

NEWSLETTER

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From the Principals Desk

As the 2014 / 15 academic year draws to a close it is with great pride that we can reflect on another very successful year in the life of our school. The Minister for Education and Skills, Jan O'Sullivan TD, attended our school on May 15th 2015 to perform a sod turning ceremony in respect of our new school building. This is a very exciting reality for our school to finally see progress on our long awaited and much needed extension. This project should commence construction over the course of the summer and has a building budget of 10 million euro. This new structure is what our school community richly deserves as we continue to be recognised as one of the best schools in the country.

Our school was involved in a number of very enriching experiences during the year. We received a very special presentation of our national flag from the President of Ireland Micheal D Higgins through the Thomas F Meagher Foundation and our Students Council organised a very significant flag raising ceremony on May 3rd. The event was attended by a large number of our locally elected public representatives.

During the recent celebration of the centenary of the sinking of the Lusitania our school was again to the fore with a magnificent selection of projects on display in the Temperance Hall in Kinsale on Friday and Saturday May 9th and 10th. Those that visited the Temperance Hall to view the students work were very impressed by the experience and highly complementary of our students and their work.

The sporting success that the school enjoyed over the last term was remarkable, with a girls basketball team and a boys basketball team reaching all Ireland finals. Similarly our table tennis and golf students competed at all Ireland level. This is in addition to county and Munster successes that these students enjoyed. Our GAA teams competed excellently also, with our under 16 girls football team

winning the County final.

Our Young Scientist students have yet again led the way in the RDS last January. The benefit that our students derive from this experience is immense, not just in the area of science but in the overall development of their capacity to engage in research and confidently communicate their findings.

Our Irish department impressed an all-party committee of the Oireachtas when we were invited to partake in a discussion around challenges facing the youth of our society. There were three schools invited to partake in this very prestigious discussion. The other two schools were Gael Colaisti. While we are not an all Irish speaking school, our students displayed a level of fluency that was commensurate with those schools that are.

Our Home Economics department has had a hugely successful year in terms of participation with a variety of competitions and events. An initiative that was a particular success was the Healthy Living Week which was aimed at the whole school community in terms of nutritional well-being and healthy lifestyle choices.

Our students are singled out for their kindness as well as their academic and sporting achievements and in that regard I was very proud of their generous fundraising and participation in a variety of charity events over the course of the year. One of these projects that I was particularly pleased that we supported was the Friends of Jamie Wall project.

All of the numerous extra-curricular activities that occur in our school occur because of the generosity of the teachers in our school. There is a deep desire within our community of teachers for all to achieve the best that they can. I salute and thank our staff for their dedication in this regard.

Coláiste Muire in Crosshaven identified Honor O'Brien as a leader of learning and teaching and they made the excellent decision to appoint her as their Deputy Principal. On behalf of the whole school community in Kinsale I wish Honor all of



the best in her new role.

I want to assure all of our students that are completing their examinations over the next number of weeks that each and every examiner that visited our school during the oral and practical examinations were highly impressed by your excellence. I want to take this opportunity to wish our Leaving Cert and Junior Cert students every success in your examinations.

I want to thank all of the 'Friends of Kinsale Community School' for all of your support over the school year. A special word of thanks to, the Parents Association, the Kinsale Peace Project, the Lions Club, Eamon Judge and his colleagues at Eli-Lilly for the support, assistance, and guidance that you very generously provide to our school on an on-going basis.

Finally I want to thank and congratulate Maria Brosnan for all of her work in preparing and editing this very impressive edition of the Newsletter.

On behalf of the Board of Management and our Chairperson Sr Rita I would like to wish every one of our students the very best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer break and I look forward to welcoming you back for the 2015/16 school year.

Lengalill Corry

Deputy Principals Desk

As part of the School Self Evaluation drive, where we continually find ways to review and improve our practices at KCS, we are currently focussing on the role of Numeracy in the classroom. This does not just involve Maths classes, it is a cross-curricular element which feeds into and enhances every other subject. As with Literacy, a pupil's Numeracy can be hugely supported and improved on by parents in the home. Confident use of Fractions and Decimals are essential as a foundation, this is an area we are presently examining in First Year. Here are some practical suggestions that can be used by parents, some are more appropriate for Junior Cycle pupils:

- *Get to know your Maths language- look at your child's Maths textbook and ask them to teach you what they are learning in school. Can they explain to you clearly what an Improper Fraction is? a Numerator? Ratio?*
- *Encourage your child to complete Maths homework to a high standard, and to show all 'working out' in their homework.*
- *Bring your child to the supermarket with you and see if they can mentally compute what the cost of what is in the trolley will be before you get to the till. This includes 50% off items, 3 for 2 and so on. A correct answer could be rewarded with a 'prize' if they get within 5%!*
- *Compare the nutritional content of*

pre-packaged food items with your child. This information is often listed as decimals or percentages on packaging.

• *Get your child to figure out cost of family trips- including petrol, other travel, entrance fees, food, lodging etc*

• *You may give your child pocket money, if so encourage them to save some and to figure out how they might save for something they want- for example, if they saved 30% of their pocket money over three months, how much would this come to? Could they negotiate a 'raise' as a percentage in exchange for chores?*

• *Sports and matches are a great opportunity to talk Numbers with your child- length of the game, tally of scoring, shapes of the different balls, angles of kicks, perimeter/ area of different playing fields, player statistics.*

• *Collecting and using different cookery recipes to discuss measurements, cooking times, temperatures, cost of buying ingredients is very valuable.*

• *Play number based games together regularly, such as Sudoku, Logic puzzles, strategy games*

• *Use the newspapers to scan for Numeracy in day to day life- property tax, water charges, interest rates, mortgage rates for example- and encourage your child to 'do the sums'*

• *It might be interesting for you to look at your family tree with your child including dates of birth of family members and dates of key family events. Your child could design a timeline for you.*

• *You could encourage your child to do some information gathering of how*



much time the family spends watching TV or on social media and to present the information in graph format to see who in the family are the most fond of these!

• *Your child might like cars- get them talking about fuel consumption in different makes and models and weigh up the pros and cons with them of possible costs and savings.*

These are just some examples of many activities you could use at home to not only develop your child's Numeracy levels, but also develop their thinking skills. You foster critical thinking skills in your child every time you encourage them to see a situation from a different point of view, to explain a challenging concept to you using precise language or to find their own solutions to problems independently.

Kathleen O'Brien (Deputy Principal)

FR PETER McVERRY

Kinsale Community School was delighted to welcome guest speaker Fr Peter McVerry on Friday 12th December. Fr McVerry is an advocate for social justice and the poor in Ireland. He is a very sincere and powerful speaker; he has won numerous awards for his tireless work and this year was given the freedom of Dublin. It was a very interesting and informative visit and students were given an insight into the work done by Fr McVerry and also had the opportunity to ask questions. We are very grateful to Mr Pdraig Fitzgerald of Kinsale Peace Project for giving us the opportunity to meet such a remarkable speaker.



Kinsale Youth Support Services

KYSS is a voluntary organisation for the community of Kinsale. Every Wednesday a group of 32 Transition Year students meet with Tom Walsh to work on our Youth Forum.



The aim of the KYSS Youth Forum is to promote Positive Mental Health in our community.

So far this year we have organised: Free Hug Days, Movie Nights, Carol-singing and much, much more!

We also participated in the St. Patrick's Day parade and even won the award for Best Overall Entry! We have also represented and collected for KYSS at the Cork Arts Studio Choir Concert, the Garda Booklet Launch and most recently at the KYSS Flag Day in Kinsale on May 16th.



We are currently planning a coffee morning and a day out over the Summer Holidays. We encourage next year's TY group to definitely enrol in next year's Youth Forum. We enjoyed it very much as it's great for young people to learn to help and to be an active citizen in their town.

Conor McCarthy & Océane Brophy (TY)

CLONAKILTY BLACK PUDDING

Our 5th year LCVP class visited Clonakilty Black Pudding factory as part of our Enterprise education. On Wednesday April 15th we travelled to the factory in Little Island for the tour of the business. We had a look around the factory and asked the questions we had prepared. We found out a lot of useful information about this organisation and developed many skills such as planning, teamwork and communication skills.

We really enjoyed our visit out and we were all happy when we got our free pudding and rashers! We would like to thank the Production Manager John and our teachers Ms Murphy and Ms Scanlon for accompanying us on the visit.

Michael O'Regan (Y5)



LCVP VISIT TO R.N.L.I.

On the 11th of February, our fifth year LCVP class went on a visit to the R.N.L.I. Lifeboat Station in Kinsale. As part of our Link Modules, we studied voluntary organisations in the community. In class we discussed the different organisations in our area and decided to visit the R.N.L.I. Lifeboat Station so we could see first-hand how the organisation is run.

Firstly we needed to decide as a group how we would organise the trip. We started by having meetings as a class to discuss the different roles we would perform in our task. We learned very quickly that there was plenty to organise before we could set

foot in the Lifeboat Station! Everybody in the class worked very hard to make the trip possible.

We had so much fun and learned so much on our trip to the R.N.L.I. Lifeboat Station. We learned all about the dangers they face and risks they take every time they go out in the boat, all on voluntary basis. The R.N.L.I. is not a Government funded organisation and relies heavily on the generosity of our community to continue. We show how beneficial the organisation is to the community and the importance of its location here in Kinsale.

Our 5th year LCVP class would like to sincerely thank our teachers Ms Murphy,



Ms Leahy and Ms Scanlon for their assistance when organising this trip. We would also like to thank the members of Kinsale R.N.L.I. Lifeboat Station for giving so freely of their time to us on the day.

Daniel Murphy & Liam Collins (Y5)



Abby Fay and Georgina McCarthy (1st Year) who are members of Co. Cork ETB Junior Orchestra who took part in the National Youth Orchestra Festival in the National Concert Hall.

UCC LAW ESSAY COMPETITION

Congratulations to Rachel Butler (TY) who submitted a winning essay to the UCC School of Law Essay Competition 2015. Rachel prepared a 1,000 word essay entitled "Is it fair for a person to have a legal right to have internet search results erased?" over her October mid-term break. In late January Rachel attended a prize giving ceremony in UCC and was presented with a Certificate and a prize for her achievement.



A G E Action

Ten students from Ms. M. Fleming's Religion class volunteered to collaborate with Age Action Ireland in participating in a Getting Started Programme, where we met with members of Age Action for two hours every Friday and gave them one on one IT tutoring. Students first completed a 2 hours training course with the Age Action coordinator Julie Oates. And then we could call ourselves TEACHERS! Our prime role was to make them feel comfortable using technology like laptops and I-Pads. Topics we explored were using Microsoft Word, searching online, renewing car tax online and sending an email. We were able to build a close relationship with our learners and we had lots of fun chatting with them over a cup of tea and biscuits.

Ms. Hay and Ms. M. Fleming attended the last day where we were presented with our certificates by Alan Clayton of SOS Ventures. Many of the learners commented that they found it much easier to learn from young people as they were not afraid to ask questions. We were so happy to get this opportunity to work with people from the Kinsale community.

Sarah McCarthy (TY1)



Past pupil Daisy Pemble has had a wonderful year in UCC. Daisy was awarded the accolade of Fresher of the Year by the UCC Societies Guild for all the work she did in various societies since she began her studies in UCC last September. Well done Daisy, we are very proud of you and we wish you well for the second year of your Arts Degree in UCC.

