

NEWSLETTER

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From the Principals Desk

Welcome to the second edition of our Newsletter for the 2015/16 academic year which you will find is replete with details about a vast array of activities that our students have been involved in since January.

The cover of last year's Newsletter carried a photograph of Minister Jan O'Sullivan TD turning the sod for our new extension. As I look out the window from behind my desk now I am witnessing the construction of an expansive floor area which will be linked to our current building through a link corridor which will pass directly through where the principal's office is currently sited. In the course of the summer the works should be very impressive as the building takes shape. It is envisaged that we should have possession of the new gym by the end of October and that the construction of the three storey extension in front of the school will be completed by January 2017. By that stage it is planned that we will have no pre fab building on our site! The final phase of the construction is the extension to the e-block which will be complete for September 2017.

Even though it is not on the current drawing plans we are at the time of writing seeking an increase to our building budget from the Department of Education and Skills to upgrade our sports field and to develop a running track around the perimeter of the field as part of the current works. I will keep you posted on how this proposal develops.

2016 has been a great year for reflecting on the past, in particular in respect of the Easter Rising. As a school community we celebrated the Proclamation Day on March 14th and we used the occasion to raise our new national flag which we had received from the President of Ireland Michael D Higgins. We also collaborated with the Kinsale Historical Society on April 23rd and 24th in respect of the display of art work and research in the Temperance Hall commemorating and remembering our local links to the Easter Rising.

It is also worthy of reflection that the Kinsale Community School first opened its doors in September 1996 – 20 years ago this September.

Over the previous 20 years students from our school have performed exceptionally in the Young Scientist Exhibition. This year was no different as our Young Scientist students led the way in the RDS last January. The benefit that our students derive from this experience is immense, not just in the area of science but in the overall development of their capacity to engage in research and confidently communicate their findings.

Our students performed excellently in the area of sport over the year attaining county, provincial, national and international honours. One student who I feel compelled to mention is Conor O'Callaghan on his international successes as a table tennis champion. Other sporting successes of note were in the area of Basketball, Golf, Show Jumping, Soccer, Football, Hurling and Camogie with quite a number of our students representing their county in these sports.

All of the numerous extra-curricular activities that occur in our school occur because of the generosity of the teachers in our school. There is a deep desire within our community of teachers for all to achieve the best that they can. I salute and thank our staff for their dedication in this regard.

I want to assure all of our students that are completing their examinations over the next number of weeks that each and every examiner that visited our school during the oral and practical examinations were highly impressed by your excellence. I want to take this opportunity to wish our Leaving Cert and Junior Cert students every success in your examinations.



I want to thank all of the 'Friends of Kinsale Community School' for all of your support over the school year. A special word of thanks to, the Parents Association, the Kinsale Peace Project, the Lions Club, Eamon Judge and his colleagues at Eli-Lilly for the support, assistance, and guidance that you very generously provide to our school on an on-going basis.

Finally I want to thank and congratulate Maria Brosnan for all of her work in preparing and editing this very impressive edition of the Newsletter.

On behalf of the Board of Management and our Chairperson Sr Rita I would like to wish every one of our students the very best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer break and I look forward to welcoming you back for the 2016/17 school year.

Lengal all Carty

Deputy Principals Desk

MANAGING YOUR CHILD'S 'SCREEN TIME' IS IMPORTANT.

Most young people are negatively affected nowadays by excessive screen time as a result of ubiquitous access to phones, tablets, computers and TVs. Challenging young people on their usage as parents can be challenging but is very necessary. Frighteningly, studies have shown that average screen time is seven hours a day and this pervasive internet addiction is associated with structural and functional changes in brain regions involving emotional processing, executive attention, decision making, and cognitive control. In short, excessive screen-time appears to impair brain structure and function. Much of the damage occurs in the brain's frontal lobe, which undergoes massive changes from puberty until the mid-twenties. Frontal lobe development, in turn, largely determines success in every area of life—from sense of well-being to academic or career success to relationship skills. (www.psychologytoday.com) Use this research to strengthen your own parental position on screen management, and to convince others to do the same.

HELPFUL POINTERS

1. Agree a clear set of rules with your child on screen time in the home. Talk to your child on when you think it is appropriate and inappropriate to use screens. Agree times when screens are allowed and not allowed in the home. For example dinner time, homework time and bed time.
2. Do as you say. Modelling behaviour is THE most powerful way you can influence your child's behaviour.
3. Restrict the use of computers/devices in the bedroom. Depending on the age of your child you may want to set a curfew or ban devices from the bedroom completely.
4. Buy an alarm clock for your child's bedroom and charge their phones in your room at night time. This can be a helpful way of giving them a break from the internet.
5. Try not to rely on screens too much to keep the kids amused. This only confuses rules on screen time, try and stick to the agreed rules with your child and remember to set a good example.
6. Chat to your child about what they do online and encourage them to use their screen time for learning and education.
7. Pick one evening a week where you do a family activity together, whether it's



movie night, games night.

8. Don't have screens always on in the background. Turn off TVs and Computers when not in use, these can be distracting for kids if they are trying to participate in another activity.

9. Finally, join in, why not set some time aside to play your child's favourite computer game and discover the online world together, safely.

Be strong! For useful tips and information see www.webwise.ie

Kathleen O'Brien
(Deputy Principal)

Caring for Ciara

Pictured are Principal Mr McCarthy, Head Boy Hugh Whelan and Head Girl Alison Condon presenting Pauline O'Brien (Ciara O'Brien Trust) with a cheque in the sum of €30,045 which was raised by the Kinsale Community School 'Caring for Ciara' sponsored walk which took place in October. Congratulations and well done to all involved!



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. This year TY students competed in the Junk Kouture competition and made a number of designs including a tin costume, a cereal box costume, a plastic/paper-mâché costume and an ice-cream shop costume.

Although the Junk Kouture team did not reach the National Finals it was a fantastic opportunity and an enjoyable experience for all involved. Students' creativity flourished and it was a great teambuilding experience. Well done and thank you to all the team and to their Art teacher and mentor Mr Keith Murray for his guidance and support throughout the year. Pictured are some of the designs created.



LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED NEWS

May is a busy time in every classroom and it is no different for our Leaving Certificate Applied students as they have been kept very busy finalising their assessment work.

Sixth year students have fulfilled their Examination briefs in Graphics and Construction Studies and have also completed a practical cookery exam in Hotel Catering and Tourism. Once their Irish and English & Communications Oral Exams are completed, they will be able to focus on their final written Examinations which is the final third element of assessment in the Programme.

Students have continued to be involved in their community with sixth

years participating in a tidy up at Charles Fort and fifth years organising a clean-up in the Sáile grounds. They have looked after their teachers also with regular baked treats appearing in the staffroom at break-time courtesy of our fifth years and a sumptuous lunch prepared by our sixth years.

In addition here is a short summary of activities undertaken:

- Students were fortunate to have the opportunity to visit Ballymaloe House where they were treated to some homemade refreshments.
- Fifth years attended the French Film Festival in Cork.
- A representative from Solas spoke to students about Apprenticeships
- All students attended Open Days in the Cork College of Commerce, Coláiste Stiofán Naofa and St John's Central College with their Guidance teacher where they were able to learn about Courses of interest to them and speak directly with staff involved

in these courses.

- Tom Walsh from Kinsale Youth Support Service, (KYSS), spoke to students providing information and promoting understanding of the challenges facing young people within our community.
 - Fifth years visited the Kinsale Branch of the Bank of Ireland.
 - Students attended a talk on Architecture as part of their Graphics and Construction studies programme.
 - All students completed an 8 week fitness and healthy living course in Rogue Fitness in Kinsale.
 - Sixth year students also attended a Retreat Day in the Carmelite Friary.
- Well done to all who organised and participated in these activities. We wish our sixth year class every success in their upcoming examinations and chosen career paths.

Ms Anne Kelly

MUSIC NEWS

Yet again it has been a very busy term for Ms Kearney and her music pupils. In December Ms Kearney was very busy preparing for the annual school show – this year’s production ‘Billy’ which was loosely themed around the movie ‘Billy Elliot’. The band performed songs such as The Stars Look Down, Solidarity, Expressing Yourself, Born to Boogie and Merry Christmas Maggie Thatcher. It was a roaring success and the hall seated a full audience each night!

A Christmas Carol Service also took place in December and the school choir performed some well-known carols such as Silent Night and Long Time Ago in Bethlehem.

In March, members of the trad group performed at a whole school Flag Raising Ceremony to commemorate the 1916 centenary. The flag was raised and members of the choir sang the national anthem ‘Amhrán na bhFiann’. The ceremony concluded with a rendition of ‘The Foggy Dew’ by the trad group and choir, ably directed by Ms. Brid Kearney.

In April a Ballad Workshop took place with legendary Cork folksinger Mr Jimmy Crowley. Jimmy has specialised in collecting and playing traditional songs for many years now. Music students from 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th year took part in the workshop where Jimmy sang songs and told stories relating to the 1916 Rising. The students really enjoyed the workshop and learned a lot about how life was for the people of the time through song. Jimmy performed many songs including Salonika, The Foggy Dew and the song he wrote in honour of the 100th Anniversary of the Easter Rising called “Easter Week”. The Laughing Laptop was also performed!



Billy - The Musical



Christmas Carol Service Choir Members



Christmas Carol Service



Jimmy Crowley Workshop



1916 Commemoration

1916 CENTENARY

EXHIBITION

On Saturday April 23rd and Sunday 24th a really interesting and creative schools' centenary exhibition was held in the Temperance Hall, Kinsale in conjunction with the Kinsale Historical Society.

Approximately 1500 people saw the hard work and talent of the primary and secondary schools of the Kinsale area over the two days. The primary schools had colourful and interesting displays which included history, biography, art and models. The talent of the primary children really shone through their work and that of their teachers.

Students from Kinsale Community School were on hand to talk to the public about their History, literature, film and Art projects. Projects included a wonderful documentary made by Allannah Humphreys about her great grandfather Richard Humphries who fought in the GPO, her great grand uncle, The O'Rahilly

who was one of the leaders, and her great grand aunt Silighe Humphreys who was also a prominent nationalist during the independence struggle.

Other History projects, supervised by History teacher Mr. Diarmaid O'Donovan, included Michael Madden and Sean Hayes looking at the Rising from the engineering perspective, Francesca Donovan and Makenzie Cahill who examined the Anglo Irish literary revival, Aoife Gilleran and Molly Dunican who researched the role of women in the Rising, James O'Hagan who looked at the garrison at Boland's Mills, and Jack Cummins who researched his relative Diarmuid Lynch from Tracton who was Aide de Camp to James Connolly during Easter Week. Also, Transition Years who are studying Irish with Geraldine Sheehy produced an original film which explored the roots of the influence of the Gaelic League on Irish Nationalism.

Practical subjects such as Home Economics (Ms. Barrett) and Woodwork

(Mr. Cathal O'Donovan) were present and showed excellent displays related to the centenary, especially Calvin Mulcahy's woodwork piece.

Upstairs was an Aladdin's Cave of Art, film, literature and media which included some beautiful and original pieces. Art teachers Kathleen Fitzpatrick and Anne O'Leary oversaw the production of some stunning work from their 5th and 2nd year students. An original film was produced by a group of talented Transition Years on the topic of Irish identity in modern Ireland, and original poetry and prose was produced from the English class of Aoife Lancaster.

Thanks to all who supported this project. It was a creative collaboration between students, teachers, community groups, and the general public that the students who took part will never forget.

Mr Diarmaid O'Donovan



1916 EXHIBITION

On the 23rd & 24th April a large number of students were involved in the 1916 Exhibition in Temperance Hall to commemorate the Centenary of the 1916 Rising. Below you can enjoy an outline of the projects and exhibits on display during the celebration.

Introduction:

On April 24th 1916, exactly 100 years ago to the day, an unlikely group of Irish poets, playwrights, teachers, journalists and actors challenged the greatest empire the world had ever known. They had been radicalised in the preceding years by a cultural independence movement that extolled the beauty and depth of Ireland's ancient culture through the revival of Irish language, sport, literature and myth.

For six days they held out in an action that they believed would revolutionise the mind-sets of the majority of Irish people towards declaring their political allegiance to an independent Irish Republic. Some at the time felt that it was ill conceived and hopeless. However, the symbolic power of the moment and the nobility of those executed in the aftermath lit a flame that would, in the years to follow, eventually bring political independence to Ireland.

This exhibition is the fruit of weeks of planning and hard work by both primary and secondary students in the Kinsale region. The level of creative engagement has been inspiring. Kinsale Community School students have worked closely with their teachers to produce their work in a myriad of creative and interesting ways. Through their work, they examine some of the cultural, military and political contexts for the Rising. In addition, some of the work points to the future and asks questions of what the future holds for the Irish as a nation.

Whatever happens, I am sure that the activists and scholars who led the Rebellion 100 years ago would be delighted to be honoured so respectfully by our talented young people in 2016.

We hope you enjoy our exhibition!

Diarmuid O'Donovan – (Head of History Kinsale Community School)

PRIMARY SCHOOLS: Various projects have been submitted from the primary schools in the Kinsale region. Thanks to the students and teachers from each of the primary schools represented today at our exhibition for their superb contributions.

Kinsale Community School Students' Projects

1. Allanah Humphreys: Humphreys family in the Rising and Ireland's Independence Movement – Project on The O'Rahilly, Richard Humphreys and Sighle Humphreys.

Allanah is a 5th year History student at Kinsale Community School. Her family have played a seminal role in Ireland's struggle for independence. Her great grandfather Richard Humphreys fought in the G.P.O. during the Easter Rising of 1916. Her great grand uncle was Michael Joseph O'Rahilly, who was known as 'The O'Rahilly'. The O'Rahilly was a founding member of the Irish Volunteers and leader during the Easter Rising who died heroically trying to save the lives of other leaders such as Thomas Clarke, James Connelly and Pdraig Pearse. Her great grand aunt, Sighle Humphreys was involved in the Rising and went on to play a leading role in the subsequent War of Independence and the Civil War. Allanah's project proudly charts the deep involvement of each of these relatives through the media of literature, and an original documentary film that she has made herself.

2. Jack Cummins: Local man Diarmuid Lynch – the last man to leave the G.P.O. Jack is a first year student at Kinsale Community School and is related to Diarmuid Lynch from Tracton, near Kinsale. Diarmuid Lynch was a member of the Irish Republican Brotherhood Supreme Council, who organised the Easter Rising. He was the only surviving member of the IRB Supreme Council, who decided to go ahead with the Rising, all the rest were executed by the British following the Rising. Diarmuid Lynch was the Aide de Camp to James Connolly in the G.P.O. and fought to the end. He was the last man to leave the GPO and went on to become an important link to America in the continuing struggle for independence. In his later years he went on to record for posterity the accounts of many of those who fought in the G.P.O. with him in 1916.

