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Presentation Secondary School Newsletter



Principal's Welcome

Another school year is about to end and we celebrate all that was good during the year. Congratulations to all on the success and achievements throughout the year. My thanks to all members of the school community for all the hard work throughout the year.

A particular thanks to the T.Y. Students in representing the school both locally and nationally in the Junk Kouture Finals. This was a fantastic achievement for the students and in particular, Lynda Slattery in getting to the National Finals in the schools first attempt.

My thanks to Helen Ahern and her team for all the hours of long work in making this project such a success.

Finally, wishing our Leaving & Junior Certificate classes every success in the state examinations. Remember - there is still time left for last minute revision.

Wishing all students, staff and your families a happy enjoyable summer holiday and I look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Kindest regards – Mrs Marion Cummins.



Junk Kouture Recycled Fashion Competition

Presentation Secondary School students celebrate win at ECO UNESCO Young Environmentalist Awards

A group of Transition Year students from the Presentation Secondary School were awarded 'most creative display' in the 'Art and Design' category at the ECO UNESCO Young Environmentalist Awards hosted at the Mansion House on Tuesday, 8th May, 2012. The students created a range of outfits from recycled materials. These materials included bicycle tubes, paper and bottle tops and centred on themes including 'Black Swan', 'Goddess of the Jungle' and 'Barbie'. The competition process involved modelling the outfits and describing the inspiration for the designs and their method of production. The success comes shortly after the student fashionistas competed at this year's 'Junk Kouture Recycled Fashion Competition' where one entry entitled 'Voltage' secured a place in the national finals. Student Lynda Slattery modelled the entry and proved to be a true professional. Delighted by their success in both competitions this year the Presentation Secondary School are looking forward to competing in next year's competitions.



Lynda Slattery



*We wish all our Leaving Certificate Class 2012 the very best of luck in their exams.
Every good wish for their future careers.*



Helen Ahern wins The National Youth Leadership Award

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Staff Fundraiser - Carruntoohil to California

Mr Monaghan's two year old son, Joseph, has a condition called Cerebral Palsy. Joseph was one year old when it was discovered that he had the condition. There are a number of different levels of severity. Little Joseph has a form called spastic diplegia which affects his lower limbs. Joseph is very bright and full of fun. He has a love of horses and goes horse riding regularly. He receives a lot of physiotherapy but has also



been attending sessions with a practitioner of the Anat Baniel Method of treatment. Anat Baniel is a woman who has a treatment centre in San Francisco, California. Her work is very highly regarded and she is gifted in helping children with Cerebral Palsy to progress.

Staff of Presentation School, thanks to Ms Kiely, undertook a fundraising event to raise money to send Joseph to California for treatment in the summer. A sponsored hillwalk was planned to climb the highest mountain in Ireland "Carruntoohil" on the 10th of October. A number of staff made the climb and many of them brought family and friends which made for a fantastic event. There were many staff members, past and present, who made significant donations and others who raised large sums of money through their sponsorship cards.

The students had their own impact on the fundraising when a number of students ran the mini-marathon, raising €950. The PLC childcare students also got involved under the guidance of Ms McCafferty. They ran a cake sale in the college and raised €818 for the cause. In total over €12000 was raised and Mr. Monaghan and his family are overwhelmed by the love and support which they have received. We wish Joseph well on his trip to America and sincerely hope that the treatment will be beneficial to him.



First Year Geography Field Trip to the Burren 2nd May 2012



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Sport 2012

This year proved to be another fantastic sporting year in Presentation. Students made great strides in the areas of basketball, football, badminton, volleyball and horse riding. This was our first year entering a Gaelic football competition. The first years did the school proud by winning 2 out of three of our games in the Mallow. They overcame teams from Cork and Tipperary by such a margin that they were moved up a division for their semi-final placing where unfortunately they lost out to a very strong Fermoy team from Cork. Well done girls and I'm sure next year we'll make it to the final.

As always the basketball teams performed very strongly in the Limerick League. The first years narrowly missed out on a semi final placing by just 1 basket. The cadets made it to the cadet semi final which unfortunately was unable to be played but this fixture will kick off next year's campaign. A new addition to our teaching staff in Mr. O'Sullivan saw the introduction of our volleyball team to competition also. They competed well and have gained great experience for next time out.

