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Thanks to everyone that contributed to our draw so far. The atmosphere in the school has being 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.

Here are a few photos to show the changes since August and how quickly we forget the way the yard was before then.

**Before**



**and**

**After**





# Friendship Week

Friendship Week ran in the school from Monday Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday Nov 24<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the importance of friendship in everybody's lives. Different themes were taken each day to provide a focus on some of the many characteristics of friendship.

## Reflect Monday

Principal Ms O' Brien introduced friendship week and invited students to present to the school community their findings on the meaning of friendship. Ryan Walsh, Sam Quinlan, Ben O Driscoll, Scot Brennan, and Daniel Murphy encouraged all who listened on the school intercom to reflect on friendship under the headings of kindness, support, trust, and loyalty and being open to talking with friends and family. These friendship values are about staying "connected" a key wellbeing indicator of the Junior Certificate Programme.



## Talk Tuesday



Our school Chaplain Father Joe Walsh spoke to students about the importance of talking with friends and family. He encouraged students to drop their phones and find time to converse and chat about the simple things of daily life. He spoke of the importance of keeping Jesus in their lives. Boys in second year made cakes and buns in Home Economics class and following this they played kahoot where they had to converse in teams to complete questions set.

## Kindness Wednesday

All students and staff were asked to carry out an act of kindness during the day and were reminded that carrying out deeds of kindness is one of the best things to do for our own wellbeing. In the spirit of fun and to mark the day students and staff were asked to wear a pair of crazy socks to generate conversation, laughter and to act as a reminder that acts of kindness in Thurles CBS are gestures to be proud of.

## Say Thanks Thursday

In this particularly challenging time, the staff of the school wished to say thanks to all students for their support and maturity in following all school protocols in place this year. Boxes of sweets were distributed as a small token of thanks to the students and teachers received a nice scone and bun to have at small break.

A simple thank you shows appreciation and when said with sincerity is a wonderful sentiment to be on the receiving end of. All in the school were encouraged to say thanks a little bit more often to fellow students, staff, family, and friends.



### Irish Independent #30under30

Jack O'Mara and Daniel Ruddy are named in the Irish Independent top 30 entrepreneurs under the age of 30. Well done to the boys on their continued success over the past year. Their product the "Handy Hose Holder" has been a huge success since the boys produced it.



**JACK COTTER (22) AND NICK COTTER (19) COTTER AGRITECH**

The Cotter Czar is the brainchild of brothers Jack and Nick Cotter, who run their firm Cotter Agritech from the family farm in Abbeyville, Co Limerick. The agricultural-focused start-up develops equipment and software to help sheep farmers care for their lambs, making them more productive, profitable and sustainable.

The idea for the czar - which has already won numerous awards - came to the brothers while they were trying to vaccinate lambs on their family farm. It uses clever engineering to make handling lambs easier, faster and safer, and combines with the brothers' new SmartWeight mobile app, a diagnostic tool for managing lamb health and performance that they are developing.

The brothers set up their first business Corner Bros Fifehead wood just 11 AOD 13 - now open in the country. Their second business, Cotter Organic Lamb, direct sells their own organic grass-fed lamb nationwide. CEO Nick is currently studying Law and Business at DCC, while chief technology officer Jack is in final year of Process and Management Engineering at LIT.

**TALITA HOLZER (29) AND ROBBIE FRYERS (27) WAYTOR**

Talita Holzer and Robbie Fryers have developed a unique product to help people of all abilities navigate their neighbourhoods with ease. Waytor was created with the vision to make the world more accessible to people of all abilities.

Their mainstream navigation solutions, waytor, was co-designed by the two Trinity College engineering graduates for people with different levels of ability to meet the needs of those who are not able-bodied. A smartphone and smartwatch app enables users to their destinations through

discovery by the publisher and an industry expert. "This was a great learning curve - not alone in working with new materials and processes but understanding how quickly we could adapt when change was required. The plan is to further establish myself as a leader in the design and creation of bespoke sculptures," he says.

**JACK O'MARA (17) AND DANIEL RUDDY (17) J&D ENGINEERING**

Jack O'Mara and Daniel Ruddy set up their own engineering firm to manufacture a home builder they invented for use on dairy farms. J&D Engineering's copyrighted Handy Hose Holder is specialised for use in milking parlours and industrial wash down areas, using features to attach to steel surfaces.

Daniel came up with the idea while working on the farm with his father and the pair deployed it in Christmas Year.

"Having identified that there was a problem with continually bending down to pick up the hoses we decided to design a product to address this. We developed a prototype which we were able to trial on the farm and then with Teagasc," says Jack.

Initial online sales were good but a listing with Glasnost has been a major boost for revenue.

"If the business scales further we will have to look at raising finance," says O'Mara. "We believe our business has huge potential. Our product is unique and there are dairy farms with milking parlours all over the world so it has unlimited possibilities to go worldwide."

**LIAM LYSAGHT (22) FILTERCYCLE**

Liam Lysaght has developed a system that recycles cigarette butts into plastic to use as a raw material for manufacturing sustainable products. FilterCycle is about to start production of plastic in its pilot recycling facility, with expected capacity of



## CBA timetable 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years

### CBS Thurles 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Classroom-Based Assessment Calendar 2020/21

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Visual Art CBA 2: Communicate and Reflect.								
October Mid-Term	Week 10 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Week 11 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Week 12 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Week 13 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Week 14 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Week 15 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Week 16 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Break
	Visual Art CBA 2		Modern Foreign Languages CBA 1: Oral Communication.			Music CBA 2: Programme Note.		
	Coding CBA 1							
Week 17 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Week 18 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Week 19 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Week 20 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Week 21 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Week 22 8 <sup>th</sup> February	February Mid-Term	Week 23 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Week 24 1 <sup>st</sup> March
Science CBA 2: Science in Society Investigation.								
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	Home Economics CBA 1: Creative Textiles.							
	PE CBA 1: Physical Activity for Health and Wellbeing							
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English CBA		History CBA 1: The Past in My Place.			Science CBA 1			
Modern Foreign Languages CBA 1: Oral Communication.			Geography CBA 1: Geography in the News.				Maths CBA 1	
Visual Art CBA 1: From Process to Realisation.							Wood Technology CBA 1: Wood Science in Our Environment.	
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Science CBA 1: Extended Experimental Investigation.		Graphics CBA 1: Communicating Through Sketching.						
Maths CBA 1: Mathematical Investigation.		Music CBA 1: Composition Portfolio.						
Wood Technology	Business Studies CBA 1: Business in Action.			Business Studies CBA 1: Business in Action.				

## Calender

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.

## Remembering Br O'Connell

Br O'Connell spent most of his teaching life in Nenagh CBS, having started teaching in Templemore CBS. Brother sadly passed away last March and is a huge loss to all CBS schools. Most past pupils of the school that play hurling took part in the Rice Cup since its inception in 1944 to mark the century of Blessed Edmund Rice's death. Brother O'Connell almost singlehandedly keep this wonderful competition running for the past thirty years. He was first involved in teams in 1967 with Templemore as a coach and was still involved as President of the Rice Cup Committee up to the time of his passing. Any player that played in this wonderful competition may not have met the man but owes him a tip of the hat for the great work he carried out on for them. As we are the school that has won the competition most and appreciate its importance for our players development, we especially should be thankful for all his efforts. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.