3. Michael Maddan and Sean Hayes: Engineering Project on the Aud and the Helga.

Artefacts: Ammunition recovered from The German ship The Aud which lies at the bottom of Cork Harbour.

Michael and Sean are presenting their projects from an engineering perspective.

They are looking at two ships that played a pivotal role in the Easter Rising, The Aud and The Helga. The Aud was the ship carrying arms from Germany that were due to be landed on the Kerry Coast before the Rising was due to take place. There was some confusion as to where they would be landed, and the ship was stopped by the British Navy. In the end the Captain of The Aud scuttled the ship rather than let it fall into the hands of the British. It has lain at the mouth of Cork Harbour for the past 100 years. Michael and Sean have some ammunition on display that was recovered from The Aud by divers. It is interesting to think about how the Rising would have developed and spread, had the guns and ammunition from The Aud been secured by the Volunteers in the South of Ireland, and if Eoin MacNeill's countermanding order was never issued.

The Helga was a British gun boat that sailed up the Liffey in Dublin during Easter Week 1916 and was important because it shelled the G.P.O., which was the headquarters of the Rising. The shelling and destruction of the G.P.O. by The Helga led to the eventual surrender of the Volunteers.

4. MacKenzie Cahill and Francesca Donovan: The Irish Literary Revival and the Easter Rising

This project focuses on a literary perspective of the events. The Rising has often been referred to as "The Poet's Rebellion" due to the fact that many who were involved were poets, playwrights, journalists, teachers and actors. This project examines how such engagement in cultural nationalism led many to seek political independence. The poetry of W.B. Yeats is considered and contrasted, as is the role of The Abbey Theatre in promoting Irish separatism and the rebirth of Irish literature and theatre.

5. Aoife Gilleran and Molly Dunican: The role of Women in the 1916 Revolution. Aoife's project examines important figures such as rebel leader Constance Markievicz and feminist campaigner Hannah Sheehy-Skeffington.

Molly examines the involvement during the fighting of Scottish feminist and activist Margaret Skinneder. Molly has discovered an audio recording of Margaret Skinneder taken some years after the events – please feel free to listen to it on the headphones provided.

6. Fintan Forde and Aaron Wolfe: The G.A.A. and the 1916 Rising

This project comes from a sporting and cultural perspective. It examines the role played by members of the Gaelic Athletic Association during the Rising. It also looks at the deep cultural significance of sport as a form of separatism during this period.

7. James O'Hagan: Project on the Boland's Mills Garrison

Patrick Leonard was a family friend who fought in the Rising at the Boland's Mills Garrison under Eamonn De Valera. James' project will outline the activities of Patrick Leonard during Easter Week, and those of the Boland's Mills Garrison more generally.

8. Artefacts: Old sword and medals of the Free State Army

These exhibits belong to Michael Kelleher, grandfather to Niall Murphy History teacher in Kinsale Community School. The sword is from his time in the Free State Army and the three medals are for different services to the state. The first one is for fighting against the Black and Tans during the War of Independence. The second is for service during the Emergency and the third medal is a long service medal commemorating 50 years of service in the army from 1921 - 1971. Comdt. Michael Kelleher led the retired service men at the annual Michael Collins Commemoration in Beal na Blath for many years.

9. Home Economics Project: Julie Newport, Sarah Murphy, Sarah Kelly and Megan Kelleher – Food from the era of 1916

This project looks at the social history of the period we are commemorating through examining the types of food that were on offer to the general population in Ireland.

Their table includes a variety of foods that were popular at the time of 1916 rising. The meat at the time was expensive and thus only the relatively wealthy could afford the pig's trotters and crubeens - delicacies at the time. Our students have made some home-made bread that would have been traditionally made over an open fire, with the use of a bastable. They also show you how butter was made from the cream of the milk – which was in plentiful supply in the countryside.

English Department: Teachers: **Ms. Aoife Lancaster, Ms. Suzanne Farrelly and**

Ms. Nicola Crowley - Original literary responses to the events of Easter Week 1916 - poetry and prose

Members of the English Department at Kinsale Community School have been busy helping students to formulate literary responses of their own to ideas of independence, freedom and Irish culture. Students have responded with some really interesting, challenging and creative work that makes the reader consider more deeply our concepts of nationalism and identity in society today.

Gaelic League: Irish Department: Teachers: **Ms. Geraldine Sheehy and Ms. Donna Dempsey** – The Gaelic League and the Easter Rebellion

Students of Gaelic at Kinsale Community School have been researching the impact of the Gaelic League on the cultural independence movement that preceded the Rising. Historians argue that it was a key organisation in developing a national consciousness at the turn of the 20th century. Many leaders of the Rebellion were members of the Gaelic League and actively sought to create an Ireland devoted to her independence through language, traditional music and dance. Students have also been working on a film they hope to have ready to exhibit.

Upstairs:

Art Exhibition: Teachers: **Ms Kathleen Fitzpatrick and Ms. Anne O'Leary.**

Curators: Aine Brett and Frank Curtin
This exhibition consists of superb work undertaken over the past number of weeks by 2nd and 5th year students and their excellent Art teachers at Kinsale Community School. The depth and variety of the art displayed shows the students' deep level of engagement with the events we are commemorating. The visual nature of the work helps us to engage in surprising and interesting ways, not only with the Rising itself, but with the wider concepts of cultural nationalism and Irish identity.

Curators Aine Brett and Frank Curtin have both contributed pieces to the exhibition and they have worked hard to outline the details and interpretations of each piece so people can enjoy them more fully.

Original Film: Directors and Producers:



Killian O'Neill, Fiona Deasy and Ellen Kelleher

Editors: **Ethan Monkhouse, Casey Ring and Joseph O'Donovan**

In this original film, shot in Kinsale in April 2016, our students asked the same question to a number of random members of the public. Their question was: What does Irish identity mean to you?

The centenary commemorations of the 1916 Rebellion had taken place during the previous month, so it seemed an interesting time to ask this question. They encountered many different responses and many perspectives in this endeavour to understand our national identity during this important period. The film is very well made and attests to the creativity, skill, hard work and professionalism of our students at Kinsale Community School.

Please sign our visitors' book at the door and tell us who you are what you thought of our exhibition.

All donations at today's event will be presented by the students to the committee of the Kinsale Youth Café which is being proposed for the young people of the town. Thank you for your support!

Acknowledgements

Thanks to the Kinsale Historical Society and especially Dermot Ryan for supporting the schools exhibition project.

Special thanks to all the teachers who supported this project in various ways.

Thanks to Mr. Fergal McCarthy and Ms. Kathleen O'Brien for their support throughout.



A Hymn for the Irish Sky

Irish sky why do you cry?

Have they forgotten you?

*The Myths and Legends behind your
eyes*

Have disappeared from memory

*Where are the heroes of the past
Who had fallen to keep your secrets*

They are gone

They are gone

*Still echoing among ruins of stone
Are their whispers, whispers of the*

rain;

On thorn-bled ground

In thorn-bled pain

Oh Irish sky why you cry-

Why so often?

Do you miss the days of Magic

Of Honour, Freedom, Love

They're hiding somewhere still

In the silence of Glendalough

The Rainbow

Before a leprechaun's gold

*Was the bridge between Heaven and
Earth*

The symbol of a promise

And of your child's birth

Ireland your daughter

She's a red-haired freedom

*Like wildfire her presence spreads
And enlightens those who've been mis-
lead*

Mother;

Mother sky

Deepen the galaxy of your heart

As the clouds sail overhead

Beneath the blanket of stars

We go to bed

A lonely soul you fill with love

A foreigner's lips you soften-

But Irish sky why you cry

Why do you cry so often?

Anna Wawer (Y6)

PROCLAMATION DAY

At 12 noon on the 15th March, Kinsale Community School students gathered to commemorate those who fought in the Easter Rising of 1916.

Proceedings were opened by Mr. Diarmaid O'Donovan, Head of History. Head girl, Alison Condon, and first year student Ciara Linham put the Proclamation in context for the assembled junior and senior students. Ciara's great grand aunt fought in the Rising and was subsequently imprisoned in Kilmainham Jail.

The Proclamation of the Irish Republic was then read from the school steps in both Irish and English by Cuán Tobin, Sadhbh O'Hanrahan, Fintan Forde, Evita Volginaite and Allannah Humphries (who is the great grand-niece of The O'Rahilly – one of the leaders of the 1916 Rising).

A flag ceremony was then held, with 5th year students Marieka Buckley and Aidan Lynch describing the history and meaning of the Irish Tricolour. The flag was then raised by Mr Brendan Barry while the gathering sang the national anthem.

The Principal, Mr. Fergal McCarthy, addressed the students and impressed upon them the sacrifice that these men and women had made to achieve the freedoms and independence that we enjoy today in contemporary Ireland.

Proceedings concluded with a rendition of 'The Foggy Dew' by the music group and choir, ably directed by Ms. Brid Kearney.

This ceremony was profound in many ways. The behaviour and demeanour of each and every student was dignified and respectful, which serves as a testament to their character. The cooperation between teachers and students was superb as usual and is a reminder of the positive learning environment created at Kinsale Community School. Finally, the event showed just how essential History is as a subject that can create meaning and identity for both Irish born and new Irish citizens as we forge a new and inclusive Republic together.



GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

On Tuesday 26th April a small group of Geography students, their teachers and SNA's left school bright and early on a fact finding field trip around Kinsale town. Their trip took in a private guided walking tour around the town, a trip to the Kinsale Regional Museum and a tour of Charles Fort!

It was a fantastic day and of course there was a very important stop for hot chocolates in the middle of the day! The educational trip ended with fish and chips much to the delight of all! Thank you to Ms Moira O'Leary and SNA's Ms Foott, Ms Murphy, Ms Crowley & Ms Gallagher for organising the trip.



STOP BULLYING

‘As communication technologies have become so widespread, cyberbullying can happen any time, anywhere with the result that, for many children, the home is no longer a guaranteed safe haven from bullying. You must therefore be extra vigilant in identifying and dealing with any incidents of cyberbullying which may be happening under your roof’ (www.bully4u.ie).

What is Cyberbullying?

Cyber Bullying is a new strain of bullying which has emerged amongst children which utilises web pages, e-mails, and text messages – all used to abuse, intimidate and attack others either directly or indirectly- rumour mongering etc. Studies show bullying is more prevalent now than ever, but with modern technology, it has become more sophisticated and sinister. Worst of all, many parents have no idea this type of bullying – cyberbullying - even exists.

A lot of cyberbullying occurs when students lose sight of the consequences. Some don’t think sending messages which they see as “just messing” or “joking” is bullying, and don’t understand how it can hurt someone.

One of the most common reasons for cyberbullying is an attitude among bullies that they won’t get caught. Internet anonymity empowers bullies and leaves them feeling like they cannot be traced.

In Ireland, a recent study has shown that up to 14% of students aged 12-16 have been cyberbullied, while 9% reported that they have bullied others in this way. Incidence rates for cyberbullying tend to be slightly higher among girls than boys. Source: www.ispcc.ie

The different ways in which technology can be used to cyberbully include:

Personal Intimidation: sending threatening text (SMS) messages or emails, posting abusive comments on the victim’s profile or other websites or

sending threatening messages via instant messaging. These can be sent to a single target, or to a group of people to encourage them to become part of the bullying.

Impersonation: setting up fake profiles and web pages that are attributed to the victim. It can also involve gaining access to someone’s profile or instant messaging account and using it to contact others and subsequently bully while impersonating the account or profile owner. Anyone contributing to these pages or even visiting them compounds the problem and adds to the distress of the target.

Exclusion: blocking an individual from a popular group or community such as a school or class group in social media sites.

Personal Humiliation: posting images, videos, blogs or emails intended to embarrass or humiliate someone. It can involve users sharing and posting images or videos of victims being abused or humiliated offline or users sharing personal communications such as emails or text messages with a wider audience than was intended by the sender.

False Reporting: making false reports to the service provider or reporting other users for a range of behaviours with a view to having the user’s account or website deleted, or sending viruses to a target to delete information from their computer or even to destroy it.

Responding to Cyberbullying

At Kinsale Community School we deal with bullying through our ‘Reform not Blame’ anti-bullying policy and procedures, but cyberbullying, as outlined, presents new challenges. As a student, parent or teacher there are things you can do in the battle against online bullying.

- Don’t reply to messages that harass or annoy you – even though you may really feel like it, this is exactly what the bully wants. If you respond with an ever nastier message, they will think they have got to

you and upset you which is just what they are hoping for. Don’t let them mess with your head!

- Tell someone you trust – be that a parent, teacher, friend, youth leader or school counsellor.

- Keep the message – and a record that outlines the details, dates and times of any form of bullying which you experience (in case there is an investigation).

- Block the sender – if you are getting messages that upset you, simply click the block button. Check your mobile phone manual or ask your parent to help you see if you can restrict communications to an approved list of contacts or in the case of serious bullying, you can change your phone number through your mobile phone operator.

- Report problems – if you come across offensive content on a website or circulated by mobile phone, you should contact the owners of the service. Serious incidents that could be illegal should be reported to the Gardai.

Source: www.bully4u.ie

Useful websites for advice and information

www.bully4u.ie

www.ispcc.ie

www.internetsafety.ie

www.antibullyingcampaign.ie

www.antibullyingireland.com

www.nabc.ie

www.stopthebully.ie

www.dcu.ie/abc Anti-Bullying Centre (ABC) at Dublin City University

New Irish Research

‘Cyber bullying in Ireland A survey of parents internet usage and knowledge’ National Anti-Bullying Research and Resource Centre (2016)

Available at: https://www4.dcu.ie/sites/default/files/institute_of_education/pdfs/ABC-Cyberbullying-Survey.pdf

Keep up to date on Twitter @kcsantibullying



Kinsale Community School Anti-Bullying Charter



2 What is Bullying?

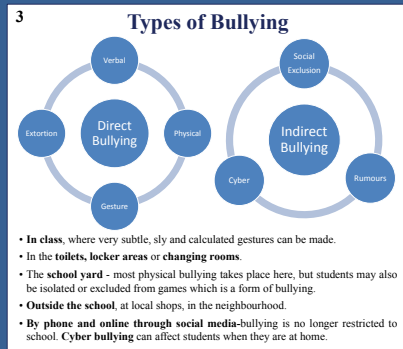
Behaviour which is

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!*

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

In mid-March the 5th year Ag Science class decided to put theory into practice and set about the task of planting potatoes. The potatoes were sat in grow bags for ease of manoeuvrability. The varieties sat were Homeguard (1st earlies) and British Queens (2nd earlies) in the hope that the potatoes would flower before the summer holidays.

Unfortunately, at the time of going to print we are still waiting on those flowers and so it will be another few weeks before any potatoes are ready for digging. Students in the class will (hopefully!!) transport the grow bags home for the summer and can look forward to 'new spuds' sometime in June.



