

Transition Year Newsletter

Half-term Newsletter update from the TY students

Easter 2018

**Irish Wheelchair Association –Wheelchair Basketball
Regional Finals, Gormanstown.**



For raising over one thousand euros for the Irish Wheelchair Association, the ty's were entered into a wheelchair basketball competition in Gormanstown on Thursday 8th February. It was a great experience and the students enjoyed it even though we didn't qualify for the National finals. The students who played in the matches also got a t-shirt for taking part. A great fun day out! Next month we will have a workshop in the school, run by the IWA, where all TY students will get a chance to play wheelchair basketball (Shane Campbell)

Learn 2 Cycle Programme



TY students volunteering to help children with disabilities, from all across the county, learn how to cycle. Our school is hosting the programme, which is running every Thursday after school for 6 weeks. A great experience for us.

BT Young Scientist Exhibition, RDS



On the 11^h of January our TY students went up to the RDS in Dublin to see the BT Young Scientist's exhibition. Students get into it by applying to participate in the competition. Their science project entries are evaluated by judges and about one third of applicants are accepted to take part in the public exhibition. Students are given exhibition stands in a hall where they set up their projects for viewing by the public. Competing projects are judged during the three days of exhibition, and prizes are awarded.

We saw lots of different projects in: biology, physics, social and behavioural sciences, and technology. Three different age groups are in each category and three main prizes are awarded; other prizes include a display award, highly commended rosettes, and a cancer awareness award. The winner of the BT young scientist this year was Simon Meehan from Cork with his project, which led to the discovery of a potential new antibiotic capable of beating antimicrobial resistant bacteria including MRSA. A great day out!

Enterprise Awards, County Final

On Tuesday the 13th March, two of the businesses from our school headed to the Enterprise county final in the knightsbrook hotel in Trim. Weeks of preparation had lead to this day, our business Ezoles, power in every step, was one of the two to go. Our business was set up by three students, Matthew Cahill, Modestas Baltusis and Denis Ghuizan back at the start of Ty. Our goal was to make shoe insoles that charge your phone as you walk. We put a lot of work into our business, countless hours spent reading papers on the science behind it, a multitude of different electronics tested and so on. For the final we were asked to prepare a stand, so to try and stand out, we decided to decorate ours with large bold posters of striking yellows and vibrant reds. In the end we were quite happy with what we had created, although sadly, we didn't manage to bring home any awards, although it was a great day out and a great learning experience for us all. **(Matthew Cahill)**

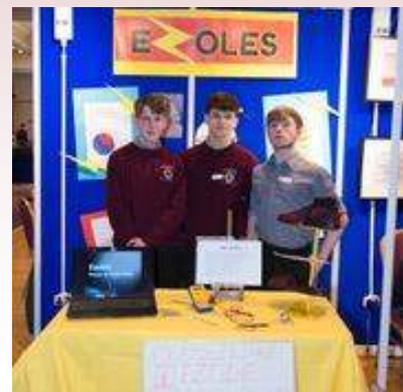
The two enterprises chosen were:

Mullen & Yore Woodcraft (Cormac Yore & Declan Mullen)

Ezoles (Matthew Cahill, Modestas Baltusis & Denis Ghiuzan)



Cormac Yore and Declan Mullen (pictured left) won first prize in the senior category for their stand/display. They won €100 and a trophy. Well done boys!



Garda Open Day-Life skills Trip

On Thursday 16th February, the TY's travelled to Darndale for the Garda Open Day event. Here, members of the Gardaí talked to us about different areas of their work, like using horses and handling their dogs. At the end of the day we were shown how a dog would handle an attacker with a gun. An enjoyable day overall.



Young Social Innovators Projects & Speak Out



Kate, from Meath Local Sports Partnership, visits class 4B to help them with their YSI project, entitled, Don't "Dis" My Ability.



HSE Tooth Led Teens Programme-Teaching the 1st Years! Mar '18



Ten Transition Year students took part in the Tooth Led Teens Program. As part of the program, we were visited by Mary Carr from the Irish Dental Association. We learned the correct technique for brushing your teeth, oral hygiene and the correct foods we should be eating to keep our teeth clean and healthy.

We then put this into practise by teaching all of the first years in the school what we had learned in the course. The lessons were a great success as the first year students learned the importance of oral health.

St. Ciarán's Goes Orange for Mental Health



Our school had a Go Orange Day on the 9th Feb 2018. This was to do with the prevention of suicide. We had a guest speaker in and the first and second years then did a walk around Kells and the TY's did a run around the school pitches. We all had to wear orange t-shirts to help support the message "That it's ok not to be ok". A fun day! **(James Mc Govern)**



Law Education for Schools

On Mon 29th & Tues 30th January Barrister James Fahey came into us Transition years to talk about law. We learned about the two types of lawyers in Ireland and how the law system works and the two types of barristers. Barrister James Fahey also showed us the types of courts in Ireland. He also told us a lot of his experiences as a barrister, which were very amusing. This course went on for two days and on the second day we got to do a real life court case with a jury, witnesses etc. Everyone really enjoyed this course and it is one of my highlights in Transition Year.



Fairyhouse Cookery School- Class 4C



The trip to Fairy house was a fun trip, the class was split into groups to cook. We watched a demonstration first and then we were able to cook ourselves. It was good fun because a lot of the people in the class had not cooked something like this before and then we got to try all our food after which was great! **(Niall Campbell)**

Soar Workshop

On Wednesday 21st March our TY year gathered in the oratory for a workshop, where none of us really knew what to expect. We started the day off by being asked to voluntarily come up and sing. Thankfully this was only an ice breaker exercise and we all didn't actually have to do it, as some people were very nervous at the thoughts of having to do it!! The further and further into the workshop the more and more people were pushing their boundaries and opening up to the group. One of the facilitators of the workshop was Dublin GAA player, Ciarán Mc Menamin. We enjoyed having a chat with him about football at the end of the workshop. By the end of the day I certainly felt that we were a closer group and I'm sure all of my classmates agree. It was a fantastic workshop and one of the highlights of TY for me.



Visit to a French Film in Blanchardstown



Fundraising for Epilepsy Ireland-Rose Week

During Rose week for Epilepsy Ireland, the TY students went out to raise money at different locations such as the local Post Office, outside the Kells Bank of Ireland branch and also up to Supervalu. We raised the total amount of €580. Epilepsy Ireland were very thankful for our help.



Wishing you all a very Happy Easter and many thanks for your continued support.



Upcoming Events:

- **Collon 1st Drive**
- **Camino Walk**
- **GAA Coaching**
- **Irish Wheelchair Association Workshop**
- **Special Olympics Collection**
- **Cystic Fibrosis Collection**
- **Fairyhouse Cookery School—Class 4A**