



Business Enterprise take Top Honours

OUTRIGHT WINNERS in the Business Enterprise Competition in the Strand Hotel out of an entry of 360 projects. Students and staff at the Presentation Secondary School, Sexton Street are thrilled with this fantastic achievement of four of our transition year students under the guidance of their teacher Deirdre Hamill. Ailish Rowan, Chloe Ahern, Daria Biel and Roisin Hogan (unfortunately ill on the day) came up with an innovative and creative idea to encourage participation in physical activity. They invented an exercise floor mat. The girls were inspired as they wanted to try to make PE class more fun and encourage more girls to participate.

The game consists of a three metre square mat. Four teams can play the game at any one time. The objective is to get around the mat, completing all of the exercises as you go, and be the first team to reach the finish line in the centre.

The girls developed a prototype of the product and conducted market research to see if it would be a viable product idea. They carried out research in various primary and secondary schools and received very positive feedback. They currently have a small number of orders but are looking at ways to reduce the production cost of the mat.



Ailish Rowan, Chloe Ahern & Daria Biel

They have learned to work as a team and each student has contributed greatly to the success of the business. Led by Managing Director, Ailish Rowan, they have had an opportunity to see Business in Action.

The girls presented their business idea at the Limerick City Student Enterprise Awards in the Strand Hotel and were quizzed by the judging panel. There was excellent competition on the day and the girls were amazed but thrilled to have won the senior category. Their feet barely touched the ground when going up to collect their award. They are looking forward to the National stage of the competition where they get to compete in Croke Park, in Dublin.



READ 1,000 LITERACY PROJECT (Read 1,000 Books in four weeks)

Deputy Mayor Maria Byrne with members of the Local Education Committee and students from Presentation Secondary School Sexton Street with Ms. Mary Ryan (Home School Liaison Officer) at Our Lady of Lourdes School.

Transition Year



Transition Year have been very busy since January with huge success in activity days, enterprise projects and even Leprechaun Rugby coached by Mr. Ken O'Connell and Mr. O'Sullivan. Transition year has been a huge success in our school in the past two years because of the outstanding work of it's course director Ms. Edel Leahy, our thanks to her.



**Best wishes to
Aisling Ryan Quinlan
in Strasbourg for the
Eurosolar Programme.**

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YOUNG SCIENTIST FINALISTS



Seachtain na Gaeilge

is being celebrated in our school this week through Music, Poetry, Song, Sport & Dance. Thanks to all who participated in Quizzes, Treasure Hunt, Conversation Classes and all activities being run. Thanks to all the pupils & staff for their excellent work.

Congratulation to all the Young Scientists on their great success and especially Sarah Little above left on receiving Highly Commended at the Young Scientist Exhibition 2013. Many thanks to their teacher & mentor Triona Murray for her work, guidance & support over the 3 days in Dublin.

Guest Speaker on Energy

On Wednesday, 6th March, 2013 our school was one of three Limerick city schools chosen to receive a talk about Energy and demonstration of exciting new energy products from an Irish company called IBOTZ. Students got to see how a miniature hydrogen car operated. The hydrogen car was run by a fuel cell where they mix hydrogen and oxygen to make water. This process creates lot of energy which runs the car. They learned about off-shore wind turbines and saw a demonstration of a small scale wind turbine and how it generates electricity. Students saw amazing animations of how oil and gas are transported to their local garages and how renewable energies work.

We were delighted with this invaluable workshop and the students gained a lot of knowledge from it.

We are hopeful of gaining our second flag for Energy after having previously received our first Green Flag for Litter and Waste.

I would like to thank City Council for supporting this project and in particular, to environmental schools co-ordinator Sinead McDonnell for all her support in our Green Schools work.

Well done to all the Green Schools committee for all their hard work during this year and especially Ms. Helen Aherne who gives 200%.



Model Hydrogen Car

Windmill Demonstration



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Sport in Presentation

The senior basketballers did very well in their section and got through to the cup quarter finals only to come up against a very strong Castletroy team who are favourites to win the competition. However the girls showed great determination and fought till the end with Ciara Judge having an outstanding game. The second years will take on Askeaton this week having also managed to gain entry into the cup competition. Best of luck to the girls and Ms O'Reilly.

The Gaelic Football team entered they're first full competition this year. They have competed well in all games and Nicole Bennett along with others have shone getting noticed in every match by opposition, referees and spectators for her speed and skill. The whole team will remain under age again next year so we are hoping to really make our mark in the 2013/2014 season with some hard work.



Ciara Judge

Mr O'Sullivan has worked hard to get badminton up and running in the school and it has proved very popular at both lunch times and after school. A big thank you to Mr O'Connell who has put in a lot of work also. The badminton team will be taking on their first competitors in the coming weeks when they play against Hospital.

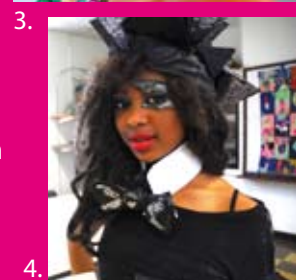


Hard luck to the first and second year basketball team who lost their recent match to Askeaton in the quarter finals. The girls put up a great battle and were able to they hold their heads high. They also acted with dignity on and off the court. They did Presentation proud.

Well done girls and well done for committing to basketball throughout the year.

Junk Kouture

On 25th January, 2013, our students took to the stage to showcase their amazing catwalk creations. They had to make high-end fashion outfits using recycled materials. They used a variety of materials such as Tayto bags, plastic bin bags, Christmas baubles and shredded paper. Our school entered nine outfits and all of them qualified for the Munster Regional Finals. They will be held in the University Concert Hall on Thursday, 14th March. Well done to all students and teachers especially hats off to Ms. Helen Aherne and Ms. Barbara Fogarty for a great job done.



1. Naima Gabyow
2. Rosanna Marciniak
3. Ailish Rowan
4. Nushka Babella

Kemmy Business School/BSTAI

Junior Certificate Business Studies Awards Ceremony held in the UL Concert Hall on the 6th March 2013.

Rachel Doyle received an award for achieving an "A" in her Junior BST along with 260 other students from the Midwest Region. This is a fantastic achievement for Rachel and wish her every success in following a business career.

Ms. Brid Murphy business teacher is praised for her excellence in teaching and in preparing Rachel to such a high standard.

Olivia Shanahan

We congratulate Olivia Shanahan on her outstanding achievement. Olivia did extremely well to come 2nd representing our school in a national league event, Olivia was up against stiff competition.



Mr. Carmody's honours English Class in conjunction with the guidance Class took part in an **"Orientation Day"** on the 5th March in UL. The Access Office organised the students to take part in a number of workshops which gave a great insight to college life.

Principal's Message

Lá Fáilte Pádraig fé mhaise díbh go léir.



A happy and peaceful Easter to all our staff, students, parents, guardians, friends and families.

Mrs Marion Cummins.