Author of the Moment: LOUISE O'NEILL

Rachel Butler (5th year) writes about her visit.

The issues of consent and rape culture are not ones that we discuss or educate ourselves on enough in Ireland. Unfortunately, many of us sweep it under the rug and teenagers and young people are left in the dark. Luckily, the world renowned author from Clonakilty in West Cork, Louise O'Neill shines light on these subjects through her novels "Only Ever Yours" and "Asking For It". On Tuesday the 19th January 2016, 5th years along with a number of 4th year and 6th year pupils were treated to a talk and Q&A session from Louise O'Neill.

Louise was an absolutely enthralling speaker. She managed to keep the attention of every single person in the room, and had us all hanging on her every word. She was so down-to-earth and engaging, leading to an endless amount of questions from the group. She was very open minded, taking every question we posed to heart. She spoke to us as equals, as if we were all a group of friends simply having a chat over lunch. Despite her overwhelming success as an author, with her books having reached global recognition, she came across as an

approachable, relatable and understanding individual.

It was obvious by the way she spoke about the issues she raised in her book, that she felt very passionately about them. She left us pondering questions such as: Why does the public sympathy in some rape cases sometimes lie with the perpetrator and the blame with the victim? Why is women's sexuality sometimes seen as something to be made fun of? Why is there very little support or information for victims of rape? And most importantly, Why aren't we doing anything about it? Through her witty sense of humor and "get up and go" attitude, Louise left us with a sense of purpose, that nothing will change unless we change it. She got everyone thinking in a way that perhaps we never would have if we didn't read her books or listen to her speak.

The ascent from her humble beginnings from West Cork to where she is now in her career is truly remarkable. She inspired the group and left us with hope that if you feel strongly enough about something, you will find a way to make people listen.

Her journey to becoming an author was not an easy one and this also showed and inspired us to lead a life doing something you love.

I think I speak for everyone who was present when I say that, Louise O'Neill left an impression on us that will stay with each of us long after we have left school and we are extremely thankful for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

A huge thanks to Miss Crowley for organising the event.

Rachel Butler (Y5)

"I found her sense of humor very enjoyable and her answers to the questions asked were extremely descriptive"

"I was amazed to learn how open and honest she was about the struggles she had during her teenage years"

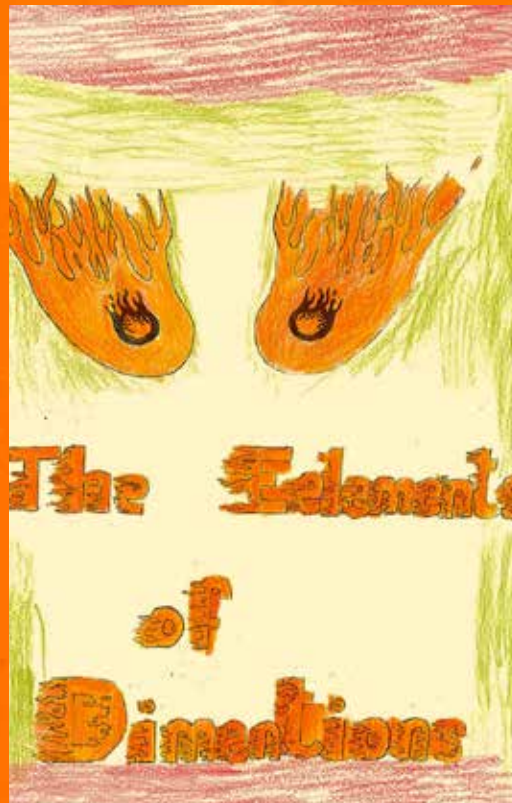
"Her ability to speak and hold everyone's attention for such a long time is a pure talent"



Comic Book

This year our friends and us, along with our Art teacher Mr Murray decided to make a comic book. It took us a very long time to make, starting in September and finishing in March.

We really like comics and superheroes and we wanted to create our own super comic. So firstly we started to come up with characters. We found this very enjoyable as our characters were given superpowers and background stories. The following stage was the storyboarding of our comic. This involved the planning and creating of the scenes so that the story and our characters were believable. Following this we worked on the colour scheme. This took the most amount of time, with some of the scenes needing more attention than others.



We had a few different ideas for the name, but we voted to use "The Elements of Dimensions". Once we had created the Comic Sheet, we decided that we wanted to make small copies of the comic for different people around the school, and for any of you that want to see the comic,

here it is. Making the copies was a long process and we used a lot of ink! We hope you enjoy the comic!

Chris Good & Keith McCarthy (TY)

DEBATING

In September 2015, we, along with Clodagh Butler, Jake Hyland, Chloe Wright and David Graham, pioneered the school debating society. Under the guidance of Ms Aoife Lancaster and Ms Nicola Crowley, we entered our first philosophical debate in November, which was run by the UCC Philosophical Society. We competed against four different schools. The topics we debated included "That the World should open all its Borders to Migration and Trade" and "That the Killing of Civilians is a Legitimate Tactic in Times of War". The second round of the Philosophical debate took place in January, also in UCC. The topic we debated was "That Gender Specific Awards should not be given in Performance Art". We also participated in a Concern Debate in January against Davis College Mallow, which was hosted in KCS. Although we were unsuccessful in making it to the next round, our debating experience was thoroughly enjoyable, although it was hard work at times! It improved our confidence, public – speaking abilities and our knowledge of current affairs. We are looking forward to competing again next year as KCS seasoned debaters!



We would like to thank our teachers Ms Lancaster and Ms Crowley for all their continued guidance and encouragement throughout the year!

Fiona Deasy & Julie Moynihan (TY)

Business

BANK PRESENTATION

Pictured are members of the school bank Fisherman's Cash receiving their Certificates from AIB after completing their Build-A-Bank School Challenge. A big thank you to AIB Branch Kinsale for donating a tablet which will be extremely beneficial to TY students and their studies.



IDEATION

Ideation is about bringing an idea from concept to product, imagination, entrepreneurship and innovation. Kinsale and District Lions Club in conjunction with Intel Ireland brought ideation to Kinsale in January when a 2 day intensive workshop was given to all 126 transition Year students. In groups of 5/6 each team had to come up with an idea that could be used to save energy, reduce energy costs or generate energy for users in the Kinsale area. The product had to be designed to help users save or generate energy in the house, farm, office, in the car or anywhere else. Each team had a mentor who gently guided and sometimes prodded them through the process of developing an idea and attempting to bring it to the marketplace.

Students had the opportunity to improve their presentation and marketing skills when they presented their idea to a panel of Dragons. It was a challenging but enjoyable experience for all involved! Congratulations to the winning team - Maria Olle, Harry Tyrell, Gavin Condren, Eloi Cahis and Conor Desmond. Their idea was a home energy saving system called CODI. This system enabled homeowners to turn off electronic outlets on leaving the house in order to conserve energy and reduce costs.

Huge thanks to the Kinsale Lions Club for all their time and effort for organising, running and co-ordinating the event. Thanks also to the Trident Hotel for providing the facilities to run the event and to all the teachers and SNA's who accompanied us.



DAIRY DELIGHTS



In March Transition Year students were delighted to welcome entrepreneur Marie Curtin of Temple Dairy in Limerick. Temple Dairy is a family run farm run by Marie Curtin and her father Sean. The company produces fresh foods which are 'healthy, natural and wholesome'. Students were surprised to learn of Marie's background in sport, particularly, her membership on the Irish Women's Football team. It was this link that helped to develop a target market for her product 'chocolate milk' which is high in protein.

It was a rich learning opportunity for all, in particular mini-company students who had the chance to learn about enterprise, developing business ideas and the importance of marketing and planning. Students also had the opportunity to take part in a Q&A session after the presentation and knowledge gained helped students in their studies of mini-company. Ms Curtin spoke about her product Chocolate Milk and highlighted its benefits and unique selling point (low fat & preservative free!!). It was a mouth-watering experience and students were thrilled to sample the product for themselves!

SCHOOL BANK

It all began this year when the students who were interested in banking went for interviews with A.I.B. to become school bank ambassadors. We had to hand in our CVs and two members of A.I.B. 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 the 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 A.I.B. 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 A.I.B. 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 to help us gain funding to run the bank for the year. 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. Lots of the first years came to see what was happening. We also had Cork hurler, Seamus Harnedy in to launch the bank! We opened the bank every Tuesday for the rest of the school year with great success, fun and games!

In March, the School Finals approached us and we were ecstatic but nervous. We even had our own lobster and clown fish costumes. That morning, we headed down to the Silver Springs Hotel to present our project to a panel of judges, they were very impressed but our competition was tough, but we were the only ones that came with pure excitement. We definitely stood out with our costumes, and the fact we had live fish at our stand. We had an unforgettable time and made many new friends.

Fisherman's Cash...what an experience! Thinking back to that first day, all six of



us in a room delighted to have survived the interview and eager to establish our brand and just to start this new challenge. Now we can look back and laugh but in that moment we didn't know what lay ahead! We will never forget our time in Transition Year, especially in the Bank, were all the good memories will remain with us forever, especially our very own Ms. Woulfe who, through and through, put all her effort into the Bank and we couldn't have thanked her more.

The Fishermans Cash Team

LCVP VIST TO BALLYMALOE COOKERY SCHOOL

On the 12th of April 2016 our 5th year Link Modules class set out on a class trip to Ballymaloe Cookery School as a part of our Link Modules course. The purpose of our visit was for our Action Plan which was to visit a business.

We took a local bus to Ballymaloe Cookery School and arrived roughly around 10:30. We were met by a tour guide who gave an in depth insight into the Cookery Schools history, fresh produce, livestock and the number of people who take their courses every year all year round. The Cookery School's grounds and scenery were truly breath-taking and the tour lets you take in all the wonderful sights it has to offer. Such as its brilliantly maintained greenhouses and truly captivating single roomed little house which inside reveals the walls, ceiling and chandelier entirely covered and decorated from sea shells which took the artist who constructed it five months to complete.

Throughout the day I was mesmerised by all the beautiful scenery Ballymaloe had to offer. I would recommend this tour

to everyone due to the fact I was disinterested in attending before the visit but after I was blown away by this outstanding Cookery School.

Darragh Canty (Y5 LCVP Student)

TRIP TO RNLI



Ms Dwyer's Y5 LCVP class welcome guest speakers from the RNLI

TY's to the rescue

Recently, the TY students attended a Fire Training day in Cork City run by Noel Casey and his team at Fire Rescue Training Specialists. It was a very active and exciting day and students experienced first-hand the rigours of fire fighter training. Students were divided into groups on arrival and completed a

series of activities including navigating in confined spaces, training in the use of fire hoses, extinguishers and breathing equipment. Students also attended a presentation on fire safety awareness and were treated to demonstrations of common fire and rescue situations. It was a very challenging, informative and eye-

opening experience for all.

A big thank you to all the teachers who accompanied the students over the two days Ms Nicola Crowley, Ms Foott and Mr Keith Murray.



ARCHITECTURE

On the 21st of January transition year students welcomed guest speaker Gareth Sullivan from Simply Architecture, Cork. He spoke of the ideas behind designing a building based mainly around how it makes an impact on the landscape, how the design makes us feel and how the space should “flow”. Many students expressed their interest in architecture design and as a result an architecture course was established.

We had 16 weeks to firstly, choose an area within the school to improve, establish the problems with this area and incorporate the ideas and opinions of each person to design something rather special. What has been created is a covered walkway taking the shape of a fish spinal cord; this starts at the entrance to the E-block and finishes at the entrance to the B-corridor by the current Art room. With this we scattered variously shaped benches (as seating is a chronic problem) around this courtyard shaped space, and along the area between the C and E blocks. We attempted to make this area a pedestrian friendly area for students to spend time in during break.

The final step for us is to take our sketches down from the wall and make them a reality.

Killian O'Neill (TY)



KCS Paired READING

The KCS Paired Reading Initiative has been running in the schools for a number of years now. This is a lovely programme whereby a class a week is dedicated to the joy of reading. First years and transition years participate and read a book of their own choice. The hum of students reading and enjoying discussing the characters and the plots of their books provides a welcome respite for students and a reminder that reading is an enjoyable and enriching experience!

Book Recommendations

Junior Cycle:

1. Hunger Games
2. The Fault in our Stars
3. Maze Runner
4. The Diary of a Wimpy Kid
5. Cool
6. The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time

7. The Giraffe the Pelly and Me
8. Wolverine and Dead-pool
9. Girl Online
10. Pretty Little Liars
11. The Book Thief
12. The Empire of the Sun
13. Dork Diaries
14. The Girl who Walked on Air
15. Ketchup Clouds
16. I am Number 4
17. Skulduggery Pleasant
18. The Brightest Star in the Sky
19. Awkwardly Ever After
20. Violent Ink

Senior Cycle:

1. White Tiger by Aravind Adiga.
2. The One Hundred Year Old Man Who Jumped Out Of The Window by Jonas Jonasson
3. The Boy Between by Susan Stairs
4. Tequila Sunrise by Brian Keene
5. Love Rosie by Ceceila Ahern
6. The Marvels (Told Through Pictures/ Drawings And Text) by Brian Selznick
7. The Mortal Instruments (Fantasy/ Sci Fi) by Cassandra Clare

8. Hitler's Canary by Sandi Toksvig
9. All The Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
10. The Ghosts Of Heaven by Marcus Sedgwick
11. The Selection Series by Kiera Cass
12. Game Of Thrones by George R. R. Martin
13. Room by Emma Donoghue
14. The Lies We Tell Ourselves by Robin Talley
15. The Knife Of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness
16. Atonement by Ian McEwan
17. Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman
18. Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn
19. Girl On A The Train by Paula Hawkins
20. Skulduggery Pleasant by Derek Landy
21. Asking For It by Louise O'Neill
22. Only Ever Yours by Louise O'Neill
23. The Girl Who Kicked The Hornets Nest by Stieg Larsson
24. Absolution by John Boyne
25. Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

HAUBOWLINE VISIT



Pictured are Mr Wilson's second year CSPE class who visited Haubowline Navy Base in March as part of their studies in CSPE.

ART



Ciara Morrison



Lara Ankermann



Mia Kovacs



Ethan Moru and Orlaith Cum-



Kane Curtin



Morgan Kennelly



Rachel Hurley



Petra Koor

KANE CURTIN

age 18

“The Aftermath”

Acrylic paint on paper

Kids playing on the remains of the street the day after the rising

LARA AKKERMANN

age 15

“Survived”

Mixed media

You see the living room of an Irish soldier around 1920. He is a member of the Irish volunteers. He survived the 1916 rising.

PETRA KOOR

age 17

Countess Marcavitz

Pencil on paper

ETHAN MORU

age 17

“The 1916”

Batik

This is copied from an image I found on instagram with #1916 , I choose to then remake it in batik

ORLAITH NYHAN

age 16

“The pillars of Freedom”

Pen and paint on paper

I drew the GPO out of the words of the proclamation of the Irish republic.