GERMAN



GERMAN EXCHANGE

During March our TY students travelled to Karlsruhe, Germany, as part of the return exchange visit. The German students came to Kinsale Community School in September 2014 and our pupils were very excited to visit Germany and meet their exchange partners again.

The week was filled with fun activities; we arrived on Sunday and were greeted by our German friends and families at the Goethe Gymnasium. Pupils spent the week enjoying German life, attending German language lessons and visiting local attractions. They visited the ZKM, which is the media and technology museum - most of their time was spent on the interactive games floor! They also visited the town of Heidelberg and enjoyed learning about the history. They spent an afternoon at Europabad, a water activity centre - with lots of slides and an outdoor pool! They were also lucky enough to have a private tour of the oldest cinema in Karlsruhe, with a private viewing of a German movie. The cinema wasn't expecting the demand for salted popcorn - did you know that they eat mostly sweet popcorn in Germany?

Evenings were spent with the exchange partners and their family which was really interesting. It was good to learn about the



culture and try authentic German food. At the weekend they spent time with the families, doing things like: hiking, sledding and some even went to France to visit Salzburg - 2 countries in one trip! Pupils found plenty of time to explore Karlsruhe and do some shopping too.

It was one of many highlights for this year's TY students. I'd recommend anyone who has the chance to take part in future exchanges to go for it!

Tschüß



German Easter Decorating

The students of Kinsale Community School had the opportunity to try some more cultural experiences and celebrated Easter the German way. Student's decorated their own Easter eggs, which are a traditional method of decoration in Germany.... Sadly, the German Easter Eggs are not for eating, much to their disappointment!

German Food

As part of learning a language, it is also important to learn the culture of the country. First year students enjoyed a German themed food lesson, where they got the chance to try typical German food, such as wurst (sausage), pretzels and many more - even German chocolate! The students were very willing to try the different foods and drinks, we even had a couple face their fears and try Gherkins. It was a lovely lesson, and enhances the cultural experience that makes learning a language so unique and fun.

FRENCH



THE RETURN OF THE FRENCH

SUNDAY

After six months of anxious anticipation the French students from Lycee Audibertie in Antibes set foot on Irish soil on April 12th. The French and Irish flags were raised outside the school to greet the French delegation of 28 students and 2 teachers. Being a Sunday the visitors were taken home for a good roast dinner...not too many spuds I warned... they're not used to em!!

MONDAY

The French were lead on a guided historical walk of Cork City by none other than former principal Sean O Broin. Leading them from the Old Gaol over the Shakey Bridge, through the UCC campus along the river past Shandon the

whistle stop tour of the city concluded at the Crawford Art Gallery. Penny's was a dream come true for many who have heard from previous students of the bargains to be had.

TUESDAY

A reception was offered by the principal who spoke of the strong connections between Ireland and France. There followed a walking tour of Kinsale by Dermot Ryan to whom we are most grateful for his time and patience. Next the group were taken to Charles Fort where once again they were talked through the history of this prestigious Vauban design.

WEDNESDAY

After their daily two hour English class with Ms Sinead O'Brien the visitors were greeted officially by Cllr Kevin Murphy Chairperson of the Bandon Kinsale Municipal District who spoke in English, Irish and French. Thanks also to Jackie Mansfield and her staff at the town hall for the reception offered. The afternoon was spent learning to surf in the cold Atlantic waters of Garretstown. Brrrrr!!!

THURSDAY

Warmly welcomed by Mr Jack Wash at the Cobh Heritage Centre students

learned of the history of emigration and the developments in transatlantic transport. The special exhibition on the Lusitania was particularly appreciated. We spent a few fun hours at Fota and of course Mahon Point provided the essential sustenance and shopping to end the day.

FRIDAY

Huge thanks to Ms Brid Kearney, Niamh Twomey and Marieka Buckley who coordinated an hour of entertainment for the visiting students. They were genuinely astonished at the nonstop musical endeavours of students from first to sixth year and the oral demonstration of Cork Slang which was mainly appreciated by the native students! Even the French joined in with an impromptu song!

WEEKEND

After a weekend with families students quietly and tearfully departed Kinsale at 3am on Sun Morning for their flight home from Shannon full of memories of their week in Kinsale.

Tony Cierans (Exchange Organiser)



1st Year Students enjoying a French Breakfast

HOW HIGH CAN YOUR MARSHMALLOW GO?

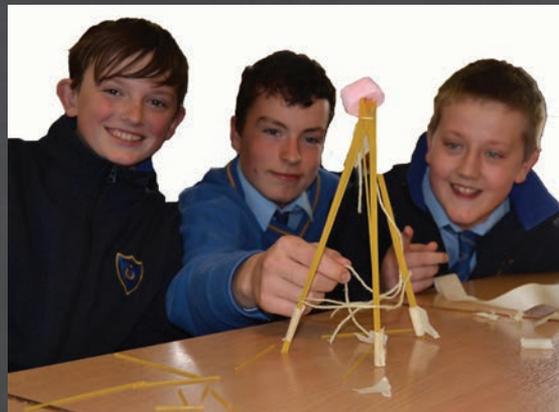
Logical thinking and problem solving skills are core principles of numeracy and were put into practice as first year classes faced the Marshmallow Challenge.

The task is simple: in eighteen minutes, teams must build the tallest free-standing structure out of 20 sticks of spaghetti, one meter of tape, one meter of string, and one marshmallow. The marshmallow needs to be on top.

Students had all the essentials in front of them and were ready to go as they battled against the clock to see which team could produce the tallest freestanding structure.

So with the clock ticking and towers collapsing at many tables, everyone had to focus their energy and creativity and work together as a team. Eventually victors emerged but all were winners in teamwork.
<http://marshmallowchallenge.com>

Mr. D. O'Shea



Maths Competition

Ms. Dullea's 2nd year Maths class held a competition to design a net that could be made into an Easter egg box. A net is the opening out of a 3-d shape, for example, a cube.

The task was to design a net big enough for a standard egg, to include a creative logo and have a unique design.

The competition was tough and so Ms. Forde was called upon to assist in the judging and after much deliberation the winners were Kerri Murphy & Niamh Murphy. Everyone participated and enjoyed the challenge. The winner's net is pictured along with some of the best of the rest.

Abi Allen & Selena McCarthy (Y2)



TIDY TOWNS

The class of TY3 and Ms. M. Fleming decided to tackle the litter in the town of Kinsale during their double Religion class on Friday mornings throughout this school year. So armoured in our Hi-Viz vests, plastic gloves, black bags and litter pickers we targeted the areas of the town where litter was a problem. The streets in general we found to

be fairly clean but we identified a few trouble areas. The town council workers were delighted to see our army of litter patrollers gathering at places like Rose Abbey and the fountain on a Friday morning. Ms. M. Fleming's motivation speech to us was often, one day Kinsale will be as successful in the tidy towns just like her hometown Clonakilty because of our help!

Clara Mulcahy (TY3)



Sod Turning Ceremony

Friday 15th May marked a new beginning in the history of Kinsale Community School as students, staff and visitors gathered to welcome The Minister for Education and Skills, Jan O’Sullivan TD. It was a very exciting occasion for the entire community. It is hoped that works with a budget of over 10 million euro will commence over the course of the summer.

Minister Jan O’Sullivan performed a sod turning ceremony in respect of our long-awaited new school building. The Minister was greeted by school management: Mr Fergal McCarthy (Principal) and Ms Kathleen O’Brien (Deputy Principal). Head Boy Fergal O’Brien and Head Girl Allannah McCarthy along with members of the Student Council (Sadhbh O’Hanrahan and Hugh Whelan) were also present to welcome our special guest.

The celebration began with the sod-turning which took place on the grounds of the soon to be new school extension. Distinguished guests included Cork Council Mayor Mr Alan Coleman, Mr Jim Daly TD, Mr Michael McCarthy TD and Mr Tomás O’Brien.

The sod-turning was followed by a whole school gathering in the school gymnasium where Minister O’Sullivan and guests were treated to a wonderful performance by Ms. Kearney and the trad group. Deputy Principal Ms Kathleen O’Brien welcomed the Minister and guests. Head Boy Fergal O’Brien and Head Girl Allannah McCarthy commenced the proceedings and outlined how the “development shall cater for the growth in our school’s enrolment and enable the school to continue to provide a safe and caring environment for everyone to reach their full potential”. This was followed by Principal Mr Fergal McCarthy who asked the Minister “to share in our vision” and now that she had turned the sod to “take us under your wing”.

The Minister then took to the podium and commented on the “spirit of the school” and commended all those involved in the “fantastic opportunities and successes” of Kinsale Community School. In particular she commended the teachers and the Committee of Entrepreneurship in the school which focuses on providing a variety of opportunities and also the successes of students.

The event concluded with a presentation of a token to the Minister by our youngest pupil Megan Kelleher.



Mr Jim Daly TD, Minister Jan O’Sullivan, Mr Fergal McCarthy & Mr Michael McCarthy TD



Fergal O’Brien, Allannah McCarthy, Ms O’Brien, Sadhbh O’Hanrahan & Hugh Whelan



Allannah McCarthy, Minister Jan O’Sullivan, Mr Tomás O’Brien & Fergal O’Brien



Mr McCarthy, Minister Jan O’Sullivan & Megan Kelleher (Y1)



until 4 o'clock when our parents came to collect us and whisked us home to hot showers and comfy beds.

Thank you to Ms. McCarten and Ms. Woulfe for organising and Mr. Madigan for coming along to supervise too!

Maebh Delahunty (TY)

Gaisce

On the 7th of May, a group of transition year, 5th year and 6th year students took the leap out of the classroom and out into the great outdoors. A group of about 50 Gaisce participants all journeyed out to Kilbrittain's West Cork Secret to spend two days doing outdoor activities.

All of the Transition years were at the centre and pitching their tents by 4 o'clock on the first day. At around half past, we were brought on a 6k walk to start off the fun, followed up by the activities offered by the centre.

We were broken into groups and brought on different activities. There was go-karting and orienteering but I think it was unanimously agreed that the assault course was the favourite within the group. We had to run, crawl, roll, climb and slide our way through mud and a variety of different obstacles, all while having a water gun squirted at us. In the end though, we were rewarded by a 223 foot water slide that was probably one of the highlights of our trip. We were given a styrofoam board to sit on and we whizzed down the slide into a pool of mud and water. We were covered from head to toe in muck, but there wasn't a frown to be seen!

To make the day even better, which you wouldn't think possible, we were given an abundance of pizza for dinner. As you can imagine, we were a bunch of happy campers. Afterwards, when

we were all bursting from too much fun, we were given a quiz which kept us entertained for an hour. The teachers only came in second place and we all huddled around the campfire for marshmallows!

Before long, it was 11 o'clock and the sun had disappeared. We bade our farewells to the warmth of the sun and went up to the tents. Of course though, the rain didn't stop until the early hours of the morning. The dismay of our poor teachers trying to get a bit of sleep.

Friday the 8th is when things got really bad. It was a lashing rain, which pretty much set the mood for the day. We were dressed and breakfasted and then we went on a 16k walk at 9 o'clock in the pouring rain. About 1 o'clock when we got back to the centre, we were more than relieved to be able to stop the rain. We got dry clothes and the lovely staff made us feel more appreciated than ever.

