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Thanks to everyone that contributed to our draw so far. The atmosphere in the school has been so positive during this unusual time with covid. PE classes always have high participation in the school but the change to the sports hall was a worry but the astro turf area means that the boys are getting lots of exercise on a daily basis at lunch and weekly during PE. Please support the project to ensure we can move on developing the school to the benefit of all students.

**History Club**

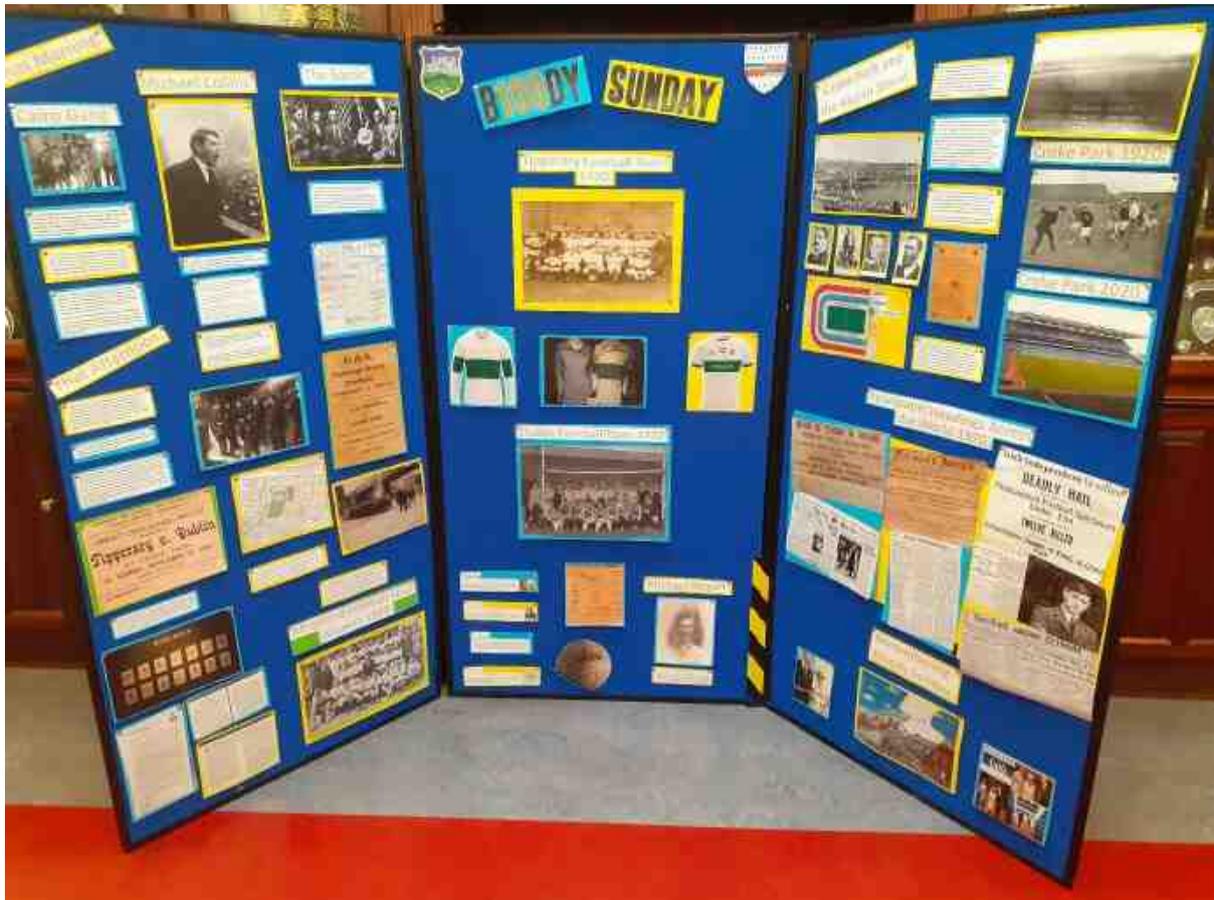
History club incorporates both topics first years learn in class along with topical issues from around the world. We have looked at a range of topics from linking Halloween to Ancient Rome, hitting the poles in a presidential debate between America's first president George Washington and an Irish descendent John F Kennedy and Bloody Sunday where students designed their own commemorative jerseys to mark its Centenary. We conclude every meeting with some quizzes and games (and the odd Haribo). History club takes place on Wednesday's at 1.20 to 1.50. All welcome.





### TY Bloody Sunday Display

Ms. McGrath's TY History Classes have been learning all about The Irish War of Independence and its links to the GAA in this period. Students have completed a very interesting display around Bloody Sunday including Michael Collins and The Squad, Croke Park and the Hogan Stand and Newspaper headlines across the world after the event. They each researched a different aspect of the events which occurred on the 21st of November 1920. Make sure to check out the display in the hall which celebrates its upcoming Centenary this weekend.



## Scoil Ailbhe Bloody Sunday Re-enactment

Congratulations to our junior school Scoil Ailbhe on the wonderful re-enactment of the events of Bloody Sunday. For anyone that hasn't seen the video or some of the photos they should keep them out on their Twitter feed or through any of our social media platforms where we shared them. Well done to everyone involved, it's a weekend these boys will remember for generations to come.



