cork PPS B grade we were defeated by Coachford CC on a day when we didn't do ourselves justice. The players recovered from this setback and have set their sights on the Munster PPS C championship. On our first outing we drew with Carrigaline CS, but once again showed our determination by coming from behind to draw the game. In our second outing we played St. Brogans Bandon and produced a very polished performance. This has resulted in us topping our league and qualifying to play Ballincollig CS in the next round of the Munster Championship.

Mr. Kevin Madigan and Mr. Niall Murphy are also involved with this team and are once again ably assisted by Mr. Paudie O'Brien of Rebel Og Coaching.

All results are posted on our Twitter page @KinsaleCSGAA.



# Munster Junior Golfer of the Year 2015

John Murphy (6th Year) pictured with John Moloughney (Chairperson of Munster GUI) receiving the Junior Golfer of the Year Award 2015. Key highlights, in what was a very hectic year for John, include, helping Kinsale Community School to a Munster Senior Schools Championship, a Munster final appearance in the Fred Daly Trophy with Kinsale Golf Club, a victory in the Kerry Boys Championship and a cap for Munster at the Boys Inter-Regionals.

This award recognises the consistency of John's performances throughout the golfing season, where he was in action almost every week during the summer, competing in all four Provincial Boys Championships as well as several of the Youth Championships. In the Boys events, he was runner-up in Ulster, 5th in Connacht and 7th in Leinster. John also took 4th place in the Irish Boys Championship.

Victory for John finally came in Ballybunion at the Kerry Boys Championship, where he came through the stroke play and match play tests to add his name to the famous trophy, making in back to back victories for Kinsale, with former KCS student, Cathal Butler winning the title in 2014.

John's strong individual and team performances earned him a place in the Munster team at the Boys Inter-Regionals in Athlone in July where he recorded a number of notable performances. Finishing 4th in the Boys Order of Merit and finishing as the top Under 17 golfer for 2015 resulted in John being named in the Irish Boys national panel

## SENIOR SCHOOL GOLF SOUTH MUNSTER QUALIFYING AT FERMOY GOLF CLUB

Coláiste An Spioraid Naoimh Bishopstown 226  
Coláiste Choilm Ballincollig 232

Kinsale Community School 235  
Presentation College Cork 236  
CBC Sidney Hill Cork 237  
Rochestown College Cork 238  
Douglas Community School 238

Defending champions KCS were unable to win back to back South Munster titles, but despite losing four of last years team they should be commended on their 3rd place finish. Kinsale were represented by John Murphy (6th year), Eric Rumley (5th year), Darragh Crowley (3rd year) and Harry Sheehan (2nd year).



## Junior School Golf Munster Qualifying at Mallow Golf Club

KCS can look forward to future success on the fairways and greens with an abundance of talent at Junior level. Representing the school in this years Junior Championship were Darragh Crowley (3rd year), Harry Sheehan (2nd year) and Ben Costello (2nd year). Although the team did not qualify for the Munster finals, these players will undoubtedly improve their skills and with practice and experience will continue to uphold the strong golfing tradition at KCS.

You can follow also us on twitter @kcs golf to see an update on results.

*Mr Ger Hogan*

# TABLE TENNIS

The table tennis team have been training very hard this year and it was not without its rewards at a number of competitions held in Sáile this term.

Team A: Alec Schmidt (Y3), William Jeffery (Y1), Conor O'Callaghan (Y3) and Oisín Herberich (Y3) won 1st place in Division 2.

Team B: Euan Manning (Y1), George Lordan (Y1), Jamie Cadogan (Y1) and David Daly (Y1) won 2nd place in Division 4.

Congratulations to all teams, their coach Mr Alan Hurley and their mentor / co-ordinator Ms Beverly Scanlon.



Congratulations to third year student Conor O'Callaghan who represented Ireland at a number of competitions in recent months. Conor achieved a bronze medal at the Czech Open, a bronze medal at the British National Championships and a silver medal at the Glasgow Open!!