MORGANE KENNEALLY

age 17

“Equality in Liberty”

Oil paint on canvas

An image depicting three women holding guns to symbolise the rise of women’s status during 1916 with the newspaper headlines from the Portland Press to demonstrate how we all stand together equally during chaos, destruction and a fight for liberty. The La Tène art at the bottom of the canvas symbolises the rise of the celtic tiger that ensued as a result of Ireland’s independence.

CENTENARY EXHIBITION

Cork Simon Community Competition

Some of this year's entries to the Cork Simon communities "design a cover" competition from Ms Fitzpatrick's 5th year art students. Good luck to you all!!



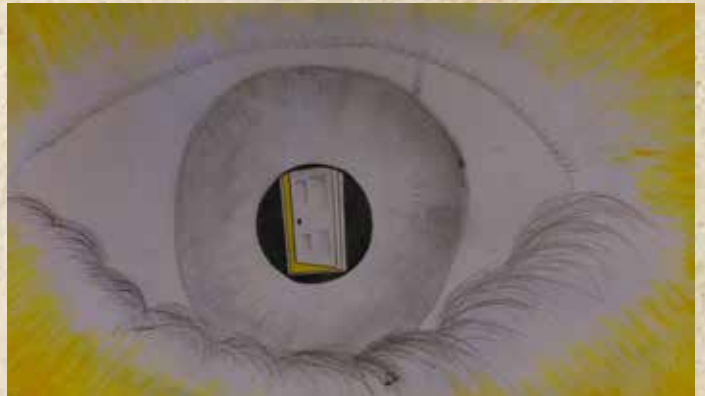
Aisling Donovan



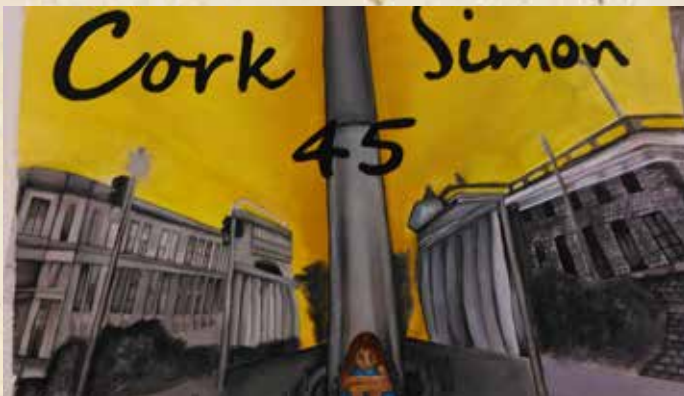
Ciara Morrison



Kane Curtin



Katelynn Campbell



Morgane Kenneally



Nadia Panek



Orlaith Nyhan



Siobhan O'Riordan

Mascarade

Here is a selection of Mask Design work created by Ms A O'Leary's second year Art class. Included in photos are the initial designs on paper and the finished masks.



Alana O'Shea



Ellie Gregg



Eva Fahey



Harrison Rodgers



Lucy Plant



Mael Kenneally



Orla Cummins



Ruby Rose Parker

MEITHEAL

Pictured are the current Meitheal Team of Marie O' Leary, Sheila Kelleher, Melissa McCarthy, Stephen McAllister, Micheál McCloskey and Paul O' Donovan at their recent graduation ceremony in Blackrock. Also on the team are Charlotte Hurley, Sarah Hurley and Niamh Twomey, as well as Colin O' Neill.

The school would like to sincerely thank all the Meitheal Team members for their service throughout the year, especially with regard to organising events for the first years. They always carry out their duties with a smile!

The school would also like to congratulate the incoming team, who recently completed their Meitheal training at Scala in Blackrock.



Kinsale Pink Ribbon Walk



Photographed are TY students (and Mr Cierans!) who volunteered at the recent Pink Ribbon Walk. Students helped out in a number of areas including registration and marshalling.

College Calls

On the 14th April over 100 eager TY students travelled to CIT for the TY Experience Day with Ms Niamh Hay and Ms Maria Brosnan. Yet again, on the 12th May, all TY students together with Ms Deirdre Griffin and Ms Niamh Hay travelled to UCC. Both days were fun-filled and students had the opportunity to learn about the courses on offer in the college. The halls were filled with displays, activities and experiences and students also had the chance to speak with lecturers and college students about a variety of courses.



ELECTIONS

On the 17 May, 2A1 held a Mock Election as part of their C.S.P.E Action Project. It was a fantastic learning experience for all involved and we learned more about democracy and how elections are run. Many thanks to Mr. McCarthy and Ms. O'Brien for permission, Mr. Bergin for the use of his room AO6, Ms. Thorton and our teacher Ms. Barrett for her help and guidance.

Cathal Flynn (Y2)



Equestrian

Since Christmas the school equestrian team have been busy partaking in a variety of events. 15 students joined Bandon Grammar for a hunter trials training session at Farrangalway in February. Off to Maryville with Abby Fay, Mary Carpenter Suzy Ewing, Anna Walsh and Ramiya Reynolds for another Interschools. During March the team headed to Mallow for the Blarney Scoil Muire Gan Small annual Inter-schools Championship. Our team of Mary Carpenter, Megan O'Connor, Suzy Ewing and Ramiya Reynolds won 3rd place overall and Ramiya won the Individual event in an exciting jump off! It was then off to Wexford for the all-Ireland Inter-schools this proved a challenging experience and all competitors learned so much partaking in the competition. Ramiya qualified for the individual jump off which was a great achievement. Next year we hope to bring two teams to this event!



Pictured L-to-R: Suzy Ewing, Mary Carpenter Snr, Robyn McCarthy, Abby Fay & Mary Carpenter Jnr.

The last event of the year proved to be a very exciting one with our teams winning 3rd and 5th place at the annual Bandon Grammar schools competition in May. Well done to all our team members and to the parents and supporters! Looking forward to another eventful year. A big thank you to Mr McCarthy and Ms O'Brien for their continued support. Team members- Lilly Patton, Robyn McCarthy, Ciara Ryan, Elle Greg, Dianna Harrington, Maya Mahendron, Suzy Ewing, Anna Walsh, Abby Fay, Megan O'Connor, Aimee Mulcair, Ramiya Reynolds, Mary Carpenter and Ciara Manning.



Pictured L-to-R: Ramiya Reynolds, Aimee Mulcair, Megan O'Connor & Anna Walsh who won 3rd Place.

F1 SCHOOLS COMPETITION

During the Junior Cert, Ethan Monkhouse, Joseph O'Donovan and I decided we should enter into this year's F1 in schools competition. We had high hopes and even higher goals, most of which were achieved.

F1 in schools as the name misleadingly suggests is basically miniature drag racing. We had to design and build a 1:20 scale car that was to hold a small air canister and needed to be the most aerodynamic shape possible, if we were to beat the other teams! This would be placed on a flat runway like surface, the air canister filled and then fired down the runway at explosive speeds.

We first of all needed a website, logo, and sponsorship all of which were solved within a relatively short space of time. Manufacturing the car however, we ran into an endless amount of problems, also an unmentioned member of the team suddenly remembered he had to be in Spain for the week! All of which resulted in the car being spray painted and assembled within twelve hours before racing in City West, Dublin. On the day



itself we did very well, the presentation going without a problem and the car performing better than expected. Even though we didn't progress to the

national finals, we still learned a huge amount and would definitely recommend it as a great experience for 2nd and 4th Year students.

Huge thanks to our sponsors: Actons, Worley Parsons, Clarke Bros Peugeot, Kevin O'Leary group and McCurtain electrical Kinsale.

Killian O'Neill (TY)

French Breakfast

First year French classes organised a French breakfast with their French teachers Ms Flavin and Ms Thornton. A traditional French breakfast of croissants, pain au chocolat, baguette, hot chocolate and coffee was thoroughly enjoyed by students. The students made a huge effort in planning the event and the room was decorated with French posters, flags and music. All students made great efforts to speak French and practice their newly acquired vocabulary. Thank you to TY French students for their help in running the event.



PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

During Easter this year I was blessed with the experience of going to the beautiful town of Lourdes in France with the "Irish Pilgrimage Trust." Being someone who does not practice religion I was both surprised and puzzled when I was asked to go.

Myself and the rest of the group compiled of eleven 14-18 year olds and 11 adults all from the West Cork region flew from Cork airport at 6:30 AM on Easter Sunday. No words could have prepared me for the sheer number of pilgrims in the city that seemed to buzz with life wherever you went.

I would recommend going to Lourdes regardless of your faith due to the beauty of the church's, sprawling green hills and of course the snowy Pyrenees. For me the week was a wonderful experience making friends and learning more about the primary religion of our country. I am highly grateful that I had this opportunity and hope one day you can see this fascinating city for yourselves.

Aidan Lynch (Y5)

NELL GLYNN



Pictured are senior cycle students at production of Nell Glynn in the outdoor amphitheatre at Kinsale College. Many thanks to Mr McCarthy, Ms Farrelly, Ms Lancaster, Ms Crowley and Mr Wilson for this wonderful opportunity.



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Puzzle Page



Find The Path ☆ 1

Start at the bottom left square and move up, down, left or right until you reach the finish.

4	9	7	7	4	◇ Finish
8	9	4	5	7	
6	6	4	9	9	
7	8	8	8	6	
Start ◇	5	5	6	5	5

Add the numbers as you go. Can you make exactly 53?

Solve This Number Puzzle

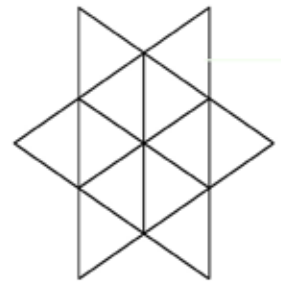
What comes next in the sequence?

32, 45, 60, 77, ?



How Many Triangles? ☆ 3

How many triangles can you see in this picture?



Puzzle 9

There are **eight pills**. They are all the same size and color. One pill weighs slightly more and is poisonous.

You have a balanced scale and can only use it twice.

How can you find the poisoned pill?

Number Pyramids ☆ 7

Can you work out what number will be at the top of the pyramid?

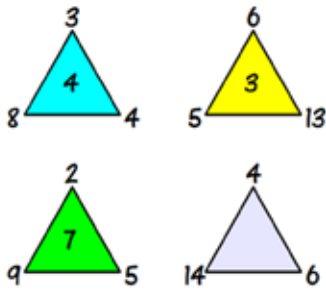


Can you make a pyramid with 100 at the top?



Missing Number ☆ 2

Which number should go in the empty triangle?



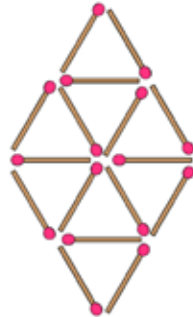
Word Play 8

DEAD BODY MY	NO NO RIGHT	Ci ii
1111	BBBBBB	BRAIN KIDNEY HOME HEART

LOOKING

Missing Matches ☆ 5

Remove just 4 matches to leave 4 equilateral triangles – they must be all the same size.



Occurence

*6

CAN YOU TELL ME?

What occurs twice in a week, once in a year but never in a day?

Word Play 4

GOOD LAST GOOD LAST	PAT THE	BARS BARS BARS BARS BARS BARS BARS BARS BARS
A MOMENT	LOOK ULEAP	YYY MEN

IS IT RIGHT OR LEFT FOR GIBRALTAR...

Unless you are a Christy More fan you may not understand the title of this iconic 80's song. Well for our group of 67 sun-creamed Irish a right turn was essential on exiting Malaga airport with our first stop being none other than Gibraltar, the curiosity known familiarly as 'The Rock'. This unique cul de sac is a historic and political anomaly in the South of Spain. We parked our coaches in Spain and passports in hand we crossed the border and suddenly we are on British soil. Once we cleared Immigration we walked across the airport runway into the heart of this charming outpost of Great Britain. Bobbies patrol the streets, the mailboxes are red and pubs with names such as the Lord and Hound and the Queens Arms serve roast beef and Yorkshire puddings!

We then boarded a fleet of mini buses for our guided tour of the 6 square kms that is Gibraltar. We saw the limestone caves where operas are held due to the quality of acoustics, the castle walls, the panoramic views of the bay with Africa visible a mere 18 kms in the distance. The highlight was the Barbary apes who literally jumped on students' backs and took Magnum chocolate bars from their hands! Gibraltar is a little place that will long remain in our hearts and minds

Time came to leave the UK and head back across the border to Spain. Our hotel in Torremolinos was 10 meters from the beach where students enjoyed their 3/4 bedded rooms with balcony, sea view, buffet breakfast and dinner.

Day two was spent in beautiful Malaga making our way in and out on the local metro, that in itself a life experience. In hugely underestimated Malaga City we divided into 3 groups which went to the Picasso Museum, the Museum of Musical Instruments or the Cathedral and Roman Ruins. This sweaty day of sightseeing was rewarded on our return to the hotel by beach and pool time. The evening was spent in nearby Plaza Mayor where bowling and arcade games kept everyone busy.

Onwards to Seville on Friday. We started with a guided tour of the Bullring where every summer hundreds of bulls meet their deaths in this highly controversial spectator sport. Next stop was magnificent Seville Cathedral, the third largest church in the world, to see the monumental tomb

of Christopher Columbus. Students had ample free time to explore the maze of streets in this ancient Andalusian city.

Saturday started with a late breakfast followed by an indulgent morning at the pool or beachside. We spent the afternoon at Tivoli World Theme Park where students enjoyed the pleasures of the most popular Theme Park on the Costa del Sol. The Big Drop, Tumbler, Ghost House and many other rides churned up even the most resilient tummy! This final evening was spent on the beautiful boardwalk where students (and teachers!) haggled for handbags, sunglasses, headphones and trainers!!

Our weary group of tanned students and teachers disembarked into a cold and windy 'winters' night in Cork Airport on May 1st. Back to reality!

Thanks to teachers Ms Hay, Ms Brosnan, Mr Hayes and parents Liz Timmons and Aine Ryan for making this experience possible.

Tony Cierans (Tour Leader)





ST PATRICKS DAY

ALL THE FUN OF THE FLOAT!

Our school is all about community so we answered the call when requested to enter the St Patricks Day Parade.

We chose as a theme the new and exciting development of the new school building which is literally taking shape before our very eyes in what was formerly the school car park. This 50,000 square feet building along with a 6 classroom extension to the existing E Block, a brand new gymnasium and a reconfiguration of the existing building to include a canteen and auditorium represents a total investment in education in Kinsale of over 10 million euros!



This was something we felt was worth showing off to the town. So with a little help from MMD the builders we built a model of the school and paraded it through the town to let everyone know how excited we all are about the new project.