Then there was the case of packing up. The staff had their tents down and their things packed. The pizza came, so we mostly huddled

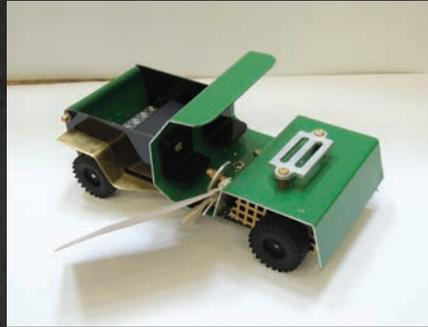


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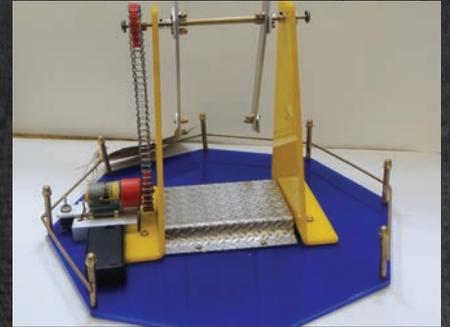
This year has been a very busy and creative year in the Engineering room with teachers Mr O'Connell and Mr Clancy. Here you can enjoy a small sample of projects by various students. The theme for Leaving Certificate this year included Model Thrill Machines and Utility Trucks. Junior Certificate students created Model Stock Cars and Vintage Trucks as part of their project work.



Calvin Mulcahy (Y2)



David Murphy (Y6)



David O'Leary (Y6)



Ethan Moru (Y3)



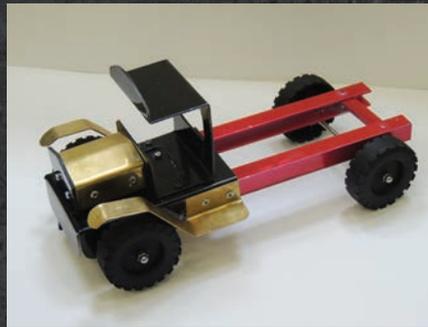
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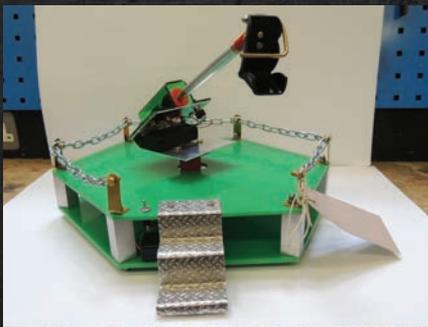
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Joseph O'Donovan (Y3)



Kevin Ryan (Y6)



Martin O'Brien (Y3)



Sean Lawton (Y2)

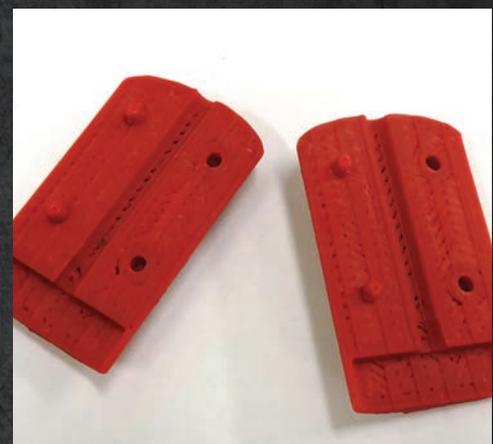
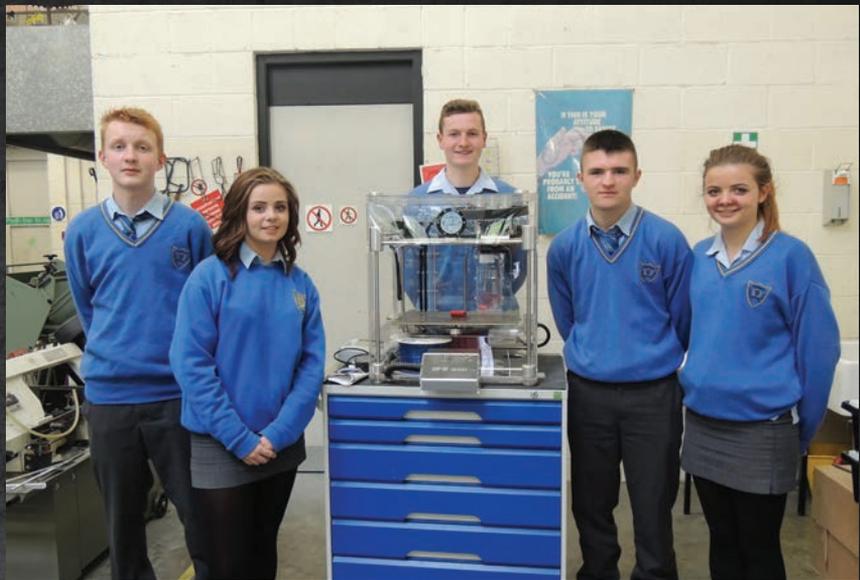
Engineering Innovation

It was a busy year for five TY students as they began their mini-company studies. Little did they know that their business venture would require their new-found engineering skills!

The team of 3 boys – Cathal Whelan, Cúán Tobin and Daniel Horgan along with 2 girls Kellie Crowley and Sarah McCarthy joined forces to set up FACH Enterprises. After much brainstorming the group decided to focus their business idea on technology. The aim was to solve a common problem they experienced – the breaking and fraying of wires on iPhone products and in particular, iPhone chargers.

With a product idea selected, the next challenge was how to go about creating a prototype. The team decided to consult with the Engineering Department and Mr. O'Connell was more than willing to help. After much discussion, he suggested the method of 3D printing to create a working model of the product. To their convenience, Mr. O'Connell had built a working 3D printer and so the long journey in production began. Mr. O'Connell guided and mentored the students throughout the entire process. It was a learning experience for all involved and all the team were delighted to learn and develop a new set of Engineering skills.

FACH Enterprises successfully developed a prototype for an iPhone



charger protector that can be attached to an iPhone. The team also went on to compete in the Student Enterprise Awards with their teachers Ms. Brosnan and Ms. O'Donovan and were awarded first prize for Innovation.

The team would like to thank Mr O'Connell and the Engineering Department for the support, advice and assistance throughout their mini-company enterprise.

Sponsored Silence for Trócaire

During Lent this year Ms. M. Fleming's 2A2 and 2A5 Religion classes undertook a Sponsored Silence to raise awareness and money for Trócaire. We also decided to make a giant Trócaire Box which was placed in reception in order to encourage staff and students to think of giving a little to a worthy charity at Lent. We picked Thursday 26th March as the day we would try and be silent in school. It was at break and lunchtime that the huge challenge was, as we did agree to converse with teachers in class when needed. Every student contributed €2 and some filled sponsorship cards also. The deal was if students broke the silence they would make an additional contribution to the fund. It was great fun catching students saying the odd word here and there. Many teachers commented that they could get used to the quietness in class, and we should have more sponsored silences. We were happy to make a contribution to Trócaire while also challenging the chatterboxes to being quieter than usual.

Selena McCarthy, Deirdre O'Reilly & Eve Casey (2A2)



MAD DOGS AND IRISHMEN GO OUT IN THE MIDDAY SUN!!

Yes we did and we loved every minute of it. In fact this was a very educational trip as none of us knew that the temperature in Seville rises to 37 degrees in May!

Originally the destination for the 2015 tour was to be Barcelona but due to the very obvious deterioration in routes served by Cork Airport this was not available to us so faced with a choice between Paris and Andalucía the majority of the 81 strong group chose the sunny south of Spain!

This whirlwind tour of the south brought us to four cities in four days. The first day in Granada brought us to the gates of but unfortunately not inside the Alhambra Palace due to the huge volume of visitors which left no tickets available at the door. Well, we live and learn. Many visited the stunning Granada Cathedral which threw a new light on Gothic architecture for our rural brigade. Shops tempted many but after a 3.30

am wake up that morning we headed wearily for our beachside hotel in Torremolinos.

Day two we spent in beautiful Malaga City. Here the 76 strong group divided into 3 groups which went to either the Picasso Museum, the Interactive Museum of Music or the Cathedral and Alcazar, palace of the Moorish rulers.

This sweaty day of sightseeing was rewarded on our return to the hotel by an hour at the beach which was a mere 10 meters from the hotel. Students really were in awe at the amazing location of the Barracuda Hotel.

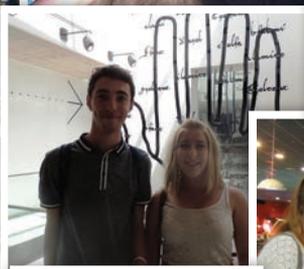
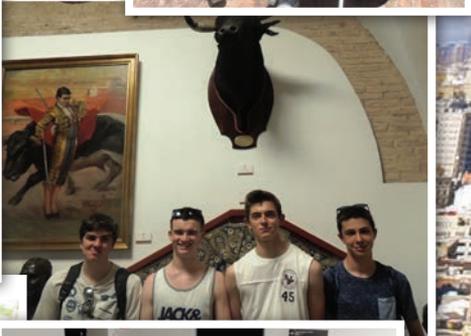
Onwards to Seville on Friday which both teachers and students chose as the most Spanish of the cities visited. Here in temperatures of 37 degrees we had a guided tour of the Bullring where every summer hundreds of bulls meet their deaths in this highly controversial spectator sport.

Saturday started with a civilised hour at the pool where the temperature had already reached 25 degrees by 11am! We spent the day at Tivoli World where students enjoyed the pleasures of the most popular Theme Park on the Costa Del Sol.

Our hectic schedule finished with a half day trip to the mountain top city of Ronda where time was allocated for last minute shopping for those too tired to do anymore sightseeing! Our ever enthusiastic group cheered the landing of the midnight landing of yet another on-time Ryanair Flight and braved the elements as they crossed to the terminal building where families were reunited and teachers freed of their international duties til tour 2016!! Thanks to teachers Ms Hay, Ms Brosnan, Ms O'Brien, Mr Hayes, Mr Madigan and parent Liz Timmons for making this experience possible.

Tony Cierans (Tour Leader)





Angus Beef Competition

The Certified Irish Angus beef schools competition is a competition for Agricultural Science Students across Ireland to win 5 calves and a chance to win €2000. TY students Neil O'Sullivan, Jerome Bernard, Diarmaid Walsh and Niamh Twomey were successful in their efforts to go through the first round of the competition with their 200 word essay on rearing Angus calves. On March 10th, the students made a 5 minute presentation to the panel of judges in Michelstown, following which they were quizzed by the judges on how they proposed to promote Certified Irish Angus Beef amongst farmers and consumers. Unfortunately the students did not win the calves but made a big impression on the judges, finishing in the top 9 in the country. Charles Smith came in person to the school to acknowledge the effort of the students and to present them each with a certificate of merit



Charity Food Appeal

During the lead up to Christmas last year the media had reported that the number of homeless had increased significantly in Cork. We in Ms. M. Fleming's TY1 and TY3 Religion class decided to start a Christmas Food Appeal in school to make Christmas special for less well-off families and homeless in Cork. We did a poster campaign, intercom announcements and classroom visits making students and teachers aware of our initiative. The food drop off point was in a large box at reception, which we had to empty daily. Food donations were slow at first but we were delighted with the entire school's effort in the end. Non-perishable food items were what we specified for example cereals, soups, beans, pasta, and as it was Christmas we received a lot of chocolate and sweets. Ms. M. Fleming made arrangements for the food to be distributed to



poor families by Cork City Lions Club. Her car was stuffed as Santa's sleigh by the end of the campaign. We were thrilled with what we managed to achieve and to make a small difference in people's lives was the important thing. Sometimes we assume Christmas is a happy time for everyone, but in reality it is a completely different story.