Well done to all the girls who trained hard this year. Your dedication has shown in how much you have improved since September. Hopefully next year others can be inspired by your commitment and we will reach even greater success. Have a good summer and see you back on the court and pitch in September.



The horse riding club had an excellent year with 15 students participating. Notably two sixth year students who attended every Monday for ten weeks for their practical achievement task. Earlier in the year we entered two students in the Limerick round of the Inter-schools championship in Clonshire Equestrian centre, although we weren't placed the girls performed brilliantly in what is a high pressure environment. I recently discovered a very talented young horsewoman, Shauna Madden (pictured with her own horse Stewie) who I hope will be competing in the next inter-schools competition alongside Olivia Shanahan and Alison Ledger (as well as any other girls who have reached the necessary standard by October) Again thanks to Mrs Cummins for all her support. Yours in equestrianism
Jake Daly.

Second year GAA team



Music

Music Department News

The year is almost over and we are about to say goodbye to one of the most loyal and dedicated 6th year classes I have had the privilege to teach. You have been a privilege to teach. You have been a pleasure girls. May you always be happy and have a song in your hearths.

The Junior and Leaving Cert practicals are over and all went very well. It was a difficult and stressful time for all but hopefully the results will show that it was worth the effort. Good luck to the 3rd and 6th Years in your exams.

The choir has returned from it's annual trip to the Cork Choral Festival where it sang with great success and experienced choral music from wonderful groups of disciplined young people. More than 2000 voices sang in the Secondary School competition.

The 2nd Years have made great progress this year and I am looking forward to a good 3rd year with them. Don't forget everything during the holidays girls! Thank you all for never refusing to take part in all the musical events of the past year, choral and instrumental.

The 1st year class has settled in nicely and I am getting to know them well. They are some of the best singers I have heard in a long time and I look forward to working with them again next year.

Special mention to a few outstanding students of music:

- Alanna O'Neill, a 1st year who sung solo this year in public.
- Chelsey Kinnane and Donna Aherne, 2nd Year for their progress on violin.
- Rachel Doyle 3rd Year is the best Junior Cert music student.
- Ailish Rowan 3rd Year, for her musicality and gentle grace, but wow! What a dancer!
- Shaunie Kelly and Jade Franklin, 5th Year for their technology skills and the help they have given to other music students.
- Sineád McGuane 6th Year for most improved music student.
- Leonie Bennett who wishes to continue music as a career and has succeeded in obtaining a place by audition in the music departments of University of Limerick and Waterford.

Congratulations Girls

Thanks also to, Ms Kitching, Guitar.
Natalia Tretinokova, Piano.
Ciarán and James, Violin.

Seachtaine na Gaeilge

12th-16th March was a successful week in our school. Music recitals, poetry writing, quizzes and an céilí mór on March 16th with members of our Senior Limerick hurlers "who danced a step or two" under the watchful eye of Ms Phyllis Cronin and Cronin School of Irish Dancing. They also displayed some of their hurling skills.... we wish them well in the Championship this year. Mile buíochas do gach éinne a cabhraigh leis na hocáid seo.... go háirithe Máire Ní Mhadagain agus antUasal E. O Suilleabhain, Bean Uí Chasaigh agus Maura Kitching.



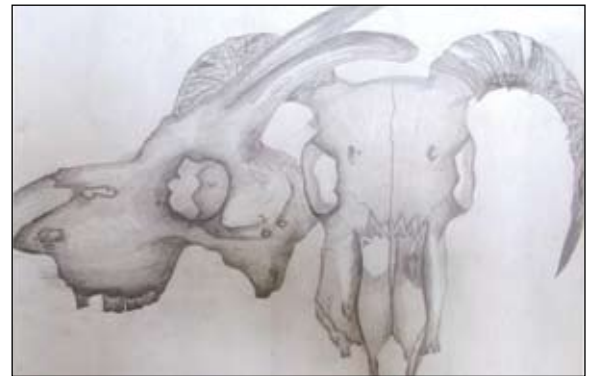
Quiz



Mary Ryan & Miss O'Donovan



This is the work of Donna Quinn, painted in the style of Cozanne



A fine pencil drawing of skulls by Milena Sanocha

Once again it's the time of year when 3rd year and 6th year art students breathe a sigh of relief. The "practical" is over. Thank goodness everything went well, but may I remind 6th years that Art History needs constant revision.