## MY TY Journey So Far

By Corey Ryan Casey – 4A

I returned to school in September not knowing what to expect, it was my first time in school since March and the atmosphere I returned to was not the one I had left. Everything felt unnatural, constant hand sanitizing, strict seating plans and socially distanced lunch breaks, all things that were completely unfamiliar to me. Who would have guessed this time last year we would be in the situation we are in now? I felt like I had so many loose ends after our early finish to school in March, even though we had continued with online learning it had not felt like school at all. All the best bits were left out like sports and meeting friends.

Yes, it would be a Transition Year like no other but that did not mean we would be doing nothing at all, in fact it was quite the opposite. So far, we've had at least one activity every week. To end our first full week, Mr. Stokes brought our entire year to the Railway Field for a full morning of sports, it was nice to have a morning off at the end of week one. The following week was our first trip away and it was a great trip. We arrived in Ballyhass at half nine and spent the next few hours taking on various challenges and doing activities. Then to cap off the day we spent time on the inflatable water park diving into the water and just enjoying the facilities. Next, we had a Goal Setting workshop which helped us with our team building and our leadership. An important workshop followed soon after with the First Aid course which taught us how to react to different medical emergencies, it also taught us the FAST method for a stroke and most importantly how to provide CPR.

We moved to the Home Ec. Kitchen then for Padre Pio nursing home's 'Great School Bake Off' where we competed with other local schools to see who could bake the best old school dessert. This was a lot different to any activity we have done so far but it was a welcome challenge. We travelled to different places locally for various sports activities like Footgolf, Tennis and the Driving range in Cashel or Pitch and Putt in Templemore. They were all welcome trips away from the classroom. Mr. Devane then organized our 'Tipp Tops Challenge' which would see us climb the Devils Bit, Slievenamon, Keeper's hill and the daunting Galtymore. So far, we have completed our first two climbs and will complete the next two in the New Year. Then we had local business people in to talk to us about the importance of shopping locally which opened our eyes. Next, we had the "Develop Me" workshop where we attempted the 'Lost Dutchman's Gold Mine' We had to work together to plan a trip and then execute it. While we were doing all these activities a new Astroturf and sports facilities was built in the school yard. This has made PE and lunch a lot more fun and we are able to enjoy ourselves while staying in the school.

Overall, I've had a great TY experience so far and am ready for whatever we get up to next.



**Friendship Week**

This week we mark a very special week in the school to appreciate and reflect on the friendships that exist in the school and what they mean to us all. There will be a number of events throughout the week by and for the staff and the students.



### Science

3B took part in a live online seminar with Dr Barry Fitzgerald who spoke with the boys from the Netherlands. This was organised by the University of Limerick as part of their science week events. The boys learned about the Science and Mathematics of a Pandemic. They found learning about the spread of cholera very interesting and asked some great questions at the end.



### Calender

There will be no school on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

School as normal on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 – Final day of term

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – School re-opens

## House exams

Our house exams for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, TY and 5<sup>th</sup> years take place the week of Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Please encourage the boys to prepare properly for the exams.

1<sup>st</sup> year exams will take place on the final week of school before the Christmas holidays.

## Board of Management

Monday saw the start of a new cycle for our Board of Management. The new board met for the first time. Members are Mary O'Dwyer (Chairperson), Kathryn O'Brien (Secretary), Declan Fitzpatrick, Neil Butler, Kay Skehan, Michael Cleary, Ger Corbett, Pat Ryan, Fergus O'Brien. Thanks to all members for giving up their time voluntarily to ensure the school runs in the best possible way.

## Incoming first years 2021

Thanks to all the parents that applied for the school next year. The school will be in contact regarding all applications.

## Munster Champions 2020

Massive congratulations to all involved with the Tipperary Senior football panel on winning the Munster senior final for the first time since 1935. A special congratulations to Paddy Creedon who is the youngest member of the panel having only completed his Leaving Cert this year. Paddy is pictured below with the county U15 A football Cusack Cup which he captained the school to win. Paddy is also pictured supporting his cousin Aidan Fogarty in Dancing with the Stars earlier this year. A player with a big future, we wish him well in the All-Ireland semi final against Mayo and hope he wins plenty more Munster titles.



Pictured below are some of the boys involved on county minor hurling and football panels this year from the school. There are 13 on the hurling panel, 8 on the football panel and one on the Kilkenny minor panel. Conor Wall is missing from the photo. Lets hope there is an Improvement in circumstances with covid and the boys get to fulfil their dream of representing their county.



### **Tommy Butler**

It was with deep sadness that we heard the news of Tommy Butlers sad passing. Tommy went to school in Templemore CBS and excelled at hurling with his native Drom and Inch and Tipperary. Tommy won an all-star and was a forward of note. Tommy's sons started out in the school in 1993 and the youngest David was on the All-Ireland Croke Cup winning team in 2009. During that time Tommy rarely missed a school game and took on the role of maintaining the Railway Field for the school. Tommy took on this job regularly approximately 15 years ago and has continued ever since. Tommy's sons Micheal is a current teacher in the school and David has worked in the school over the past few years also. Our deepest sympathies to the family and our thanks for all the time and effort spent over the past number of years.