Clara Mulcahy (TY3)

Gymnastics

Oscar was first introduced to gymnastics when he was five years old and in Junior Infants in Ballinadee National School, it quickly became apparent that not only did he love the sport but he was naturally talented at it.

Soon after this he joined Douglas Gymnastics Club where he has trained ever since, the club is community based and not for profit, here close on 900 children of all ages and abilities are trained by a very dedicated team of coaches, many of whom are retired gymnasts themselves and work in the club voluntarily.

Over the last few years Oscar's training schedule has increased as he has

continued to develop his skills, he now trains four to five days a week, depending on competition schedule. Oscar trains for at least three hours at a time and often more before a big competition.

Oscar is a member of the Irish Men's Gymnastics Team since 2013 and has represented his country internationally twice to date, this year as part of the Minor Men's Team who brought home the Bronze for Ireland at the Celtic Cup competition in Cardiff, Wales.

Oscar has competed in a variety of competitions over the past few months and continues to go from strength-to-strength. On the 10th May he competed in a club competition in Douglas and won a Gold medal. Recently, Oscar also completed at the National Championships held in



the University of Limerick and returned home victorious with a Gold Medal for Bar and Vault and a Bronze Medal for rings. Congratulations Oscar and well done from all at Kinsale Community School.

CHERNOBYL FUNDRAISER

Ms Johnston has recently spent a week working with orphaned children in Belarus as part of her fundraising duties as the Liverpool Rose 2014. Along with a group of 19 other Rose of Tralee volunteers and the Chernobyl Children International charity, Ms Johnston spent a week living in and caring for the orphaned 4 – 18 year olds in Vesnova Orphanage, Belarus.

Following on from the nuclear explosion (1986) in Chernobyl, many children suffered physical and mental illnesses and abnormalities due to radiation exposure. The effects of these are still present day, with many children left without parents or in need of full-time care themselves.

Second year students helped Ms Johnston raise over €300 by supporting the movie marathon afternoon. This money was used to provide children with medical equipment, medicines and basic necessities such as clothes, hygiene products, toys and stationary.

Ms Johnston would like to thank all the 2nd year students for supporting the event, the TY students who helped organise and run the event and the 5th year students who did their own independent fundraising to donate to the cause.

“The experience of visiting the orphanage was one I’ll never forget - it was humbling and insightful and I am so proud of the students in Kinsale Community School for recognising their own fortune and supporting the less fortunate. Thank you!” – Ms. Johnston.

Friends of Jamie Wall - Fundraiser

Friday 19th December was a hub of activity in Kinsale Community School as students and staff came together for some Christmas cheer to raise funds for the Friends of Jamie Wall. Cork hurler Jamie suffered a spinal injury in June 2014 and is currently undergoing rehabilitation. Students in the school participated in a non-uniform day and carol services were held in the school gymnasium throughout the day. Teachers and staff also came on board and participated in a Christmas Jumper / Fancy Dress in aid of the cause which was organised by Meitheal team students. Raffles were held in the staffroom and the Meitheal team and Student Council would like to thank all those in the community who donated gifts for the raffle. It was a huge success and a cheque for €2,000 was presented to Jamie’s mum Sheila Wall. Photographed presenting the cheque to Ms Sheila Wall (centre) are Alannah McCarthy (Head Girl), Fergal O’Brien (Head Boy), Ms Kathleen O’Brien (Deputy Principal), Mr Fergal McCarthy (Principal) and members of the Student Council and Meitheal Team.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



Congratulations to Ms Honor O’Brien and students Jay Dillon, Rachel Kiely, Corra Mc Carthy, Gabriella Nevin and Kitti Tarczali who took part in the World Day of Prayer Service produced from the Bahamas in March. The contributions made by the students enhanced the service and made it all the more realistic.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This year a new initiative was organised by The Parish Assembly in partnership with our school and it was coordinated by Ms Honor O’Brien. The plan was to have the Stations of the Cross outdoors and to make it more meaningful for all. The sun shone and hundreds of people attended. The feedback was positive and one mother said it brought the story alive for her children.

Nathan McCarthy of TY acted the part of Jesus. Frank and Kane Curtin, also of TY, were the Roman soldiers. Cathy Hynes of second year along with her sister Grace who is joining us next year, were the women who met Jesus. Sheila Marie Kelleher of TY, Denice O’Leary and Sinead Walsh of Y 6 and Ms Geraldine Sheehy were readers. One of our past pupils Jean Doran played the part of Mary.

School Soccer

First Year: Our first year team participated in the Munster Cup and Cork Cup competitions. In their first outing of the year Kinsale lost away to a strong Bantry side. Their second pool game was a home tie against Clonakilty C.C. Kinsale dominated the first half and had several chances to take the lead. A goal on the counter attack by Clonakilty just before half time changed the course of the game. Kinsale were unfortunate to concede a second at the start of the second half but fought back well to earn a 3-3 draw. A win was necessary, however, to advance from the group.

Kinsale earned themselves a comprehensive victory over St. Brogan's Bandon in the first round of the Cork Cup. In the second round they suffered a narrow defeat to Colaite Choilm Ballincollig. The first year panel was as follows: David Higgin, Darragh Haydon, Daniel Lynch, Ethan Coughlan, Marcus Moore, Alex Coughlan, Eoin Redmond, Conor Horan, Stephan Daly, Aidan Buckley, Aryton McCarthy, Eoghan O'Leary, Conor Power, Tomas Russell, Harry Sheehan, Tom O'Connell, Sean Domoney, Oisín Ruxton, Ryan O'Donoghue, Harry McCarthy, Paul O'Riordan, Evan Wrenne, Jack T O'Callaghan, Kealan O'Rourke, Joseph O'Sullivan, Christopher O'Sullivan, Sean Rua O'Donoghue.

U-17: Our U-17 team participated in Cork Cup and Munster Cup. The team showed great fight and determination against Presentation Brothers College Cork in the first round of the Cork Cup, losing by the narrowest of margins 1-0 against the All-Ireland U-17 finalists.

Senior: The senior team had a very successful season reaching the quarter finals of the Munster Challenge Cup. This was a first for the school, in a highly competitive competition. Having topped their group in qualifying for the knockout stages, Kinsale played host to Aston. This was a very close game, played in torrential rain, finishing 2-2 after 90 minutes. A goal by Cork U-19 striker Liam Cronin near the end of extra time settled the tie. Kinsale played Coláiste Mhuire Gan Smál Blarney in the



Senior Team



U17 Team

next round, winning comprehensively on a score line of 3-0. In the quarter final Kinsale played Patrician Academy Mallow. Kinsale took an early lead thanks to a thunderbolt free kick from Cronin. Mallow applied pressure to the Kinsale defence and were rewarded with a goal just before half time. No goals were scored in the second half so extra time was required to settle the fixture. Both teams defended well in extra time and a penalty shootout loomed. However, Kinsale hearts were broken when they failed to clear a Mallow corner and the ball was scrambled into the net. The team showed great commitment and character throughout the year and should be commended for reaching the last 8 in the competition.

HAVEN BAY

As part of our Religion class this year Ms. M. Fleming organised for our class TY1 to visit the residents of Haven Bay on a Friday afternoon. Many of us had never visited Haven Bay so we were looking forward to getting involved. We spent time chatting to the residents about school, our hobbies and of course the weather was a great conversation starter if we were stuck for something to say. We managed to build up a good relationship with the residents and their faces used light up when they'd see us arriving.

For St. Patrick's Day we wore green, white and orange to mark the day with the residents. Members of the school Trad Band accompanied us for an Irish themed day. Staff and residents praised the talent we had in Kinsale Community School.



A new skill the residents taught us was how to perfect the Hokey Pokey dance. We had great fun and laughs doing the moves with the staff and residents in Haven Bay.

We were made feel very welcome every Friday by Deirdre Mullins, the staff and residents in Haven Bay, and we enjoyed chatting and laughing with the many characters in there.

Sarah McCarthy (TY1)

All-Ireland Senior Golf Championship



Last October the Kinsale Community School Senior Golf team won the South Munster Schools Championship by 11 shots to qualify for the Munster Finals which were held last March at Muskerry Golf Club.



The format for the finals was 5 single match play games. Kinsale were represented by Cathal Butler, Gary Ward, John Murphy, James Bohan and Shane O'Connell. Shane Cummins also offered support to the lads playing the role of caddie for James. Davis College Mallow were the semi-final opponents for Kinsale. It was a very tight match throughout but on the back 9, Kinsale showed great determination with James and Shane's winning points deciding the tie, resulting in a 4-1 win. Kinsale's opponents in the final were St. Augustine's Dungarvan, who have won the Munster title on two previous occasions. Another close match was in store but as in the semi-final Kinsale dug deep on the back 9 with Gary, John and James winning and Shane halving his match to give KCS a 3.5 - 1.5 victory.

Farnham Estate in Co. Cavan was the venue for the All-Ireland finals on 24th April. Kinsale's semi-final opponents were Ulster champions Royal Belfast Academical Institution. John Murphy put the first point on the board for KCS winning 7/5. Gary Ward secured another win shortly after 5/3. Cathal Butler was narrowly beaten by fellow Irish International Peter Kerr on the 16th. This meant Kinsale needed one win from the remaining two matches. James was 2 down after 15 but showed great spirit, winning the par 3 16th before losing on the 17th. This left the match tied at 2-2. Shane O'Connell was 1 down playing the 16th but a par here was good enough to bring the match all square and set up a thrilling finish. There was drama on the 17th hole, RBAI were on the green with 20 feet left for birdie. Shane hit his approach just right where he found the green side bunker. Faced with a treacherous bunker shot and with the match so close Shane

demonstrated nerves of steel by hitting an excellent bunker shot which finished 25 feet from the hole. Shane then holed his putt for par, to the delight of the KCS crowd present. With RBAI putting for birdie to win the hole, the pressure of the situation lead to a three putt bogey which meant Shane was 1up going up the 18th. Despite another excellent up and down from the green side bunker on 18 RBAI won the hole to take the match to a play-off. Unfortunately KCS hearts were broken as RBAI won the first extra play-off hole.

The team should be so proud of themselves, not only for their efforts on the golf course but for the way they conducted themselves off the course while representing KCS. The senior golf team of 2015 will always be remembered for being the first to win the Munster Senior Championship, adding to their 2012 Munster and All-Ireland U-16 success.

Pictured are the team with their Golf Coaches Mr Hogan and Mr Hayes.

Mr Ger Hogan



WORLD DANCING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Photographed are Kelly Crowley (TY) and Cian Walsh (Y3) who competed at the World Irish Dancing Championships in Montreal, Quebec in late March.

Home Economics

The Apprentice Chef Competition

On Tuesday, the 20th of January, 2015. Transition year students from Kinsale Community School, started off the New Year with a new recipe. Our chefs cooked up a storm in the hope of making a good impression on the judges. It was as if an episode of Master Chef was taking place in our very own Kitchen. CO3 was alive. The hard work, determination and pure passion for food was vivid as the students, cooked food to die for.

Judges including Liam Edwards from Jim Edwards and Bernadette Reynolds from The White House, graced us with their presence and expertise. Dishes included Miniature crab cakes, Baked sea bass, Baked fillet of fresh local hake wrapped in streaky bacon and award winning Angus beef burgers with Belgium blue cheese and many more homemade delights.