One of our Leaving Certificate art students, Odilia Chukunelufem has been accepted into the Limerick School of Art. Congratulations to Odilia. The Limerick School of Art is a reputable college with applicants from home and abroad seeking entry. Good luck to Odilia for her future in the world of art.



Seanie Tobin & Seanie O'Brien



Declan Hannon



Head Girl
Leonie Bennett



Sinead Tully Eilis Rowan

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Prize Giving Day - 18th May 2012

Prize Giving Day

This event was held in Halla an tSolais on Friday the 18th of May. It was attended by Mr. Michael Carroll, Student Advisor Bank for Ireland, Roxboro Rd; and Ms Angela Flynn, former member of the Parents council.

CERTIFICATE FOR ATTENDANCE

Missed no day in One Year

Natasha Kelly
Benie Mambouana
Antoinette O'Hanya
Aisha Angarib
Sasha Doyle
Chancelvie Mambouana
Bo Suthida Tesanork

Missed no day in Three Years

Ailish Rowan
Sandra Ikeh
Naima Gabyow

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

BEST JUNIOR CERT 2011

Lynda Slattery

BEST LCA 2011

Rosie Casey

BEST LEAVING CERT 2011

Claire O'Flynn
(Michael Carroll, Student Advisor, Bank of Ireland, Roxboro made the presentation)

SPORT AWARDS

BASKETBALL

First Year - Nicole Bennett
Second Year - Aimee Falahee
Third Year - Alina Rusika
Senior - Vanessa Blake

CREATIVE WRITING - Ghost Stories

Class 101
Alannah O'Neill
Nuschka Babela
Kerry Lynch

CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

Class 202
Kate Tobin
Rebecca Radmall

BEST PARTICIPATION IN ROMEO AND JULIET WORKSHOP

Donna Ahern

BEST ACTOR IN TRANSITION YEAR FEATURE FILM "THIS MOMENT"

Rachel O'Regan

TRANSITION YEAR STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Hayley Gardiner

NANO NAGLE TRANSITION YEAR OVERALL STUDENT AWARD

Rachel O'Regan

MOST ENTHUSIASTIC STUDENT ON GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP TO THE BURREN

Ruby Shine (First Year)

IRISH POETRY WRITING COMPETITION AS PART OF SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE

Amy Ryan (Second Year)
Alla Novikova (Sixth Year)

MOST DEDICATED ART STUDENT

Chantelle Styles (Third Year)

MOST ENTHUSIASTIC JUNIOR MUSIC STUDENT

Rachel Doyle (Third Year)

CONSISTENCY AND PERSEVERANCE IN DEVELOPING HER MUSICAL ABILITY

Leonie Bennett

ENTERPRISE STUDENT AWARD

"Lend me a Hand" Project
Tara Clohessy, Sinead Tully,
Vanessa Blake, Shanice McNally,
Olivia Shanahan

5LCA Mini-Company

For her initiative in making the prototype - Megan Daly

JRC 2011 - 2012

Alannah O'Neill
Karina Ribakova
Kate Tobin
Chelsey Kinnane
Shauna Pickford
Ailish Rowan
Alina Ruskiha
Rebecca Aherne
Megan Waters

GAISCE AWARDS 2012

Vanessa Blake
Lynda Slattery
Achel O'Regan
Megan Waters
Hayley Gardiner
Ciara Judge
Alanna Mullaney
Liana Dergaceva
Wanda Kozak
Aisling Ryan
Laura Iorgulescu

Deputy Head Girl - Sinead McGuane

Head Girl - Leonie Bennett

Student of the Year - Milena Sanocka

EASTER LITURGY

Easter Liturgy was a very prayerful event in the Gym Hall. We thank Ms. C O'Brien and Sr. Colette Hourigan who co-ordinated this event.



