



CBS Thurles

Happy Easter

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody in the CBS Thurles community a very Happy Easter. The second term of the academic school year is a particularly busy one. Many activities have been held in the school – School Musical, Seachtain na Gaeilge, Mock exams, DES Leaving Cert practical exams, school outings, Junior Certificate examinations, Well-being week, sporting events, parent teacher meetings, Parents' Council table quiz, debating, – the list is endless. I hope that you enjoy reading this newsletter which will give you a flavour of a very full and vibrant life here at the CBS.

First Year students visit Paris

Tiernan O'Donnell
Principal



Over the Mid-Term break thirty seven of our first year students arrived safely home in Dublin Airport having spent the previous four days in Paris. During their sojourn in the French capital they participated in a wide array of activities designed to improve their linguistic abilities and give them a taste of Gallic culture. On their first morning in Paris they enjoyed a guided bus tour of the city before having lunch in a nice restaurant on the Rue Rivoli. Afterwards, the pupils visited Notre-Dame Cathedral and took a stroll around the historic Notre-Dame area.

The following day saw a visit to the Louvre where they were given the opportunity to appreciate the museum's impressive collection of fine art: including, of course, the Mona Lisa. Following this the students visited the Arc de Triomphe, ascending to the top to take in the awe-inspiring panoramic view of the city.

The afternoon was capped off with a visit to the Eiffel Tower and that evening the pupils enjoyed a fun and relaxing couple of hours at a local bowling alley. Monday was spent at Disneyland, where Thunder Mountain and the Rock N Roller Coaster appeared to be the star attractions for the boys. On the final morning the group strolled around the historic Montmartre area of the city and visited La Basilique du Sacre Coeur. Later the pupils were given a guided tour of the Stade de France.

Basketball Midlands League Champions



Congratulations to our second year basketball team who have secured the title of Midlands League Champions. To reach the final of the Midlands League they had to overcome a talented Marist College team from Athlone. Following this 9 point victory they travelled to Portlaoise for the final to face St. Pauls School from Portlaoise. After a very close contest it was in the 4th quarter that the CBS students pulled away and secured a well earned victory on a score line of 38 points to 20.

The team now progress to the all Ireland knockout stages of the competition. Congratulations to all the students involved and Ms. Quinlan and Mr. Mulcahy on this great achievement. We wish them the very best as they seek further glory.



Upcoming Events

Edmund Rice Day.
Friday 4th May

6th Year Graduation Mass.
Friday 11th May

Annual Awards Night.
Thursday 24th May

Transition Year Graduation.
Friday 25th May

Junior & Leaving Cert examinations commence.
Wednesday 6th June

iPad Deployment Day for incoming 1st year students.
Friday 15th June

News in Brief

Congratulations to our O'Dowd panel on progressing to the final of the O'Dowd Cup following a 4-12 to 1-7 victory over St. Colman's of



Fermoy. They will face either De la Salle or Ard Scoil Ris in the final.



First students attending Bookworm to mark world book day. Our school Library is open at Lunchtimes.

Transition Year Activities

In February our transition year students participated in an engaging **interactive law seminar** which was facilitated by Kate Hedigan of LawEd. The pupils were informed about various aspects of law including consumer law, employment rights, road traffic offences and the laws in relation to alcohol and drugs. Through the medium of a mock trial they also learned how a court operates, the roles of judges, barristers and solicitors, and the differences between civil and criminal cases. The pupils also learned about careers in law.

In February students completed their **work experience**. Work experience is an integral part of the Transition Year programme as the students are afforded the opportunity to learn new skills while also gaining an insight into possible career choices for their futures. The school would like to thank all the businesses and organisations which helped to facilitate this element of the Transition Year course by offering our students their work placements. Students have taken part in **Build A Bank, GAA Coaching Course and a Car Maintenance Course** to mention but a few activities. In early February students participated in a **Personal Safety Course** which was delivered by Personal Safety Ireland. The course focused on awareness, boundaries, consent and self-defence techniques. The pupils really enjoyed this practical and thought-provoking workshop.

This year's **School Musical**, 'Oh What A Night!', was performed in the Premier Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday night (25th -27th February). This lively and entertaining show features the music of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, including hits such as ' Sherry ', ' Can't take my eyes off you', ' Beggin' and 'Oh What A Night'. Evan Lyons playing the part of Frankie while the parts of Bob, Tommy and Nick were performed by Kevin Bracken, Ryan Greene and Eoin Ryan respectively. The show was a huge success with full houses each night. Well done to all TY students and students from other year groups for making the show such a huge success.