# Soccer

Pictured is the KCS U-15 Soccer panel who represented the school in the Munster Cup. Kinsale beat Davies College Mallow 3-2 in round 1 which set up a second round match with Bantry Community College. Kinsale started the game brightly with first year student Matthew Healy striking the crossbar from an early free kick. Kinsale continued to play attacking football, but were unlucky to give away a soft penalty for a hand ball. The penalty was converted, but Kinsale showed great spirit and were rewarded for their continued pressure on the Bantry defence, with a fine passing move finished off by Harry Sheehan. 1-1 at half time, it was all to play for in the second half. Unfortunately, Bantry scored inside 10 mins and were quite happy to sit back and soak up all the pressure from Kinsale. Despite their tireless effort and continued attack KCS could not find the back of the net and went down on a scoreline of 2-1. The U-15 panel now look forward to the Cork Cup after Christmas. Training will continue on Thursday evenings after school from 4-5 in Saile and new players are always welcome.

You can follow us on twitter @kcssoccer11 to keep up to date with results!

*Mr Ger Hogan*



## GIRLS' SOCCER:

For the first time in years, KCS is fielding a Junior and Senior team in the Cork League. For the first time ever, the Kinsale girls are participating in the Munster cup.

# VEX ROBOTICS

Codename: ODIN

Combining computer software, metalwork, physics, creative thinking, teamwork, computer games, and a whole lot of diving into the unknown, the EMC/Vex 'Nothing But Net' Robot Competition is a novel opportunity for students at Kinsale Community to branch out a bit.

Essentially, students have to build their own robot from scratch, one that not only moves by remote control, intakes balls, and fires them at a goal (kind of like basketball), but that can also be programmed to do all of this using the 'C' programming language. Sound complicated? It is a little bit! But with a strong Metalwork department, designated laptops and a richly successful tradition in the Young Scientist competition, Kinsale Community is well-resourced to help its students compete against all-comers. Last year, in only the school's first year in the competition, the team performed admirably, and we hope to push on again this year.

This year, we are also delighted to have the services of an expert from EMC who comes to the school every week to aid the students with their build. We are lucky also to have the support of a local company, Elasnik, who are our sponsors.

Students of all backgrounds and all skillsets are part of the team this year, with a class of twenty or so divided between two Assembly teams, a Software team, a CAD team, a Business team, and a Rule-expert team, with the aim being that teams learn from each other's expertise.

So far the learning experience has been really rich – and when competition time comes in January, we will be ready!



*Mr O'Mahony*



# TRANSITION YEAR NEWS

## ANIMAL RIGHTS VISIT



Pictured are TY students & guest speakers from ARAN (Animal Rights Action Network)

## LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!!



It was lights, camera, action in October for a team of TY students who participated in a one day Film Making workshop facilitated by Cork Film Centre. Students learned how to film scenes, use video cameras, sound systems and editing equipment.

There were over 18 students involved and after a busy morning learning how to use equipment, students sat down to develop a storyboard and write a script for their very own short film. At the end of the day, students created a short movie as part of the Cork Young Film-makers Competition. These films will be screened at a countrywide event 'The 2016 First Cut!'. The Youth Film Festival will take place in April and the group will participate in the Schools Day in Youghal in April.

## FOSTERING LINKS

Kinsale Community School welcomed a large group of Spanish students to the school this year as part of their studies. Students travel from varying parts of Spain, some of which stay with host families while others made the move to Kinsale with their families.

Local people in the community along with a group of Spanish residents have been working to highlight the Spanish involvement in Kinsale, dating back to at least 1601! This was marked with a number of events including a visit by the students in September to Desmond Castle, the Spanish Headquarters in 1601. It was a fantastic day out for the students who had time to explore the castle and learn about its history and links to Spain. A wreath was also placed at Desmond Castle and at Fort Hill to mark the event.



## MNA FEASA



Pictured are TY students with guest speakers from Mna Feasa



# Farewell Honor

A woman of many talents is an apt way to describe Honor O'Brien who joined the staff of Our Lady of the Rosary School in 1992. She began as a teacher of Religion, English and Music, a position she carried through to the new school after the amalgamation of the VEC and Convent schools in 1996.