Mr. Tony McKernan who retires this year with his wife Catherine
Mr Neil Bray who retires



Chone Ecuador South America

Salados a todos. It was a great joy this week when a special friend from Ecuador arrived in Limerick. Her name is Maria del Carmen Salazar Bravo. You may have seen a beautiful lady around the school. Maria is very excited about her visit to the green Isle and all the lovely people she has met. Maria was educated by Presentation Sisters and is now an Accountant in her local Hospital Flavio Alfaro.

I had the privilege of working in Chone for eighteen years and as you know I return every second Summer to work on projects with the local people. I would like to say a big thanks you to the staff and students for the Coffee Morning and the most enjoyable Basketball match I was ever at and to Miss O'Brien for organising it all. I look forward to telling you all about the work in Ecuador when we meet in September. Gracias Amigos

Sr. Colette Hourigan



Sr. Colette and her friend Maria del Carmel, from Chone, Ecuador



Transition Year students visit London



Transition Year students clean up the city

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Cookery for Fun

Cookery for Fun took place with Class 102 at the end of February 2012. This activity took place over a 4 week period. The teachers who initiated this idea were Ms Fitzsimons and Ms Fogarty.

The invitation to cook with their daughters was extended to all of the parents of 102. If parents were unable to make it on the day we invited the students, older sister, grandparent, aunt.

The session was attended by Louise Arnold, Stacey Doyle, Catherine Lynch, Suad Angarib, Jessica Frahill, Jatuphon Promloi, Catherine Scanlon.

Over the 4 week period students and parents baked scones, cup cakes and cooked burgers and wedges and chicken curry.

The aim of this activity was to bring parent and child together for an enjoyable experience.

A second aim of the project was to highlight to parents the use of key words and how they can support their daughters to learn them at home. They looked at numeracy by learning to scale the recipe up/down dividing the finished product into portions, time, weight and temperature.

Suad Angarib prepared an amazing dish of Spicy Chicken which she willingly shared with the whole class.

At the end of each cooking session the whole group made up of students, parents and teachers sat around the table to share and enjoy what they cooked that afternoon.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Fitzsimons and Ms Buckley and the parents for their participation and commitment to this project.



Grandparent's Day



Basketball Blitz

Students who played staff in basketball blitz

Victorious Staff



Left - Mr Neil Bray who retires this year with Tara Dunne
Below L: Jessica Ahern with Miss E Madigan Below R: Jennifer Quinn LC with Ms Mary Madigan



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Limerick HSCL Parent Facilitated Transfer Programme

On Tuesday evening 6th March 2012 in Mary Immaculate College of Education, twenty parents from DEIS primary and post-primary schools in Limerick City were presented with Certificates of Completion of a Parent Transfer Facilitators Programme. This Training Programme is an initiative of the Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Scheme.

The parents have trained to become facilitators of a programme to be delivered to parents in primary and post-primary schools. It will be delivered to parents of Fifth Class, Sixth Class and First Year pupils and will be co-facilitated by parents and HSCL co-ordinators in a series of interactive facilitated sessions.

Initially, parents did ten weeks of training to learn facilitation skills. Each session of training lasted three hours. They learned about Group Dynamics, how groups work and the roles different people play in groups. They were also trained in Session Planning and key skills needed when managing a group of people.

Subsequently they did further training on specific planning of the sessions to be delivered in the schools. They worked on the content of the lessons including information involving: what parents need to know about the transfer process, filling out the Post-primary application forms, understanding the Education System in Ireland, how schools operate and run, how to get the best from the Education System, the exam process, the points system and the CAO. They were very fortunate to have an excellent trainer and facilitator, Margaret Griffin, MGT (Training) Ltd, organising the training sessions and working with them.

Supporting parents at the crucially important time of transfer from primary to post-primary is one of the key areas of work for HSCL co-



Bernie Aherne and Mary Hogan who completed the parent facilitation skills training with Mary Ryan

ordinators. From talking to parents individually and in groups, the HSCL co-ordinators identified the need for in-depth work with parents in this area. Many parents wanted to talk about how they feel about the move, to get more information on the options open to their child, to understand the system. The Home School Community Liaison Scheme believes that supporting parents in becoming facilitators empowers the parent and gives them a sense of ownership of the education process. Parents become a resource to other parents and parent-

to-parent is a very effective means of communication.