Huge thanks to art teachers Ms Kathleen Fitzpatrick and Mr Keith Murray, Mr Brendan Barry (caretaker), Brian Dunican

(TY student who loaned and drove the float), to all the students who walked with the float on the day and to Mr Fergal McCarthy who accompanied them.

Tony Cierans

MOVIE DAY

On Thursday 28th of April 2A3 undertook a Movie Day as part of their CSPE Action Project, under the guidance of their teacher Mr Madigan. The funds from this initiative would be donated to Haven, a charity set up by Mr Leslie Buckley, (who's granddaughter Daire is a student in 2A3) to help the victims of an earthquake which devastated Haiti in January 2010.

The students did an excellent job in raising €500 for this hard-working charity. Such was the delight of Mr Buckley that he matched the amount by giving an additional €500. This means that enough money was raised to upgrade two houses or to build a well. Well done to all the students of 2A3 and their teacher Mr Madigan.



FIRST CUT FILM FESTIVAL

Pictured are TY Film Studies students who attend the First Cut Youth Film Festival in Youghal in April. Students took part in film workshops over the course of the year and created their very own short film. The Festival provided students with the opportunity to showcase their work with their peers and meet professionals in the film industry. Over 100 short films were featured in a variety of categories.



GOLF

The KCS golf team of Eric Rumley, Ben Costello, Jody Costello and Denis O'Mahony pictured at Bandon Golf Club after the West Cork Schools Golf Challenge. In difficult conditions the team lost out by a single shot to the winners Bandon Grammar. Ben and Jody Costello deserve a special mention for reducing their handicaps by 10 shots each, over the Easter holidays.



There is no shortage of upcoming golfing talent at KCS and we look forward to all our young golfers making progress over the summer months at Kinsale Golf Club. Make sure to follow @kcs golf on Twitter to keep up to date with the progress of both present and past students on the fairways and greens.



JOHN MURPHY

(Munster U18 and Ireland U18 team member)

2015 was a remarkable year for Leaving Certificate student John Murphy. He was an integral part of the Kinsale Community School Senior Golf team, winning all his matches on the way to the All-Ireland finals. He helped Kinsale Golf Club reach the Munster Final of the Fred Daly. On a personal level, some of John's highlights included winning the Kerry Boys U18 Championship, finishing 2nd in the Ulster Boys U18 Championship, 4th in the Irish Boys U18 Championship, winning the national U17 order of merit and to top it off, his superb golf was recognised by the Munster Branch of the GUI by awarding John the title of Munster Junior Golfer of the Year 2015.

Now in 2016, it seems like John is going from strength to strength and more success has followed. Earlier this year he received his first international cap and travelled to France at Easter to represent Ireland. John was also selected to represent Ireland at the Fairhaven Trophy in England.

This prestigious U18 event attracts a quality international field and John was the leading Irish player, finishing in a tie for 35th from a field of 126 players and was unfortunate to miss out on a top 34 place by a single shot, to make the halfway cut.

We can look forward to following John on the fairways and greens this summer where he will undoubtedly continue to excel and do his school, club and country proud. Keep up to date with his progress on Twitter @kcs golf.





BILLY

‘The musical to beat all musicals’ (Guardian)
 ‘Ten times TONY Award Winner’ (Times)
 ‘If you only see one show in London this is the one’. (Evening Standard)
 These were the reviews which drew the attention of a group of teachers on a weekend away to London in 2009. We said we’d go to see it despite having no personal recommendations and after two hours of mainly laughter but not an inconsiderable amount of tears Billy Elliot was definitely on the school show bucket list!

Fast forward 6 years and BILLY was chosen as the school show for Transition Year 2015.

Auditions were held and roles assigned. However one role was reserved for an individual whose reputation preceded him and on whom the show would rise or fall!!!!

The actual performance is of course the ultimate goal but equally important is the process that brings all the important elements together in preparation for opening night.

Students are pushed far beyond their comfort zone to develop confidence and self-esteem so that when on stage (and later in real life!) they will be less self-conscious and their performance will be uninhibited. Everything in Transition Year is about life lessons and the show is indeed a microcosm of life itself.

There followed twelve frantic weeks of rehearsals. The school reverberated with sounds of dance, choral work, instruments warming up, line rehearsals, hammering, paint slopping about etc. We constantly remind our students that the audience pay good money to attend and that they expect to be entertained. Thus the highest standards are expected in dance, singing, music and acting. Some choose not to be on stage but there are many equally important roles to be filled backstage in set construction, make up, painting, sound, lighting, catering, publicity and video making.

Over 5 nights the school hall was packed with 1500 spectators who laughed and cried at this very human tale.





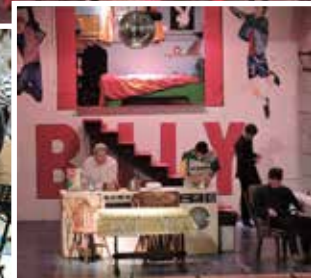
Billy (Cian Walsh) has a lot to deal with including a widowed dad (Josh O Leary), a gran with dementia (Ellen Kelleher) not to mention his very angry brother Tony (Hugh Ward). Helping Billy to achieve his dream is of course his dance teacher Mrs Wilkinson (Georgia Gould) and his mother (Fiona Deasy) who makes the odd visit from the other world to keep her son on the straight and narrow. Let's not forget Michael (Sam Arnopp) who shows Billy that being different is ok. All other students were given as much 'stage time' as possible as miners, policemen, ballet dancers, Christmas revellers, rioters etc. As usual video clips were used to add that 'panto' touch to maximise entertainment!

And boy did the parents throw their weight behind this show! They enthusiastically got involved in building the set, making props, painting, catering and costumes. Many of you deserve to be mentioned here by name but I'd only leave someone out so thank you, you know who you are!!

Teachers of woodwork, metalwork, home economics and of course art all put in hours and hours of their own time in order to meet the impending deadline! That's along with those who worked on make-up, front of house, stage management, tickets, publicity and sponsorship.

To conclude I must acknowledge the talent and versatility of Cian Walsh who played the hugely demanding part of Billy. Cian alone had to learn almost half the total script, was only off stage for only 15 minutes of the 120 min run and danced just as the world champion that he is. We are very proud of our show and would like to thank all who came to see it or helped in any way.

Tony Cierans Director
 On behalf of the team
 Brid Kearney
 Kathleen Fitzpatrick
 Niamh Hay
 Maria Brosnan



VEX ROBOTICS

Pictured are members of Team Odin competing at the VEX Robotics competition which took place in CIT. It was a fantastic and exciting day for all the team!



Athletics

Pictured are first year athletes Maeve Griffin, Rosemarie Buckley, Sarah Murphy and Lia Farley. These first year girls have represented Kinsale Community School in a variety of track and field events throughout the year with great success.

At the Munster Schools Indoor Combined Events held back in October in Nenagh, Lia was 2nd overall for first year girls, Sarah was 5th and Rosemarie was 12th out of a total of 40 girls.

On the 1st March, the Munster Indoor Schools Competition was held in Nenagh. The girls did our school proud by winning the minor girls 4x200m relay. Lia also won the minor girls long jump and was 2nd in the minor girls 60m sprint.

At the South Munster Schools Track and Field held in the CIT on Thursday 5th May, Lia came first in the 100m and 2nd in the long jump.

A special mention also to Lia for finishing 2nd in the All-Ireland indoor long jump competition in April jumping a new p.b of 5.14m.

Well done to all the girls, it is safe to say that we can expect much more success from these students throughout their years at KCS.



Mr Ger Hogan

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

In January, a group of Transition Year students (David Barry, Fiona Deasy, Jake Hyland, Isabelle Fitzgerald, Mary O'Donovan, Jasmine McShane, Hugh Ward and Maxi Irmich) came together with students from all over Ireland and Europe, to participate in Model United Nations (MUN) at Cork City Hall. MUN was an inspiring and exhilarating event, where students had the opportunity to practice democracy and politics, while tackling major world problems such as, Terrorism, Medical Ethics, Mediterranean Migrants and LGBT Rights.

Each student from KCS was assigned a delegation, which they represented over the course of the conference in City Hall. Our diverse delegations included the Arab League, Bosnia – Herzegovina, Congo, Dominican Republic, Kuwait, Malta and Samoa.

The enthusiasm and commitment shown by the students throughout the month prior to the commencement of MUN must be applauded; remaining in school every evening researching and writing resolutions. Such enthusiasm and commitment was palpable during the event with KCS students performing exceptionally. During the four-day conference they participated in the lobbying process, engaged in fruitful debates discussing controversial topics, challenged ideas and proposed solutions to world problems by presenting to an audience of their peers, German and French Ambassadors and the Lord Mayor of Cork.

Overall, Model United Nations was an experience that offered students endless benefits, both socially and academically, plus one which our students excelled in; with Hugh Ward, Fiona Deasy and David Graham shortlisted for the “Best Delegation” award.

Ms Laura-Anne Dunne



MY MODEL UNITED NATIONS EXPERIENCE

I have to admit, I was initially a little skeptical when approached by Ms. Dunne and asked to participate in MUN (Model United Nations). The idea of standing up in front of hundreds of people and debating a world-scale problem seemed very daunting. With T.Y being such a busy year, I felt I could not commit myself to spending weeks researching and preparing for the event. But, alas, my dear friends “persuaded” me (borderline forced me) to sign up, and I will be forever in their debt!

MUN turned out to be one of the highlights of Transition Year for me, sparking a keen interest for international affairs and in the proposed solutions to the world’s problems. My initial reservations turned out to be totally irrelevant; I combined my research with Ms Dunne’s advice and guidelines and arrived more prepared than many people from the other schools. And addressing a hall full of people? Not even the slightest bit of a problem; I found myself feeling overwhelmingly disappointed whenever my country wasn’t chosen to speak.

In fact, even though it was Kinsale Community School’s first ever time to participate in MUN, our small delegation didn’t make it obvious. We were all deeply invested in the proceedings from the first day; writing resolutions, communicating with other countries, making speeches and debating points of information. We surprised ourselves when we realised how capable we were and how well Ms. Dunne had prepared us.

We grew so much in confidence over the four days of MUN, and became much more insightful and capable of expressing our opinions in a diplomatic manner – at least during the official proceedings; the same can’t be said for our “fruitful debates” during the recess and our bus journeys.

We met so many like-minded people during the course of the week, where conversations began so naturally and would always finish sooner than we would hope.

I cannot recommend MUN enough to future TY’s. Transition Year is all about leaving your comfort zone and trying new things. Even though I was initially hesitant, I left my own comfort zone in order to participate in MUN, and I will reap the numerous benefits of this event for many years to come.

I really cannot explain fully just how enriching the MUN experience was and how grateful I am to Ms. Dunne for organising it and introducing us to the world of Model United Nations.

Fiona Deasy (TY)

BT YOUNG SCIENTIST 2016

This year we had 21 students who qualified for the BT Young Scientist exhibition. This year's group was particularly young with many 1st years and 2nd years representing the school. As always the group were wonderful ambassadors for KCS and their families. Despite the hectic 3 days of judging in the RDS, great fun was had by the students both in the RDS and back at the hotel. The highlight of the week is the awards ceremony on Friday night which is an amazing experience for both teachers and students. All the students' projects were of excellent standard with some even drawing the attention of the fearsome Vincent

Browne. Congratulations to Conor Horan, Alva Twomey, David Daly, Freya Hellebust and Clodhna Doyle, who all won prizes in their respective categories and congratulations to the students who achieved 'highly commended' awards.

A great night was had by all the students, teachers and parents on the Friday evening at our now annual celebration dinner at the Sandymount Hotel where everyone had a lovely night to appreciate the great work put in by students, parents and teachers in qualifying projects for the BT Young Scientist exhibition, which is the most important prize of all as it is an

experience that a young person will never forget.

Thanks again to Eamon Judge who as usual gives so much of his time in his mentoring role and to the KCS staff that make up the Young Scientist team. We had 2 new members this year - Mr Sweeney and Ms. Gallagher and their help was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Ms. Sheehy for her supportive role in Dublin and also huge thanks to Marieke Buckley and Niamh Twomey for their great help.

Mr Shaun Holly



MATHS IN SCIENCE AWARD

On the 22 April 2016, I entered my project entitled “A Statistical Analysis on the Attitudes and Awareness of Secondary School Students towards Breastfeeding” in the SciFest competition in CIT. SciFest is a series of one-day science fairs for secondary school students which are hosted locally in schools and regional level in third level colleges and is held annually. The aim of SciFest is to inspire a love of science, technology and maths through active, collaborative, inquiry-based learning and to provide an opportunity for students at local, regional and national level to present and display their scientific investigations.

I had previously entered this project into the BT Young Scientist Exhibition 2016 and SciFest was another chance for me to enter it into another competition. Because my project had been in Young Scientists one of the conditions of entry into SciFest is that I had to undertake another body of work on my project.

From a population of 853 students in Kinsale Community School, I surveyed 532 students of mixed gender between the ages of 12 and 18 years by means of a questionnaire. My sample size was very representative (62.4%) all students in the school. Therefore the findings can be generalised to the whole school and indeed any mixed gender school in the same type of setting. Students were from all years in school (1st to 6th year). All the results were analysed statistically to measure for significance at a 95% confidence level.

From my study I concluded the following:

- There is a very statistically significant difference between the opinions of boys and girls in relation to which method is better for feeding babies. 50% more girls than boys said they would prefer breastfeeding for their own baby.
- Over 2/5 of the students said that breastfeeding was the better method for feeding babies and chose breastfeeding as the option for their own baby. This greatly contrasts to the small number of students who said there was no difference between the two methods of feeding and



choose breastfeeding. These results are very statistically significant.

- The association between knowing someone who has breastfed and attitudes towards breastfeeding was very significant.
- $\frac{3}{4}$ of the students considered breastfeeding as the best method of feeding babies for the reasons of being natural, nutritionally beneficial, healthier and superior milk.
- There is a very statistically significant difference between the opinions of boys and girls in relation to which method is better for feeding babies.
- 50% more girls than boys said they would prefer breastfeeding for their own baby. This was very statistically significant.

For my work for the SciFest Competition I received the “Maths in Science” award. This award was recognition for the best use of maths and statistical methods in a science project. Overall, I was delighted with my achievement, not only with winning an award but to have had the opportunity to exhibit in these two science competitions this year. Entering both these competitions provided me with an exciting learning opportunity benefiting my communication, interpersonal and organisational skills. I would like to express a sincere thank you to all those who supported me and encouraged me on my journey.

Aoibhe Hurley (1A1)

JOHN HOOPER MEDAL



Congratulations to first year students David Daly and Ryan O Sullivan who came third in the John Hooper Medal for Statistics Poster Competition with ‘Statistical Analysis of the Migrant Crisis’.

GAA REPORT

U-14 Hurling:

For the third year in a row our U14 hurlers narrowly missed out on qualification for the semi-finals of the Cork PPS competition. Over the last three years St. Colman's Fermoy and Middleton CBS have been in our group and have gone on to contest the final between them. We have finished third in the group on each of these occasions.