Honor became an integral part of the Music and Religion departments in Kinsale Community School, organising music for all school events most notable the Official school opening. She was instrumental in introducing the new Music curriculum to the school, a development that saw music in school modernising to recognise drums, electric guitar, etc as acceptable for examination. Always forward thinking, she was also involved in piloting Religion as an Exam subject. This has proved an extremely successful and popular decision.

In 2000, Honor again showed her adaptability and skill by moving into the very vital role of Home –School Liaison, showing her talents in developing and strengthening links between students, staff and parents. It was during this time in her career also that Honor co-ordinated supervised afterschool Study and took over a new role as Senior Year Head. She was always an extremely approachable and committed Year Head, getting to know each individual student



and supporting them at all times.

Always ready for a new challenge, Honor moved into the position of Chaplain in the school in 2007, a position for which she proved ideal. Her background in religion and music made her perfect when organising school masses, remembrance services, etc and all these occasions were very special times for the whole school community.

In her role as Chaplain, Honor was a very important member of the Pastoral Care team and her door was always open for any student who needed her. She cared for her students and their welfare was always central to her work and she was an invaluable support to the Guidance Counsellors and to School Management always.

Honor was truly involved in every part of school life including extra curricular, going on 2 school tours and helping out

in every school event.

She never lost her love for music and was musical director for the school show "Oliver" and helping out backstage in many other musicals throughout the years. She even took to the stage herself on one occasion, playing the part of an interviewee for a job as a nanny. She lost out that time to 'practically perfect' Mary Poppins but proved perfect herself when

she interviewed for the job of Deputy Principal in Coláiste Muire and was successful.

We know that she will be excellent in this new role as she has been in all other roles she has filled. She will make it her own and she will bring her expertise and efficiency, her skills and talents, her caring and personal touch to this position too. Kinsale's loss is definitely Crosshaven's gain.

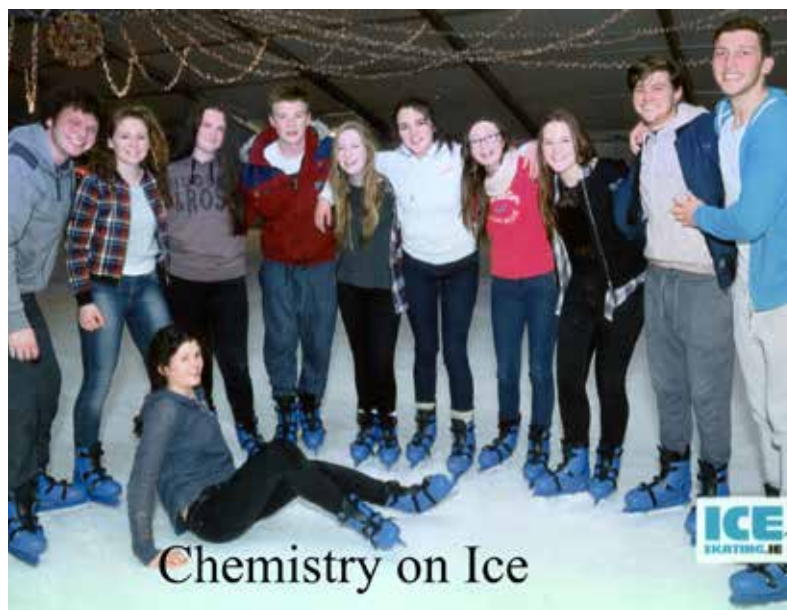
Her calm and nurturing presence is missed in Kinsale by the whole school community but we wish her every success and happiness in her new situation.

To quote Edith Wharton "There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it". We thank you Honor for often both being the candle and the mirror in our day.

# Chemistry



LC Chemistry students pictured participating in the Spectroscopy in a Suitcase workshop which the RSC ran in school recently.



Some of the sixth year chemistry students on a recent visit to Cork on Ice. Here they investigated the properties of water, some at closer quarters than others !!!





*Drone photograph of KCS by night, Ethan Monkhouse (TY)*