Confidence in cooking is key and is exactly what these passionate apprentice chefs have. Every pupil thrived in the environment in the hope that they would win and go forward to represent the school in a very important competition against other schools in Ireland, which will take place later on in the year at the Tralee Institute of Technology.

When speaking with the contestants, everyone was enthusiastic and delighted to have the privilege of taking part. "Everyone has performed so well, and are all worthy of the title." said one participant. It is clear to see that there was no sense of competition between the six candidates only care and support. Great conversation, great competition and even better grub!

However, only two of the six worthy competitors can make it through to Tralee and after lots of deliberation and tasting the judges had the hard job of deciding the winners. The girls gathered in anticipation as the results were announced by vice Principal Ms. O' Brien.

A huge congratulations is in order for all candidates:

Joint third: Sheila Marie Kelleher and Rachel White

Joint second: Niamh Twomey and Michaela O' Driscoll

First place winners: Jessica Sheehan and Charlotte Hurley

All the girls preformed to the best of their abilities, all professionals, all talented. When speaking with the winners they were overwhelmed with emotion and so very excited. Well done to all candidates, their dedicated teacher Ms. Prendergast and best wishes to Charlotte and Jessica in the Apprentice Chef Competition 2015, the best is yet to come.



Jessica Sheehan & Charlotte Hurley



MUNSTER APPRENTICE CHEF

It has been a hectic term in the Home Economics Department as students busied themselves in preparing for the Munster Apprentice Chef Competition sponsored by Flogas and Fáilte Ireland. TY students Jessica Sheehan and Charlotte Hurley both competed in the semi-finals of the Munster Apprentice Chef on the 20th March.

On the 8th May Jessica Sheehan along with her Home Economics teacher Ms Orla Prendergast travelled to Tralee to compete in the finals of the Munster Apprentice Chef Project.

Photographed are Susie Cox, Nutritional Therapist and Judge, Co-organiser Mark Doe of Just Cooking, finalist Jessica Sheehan, Chef Louise Brosnan, Mentor and Judge and Colm Daly, Sales Manager, Flogas Ireland.

Congratulations to both students in representing Kinsale Community School against stiff competition. It was a truly enjoyable and exciting experience.



BIM & SOUTHERN STAR WILD ATLANTIC WAY SECONDARY SCHOOL COOK OFF

Right - Second Year Students who cooked up a storm, to be in with a chance to compete in the All- Ireland Wild Atlantic Way Fish Cook-Off challenge. Students were asked to research about sustainable fish sources, the importance of buying local as well as keeping a keen eye on cost as they produced both a starter and a main course using fish as a key ingredient.

The lucky five teams will be chosen from schools around Cork, to compete on the 7th June at Clonakilty Agricultural Show in the form of a live Cook Off in front of a packed audience. Best of luck to the teams who participated!



GLENILEN FARM TRIP



On Tuesday 5th May, 5th Year Social & Scientific students attended a trip out to 'Glenilen Farm' in Drimoleague, Co. Cork. It was an extremely enjoyable trip where students got to see first-hand how dairy products such as yoghurt were made and also how the business was run on a day-to-day basis. They received a guided tour of the factory and of the farm, by owner Alan Kingston and were treated to some tasty samples of their products from his wife Valarie.

JUNK KOUTURE

Junk Kouture is a national competition for second level students which challenges teenagers to create high-end wearable fashion from everyday junk that would normally find its way into the bin. Junk Kouture aims to inspire and ignite passion in these teenagers while at the same time subtly educating them about the importance of recycling and reusing waste. Over the last four years, Junk Kouture has established itself as the premier recycled fashion competition for teenagers throughout Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Photographed is a creation designed by Rachel Butler, Jennifer O'Leary and Rachel White. The sea-themed design was made using reusable and recyclable materials such as fishing nets, shells and a rubber dinghy.



LCA MEAL



Photographed are the 6th year Hotel, Tourism and Catering students who organised a meal for their teachers as part of their task work.

Healthy Living Campaign

Kinsale Community School embarked on a 'Healthy Living Campaign' this term aimed at eating well to live well. A variety of activities took part throughout the school, all with the aim of encouraging students to make healthy informed choices in relation to their lifestyle.

Guest speakers spoke to various year groups about different aspects of nutrition and the benefits of exercise. Karen Waters (Nutritionist) spoke about 'The Importance of Nutrition for Physical Fitness' and 'The Benefits of Pilates & Nutrition'. Even a few of Kinsale Community Schools very own teachers spoke to first and second year students much to their surprise! Teacher and Nutritionist Ms Margaret Cooney spoke to students about 'The Importance of Breakfast & Healthy Lunch' and Mr Tom Clancy and Mr Cathal O'Donovan spoke about 'The Importance of Healthy Eating for Sport'.

Transition year students demonstrated how to prepare, serve and cook healthy dishes in the Home Economics Room at break-times and lunchtimes. While the whole school environment also became very active at lunchtime, playing Hop-sotch, Hula-Hoops and Skipping, to name but a few.

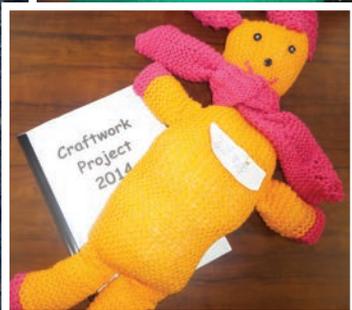
Food sampling also formed part of the healthy living campaign much to the delight of students and staff! We would like to take the opportunity to thank our sponsors Glenilen Farm & Irish Yogurt, Kinsale Bay Foods, Lidl Kinsale, Supervalu Kinsale and Eurospar Kinsale.

The week proved quite influential in getting students to examine what they are eating and how much activity they are doing and to make healthier choices for the future.

Pictured are Thomas Clancy (Teacher at KCS and Cork Senior Footballer) & Cathal O'Donovan (Teacher at KCS and Irish Duathlon Champion 2014) who gave a presentation on the importance of 'Nutrition for Sport'.



Craftwork



Anti-Litter Campaign



2A6 carried out their Anti-Litter Campaign with Ms. Lawless and Mrs. Moran on Thursday 30th April as part of their CSPE action project. They donned An Taisce white vests and green gloves for their Spring Clean as they encouraged all students to take responsibility for

their rubbish. There was great excitement and spirits were high as students worked together to 'Put Litter in its Place'. 5th year students Reece Hurley and Alejandro Herrero Garcia even got in on the act. #putlitterinitsplace



Bóthar

Earlier this year our classes 2A2 and 2A3 began work on our CSPE Action Project. As part of this project we lived on less than a €1 for one day. This challenge is organised by the charity Bóthar and the aim was to 'live below the line' of extreme poverty. The money we raised was donated to Bóthar.

On Monday 23rd of February, 2015, we invited a guest speaker from Bóthar, Aisling, who told us all about the work that the organisation does to conquer starvation and malnourishment in developing countries. We learnt at first-hand how the animals that are donated really do save and change lives. Currently 1 in 8 people go hungry every day and poor nutrition causes nearly 45% of deaths in children under the age of five (3.1 million each year). Despite these shocking figures U.N



development goals believe that hunger can be eliminated in our lifetime. As we found out, organisations such as Bóthar can make this possible.

In total, we raised €130 and we decided that we would donate this towards a heifer airlift. We all enjoyed meeting or guest speaker and participating in

the Live below the Line challenge. We would all like to help Bóthar in the future.

We would like to thank our teachers Ms. Frain and Ms. Sheehan for helping us to get involved in this project.

Eve Casey (2A2) & Sarah Barry (2A3)



Pictured are students from Class 2A1 with Councillor Kevin Murphy and Mayor of Cork, Councillor Alan Coleman on the occasion of the Councillors' visit to the CSPE class in school. Subsequently the students were invited to attend a Council meeting at County Hall where a warm welcome was extended by all the members. The class enjoyed observing how the Council meeting was conducted and learned how democracy works at local level.

TABLE TENNIS

CONOR O'CALLAGHAN (Y2)

It has been a very hectic term for second year table tennis champion Conor O'Callaghan. Over the past few months Conor has gone from strength to strength in a number of competitions. It was a very exciting but exhausting term with a training schedule of 6 days a week averaging 14 – 16 hours in total.



In February, he travelled to Sweden representing Ireland in the World Championship Table Tennis Competition and reached the quarter finals. The Irish team consisted of Conor O'Callaghan (Cork), Paddy Vaughn (Kilkenny) and Garry Quantrall (Belfast). Conor spent two days competing in Malmo, Sweden. After winning his first three games he beat the number 4 seed 3-2 in sets. He then went on to win 3-0 in the last 16 and reached the quarter finals. Although Conor didn't proceed to the final stage he was thrilled with his performance and he met some famous players along the way!

In March, Conor journeyed to Bristol to compete in the British League Table Tennis Competition. It was a new experience for Conor as he came up against number 6 in the world David Weatherall and unfortunately, lost the set 3-0. After beating the number 3 in England and the number 5, Conor proceeded to the semi-final losing to number 42 in the world 3-1 in sets. Again, Conor was delighted with his performance as he returned home with a Bronze Medal. This experience gave Conor the opportunity to meet again with his rival David Weatherall who he has now built a good sporting friendship with.

Things didn't stop there and April provided another chance to compete! Conor won one Gold and two Silver Medals at the National Championships held at the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght.

This year has been an exciting and fulfilling experience for Conor in his competitions. He has not only improved his rankings but has also had the opportunity to widen his circle of sporting friendships. In May, Conor attended a Civic Reception in Cork City Hall in recognition of his achievements in table tennis which was attended by very proud members of his family and Cork City Mayor Mr Alan Coleman.

Congratulations Conor and best wishes in the upcoming competitions!

JAMES BARRY (TY)

2014 – 2015 was yet another successful year in table tennis for Transition Year student James Barry. James played in U-19s in the Junior Table Tennis circuit as well as U-21s and Senior Mens for his club, Kinneigh TTC. His success during the year culminated in being selected for the Munster U-21 Interpro Team. The Interpros were played in Dublin in April and James won an U-21 Bronze Medal. This marked James' 9th Munster Cap.



During the year he also won the Senior Mens Division 1 in the Ballincollig Open. In addition to playing table tennis this year, James was also assistant coach in the school table tennis club every Wednesday afternoon. The club runs from 3 to 5.30pm and James helps the coach, Alan Hurley, in training the players every week. This year the KCS U-15 boys team reached the All Ireland Final, for the second year in a row. The team travelled to the National Basketball Arena in Dublin on May 6th with James as team coach.

James' commitment to coaching players in school every Wednesday as well as coaching players from the KCS feeder schools at the South Coast Club in St Multose Hall in Kinsale every Sunday was one of the reasons for James being awarded Overall Winner at the West Cork Garda Youth Awards in November last.



TRANSITION YEAR

TY'S TO THE RESCUE

Recently, the TY students attended a Fire Training day in Cork City run by Noel Casey and his team at Fire Rescue Training Specialists. It was a very active and exciting day and students experienced first-hand the rigours of fire fighter training. Students were divided into groups on arrival and completed a series of activities including navigating in confined spaces,

training in the use of fire hoses, extinguishers and breathing equipment. Students also attended a presentation on fire safety awareness and were treated to demonstrations of common fire and rescue situations. It was a very challenging, informative and eye-opening experience for all.