This year's group showed tremendous enthusiasm and commitment for the school jersey and we look forward to them achieving honours in the near future for the school.

U-16 Football:

Our U16 Footballers won the Cork PPS 'C' competition with a fine victory over Colaiste Ghobnatan Ballyvourney. Coached by Mr. Brendan Duggan and Mr. Tom Clancy many of this group were members of the U14 team who achieved success last year. The future looks bright for football here in the school.

U14 Football:

Our U14 footballers are awaiting their opponents in the semi-final of the Cork

PPS 'B' competition.

Cork Representatives:

Some of our students have been involved with successes for Cork at various grades. Sadhbh O'Leary (TY) was a member of the Cork Ladies Football Minor team who won the Munster Championship.

Luke O'Callaghan (TY) was a member of the Cork U16 hurling development squad that achieved success in a recent tournament.

John O'Brien, Conor McCarthy and Aidan O'Donovan (all 3rd Year) are involved with the Cork U15 Development squads.

Siobhan O'Donovan (1st Year) and Ellen

Maguire (2nd Year) were members of the Cork U14 Camogie squad who won a recent tournament.

Orla Finn (Past Pupil) was named player of the match in the Cork Ladies Footballers recent League success. Orla top scored on the day with six points.

Ms. Mairead Dullea was a member of the Cork Junior Camogie team that won their Munster Championship last weekend. Jillian O'Leary (Past Pupil) was also a member of that panel.

Twitter:

Our Twitter page @KinsaleCSGAA is proving to be quite popular with 415 followers. It is a great way to inform the community about our activities.



COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Our U16 footballers had a great run in the county championships this year. The competition was won for the first time this year and brings only the second ever football trophy to the school in with the first being captured in 2015.

This year's campaign started off in Ballygarvan v Colaiste in Croi Naofa, Carraignavar. This was very much a one sided game with Kinsale dominating throughout, Final Score Kinsale CS 6-11 Colaiste in Croi Naofa 0-2

In the semi-final we were pitted against St. Peters Passage which was played in Carraigaline. This was a much tighter affair. Kinsale led at half time by 3 points

mainly through the efforts of our defence which were excellent on the day. In the second half a goal from Sean Twomey but some daylight between the teams and Kinsale ran out winners on a score line of Kinsale CS 2-15 St Peters Passage 1-08.

In the final Colaiste Ghobnatan Ballyvourney provided the opposition. Colaiste Ghobnatan started brightly with a lot of possession but they failed to convert it to scores. Kinsale built themselves into the game and were growing stronger as the half wore on. Luke O Callaghan and Sean Twomey were in flying form in the forwards with Darragh Crowley and Simon Dorney excelling in the backs. Kinsale were five up at half time leading 1-05 to 5points.

Colaiste Ghobnatan got a great start to the second half with a goal from the restart. This was as good as it got for Colaiste Ghobnatan as Kinsale took over one again with some great passing movements that yielded two further goals from Harry Sheehan and Luke O Callaghan. Even a late goal against Kinsale CS failed to impact an excellent display and Kinsale lifted a first ever football trophy at this level for the school. This win was significant as many of this team backboned the victorious 2015 U14 football country winners which was the first ever football trophy to be won by the school. Luke O Callaghan from the Sliabh Rua club accepted the cup from Nealie O Keefe cork post primary schools administrator.

LADIES FOOTBALL

2015/2016 was a very successful one for both the Junior and Senior Ladies Football teams at KCS. The Senior girls reached the county semi-final where they were unfortunately defeated by Carrigaline Community School. Similar success was achieved in the wider Munster competition where the girls again reached the semi-final but lost out to Our Ladies of Templemore.

The Junior Ladies team have recently secured their place in the Cork county final against Coachford, on a date yet to be decided and will hopefully be successful in bringing some silverware to Kinsale in the coming weeks.

This year, the school also won a new set of jerseys and some top-of-the-range training equipment, kindly sponsored by Lidl. These will certainly be put to great use during the next few years.

On behalf of coaches Ms. Mairead Dullea and Ms. Nicola Crowley, many thanks to



the girls for their dedication, commitment and hard work throughout the year. Best wishes are extended to all the girls who have been selected to play for various Cork teams during the coming months. It is great to see past pupil Orla Finn doing so well on the Cork Senior team and we have no doubt that there will be

several more girls selected in the future to represent our school.

We wish all the best to LC students Emma O'Brien and Sinead Keating who have given many years of service to Ladies football in the school.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

We had our Leaving Cert. Graduation Mass on the 26th of May, and it was a lovely ceremony. Fr. Robert Young P.P. celebrated our Eucharist. A big thanks to Ms Kearney who organis

ed the music, Ms. Barrett and the Home Economics students, the Parents' Association who were a great help on the night, Board of Management, staff, students and in particular all of the students' families for providing food and overall, for making this an unforgettable occasion.

A special thank you to all parents for giving us the privilege to work with these fine young people for the last 5-6 years. We will miss our 6th years, and we wish them all well in their examinations and future careers.

Mr Brian Pentony (Chaplain)

Summertime

We thank you, Lord, for all that was good during the past school year, both the things we remember and those we've forgotten.

You have blessed us in so many ways.

*We ask you to continue to take care of us during the summer holidays. Keep us safe from harm;
Protect us from danger.*

Help us to enjoy the long hours of sunlight and to be glad of the company of our families and neighbours.

Show us how to give a helping hand at home and how to be thoughtful towards the people who live near us.

We pray too for all the members of our school community that they may have a happy summer.

And when September comes round, may we be glad to meet together again.

We ask this summer-time blessing through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

EUROPEAN BOWLING CHAMPION



The 15th European Bowling Championships took place in Ootmarsum, Netherlands from Friday 6th to Sunday 8th May in 25 degree sunshine.

Transition Year student Tom O'Donovan played in the U18 category against 20 competitors, winning five out of six medals available in the U18 category over the course of the weekend!

Individually, Tom won two bronze medals – one in the Road Bowling and another in the Dutch Moors which was played over a 1600m stunning grass course. Tom also competed as part of a team winning two silver medals in Road Bowling and Dutch Moors and one bronze medal in Lofting. Congratulations Tom!

CAMOGIE

FIRST CAMOGIE

The first year Camogie team and their coaches, Ms. Dunne and Ms. McCormack, had a busy and eventful start here at KCS, competing in a number of blitz' and challenge games. Well done to all involved.

JUNIOR CAMOGIE

The Junior Camogie team had a fantastic year, winning the County Title defeating St. Mary's of Middleton 2-8 to 3-3. They made all of us here at KCS extremely proud; especially their coaches Ms. O'Donovan and Ms. Dwyer. Their commitment and hard work throughout the year must be admired.

SENIOR CAMOGIE

Huge congratulations to our Senior Camogie team for their



Pictured are the Junior Camogie team with their coaches Ms Sinead O'Donovan and Ms Emma Dwyer. The team were presented with their county champion medals by Cork Camogie player Meabh Cahalane on the 23rd May.

continued commitment and enthusiasm across the duration of this busy year.

We are looking forward to future success with our teams next year!



Hurling Report 2016

January 2016

U16 HURLING:

Our U16 hurlers competed in the Cork PPSA Semi Final recently. Our opponents were Gaelcolaiste AG North Mon with the winners advancing to play St. Colman's Fermoy. The game was played in Dunderrow and our lads started very brightly. In difficult conditions we were playing the more free flowing hurling. At half time the score was Kinsale CS 1-2 The AG 0-5, all their scores coming from frees.

Our lads showed unbelievable character and discipline throughout the second half. However we found ourselves behind entering the closing stages. We still managed to create two goal scoring opportunities, both of which were saved on the line. The final score read Gaelcolaiste AG 0-14 Kinsale CS 1-8.

Many neutrals present at the game congratulated us on our performance and urged us to continue our work in bringing Harty Cup hurling to Kinsale.

Great work was put in by Mr. Kevin Madigan and Mr. Niall Murphy (KCS) and by Paudie O'Brien and Martin

Barry of Rebel Og Coaching.

UNDER 15 HURLING:

Our U15 hurlers are playing in the Munster PPS B Championship in late February and training continues for this.

We have made approaches about entering the O'Callaghan Cup next year. This is the top grade for Senior hurling in Cork Post Primary Schools. It looks likely that our request will be accepted.

Cian O'Mahony of 5th year is currently a member of the Cork Minor Hurling Training squad.

A number of our past pupils were involved in Fitzgibbon Cup action last Wednesday with Sean O'Mahony (Ballymartle) and Colm Daly (Courcey Rovers) toting out for CIT. Rickard Cahalane (Ballymartle) performed heroically for UCC in their defeat against UCD.

April 2016

U-15 HURLING:

Our U15 hurlers reached the quarter final of the Munster PPS championship but were defeated by Rochestown College in a keenly contested match. We reached this stage by defeating Roscrea CS in the previous round.

Conditions were not best suited

to hurling but we started brightly and had goaled within the first minute. An injury to one of our key players hampered our ability to get vital scores. We dominated possession in the second half and looked to have brought ourselves back into contention with five minutes remaining only for a goal to be ruled out for an infringement.

Unfortunately we couldn't gain the upper hand on the scoreboard and were defeated on a scoreline of 2-9 to 1-6. However the effort and discipline shown by these players was very encouraging and was commended by parents and opponents alike.

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS:

Cian O'Mahony (5th Year) started at midfield for the Cork Minor Hurlers in their victory over Waterford recently. Cian contributed on the scoreboard and also put in an excellent performance.

A number of our students have reached the final trial stages for the Cork Development Squads and we wish them all well and hope they gain selection for the summer tournaments.

WHAT'S ANOTHER YEAR... IN HEALY RAE COUNTRY!! CAPPANALEA 2016

Cappanalea was the destination of 103 second year students who braved the elements spending 3 days in the wilds of the Kerry Mountains. This large number reflects the demographic of our school where the present second year group has 179 students. Cappanalea is part of KCS folklore and this weekend in the wilds is eagerly anticipated since 6th class!! Homesickness, allergies, cuts, fatigue, apprehension, excitement, fear and fun are all part of this 3 day trip.

The weekend opened with a guided tour of Muckross House where students got insights into the lives of the gentry in the 19th century and hopefully gained some appreciation of the everyday luxuries that we take for granted in our fast moving world!

Cappanalea is located on Carragh Lake... 8 miles outside Killorglin...25 miles outside Killarney...you get the gist! It is very remote with almost no mobile phone signal and no tv... OMG!!

Students are woken at 8 when they are fed a hearty Irish Fry-Up! This is badly needed in order to cope with a morning on the side of a hill in the Kerry wilderness. The challenges ahead are greeted with fear, excitement, apprehension and eagerness in varying amounts from various students. The kayaking and accompanying water games goes down well in fair weather but in the icy cold of February things can be a little more trying!! After two days of non-stop activity students begin to long for their own bed and home cooking!

The trip isn't all about activity though. In fact a far more important element is the networking that takes place between students. Some who have only hung out with the same group all year find themselves dependant on 'strangers' in an activity. The 60 hour long trip is a significant landmark in the lives of many who have barely strayed from home without parents and who have to cope with sharing a room with 5 others. The barriers quickly break down and a sense of shared goals and responsibilities develops.

Huge thanks to Ms Dullea, Ms Gaffney, Mr Hogan and Mr Griffin and Ms Dwyer for giving up their time to make these three weekends possible.

Tony Cierans (Tour Leader)



EngineersWeek¹⁰

28 Feb – 5 Mar 2016

students in learning about Small Molecule and Large Molecule Engineering, as well as career paths into Engineering.

After an informative morning of learning all about Small and Large Molecule production, what an engineer does and how to get in to Engineering, the students were excited and ready to apply their skills to a series of Engineering challenges!

Overall the day was a huge success. The students said the day had completely made them change their view on what an Engineer really does, and that it inspired them into considering Engineering as a future career.

Mr J Corcoran & Mr M O'Connell

On Thursday 10th March, Eli Lilly Kinsale held its 4th annual event in conjunction with a host of other events for Engineers Week across the country. A half-day workshop was hosted on site for 35 energetic and enthusiastic 5th year students from Kinsale Community School. The day focused on facilitating the



PROJECTS

Photographed are a selection of projects completed by Mr O'Connell and Mr Clancy's Engineering students in third, fifth and sixth year. There were a variety of themes this year. The theme for sixth years was to design a Model Electric Cart, the fifth year theme centred around 1916 which included Model Armour Cars and third year projects included model remote control trikes and fly around aircrafts.



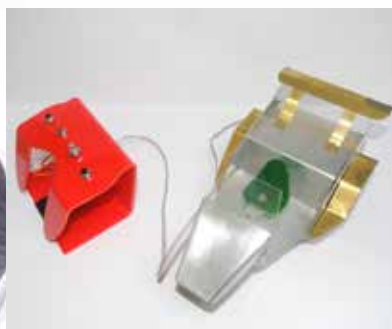
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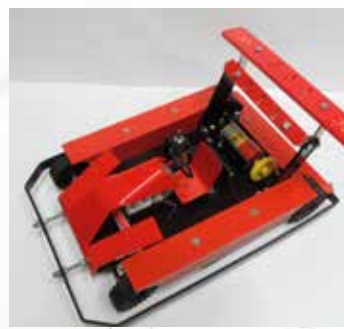
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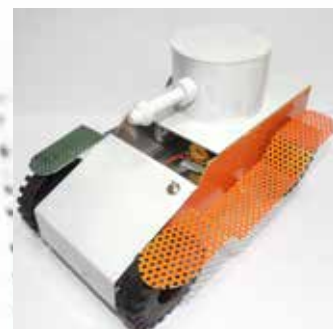
Ethan Moru (Y5)



Gearoid O'Riordan (Y3)



James Ryan (Y6)



Kevin Fitzgerald (Y5)



Martin Cooney (Y6)



Sean McCarthy (Y6)



Thomas Fallon (Y5)



Tomás Rice (Y3)

DRAGSTAR COMPETITION

Photographed are winners of this year's Dragstar Competition. Calvin Mulcahy and Aidan Ryan (Best Designs) and Gearoid O' Riordan and Emmet O Regan (Race Winners).



FIRST YEAR FUN AT THE COSTA DEL DOCK

As a reward for being an excellent group the first years celebrated the end of year with a fun filled activity day at the dock beach. The expertise of two activity specialists Atlantic Offshore Adventures and Spike Island Adventures were harnessed to put together a day of adventure and fun at our local beach.

The 140 willing participants literally threw themselves into the spirit of the day by fully participating in all activities offered. On water they tried stand up paddle boarding, kayaking, sea archery and other water games. The land element had a military focus with all participants dressing in camouflage and playing hide and seek, team games carrying a stretcher through an obstacle course and bush survival skills such as shelter building and making fire! Such activities wouldn't be out of place in a corporate team building day.