Students will be heading to **Belfast** following the Easter Break for what will be a very busy end to the year for our TY students.

Games Fleadh 2018

In February our first year coding classes, accompanied by a selection of transition years, attended the third level games development exhibition at LIT-Thurles. The pupils interacted with games developers and listened to informative talks from industry experts. The event was particularly useful for anybody considering a career in computer programming or games development.

Equestrian Success

Congratulations to our Equestrian team on winning the local leg of the Inter-Schools Ireland Equestrian League at Tipperary Equestrian Centre on Saturday, the 27th of January. The team, which consisted of Killian Ryan, Cormac Quirke, Oliver Penfold and Toby Lambe, was one of only three teams, from the sixteen which were competing, to post a clear opening round. They then won the play-off round which was run against the clock. Well done to all involved.



Cast and Crew of *Oh What A Night*



Evan, Kevin, Ryan and Eoin on stage



Mr. Quinn taking on 1st years during the Games Fleadh



Presentation to Killian, Cormac, Oliver and Toby following their success in the Inter Schools competition .

German Exchange

Before the Easter break, nine German exchange students travelled home to Rosenheim in the south-east of Germany having spent the previous ten days with their host families in Thurles, Holycross, Ballycahill, Horse and Jockey, Gortnahoe and Two-Mile Borris. While in Ireland the students, from the Ignaz Gunther Gymnasium, attended classes with their exchange partners as well as experiencing a taste of Irish culture through their attendance at G.A.A. matches and St. Patrick's Day parades.

They also visited local attractions such as the Rock of Cashel and the Mitchelstown Caves. Last September their host students had a very enjoyable time in Rosenheim. Plans for next year's exchange are already underway.



A great welcome for our exchange students

Wellbeing Week

In early February the school organised a series of events which were designed to promote awareness of mental health issues and to encourage positivity and general wellbeing. Our second year students participated in a range of enjoyable team-building exercises in the school yard and in the P.E. hall; the winning class group was rewarded with pizza and chips on Friday.

The following day Mr. Justin Campbell, addiction counselor and former Galway hurler, spoke to the fifth years about alcohol, gambling and drug addiction. Using his own life story as an example, Mr. Campbell outlined how easy it can be to slip into addiction and he furnished the pupils with some effective strategies and advice so that they will be able to recognise the warning signs and thus avoid getting into any difficulties.

On Wednesday our first and second year students attended productions of Mr. Michael O Sullivan's Humourfit show, which analysed issues such as bullying in a humorous, interactive and thought-provoking manner.

Along with these activities, there was a 'Wellbeing' noticeboard in the foyer where students posted positive messages about mental health, subjects such as religion, S.P.H.E. and P.E. focused on wellbeing, and 'Mindfulness Moment' quotes were read out over the intercom each day.



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Tipperary Student Enterprise Awards



Some of our award winners from the Tipperary Student Enterprise Awards 2018



Congrats to our minor team who came 3rd and our junior team who came 2nd at the Munster Schools Cross Country Championships in Waterford in February.



Imeachtaí éagsúla do Sheachtain na Gaeilge



Our 1st year students enjoyed the Games Fleadh held in LIT, Thurles recently. The events shows students the career possibilities available in the software industry. Thanks to LIT for a great learning experience. We look forward to next years event.



Concern Debating

Our Concern debating team was knocked out of the competition the quarter final stage by last years winners, Sacred Heart Convent, Clonakilty, before the Easter break. The team which was captained by Brendan Atkins and which comprised Stephen Condon, Enna Ryan and Klye English preformed well in what was an extremely entertaining and close debate. Alas it was not enough to sway the adjudicators, thus bringing this years campaign to an end.

A day in the Life



Thanks to Humour Fit Drama Company who spoke to our 2nd and 5th year students on 29th January about positive attitudes to life. A unique and powerful learning experience for our students.



Our senior Choir students performing at the Seinn concert on 7th December.

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Congratulations to our athletes who were acknowledged at the Annual County Tipperary Star Awards in January. Munster School's T&F Overall Winners: Intermediate Boys & All Ireland School's Overall Intermediate Cup Winners. 2017



Our Science Club takes place every week. The club encourages students to explore the world of science through experimentation and exploration.



Hard luck to our Harty Cup panel who lost out to Middleton CBS by in the quarter final of the competition in January.



Some of our TY students Transition Year students who completed their GAA coaching Course with Andy Ryan and Tipp GAA

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