A big thank you to all the teachers who accompanied the students over the two days: Ms. Hay, Ms. M. Fleming, Ms. Brosnan, Mr. Brendan Barry and Ms. Helen Foott.



Mini-Company 2014/2015

Following on last year's success there was a huge interest in applying for mini-company this year. Keeping in line with the business ethos, the selection process involved the completion of a CV, application form and was then followed by interviews which were kindly facilitated by members of the local Lions Club.

Successful candidates formed into groups (maximum 6) and began the brainstorming of ideas and carrying out of market research. Once this lengthy process was completed, mini-company groups made a final decision on their product or service.

Both mini-company class groups offered a variety of products ranging from books, technology, clothing, kindling, charity fundraising and fashion based items to name but a few. Each company had to

follow the Student Enterprise Programme which is run by the West Cork Enterprise Board. This process involved keeping track of all their business activities (research, marketing, finance and production) of their product /service. In preparation for the Student Enterprise Awards students prepared detailed Business Plans and designed a display of their product/service.

Following a mini-company trade fair in early December, two mini-company finalists were chosen to represent the school at the Student Enterprise Awards in Skibbereen in February. The Scilly Walkers and FACH Enterprises competed against stiff competition. Although the groups did not proceed to the national finals, both returned to the school with two awards for Best Display and Best Innovation respectively.

Companies continued to trade after the Student Enterprise Awards and an in-school trade fair competition was held

in April. This competition gave students the opportunity to showcase their successful businesses and gave the school community an opportunity to purchase goods and learn about the mini-company module in TY. We were very lucky to have a panel of experienced judges to select winners for a variety of categories and we would like to thank Ms Carmel Murphy and Ms Eva Lyne for judging the event. The category award winners were:

- Best Display Stand - The Scilly Walkers Mini-Company (Melissa McCarthy, Kate Delaney, Katelynn Campbell and Rachel White).
- Best Marketing Techniques - Bubbles Mini-Company (Sharon O'Leary, Clara Mulcahy, Clodagh O'Donovan and Kerri O'Reilly).
- Company Illustrating Best "Team Spirit" - CAP Mini-Company (Denis Coughlan, Jerome Bernard, Neil O'Sullivan and Diarmaid Walsh)
- Best Innovative Idea - Making Cents Mini-Company (Janet Hourihan)

- Best Business Plan - T-Time Mini-Company (Jennifer O'Leary, Rachel Butler, Jessica Sheehan, Lisa Desmond and Fridjotf Kasper)
- Most Enterprising Individual - Oceane Brophy

We would like to take the opportunity to thank Kinsale Lions Club for their continued support in carrying out mini-company interviews and providing Intel Ideation.

Ms Maria Brosnan & Ms Sinead O'Donovan (Mini-Company Teachers)



Best Business Plan



Best Display Stand



Best Marketing Techniques



Best Team Spirit



Best Innovative Idea



CAP Mini-Company



Bubbles Mini-Company



Leabhair Linn Mini-Company



FACH Mini-Company



Making Cents Mini-Company



Nailish Mini-Company



Most Enterprising Individual



Mupp Mini-Company



T Time Mini-Company



The Scilly Walkers Mini-Company



Oceane Mini-Company



Re-Grip Mini-Company



Stop Asking Mini-Company



Tempo Mini-Company



Umph Mini-Company

History

Lusitania - Exhibition

On the weekend of May 9th and 10th the History and Art Departments from Kinsale Community School, in conjunction with the Kinsale History Society, ran a very successful History, Art and Film exhibition at the Temperance Hall, Kinsale.

Dozens of students from second years to Leaving Certs. gave of their time and talents to reach out to the public in the spirit of generosity that characterised the commemorations around the South Cork coastline over the previous week.

Members of the public were effusive in their praise for the students who showed both their considerable abilities and their sparkling personalities over the two days.

The exhibition opening was attended by Cllr. Alan Coleman, Mayor of County Cork, T.D. Michael McCarthy, Cllr. Kevin Murphy, Mr. Tomas O'Brien, and

former school principals Sean O'Brien and Sr. Mary O'Donovan, as well as current Principal Mr. Fergal McCarthy. Also in attendance was the owner of the wreck of the Lusitania Mr. Greg Bemis and his head diver Mr. Eoin McGarry.

Student Eve Casey played two beautiful tunes on her violin (thanks to Ms. Brid Kearney) and we were treated to a heart rending retelling of the story of survivor Julia O'Sullivan from Kilgarvan, who was brought into Kinsale after the tragedy - the piece was beautifully performed by Mary O'Leary of Courtmacsherry RNLI.

Over the weekend we were visited by the Cobh animation group. These ladies caused a real stir with their wonderful white dresses, hats, sables and parasols from the early 20th century - all self-made.

The event saw an estimated 1000 people come through the door and enjoy the conversations with students, artefacts, beautiful art and original film produced by our excellent students.

An event like this helps the school to truly be part of the community, and to give an educational experience that will never be

forgotten by anyone who participated or attended. It also displays the importance of History and the Arts in creating identity and meaning for our current and future generations. These subjects must remain central to our educational offering into the future at Kinsale Community School, and in our educational system as a whole.

While this was an excellent collaboration by the school with the community, it was also an excellent collaboration within the school itself. Thanks are due to Ms. Kathleen Fitzpatrick (Art), Ms. Brid Kearney (Music), Mr. Brendan Duggan and Mr. Cathal O'Donovan (Woodwork), Mr. Tomas Clancy (Tech Drawing), Katherina (German Teacher), Ms Niamh Hay (TY Co-ordinator) and to the many teachers who showed their support by attending over the weekend. Thanks are also due to Ms. Catherine O'Mahony for helping to source the Lusitania lifeboat oar from Castlesteads. It was a truly educational experience for all concerned.

Our students gave all donations received during the exhibition to the Kinsale RNLI, who were 'thrilled' with the amount they received.

Mr Diarmaid O'Donovan (History)

Old Head Commemorations

As part of the series of commemorations taking place around the south Cork coast the Lusitania group from KCS travelled out to the Old Head of Kinsale for the commemorations which took place there on May 7th the exact date of the centenary of the disaster.

Our students were asked to sell some programmes for the organisers on the day, which they did very successfully. Speeches were made and wreaths were laid by descendants of those who were victims of the tragedy, such as Alfred Vanderbilt's great grandson. Many local connections paid their respects and the Irish Navy marked the moment of impact by sounding their signal. A plaque was laid on the wreck itself by Eoin McGarry, and the RNLI laid a wreath at the wreck site. Later Minister Simon Coveny officially opened the newly refurbished Signal Tower, which is now open to the public and will become a major tourist attraction in the area.

This was a really wonderful occasion on a beautiful summer's day. The students, and all who attended, were taken by the sincerity and poignancy of the occasion. The Old Head Signal Tower Committee should be proud of the occasion which illustrated the healing nature of historical commemorative events when handled sensitively.

Mr D. O'Donovan



LUSITANIA 100 HISTORY EXHIBITION

May 9th and 10th
Temperance Hall, Kinsale

Many of the students at the exhibition had been navigating their way through Leaving and Junior Certificate practical exams, language orals, mocks, study, stress and homework in the past four weeks. Despite all of this, they gave their time, effort and considerable talents to bring this educational and inspiring History and Art exhibition to visitors at the exhibition. These students worked on their projects in their spare time – meeting at lunchtimes, doing research, recording images and tracking down artefacts, not because there were points available for doing it, but because they were genuinely interested in and connected to this local event that shocked the world.

In the aftermath of the sinking of the Lusitania it was said by survivors that the people of Kinsale and Cobh could not have responded in a more generous and humane spirit. These young people are a credit to themselves and their families in continuing their ancestors' spirit of respect and generosity through their commemorative exhibition today.

Diarmaid O'Donovan (Head of History)

STUDENTS' PROJECTS, ART AND ARTEFACTS

Primary Schools Exhibits

This exhibition was a truly cross community one, with many primary schools exhibiting their excellent work. Wonderful work, which appealed to younger visitors, were on display from local Primary schools such as Scoil Naomh Eltin, Summercove National School, Dunderrow National School and St. John's National School.

Kinsale Community School Exhibits

1. Melanie O'Donovan: John Light salvage project.
Melanie has taken a keen interest in the

Lusitania as her grandfather John (Jack) Sheehan was involved in the lengthy John Light expeditions to the wreck during the 1960's and early 1970's.

2. James O' Hagan: Daniel O'Connell boat project/rescue efforts
James is the great grandnephew and namesake of Arklow fisherman James Hagan who rescued over 80 people from the sea after the Lusitania was sunk. For his bravery, the British illustrated newspaper The Sphere presented him with a special dedicated edition of their coverage of the tragedy. James had an exciting story to tell visitors.

3. Brian O'Donovan and Liz Keogh: eye witness accounts / Old Head
Brian's great grandfather was working in a field near the Old Head of Kinsale when he witnessed the sinking of the Lusitania. In the immediate aftermath he marked the spot in the field where he saw the incident. Later, British investigators interviewed him, but unfortunately we can find no official record or written accounts of the interview and of what he witnessed. The spot where he saw the sinking is known to Brian and the O'Donovan family. Brian and Liz presented a project highlighting the iconic importance of the Old Head lighthouse, and some accounts of those who witnessed the tragedy from land.

4. Jake Murphy and Katie Poole: Lusitania myths project
Jake and Katie have investigated some of the popular myths associated with the Lusitania and have found some interesting and entertaining stories – some of which remain controversial today.

5. Eoin Gilleran and John Cullen: German perspectives / U-20
This project focuses on some German perspectives in the sinking. There was a profile of the U-boat captain, Walther Shwieger, and a look at what happened to U-20 after she sank the Lusitania. They also had some translations of German documents related to the sinking, and a copy of the famous Goetz propaganda medal struck in Germany to defend the German action. The British later used this medal as counter propaganda to illustrate the callousness of German attitudes to the sinking of the Lusitania.
Artefact: Eoin and John - Goetz German propaganda medal – Many thanks to Don and Barry History tours, Kinsale for the kind loan of this artefact.

6. Shannon Forde: Propaganda and the

Lusitania
Shannon's project focused on the political and propaganda agendas pursued by the Allies in the aftermath of the sinking. She showed how the Lusitania tragedy was utilised as a way to motivate more men to enlist in the army to gain revenge against Germany.

7. Artefact: piece of Lusitania hull plating
This piece of the hull plating of the Lusitania was salvaged over a decade ago. It was brought up by a member of the Blackwater Sub-Aqua Club. It was sent to America for analysis and underwent a careful process to remove the salt from the metal, so that it would be properly preserved. Thanks to Tim Carey for the kind loan of this artefact for our exhibition.

8. Artefact: Sean Hayes and Michael Maddan Lusitania clutch artefact / engineering / deck plans
This project came from the engineering perspective. It showed the deck plans of the ship and outlines some of the technical facts and figures of the Lusitania. On display was a large piece of the clutch mechanism of the Lusitania. This was found in a fishing net close to the scene of the sinking a number of years ago, and was loaned kindly for our exhibition by a local businessman.

9. Artefact: Oisín Healy and Jeremiah Cronin – ladies shoe found close to the site of the wreck of the Lusitania. This sole of a ladies shoe was pulled up in a fishing net close to the site of the sinking of the Lusitania. It was strikingly similar to shoes that were photographed lying next to the sunken ship by the Robert Ballard expedition in 1993.
*We questioned whether this artefact should be put on display due to its highly personal nature. However, after careful consideration we felt that it would act as a potent reminder that this was above all a human tragedy. At their core, our commemorations and exhibitions are not about the mechanics of the ship itself, or about the political nature of the sinking, but to remind us of the massive human cost that it brought about. This artefact helps us to connect strongly to this personal, human tragedy as we respectfully honour the dead.