The day was a celebration of a year of hard work and it was hoped that students

would finish the year with good feelings about their first year in secondary school. The screams as students fell from boards into the water echoed around the harbour while the laughter from simple team games showed that first years are still children who deserve to be left in that zone for as long as possible!

Thanks to all who gave of their time to supervise during the day especially first year class teachers, deputy head of first year Mr Corcoran and to the Meitheal Team and their coordinator Mr Pentony.

Tony Cierans - First Year Head



GERMAN

GERMAN EXCHANGE

During March our TY students travelled to Karlsruhe, Germany, as part of the return exchange visit. The German students came to Kinsale Community School in September 2015 and our pupils were very excited to visit Germany and meet their exchange partners again.

The week was filled with fun activities; we arrived and were greeted by our German friends and families at the Goethe Gymnasium. Pupils spent the week enjoying German life, attending German language lessons and visiting local attractions. Evenings were spent with the exchange partners and their family which was really interesting. It was good to learn about the culture and try authentic German food. At the weekend they spent time with the families, doing things like: hiking and sledding! Pupils found plenty of time to explore Karlsruhe and do some shopping too. It was one of many highlights for this year's TY students.



GERMAN SCHOLARSHIP

In February I was contacted by the State Examinations Commission, who informed me that my Junior Certificate German result was among the top in the country 2015. This was followed by a letter from the German Embassy, in which I was told that I was eligible to apply for a scholarship for a language course in Germany this summer.

In order to select the 29 most suitable students for various scholarships and courses, 70 students from around Ireland were invited to attend interviews at the Goethe-institute in Dublin in early April. I immediately began to prepare for this interview, as German hadn't exactly been at the top of my list of priorities throughout transition year! I had several lessons with a German intern teacher in order to improve my spoken German, and going on the German Exchange to Karlsruhe in March also helped. The interviews in April took place in a room with representatives of the State Examinations Commission, the Goethe-Institute and the German Embassy. I was interviewed along with five other students, where each of us were asked to speak about ourselves

and general topics from our lives-all though German of course!

A few days later I received the news that I was to be offered a place in a three-week language course in Niedersachsen, North-West Germany. During the month of June I will travel with a group of twelve Irish students, who will all stay with a German family and attend a local school with our German counterparts.

I'm really excited for this trip in June, and I can't wait to see what this experience has to offer. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting new people, speaking the language and experiencing German life and culture in Karlsruhe earlier this year, and I hope that this trip will be just as successful. I would like to especially thank my Junior Certificate German teacher Ms Dreelan for her help, advice and support.

Fiona Deasy (TY)



DER WEIHNACHTSMAR CHRISTMAS MARKET

In many towns in Germany and Austria, Advent is usually ushered in with the opening of the Christmas market or "Weihnachtsmarkt". Generally held in the town square and adjacent pedestrian zones, the market sells food, drink, and seasonal items from open-air stalls, accompanied by traditional singing and dancing.

To celebrate this tradition the German department organised a "Weihnachtsmarkt" in school. Over 90 German students were able to sample traditional Christmas food such as "Plätzchen" which are cookies in various shapes and sizes made from shortbread or marzipan. Students also sampled "Kinderpunsch" which is a hot drink made from spices and fruit juice similar to mulled wine (Glühwein) without the alcohol! The German assistant teachers Vanessa and Anna can be seen wearing traditional German dresses known as Dirndls.



CAMERA CLUB

The Camera Club continued its success this year and many of the members were also involved in photographing many school events this term including the 1916 celebrations at Temperance Hall.

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



1969 Volvo - Killian O'Neill



1969 Volvo Interior - Killian O'Neill



Alive Again - Anna Wawer



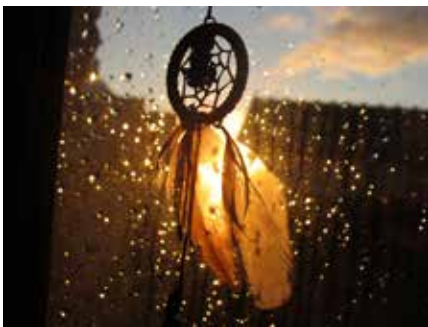
Ball of Fire - Anna Wawer



Blood Sky - Anna Wawer



Blossom in Winter - Anna Wawer



Enchanted Dreamcatcher - Anna Wawer



Feline Friend - Lorcan O'Brien



Harp - Lorcan O'Brien



Irish Elephant - Anna Wawer



Perspective - Lorcan O'Brien



Sshhh - Anna Wawer



Sunbeam - Anna Wawer



Who you gunna call - Killian O'Neill



Wild Goat - Anna Wawer



Chord - Lorcan O'Brien



Energetic - Lorcan O'Brien

VOLUNTEERING



Lily is a German exchange student who came to Kinsale Community School from Frankfurt on Wednesday afternoons she volunteered in Haven Bay helping out and entertaining the residents. "It was a really good experience and I enjoyed my time there and had a lot of fun".

Hats Off!



Pictured are TY students Lillian Holden and Maxi Irnich from Germany modelling Maxi's hat creations made during her work experience with Hattitude this year.

BASKETBALL



1st year girls basketball team 2016 saying farewell to Maeve Griffin (centre)



2nd Year Basketball Team

COUNTY CAPTAIN

Congratulations to Fifth Year student, Abbie Jeffery, who was selected as Captain of the Cork U18 Basketball Team. Abbie played a starring role at the Inter-Regional Championships and was a pivotal player in Cork winning the Inter-Regional Title. Such was her prowess and leadership that Abbie was awarded the Most Valuable Player of the Tournament.

Abbie has recognised the importance of “giving back” to the sport she loves by passing on her talents and experience gained to younger players in the school. She plays an active role in their development in her role as Assistant Coach to the 1st year, 2nd year and U16 Boys Basketball Teams.



REGIONAL FINALISTS & ALL IRELAND QUALIFIERS

The First Year, Second Year and U16 Boys Basketball teams all qualified from their League games to play in their respective County Finals. This also resulted in the three teams competing in their respective All Ireland Qualifiers.

Each team narrowly lost out on a place in their All Ireland Semi-Finals, showing how close these teams are to achieving their ultimate goal of an All-Ireland winning medal. There is great excitement throughout our basketball community as we look forward to training in and playing our first competitive games in the schools' new gym development.

Sincere thanks on behalf of all our players and coaches to School Management and those parents and students who facilitated in our hosting of the All-Ireland Qualifiers.

The possibility of hosting future qualifiers in our own school gym should be an added incentive to our players to work on their game over the summer months ahead.



1st Year Boys



2nd Year Boys



Boys U16 team

MCKENNA LEADING BY EXAMPLE ON THE NATIONAL STAGE



Having amassed various accolades during her basketball career, including six National League and five National Cup medals, 2016 has certainly been a year to remember for Physical Education and Maths teacher, as well as school basketball coach, Ms. Aine McKenna.

This January, Aine captained Glanmire Superleague Basketball Team to a National Cup Title, winning the Most Valuable Player Award for her breathtaking display of shooting. Also this year her team won the National League Title and Aine is wished the very best of luck with her endeavours as a member of the Irish Senior Women's Basketball Team from all in Kinsale Community School.

U14 GIRLS TENNIS



Well done to our U14 Girls Tennis Team of Ellie Cronin, Maebh Buckley, Lia Farley and Presley Collins who had superb victories over St. Angela's, Cork and Carrigaline Community School in their Munster U14 Girls Competition. Unfortunately, a tie break defeat to Regina Mundi halted their progress to the next stages of their competition. This team look forward to next year where they hope to build on experience gained throughout the year. Well done girls!

HOME ECONOMICS



APPRENTICE CHEF

Photographed are TY Home Economics Students Paula Valejo and Teresa Beltran who competed in the semi-finals of the Apprentice Chef competition this term. Well done girls! Also congratulations to Paula who went on to qualify for the finals and made Kinsale Community School proud!

*Good luck
to everyone
participating in
the Belgooly Show
which is kicking
off on June Bank
Holiday weekend!
Have a great
summer and enjoy
cooking!*

CRAFT WORK





WOODWORK



1916 - Adam O'Leary (Y3)



Cantilevered Laminated Table - Jack Reardon (Y6)



Irish Harp & Tricolour - Ciarán Stokes (Y3)



Jewellery Box - Monika Niczejewska (Y3)



Remembering the Rising - Calvin Mulcahy (Y3)



Table - Jack McCarthy (Y6)



The Lusitania - Sean Twomey (Y3)



Titanic - Michael Madden (Y3)



Anchor - Conor McCarthy (Y3)



Revolvers - Cillian Harvey (Y3)



Stepladder - Richard Callanan (Y3)



Stool - Andrew Scanlon (Y2)



Table - Reese Hurley (Y6)



Toy Box - Saoirse McCarthy (Y3)



The GPO - Daniel Scanlon (Y3)

BYE BYE BERNIE BERNIE GOODBYE

June 3rd 2016 saw many teary eyes as we bade farewell to our retiring colleague Bernie Bowen who served 35 loyal years both here in KCS and before that in the Convent of Mercy, Kinsale. Bernie has been the constant mammy to new staff members (including myself) helping us settle in, introducing us to colleagues and even offering lifts to and from the city in the car pooling days!! Her sense of fun, dedication to education and love of people were the perfect mix for a happy and fulfilling career in Kinsale.

1981 saw the arrival of an energetic new Maths and Religion teacher to the staff of Our Lady of the Rosary School Kinsale where she was a breath of fresh air to all she encountered whether in the staffroom or in the classroom. Bernie taught Maths and Religion for a number of years until a vacancy became available in Career Guidance whereupon she retrained and has occupied this vital role for over 25 years.

Bernie helped countless students to sift through the ever growing choices available. In the early days career destinations ranged from UCC, RTC Cork to FÁS and the odd adventurous one who went up to Dublin. The 90's saw an explosion in educational opportunities with over 20 Irish Institutions now offering courses. Bernie underwent constant in-service training so as to respond to the ever widening career path enquiries. Between CAO for Irish establishments and UCAS for the UK system Bernie was on constant call for those needing help to navigate the ever complex application procedures with multiple deadlines and course requirements.

As the school grew Bernie was joined in Career Guidance by Ms Eileen Mangan,

Mr Peter Hyde and finally shared the demanding role with Ms Deirdre Griffin. As year head I am well aware that the role of the Guidance Department goes way beyond career advice. I and other year heads regularly referred students with emotional, family or mental health issues to Bernie who in true Samaritan style listened without judging. She gently advised or simply suggested possible directions that one could take to ease ones dilemma. Whether student or teacher you always felt better after talking to Bernie!

As I've said Bernie loves her job but she also threw herself into extra-curricular activities with a vitality and youthfulness that is still evident to this day. She was involved in the hugely successful Frank Buckley operettas where never one to seek the limelight she busied herself backstage in stage management and in makeup. Bernie's make up space was akin to an operating theatre. And being a perfectionist in all areas of organisation god help you if you put the lipstick back in the wrong place or forget to accentuate your cheek bones with the blusher and looked all wan in the limelight!!!

There was also the Trivial Pursuit club on Fridays where students and teachers pitted their wits against each other. Bernie also supervised the notorious school discos as well as being instrumental in organising the annual charity walk in the pre Risk Assessment days!! Let's not mention the school tour to Holland where Bernie and I had our only ever cross words. Two strong minded people on a bus for a week with 50 students...this country aint big enough for both of us!!!

On many occasions when no volunteers came forward to try something new Bernie's hand was up. "Sure I'll give



it a go" she'd say and of course do an amazingly efficient job. She occupied the role of ASTI shop steward and was one of the first coordinators of the onerous book rental scheme as well as being the organiser of the 100 plus certs and medals for the annual awards night.

She was a very enthusiastic member of the staff social committee where she organised meals in Cork, bowling, drinks and even booked us onto a salsa dancing course over some pub in the city! She was first on the dance floor (well maybe second after Peter Hyde!) at staff parties and was first to put her name down to celebrate the retirement of departing colleagues.

Bernie, you leave behind you a legacy of warmth and good feeling like hot chocolate or sunshine. You will be missed in the staffroom, in the classroom and in your little office where so many went in lost and came out knowing the way. We wish you well in the next stage of your life. Call back to see us anytime.

Tony Cierans

GAEILGE

Bhí bliain ghnóthach ag Roinn na Gaeilge go dtí seo.

Bhain scoláirí na scoile an-spraoi as Seachtain na Gaeilge – seachtain a bhí breac le himeachtaí Gealainne. Bhí Comórtas Postaeir idir na ranganna sa chéad bhliain agus bhí a gcuid oibre le feiceáil timpeall na scoile. Cuireadh scannán ar súil am lóin ag an bhfáilteú – as Gaeilge gan amhras.

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, KCS held our annual “Lá Glas” on Tuesday 16th March. Now a much-loved tradition in the school, this is a day-long event where students embrace all things green and Irish. Under the guidance of Ms. Sheehy and Ms. Dempsey, various activities were organised this day to celebrate our national holiday. First Years had a poster competition, and saw the corridors adorned with their artwork over the course of the week. A much-loved Lá Glas activity in which the entire school community participates is to see how much green one can incorporate into their uniforms. Both students and teachers roam the school with green jackets, hats, shoes, socks, ties, flags, skirts, face paints; no limits, once it's glas! Ms. Dempsey's TY “Gardaí Glasa” were on patrol throughout the day, awarding sweets to anyone wearing green. Na Gardaí Glasa also selected the most festive students, who were then awarded prizes for their efforts. Lá Glas is always a very entertaining day to say the least, and one which we always enjoy.

Leaving Cert. Irish students headed for Corca Dhuibhne, on the Dingle Peninsula, after Easter in preparation for their oral exams. This was a fun and educational trip for all involved. Activities included Irish classes, Céilí, a talk on Journalism, a climbing wall, turas bus and a visit to Dingle's Mara Beo, not to mention a cake for Emma Barriscale's 18th birthday. Students' fluency and confidence in the Irish language grew during the trip and they confidently undertook their oral Irish exam the following week. An experience well worth repeating in the future!

Transition Years from Ms. Sheehy and Ms. Dempsey's Irish classes were tasked with creating exhibits related to the Irish language for the Schools Centenary Exhibition in the Temperance Hall, and despite their constantly hectic schedules,

they did not disappoint! A number of students researched and produced projects on topics such as the Decline of the Irish Language, famous figures who promoted the language (such as Douglas Hyde), and the work of Conradh na Gaeilge over the past one hundred years. Others decided to dabble in some poetry, examples of which can be seen below. Some students really challenged themselves, and set about making a film, re-enacting a famous Daniel O'Connell speech in which he made reference to the importance a language is in relation to a nation's identity. Cian Murphy was cast as O'Connell the Liberator, and made his speech in the shadow of James Fort, with the Irish classes watching and listening attentively, acting as a crowd of Daniel's supporters. Preparing these exhibits gave us a chance to use our Gaeilge in something other than academic work, and many of us experienced senses of patriotism and appreciation for our unique language, which is such an important aspect of our rich culture.