A Transfer Programme Training Manual was also launched that evening. This Manual is called *My Child My Vision* and will contain detailed lesson plans for the six sessions, following the structure of the parent training sessions. Parents planned the content of the Manual and the layout of the lessons. They were part of the Steering Committee for this project and were also involved in organising the launch.

Family members, School Principals, NEWB, representatives of the Limerick Colleges, Limerick Education Centre, VEC, NEWB, The Department of Education and Skills, The Department of Children and Youth Affairs were at the launch.

This was a very significant event and a very special occasion. The involvement of parents in this project has been truly inspirational. From the time it was first proposed, parents wholeheartedly embraced the project. The project demonstrates the parents' belief in the importance of their involvement in their child's education and offers a valuable opportunity for a central role for parents in the education process.

Literacy Initiative First Years and Second Years

One Book One Weston

The Spirit of the Titanic by Nicola Pierce.

First years and Second Years were invited by Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School to join in a Literacy Initiative known as the "One Book One Weston"

The book chosen was *The Spirit of the Titanic* by Nicola Pierce to mark the 100 year anniversary of the Titanic.

The classes involved in the project read the book over a 5 week period both in school and at home. Parents were contacted and invited to join with their daughters in reading and discussing the content with them. They further supported the project by preparing their daughters for a 4 week Spelling Challenge.

Twelve students from first and second year joined our Lady of Lourdes Primary School to take part in a Table Quiz based on the content of the book.

To mark the conclusion of the project on Friday the 25th of May 2012 the author Nicola Pierce will spend the day with our first years and second years. She will be an Author in Residence for the day and will do workshops with these students during the day.

Parents will get an opportunity to meet her at the Awards Ceremony which will take place in the School Library from 2.30p.m. to 3.30p.m. on Friday the 25th of May 2012.

Boxing by Ruby Shire 101 - 1st year

I train at boxing in our Lady of Lourdes Boxing Club with Shane Daly, Timmy Casey, Martin Dunworth and Andy Lee's brother Roger Lee. We train four nights a week. We fought in the Munster Championships not so long ago. I won the semi-final, I stopped the girl 22 seconds into the second round and lost in the final by 2 points. I am going to train much harder next season to win.



Retirement



Mr Neil Bray and Mr. Tony McKernan who retire this year.

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CSPE Projects



Lá le Bride

Lá le Bride was celebrated in style on February 1st. The tradition of making the St. Brigid's Cross has become part of our celebration.



Donna Ahern (201) with CBS Pipeband on 32 Co. Challenge on the road to New York Megan Daly and Jade Franklin 5th years also took part.



Brian Lynch and Tina Cogley got married in Wexford on the 31st March 2012, the first Saturday of Easter Holidays

Sports Day



At sports day with Laura, Ciara Judge, Chloe Duggan, Alanna Mullaney, Hayley Gardiner with Keith Earls.



Laura Moloney (201), Chloe Duggan (201), Faine Carmody (102) who have qualified for the Munster Hurling U16 Trials.



Kayleigh McNamara with Colette Keogh



Kayleigh Considine with Sarah Quinlan



Miss Hamill with a group of 5th years Stephanie Power, Jade Franklin & Bernadette Flynn

GRADUATION 2012

Our sincere thanks to Ms. C O'Brien, Ms G. Casey, Ms. D Hennigan, Art Dept., staff and students who are part of a memorable school celebration.

Healthy Eating & Exercise Week

Friday 4th - 11th May

- Friday 4th - French Market - 2nd Years
- Wednesday 9th - Muesli/Muffins - 2nd Years
- Thursday 10th - Breakfast/Bufferet - 5th Years
- Smoothies 'N' Snax + Zumba T.Y.
- Friday 11th - Yoga - 6th Yrs, Healthy Junk - 3rd Yrs
- Smooth Talking - 1st Years

A huge success. Many thanks to Ms. K. Sheahan who co-ordinated the event.

STAFF NEWS:

Congratulations to

- Ms. Tina Cogley who got married on March 30th 2012
- Ms. Hutchinson who got married on December 30th 2011
- Ms Sarah Donnellan who gave birth to Darragh on March 13th 2012
- Mr Eoghan O'Sullivan who joined our staff in December
- Mr Cathal O'Sullivan who joined our staff in February