10. Artefact: Lusitania lifeboat oar washed up in Castletownshend Harbour a few days after the sinking. This 13 ft. oar was washed up in a Lusitania lifeboat in the harbour of Castletownshend,

West Cork. It has been on display in St. Barrahane's Church, Castletownshend for the last 100 years. This is the first time it has been put on display anywhere else. We are extremely grateful to Mr. Robert Salter Townshend for kindly loaning this poignant and important artefact to the young people of Kinsale for this exhibition. Thanks to the Woodwork Dept. KCS for making the stand for this priceless artefact.

11. Simon Pindel and Lorcan O'Brien - 1918 animation/ Lusitania film station/ British Pathe Lusitania films?

A short original film of the Lusitania from our film archive was also available to view along with one of the first animated films ever made - Windsor McCay's classic piece The Sinking of the Lusitania, made in 1918 – an artefact of History in itself.

12. Simon Pindel and Lorcan O'Brien image / camera project.

Simon and Lorcan took on the challenge of capturing images of Kinsale's links to the Lusitania. They presented a collage of Kinsale connections to the tragedy.

13. Ethan Monkhouse, Hugh Ward, Jake Hyland, John O'Brien, Joseph O'Donovan and Casey Ring. Data research station for IT in History / on the spot research.

Creative Writing: 3rd year and TY – Ms. Leona Forde's English classes have been responding to the centenary of the tragedy through different literary genres, such as poetry, formal letters, fictionalised survivor accounts, and more. There were many moving and interesting meditations on the Lusitania in this section.

Upstairs Art and film exhibit: Ken McVitty (Curator), Angel Wodi, Ava O'Connor and Vanessa Collins (Assistant Curators)

Teachers: Kathleen Fitzpatrick (5th years) and Anne O'Leary (1st and 2nd years). 5th art installations, 2nd and 1st year art projects

The Art Department worked very hard to produce some truly beautiful and thought provoking work. This section was a multi-media, boutique show that utilises installation pieces as well as the more traditional types. It showed the impact of the sinking of the Lusitania on the imaginations of our students, which continue to reverberate today.

Thanks to Kathleen and Ann for all their hard work with their students to produce

a really special show.

Brendan Boyle and Mia Kovacs – film of survivors' accounts/present the human stories (Upstairs)

This excellent film was conceived and created from an original idea by Brendan Boyle to highlight the dramatic human stories of survival and loss that have been handed down to us as primary sources from those who lived through the Lusitania disaster. The film is intended to be a respectful memorial to those who suffered and died so close to our shore. Filmed beautifully at Old Head of Kinsale, this is completely the work of the students themselves.

Thanks to all others who participated in the making of this original work: Mia Kovacs (Co-Producer and Editor), James O'Leary (Camera and Co-Producer), Alana Humphries (Editor) and actors Brenden Boyle, Mia Kovacs, Holly McCarthy, Marie Hurley, Andrea and Hugh Whelan. Thanks to Ms. Niamh Hay (TY Coordinator) for her support and interest.

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Thanks to Mr. Fergal McCarthy and Ms. Kathleen O'Brien for their support

throughout.

Many thanks to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) in Courtmacsherry and especially Mary O'Leary for the very generous and unexpected loan of their excellent information boards on the Lusitania. Thanks to Short Quay Café for sponsoring sandwiches for the students on both days.

All donations given on the day will be presented by the students to the RNLI so they can continue their lifesaving work.





ART

Lusitania Exhibition

This is a selection of artwork prepared by various year groups to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the sinking of the Lusitania. The artwork was also exhibited in Temperance Hall on the 9th and 10th of May in celebration of the anniversary.

'Lusitania Triptych' is a collaborative installation by Vanessa Collins, Ava Kerr O'Connor and Ken McVitty. Each student did a batik showing images of the Lusitania, the ship travelling along the sea, the explosion and the sinking. They presented these pieces with a collection of beach worn pebbles, each representing a person who died in the tragedy. There are 1198 stones in total, some numbered and some inscribed with R.I.P.

The exhibition also included a 6 minute video art piece 'Voices of the Lusitania' directed by Brendan Boyle (5th Year). It shows survivors accounts acted out by students overlooking the Old Head of Kinsale.

'Eighteen' is a collaboration by Lara Butler Rhona Hurley, Sarah O'Brien. It includes 18 pieces to represent the 18 minutes from the torpedo strike to the immersion of the ship. Each piece depicts a different moment of the Lusitania story in small paintings and ceramic pieces.

Ms Fitzpatrick (Art Teacher)



'A Glimpse of Tragedy' - Nicole Corkery



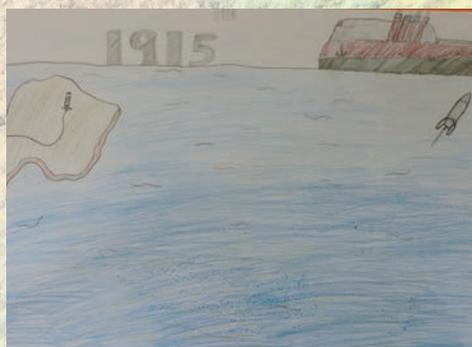
'Cold as Ice - Red as Blood' - Shauna Murphy (Y1)



'Drifters at Sea' - David Hankard (Y2)



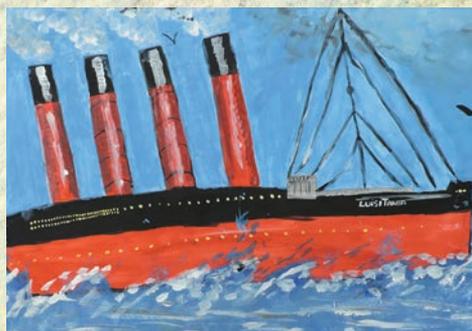
'Eighteen' - Rhona Hurley



'Fire!' - John Kearney (Y2)



'Floating Away' - Kitty O'Sullivan (Y2)



'Heading to Disaster' - Noelle Sheehan (Y2)



'Heed the Warning' - Dara Daly (Y5)





'Hope Extinguished' - Dean McCarthy (Y5)



'Imminent Impact' - Polly O'Brien (Y2)



'Lusitania' - Keith Scannell (Y2)



'Out to Sea' - Bethan Lewis (Y2)



'Paddling to Safety' - Ruby Parker (Y1)



'Sailing for Disaster' - Cillian Ryan (Y1)



'Save Us!' - Deirdre O'Reilly (Y2)



'Sinking Spirits' - Anna McShane (Y2)



'Sinking Treasure' - Killian O'Neill (Y3)



'Sleeping Beauty' - Lucy Plant (Y1)



'The Black Day' - Mia Hynes (Y2)



'The First to Go' - Evita Volginate



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'Voices of Lusitania' - Brendan Boyle



'Bloody Seas' - Cara O'Dwyer (Y2)



'Drifting Away' - Meagan O'Mahony



'Empress of the Sea' - Enrica Farmer (Y2)



'Lost Innocence' - Eadaoin O'Leary (Y5)



'Lusitania Triptych'



'RIP Lusitania' - Molly O'Donovan (Y2)



'Sea of Flames' - Emma McAuliffe



'The Best Trip of Your Life' - Freya Helle-



'The Edge of the Abyss' - Angel Wodi

CHRISTMAS CHARITY FACE-PAINTING

Before the Christmas holidays, our school took part in a Christmas fundraiser to help raise money for one of our inspirational teachers, Ms. Johnston. She volunteered to go and help the children of Chernobyl and our Art class were very anxious to do our part in supporting such a special cause. We decided to do a face-painting fundraiser and put our Art skills to good use! At first we were a little anxious because we were unsure how many students would want their face painted; but to our surprise a tremendous group of students showed up to support us!!



We charged €0.50 to €1.00 for each face-painting and raised over €65.00 with the support of the students and also the generosity of teachers donations. We would like to thank everyone who donated and especially to our Art teacher Ms. Fitzpatrick for organizing this event.

Ava Kerr O'Connor (Y5)

BATIK

This term we had the opportunity to do batiks with our Art Teacher Ms. O'Leary in F15. A batik is a decorative design on cloth using hot wax and fabric dyes. The first waxing stains the colour of the cloth and colours go from lightest to darkest. The hot wax protects each layer of the dry dyed cloth colour. The final step in the process is to completely remove the wax using a hot iron which was the trickiest part! Although we all found batik difficult at first it became much easier after some practice and we really enjoyed the experience.



Georgina McCarthy (Y1)



Katy Condren (Y1)



Locan O'Toole (Y1)



Madi Hayes (Y1)

Tuathla Healy (Y1)



Cillian Ryan (Y1)



Kai Norman (Y1)



Lucy Plant (Y1)



Milosz Rudak (Y1)



Tuathla Healy (Y1)



Rebecca Hayes (Y1)



Ruby Parker (Y1)



Sam Peare (Y1)



Shauna Murphy (Y1)

Art Gallery Visit

In early January, fifth year Art students and their Art teacher Ms. Kathleen Fitzpatrick visited the Crawford Gallery where they viewed the Watson collection of stained glass drawings. The collection was recently acquired by the Crawford Gallery and comes from a stained glass workshop in Youghal that was working in the 1900's. Students also had the opportunity to visit the sculpture gallery with the Canova casts and the AIB collection along with St. Finbarrs Cathedral to look at some of its Gothic features.





The 6th years went on a trip to Dublin in January to visit the Book of Kells in Trinity College Library and to the National Museum on Kildare Street to study artefacts from their Art History course. Some students continued on to the National Gallery while others did some shopping!! It was a very enjoyable day by all and a comic strip storyboard outlining the day was created by Art student Dimitra Das.

DR. GABRIEL DOHERTY LECTURE

On the fourth of March, fifth and sixth year history students of Kinsale Community school had the pleasure of having the highly respected historian Dr. Gabriel Doherty in as a guest speaker. Presently, Dr. Doherty is a professor of modern history at University College Cork. Dr. Doherty is an expert in modern Irish history and in particular, the Anglo Irish treaty negotiations of 1921 which formed the Irish Free State. Doherty gave an in depth lecture of the treaty negotiations; a significant topic which undoubtedly changed the course of Irish history. Interestingly, Dr. Doherty had forgotten his power point presentation which he had prepared for us, but he was able to talk without notes about the topic for more than an hour without having to stop. It was enthralling to see him providing such an in depth analysis from memory alone. Kindly, Doherty has offered to send the power point he intended to use on the day to us. This is beneficial as students took their own notes during the lecture and now will have Doherty's notes also.

Throughout, Dr. Doherty remained balanced and objective in his analysis of key figures involved in the negotiations such as Michael Collins and Eamon de Valera. He neither favoured one nor the other. He was extremely objective in the way he gave his thoughts on the treaty. He didn't display prejudice to the pro treaty side or the anti treaty side, when it was such a contentious issue in Irish history. De Valera faced a lot of criticism during and after the treaty negotiations for not being part of the Irish delegates who went over to Britain for the negotiations. For many it was imperative that de Valera be part of the team. He was also blamed for the Irish civil war by many people, yet Doherty remained objective in his characterisation of him. Doherty also stated de Valera was close to becoming professor of mathematics at UCC to succeed George Boole, but didn't get the job.