Tá toadhcháil na Gaeilge ár dteanga dúchais slán sábháilte i bPobal Scoil Chionn tSáile. Táimid bróduil as agus táimid thar a bheith buíoch as an tacaíocht a thugann ár múinteoirí agus ár bpríomhoide dúinn.

Mar a deireann an seanfhocal, “Tír gan teanga, tír gan amam”.





TURAS SCOILE GO DTÍ AN GHAELTACHT CHORCA DHUIBHNE

Ar an Aoine, 8ú lá d'Aibreáin chuaigh dháréag daltaí ón séú bliain go Gaeltacht Chorca Dhuibhne ag ullmhú don scrúdú béil a bhí ar siúl an tseachtain dár gcionn. D'fhanamar go léir le teaghlach áitiúil a bhí an-deas ar fad.

Nuair a shroicheamar An Daingean, thugamar cuairt ar Mhara Beo. An oíche sin, fuairamar oráid ó Seán Mac an tSithigh, tuairisceoir le TG4. D'inis sé scéalta an-shuimiúil dúinn faoina obair mar thuairisceoir. Tar éis sin, bhí céilí againn agus bhí scoileanna eile ann chomh maith. Bhí an-chraic ag gach duine agus réitigh gach duine go han-mhaith le chéile.

Maidin dé Sathairn, bhí ranganna ag na daltaí chun iad a ullmhú don scrúdú béil. D'úirt siad go léir go raibh na ranganna go hiontach agus an-chabhrach dóibh, agus bhain siad an-taitneamh astu. Ina dhiaidh sin, chuamar ar chuairt timpeall Ceann Sléibhe. Bhí treoraí iontach againn agus d'inis sé an-chuid scéalta dúinn faoi stair na háite. Fear áitiúil ba é, Danny Mac an tSithigh. Chuamar go hIonad an Bhlascaoid Mhóir chomh maith.

An oíche sin, chuamar go léir go dtí an Daingean ag dreapdóireacht balla. Bhí an-chraic ag gach duine (nuair nach raibh siad ag féachaint síos!)

Turas den scoth a bhí againn i gCorca Dhuibhne agus d'úirt na daltaí go léir go raibh feabhas mhór tagtha ar a gcuid Gaeilge labhartha. Ní raibh fadhb ar bith acu leis na béaltrialacha. Bhí an turas taitneamh agus fiúntach do chách. Míle buíochas do Mr. Griffin as a chuid oibre ag eagrú an turas iontach seo.



An Rinceoir

Rinceoir mé,
Rinceoir bailé,
ar an stáitse,
a bhfuil clu agus cáil
ar mo grástacht

Tá na lucht féachanna
ag bualadh bos le mo fiodrinne
Ach anois
tá mé ina suí sa bhaile
ag únfairt i mo bpian

Tháinig na ceadta daoine,
chuile lá chuig an amharclann,
ach anois, ní dhÉanann siad
faic ach stánadh.

Le Julie Moynihan (TY)

Saoirse i nDiadh Streachailt

Eirí Amach na Cásca 1916
Idir Éire agus Sasana
Troid ar son Saoirse
Ar na céimeanna an GPO.

Sa bhliain 1795
Idir Pholainn agus Rúis
Troid ar son saoirse
sna cathracha sa Pholainn.

Fuair 80 duine bás
ag troid ar son na hÉireann
is laochra iad na daoine sin
táimid ag cuimhneach orthú inniu.

Fuair na mílte duine bás
ag troid ar son na Polainne
is laochra iad na daoine sin
táimid ag cuimhneach orthú inniu.

*Le Natalia Ziegert, Katie Daly, Sarah O'Dwyer,
Niamh McCarthy & Weronika Mozelewska (TY)*

Teidí

Tedí mé
Teidí speisialta
as seomra na bpáiste
a bhfuil clú agus cáil
ar mo shúile móra.

Déanfadh paistí an tí míongháire
tráth
le mo bharróg.

Ach anois
luím síos
agus breathnaím trí seanshúile
ar bhalla an bhosca dorcha.

Cloisim an paistí ag fás anuas
chuile lá
ag déanamh rud ar bith eile
ach ag súgradh liom.

Le Sorcha Doyle (TY)

Ní Fhágfaidh Mé Choiche

'Sé an áit atá gearr do mo chroí
An fheirm sa ghleann táim im' chónaí,
Na páirceanna glasa go deas faoin ghrian
In éineacht le Daid ag obair go dian:
Ag reabhadh, ag treabhadh, ag baint an fhéir,
Na bánta romhainn amuigh faoin spéir.
Ag crú na mbó maidin is oíche,
Saol álainn nádúrtha,
Ní fhágfaidh mé choiche.

Le Tadhg Mac Cárthaigh (5ú Bliain)

San Uisce

Lig mé osna
Deacair ag anáilú
Ach táim in aice leis an mballa
Criochnaím; seasaim go tapa.
Tá pian i mo shúile
Pian i mo mhatáin
Táim san uisce.

Le Maeabh Delahunty (5ú Bliain)

INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS SUCCESS

Yet again, in 2016, Conor O' Callaghan, Third Year, achieved much success on the National and International Stage. At National Level, Conor represented his club at the National Junior Championships, defeating all opponents to be awarded a Gold Medal in the National Basketball Arena, Tallaght. Now competing at Senior Level, Conor represented Munster at the Interpros in UCD where he placed third. In October, Conor travelled to the Czech Republic where he competed in his first World Ranking Event, achieving the enviable accolade of a Bronze Medal in the team event. Conor was recognised for his wonderful achievements by his community when presented with a Kinsale Community Award. The future looks exceptionally bright for this outstanding athlete.



GIRLS SOCCER

Cork School's Senior Champions!

This year has been a stellar year for Girls soccer in KCS. For the first time in years, we fielded a team for both the Junior and Senior Soccer Cork School's Soccer League. Both levels faced some stiff competition in their pools, notably from Carrigaline CS and Pres Bandon, while also enjoying some goal fests against other competition, ramping up some impressive goal-sheets.

The highlight of the year was however the Senior Girls Soccer Final against St Mary's in Mallow, which took place on Tuesday 17th May. We were the visitors and the Mallow girls were certainly up for a good game, with plenty of support on their home ground. Our girls weren't phased though and the ball reached the back of the net twice in the first half thanks to the boot of Faye Ahern. Mallow ramped it up a gear in the second half and we were lucky to only concede one goal, thanks to the fantastic efforts of goal-keeper Aoife O'Leary. The game finished 2-1 to KCS and the girls were thrilled to be crowned Cork School's Champions!

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Many thanks to our passionate coach Lesley Power for all the hard work she has put in over the year and well done to all the girls for a fantastic end to the season. Having conquered the Cork Schools League, next year we hope to do it all again and to set our sights further on the Munster Cup. We reached the quarter-finals this year and hopefully we can go even further next year with this group of talented players.



TRÓCAIRE CAMPAIGN 2016

During Lent this year Ms. M. Fleming's 1A6 Religion class undertook a Sponsored Silence to raise awareness and money for Trócaire. We picked the last Thursday of Lent to try and be silent in school. It was at break and lunchtime that the huge challenge was, as we did agree to talk with teachers in class when needed. Every student contributed €2 and some filled sponsorship cards also. The deal was if students broke the silence they would make an additional contribution to the fund. It was great fun catching students saying the odd word here and there. Many teachers commented that they could get used to the quietness in class! We were happy to make a contribution to Trócaire while also challenging the chatterboxes to being quieter than usual.

Jack Roche and I from 1A6 decided to do further fundraising for Trocaire and discussed with Ms. Fleming about completing a 24-hour fast between us, by doing twelve hours each. We both volunteered to do a little bit extra to do something for people who have very little compared to us. We are very lucky in many ways and this is an opportunity to give a little back. The fast itself was tough especially at lunch time when my



classmates were eating. I couldn't wait until 8pm arrived so that I could eat something. Doing the fast taught me how much I take the availability of food for granted and made me think more about those who don't know when their next meal will be. Jack Roche raised €112 and I raised €65 from sponsors for doing the fast. In total 1A6 raised a total of €227 for Trócaire, we are delighted with this achievement and hope to get involved again next year.

Salvador Porrás O'Sullivan (1A6)

TRÓCAIRE

In February of this year, Janet Twomey from Trócaire came to the school and gave a presentational pupils on the work that is currently going on, with particular reference

to fighting for climate justice in the developing world. Many students did different sponsored activities such as fasts, etc., and Ms. Máire Fleming's class did a sponsored silence during Lent, and raised a large proportion of the €600 collected in total. A big thank you to all staff, students and families who supported our Lenten campaign, especially the students pictured, who raised more than €250 between them!



1. Find The Path

Here is one solution:
 $5 + 7 + 6 + 6 + 9 + 4 + 5 + 7 + 4 = 53$

4	9	7	7	4
8	9	4	5	7
6	6	4	9	9
7	8	8	8	6
5	5	6	5	5

A tougher challenge is to find a route to make 60.

2. Missing Number

The missing number is 5 (add the bottom two numbers and divide by the top number)
 Students may be encouraged to come up with puzzles of their own.

3. How Many Triangles?

$$12 + 6 + 2 = 20$$



4. Word Play

1. Too Good to Last
2. Pat on the Back
3. Life Behind Bars
4. A Touching Moment
5. Look Before You Leap
6. Three Wise Men

5. Missing Matches



Solutions

6. Occurrence. Solution: E

7. Number Pyramids

57. Each number is obtained by adding the two immediately below it. A good strategy for solving these puzzles is to start with the target number in place and to work downwards. This can clearly be extended to non-integral and negative targets.

8. Word Play

1. Over my Dead Body
2. Right Under the Nose
3. See Eye to Eye
4. Looking Out for Number One
5. Be-Line
6. Home is Where the Heart Is

10 Puzzle :

Correct Answer : 96

The pattern and logic is as follows:

$$32 + 13 = 45$$

$$45 + 15 = 60$$

$$60 + 17 = 77$$

9. Puzzle :

Take any 6 pills and divide them into 2 groups of 3. Place on the balance. Two things could happen

Outcome 1

If the poison pill is present that side of the balance will go down. You have narrowed it down to 3 pills.

To determine the poison pill.

Select any two of the 3 pills and place on balance. The poison pill will be on the side of the balance that goes down. If the balance is level then the poison pill is the one of the 3 you did not place on balance

Outcome 2

If they are equal then the two pills not selected must contain the poison pill. Simply place them on each side of balance and heavier one is poisonous

Place each pill on the balance ...the poison pill is heavier.

GAISCE – THE PRESIDENT’S AWARD

Starting out last October, 54 Transition Year students signed up for Gaisce. We all had to pick a community involvement activity, a new personal skill and take up a physical activity. Each of these had to be carried out for 1 hour a week for 13 weeks and one of them had to be continued for 26 weeks. Activities varied from volunteering in SVP, Haven Bay, Kinsale Youth Support Services to playing Camogie, Hurling, Football, Swimming and Tennis to Dance, ECDL and Knitting! This was all topped off by our adventure weekend...

On the 18th of May, a group of transition year students took the leap out of the classroom and out into the great outdoors. The group Gaisce participants all journeyed out to Kilbrittain’s West Cork Secret to spend two days doing outdoor activities.

All of the Transition Years were at the centre and pitching their tents by 3 o’clock on the first day. At around half past, we were brought on a 10k walk to start off the fun, followed by the activities offered by the centre.

We were broken into groups and brought on different activities. There was go-karting and orienteering but I think it was unanimously agreed that the assault course was the favourite within the group. We had to run, crawl, roll, climb, and slide our way through mud a variety of different obstacles, all while having a water gun squirted at us. In the end though, we were rewarded by a 223 foot water slide that was probably one of the highlights of our trip. We were given Styrofoam board to sit on and we whizzed down the slide into a pool of mud and water. We were covered from head to toe in muck, but there wasn’t a frown to be seen!



To make the day even better, which you wouldn’t think possible, we were given an abundance of pizza for dinner. As you can imagine, we were a bunch of happy campers. Afterwards, when we were all bursting from too much food we started up a quiz which kept us entertained for the night. However the students came first and the teachers only came second. We huddled around the bonfire and toasted our marshmallows!

Before long it was 11 o’clock and that’s when we bade our farewells to the warmth of the bonfire and went up to our tents. Of course, the craic didn’t stop till the early hours of the morning much to the dismay of our poor teachers who were trying to sleep.

Thursday the 19th was another day to remember with again the agenda full of hidden surprises. We were dressed and breakfast was finished by 9 o’clock and off we went to complete the walk. When we arrived back at 1 o’clock we were frightened to see all the tidying up that was to be done. Thankfully everyone helped and it was done in no time.

It wasn’t home time yet we all huddled around the fire again eating pizza and enjoying our last couple of living wild.

A very special thank you to Ms. Woulfe and Ms. Fleming for organising the whole trip and Mr Madigan for coming to supervise too!

Aliessa O’Shea & Maggie Mullally (TY)



GOING FOR GOLD



Past pupils Emily O’Leary and Lucinda Wright were among 41 gold awardees presented with medals by President Higgins at the An Gaisce Gold Award Ceremony in Dublin Castle on Dec 7th 2015.

The President Michael D Higgins attended the presentation ceremony to meet the awardees and their families. Former Rose of Tralee and Gaisce bronze holder Maria Walsh was MC for the ceremony. “Little Green Cars” provided a stunning rendition of three original songs and lead singer Stevie Appleby recited a poem he wrote especially for the occasion.

Emily undertook the Gold award while studying in Dublin. Amongst the activities she undertook was an 80km hike in West Cork and a residential project which involved volunteering at a holiday camp in Baltinglass in Co. Wicklow which is run by St. Vincent De- Paul.

Lucinda travelled to Belarus in order to volunteer with an Irish charity called the Belarussian Orphanages project to fulfill one of the five Gaisce challenge areas and she also volunteered with the U.C.C Simon Society while a student there to help fundraise and raise awareness of the organization. The Gaisce Gold awardees successfully completed five challenge areas for 52 weeks or more – developing a personal skill, volunteering in their community and participating in physical activity. The awardees also embarked on a five-day outdoor adventure journey as part of their challenge.

The award is a direct challenge from the President of Ireland to young people aged 15 – 25 to dream big and realize their potential. It is non-competitive and participants are encouraged to choose their own activities and goals with the support of a trained adult Presidents Award Leader (or PAL).

The Gaisce program is delivered by over 1,500 PALs working and volunteering in a variety of organizations across Ireland. There are three levels of Gaisce- Bronze, Silver and Gold.

The more time and energy participants give, the greater their reward.

See Ms. Woulfe for times of meetings in school.

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