Doherty gave detailed profiles of Michael Collins and Arthur Griffith which were compelling. He remarked Collins as the "incarnation of the IRA" and the "absolute embodiment of the Fenian tradition" He stated Collins was focused on by David Lloyd George and his British delegates because they felt if they could convince him towards peace, he would sway the rest of the IRA with him. He stated Griffith was focused on by the British because he wasn't a doctrinaire republican and they knew he was willing to compromise, this was obvious from his original ideas of dual monarchy. Doherty opened the debate on the treaty negotiations when he asked the students did they think the British were actually willing to engage in the "immediate and terrible war" Lloyd George had promised or were the British just bluffing to sway the Irish towards peace.

Overall, Doherty's lecture was hugely beneficial to the history students who are studying this section on their syllabus as a document based question. The expertise of Doherty will help immensely with the students' knowledge of the topic. I would like to thank Doctor Gabriel Doherty for making the effort of coming to Kinsale and providing us History students with this privilege. I would like to thank history teacher Mr. D. O'Donovan for organising the talk.

Donal O'Donovan



Isabelle Fitzgerald {3rd year}, Lily Fitzgerald, Lisa Lee Fitzgerald director of PJ Fitzgerald Ins, Ban ki -Moon with young Benjamin Fitzgerald & Padraig Fitzgerald director of PJ Fitzgerald Insurances

ENGLISH

Cyclone

On the 25th February Cyclone Theatre company came to Kinsale Community School to perform their “William Shakespeare Series” for our English students. Over 200 second and third year students watched William Shakespeare’s “Romeo and Julie” as part of their Junior Certificate higher level course. Over 60 sixth year higher level students watched an interactive production of “Othello”. Some of our students were lucky enough to get the chance to try out their acting skills on stage with the theatre group. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day for both staff and students as Shakespeare came to life before our eyes and we look forward to many more performances by Cyclone Theatre Company in the future.



Cyclone Theatre Company

On the 25th of February, Cyclone Theatre Company came to our school to put on a show of Romeo & Juliet for 2nd and 3rd year students.

We didn’t know what to expect, but when the play started off with the actors arguing with each other and Shakespeare’s ghost coming back to intervene, we knew this wasn’t going to be an ordinary production of the classic Romeo & Juliet.

This light-hearted version of the play was more enjoyable for us to watch, especially when the actors made fun

of the more serious scenes but at the same time, didn’t forget or mock their importance. With references to social media, it created a modern twist on the play and made it more entertaining. To help us understand some of the difficult language in the play, the actors stopped at key moments to explain where the ideas came from and what they meant, which really helped us.

Overall, the play was funny to watch, but the actors were still very skilled, with each of them playing tough roles, and delivering their lines with emotion and talent. I would give this play 10/10.

Selena McCarthy (Y2)

PIZZA AND PLAY!

On Friday 8th of May students celebrated a successful year of student leadership in the school. To mark the occasion, Student Council, 5th and 6th year prefects and 2nd year boys basketball team attended a production of “The Importance of Being Ernest”. It was performed by the 1st year drama class from the Further Education College Kinsale and the catering class also cooked delicious pizzas much to the delight of students! A big thank you to the Further Education College Kinsale for a wonderful outing.



Unframed

*It was a sunset that brought it in.
If not for time, it could last forever.
The half an hour; twenty minutes,
However long it takes, in a single frame.
Its burning arms stretched across a grey plane.
Below hills, the black bulks that were there before eons,
Changed over the last decades as trees fell and grew across it.
And the bulk a hundred thousand years ago was probably not the
same
And below that a tidal flat that matted the magnitude of beauty.
That three hours back could never have been seen.
Behind the hill was a town that was invisible to me but still there
For the last ... oh, six hundred years.
All this unframed on the wall for the last sixteen days.

During that period time didn’t stop
Not even for a snap of fingers, not ever for a split second
Like in a logarithm, zero is always far away
And only on a photograph can you capture infinity.*

Simon Pindel (Y6)

To whom it may concern

By David Graham

To whom it may concern
The ship will overturn
From gentle waves
I now see black haze
Disaster's swift and brutal

A government ploy
To end German joy
Set out from New York harbour
Despite fair warning given, you,
felt safe with human amour

A danger lurking from below
Underestimated
And thought too slow
Would land a devastating blow
To the helm and seal my fate

Screams of the dead, ring in my ears
Death and drowning
Now more than fears
I blink again and look through tears
At the coast just minutes away

Death in eighteen minutes
No more
But who could know what was in store
The Yankees, now joined the war
A thousand heads too late

To whom it may concern
The ship did overturn,
Sank beneath the waves
To our watery graves
With a secret yet to be told

Lusitania Laments

By Chloe Daly 3A5

Calm at land and at sea,
All happy as can be.
Ignored warning led to mourning, innocent
lives lost, as devastation hit.

Screaming, crying murderous crashes led to
chaos of treacherous passage,
Now here I lie at the bottom of Irish seas
deepest ends,
With my sister before me, the famed 'mon-
arch' of the sea.

Saved in dozens all is left besides the ship-
wreck which forever lies on her mysterious
side.

Our Final Verse

Killian O'Neill

The Brash circular rim of a trombone wailed, aimed triumphantly out at the aristocrats of first class. This followed by the base of a cello complimenting the upbeat tempo set by the trombone, a spiraling clarinet completed the duo, playing the popular 'summer of 1915'.

Heiresses and fine gentlemen propped up by their canes conversed on deck the occasional fan fluttering in front of a shaded face. The polished decks surrounding us creating a false sense of safety. We were warned of the imminent danger that was on approach, such a great vessel of speed, the fastest in her class would not fall in the face of danger, surely?

We approached the Irish coast the destination Liverpool, a sour cloud of grey covering the ship, men, women and children concluded their entertainment for the indoors. We could not have foreseen the storm that was coming, calm seas in every direction. But the storm was not above us, but beneath.

An almighty Boom erupted from the starboard side of the ship, terrified screams broke out, Flames soaring to reach the tip of four funnels, Passengers scrambled for life jackets. Thick black gruesome smoke belched into the sky, the ship still heading at full throttle, diving nose first into the darkness, into the storm. Cries of children hidden within the mass of people screamed. "LIFE BOATS, LIFE BOATS" A voice roared from somewhere within the crowd. 'SNAP' a rope holding a lifeboat ripped, the lifeboat diving plow first into the freezing darkness below laden with women and children. Fear now, gripping like a vice. From somewhere above me on the upper deck I heard that wail once more. It cried this time searching for an audience, an audience which was desperately escaping. It remained unaltered by the chaos, the cello found these black waters curling at its feet. In their final moments they rang out, together engulfed in the deathly Flames, Smoke and the water. Time was not enough, we needed Time. Life, Fear and Death.

HMS LUSITANIA

Liverpool

Little did we know

By Kirsten Kavanagha

Little did we know,
Held captive by the sea,

That we would forever be lost,
In this hopeless tragedy,

Little did we know,
Our walls would come crumbling down,

Washed away our pride and joy,
to be buried at the bottom of the ground.

Little did we know,
Our lives would be changed forever.

Our descendants haunted and suffering,
To have known loss in the brutal weather.

Little did we know,
Our darlings would sink,

The apples of our eyes, gone like that,
...Blink.

A TATTERED COAT

A short story by Ellen Kelleher

I placed the last of the pictures and trinkets into the cardboard box, which had once held our Sony television, but now only holds memories. The barren shelves and bookcases gave me an awful lump that I could not swallow. Echoes bounced off bare walls where faded squares of discoloured paint called for me to place the family photos back over them. Clearing out a house is never easy. Clearing out your parents' house isn't any easier. I walk towards the hallway, almost expecting to hear my father listening to the radio upstairs, but a deafening silence is all I receive. I slid my hand down the banister that I used to slide down, and as I approach the door I say my silent goodbyes. I turn, and there I spot it; Dads tattered coat.

I cannot believe my mother kept it. All these years it has sat in its place, waiting for its owners return. The coat, once tan, was now a pale sandy colour from all the days it had spent outside. I pick it up and sit down on the stairs. Glancing over it, I trace my fingers along the infinitesimal stitches, well, the ones that weren't undone. My fingers trail to the large pockets that were once filled with everything a clumsy five year old needed. Whether it was sweets or plasters. But sadly, the pockets are empty.

Next I run my hands over the thick padded shoulders, where I once used to sit upon. A birds' eye view of the world. How we would wander through forests, and I would grab leaves as we drifted by. How the world would move past, unhurried and peaceful. Lazy days of walking in silence, only to be broken by the hymn of a lark, the whisper of leaves, the groan of trees, or when Dad would hum Bob Dylan songs and I would sing the chorus. These shoulders served as my throne with which I

viewed the world. But eventually, princesses grow too big for such games.

My eyes glance at the little tears that dot the coat. Cigarette burns towards the neck with rough, plastic edges, and then light, worn tears towards the sleeves that were soft and frilled. You could also see the ones my mother had attempted to sew, which stood out like a black swan in a white flock; almost lost in the chaos, but noticeable all the same.

I clutched the long sleeves, remembering how they had once clutched me, these large swooping arms lifting me as he would arrive home, or how I gripped them a little tighter every time he left. I traced the large black buttons at the cuff, which almost stared back at me, like empty voids. I hung the coat back in the same position.

The question was: to bring it home? Who would wear it? Should I give it to a charity shop, no, I don't want to part with it. It has no purpose here, it's just an old coat. I reach out to grab it once again, when a sudden ray of sunlight shines through the small window in the door. And until the end of my days, I will never forget how the light danced on that old, torn fabric. Like water glazing the sand, it rippled. In that moment, the coat was alive, as the soft glow trickled over its creases. From lifeless to lively, and it shimmered as the light faded away.

The air is still, and I have made my decision. I leave it on the hook, because I think that's where it belongs.

On the drive home, "Knockin' on heavens' door" comes on, and I turn my radio up just a little louder,
For Dad.

Farewell and Good Luck

Marcella Mawe joined the staff in Our Lady of the Rosary school in the early 80's and from the beginning it was obvious that she was dedicated to getting the best from every student. Marcella was efficient, superbly organised and always gave 100% to her work. Her students were always sure that she would help them get great results in the subject and so it proved.

Back in that time the Home Economics Department was situated in the Boarding school area, at the opposite side of the building to the rest of the school. It consisted of a large kitchen area, well set out and airy. The sewing room was

a few steps down into a long bright glass conservatory and while it was always cold there in winter Marcella loved it and had the whole place organised to perfection. It was this sewing room that converted into the make up area during school shows, a tradition that continued when we moved to Kinsale Community School and Marcella still generously gave her kitchen to the Make up department and never complained even when it was a mess afterwards!

One thing that was always apparent about Marcella from the start was her love of clothes. She was always beautifully dressed, often in her own creations. She was forever elegant and colourful even in the depths of winter. She brought a sense of style to the staffroom.

When we moved to our new home in Kinsale Community School in 1996, Marcella adapted to her new surroundings and quickly made it her own. It was only in recent years that Marcella had the opportunity to give her input in the remodelling and redesigning of the Home

Economics kitchen and what a fabulous job she did! It is a beautiful space that works really well for classes.

When Marcella became a Junior Cycle Year Head, she brought her usual dedication and organisation skills to the job. While it could be a challenging task, Marcella knew all the students under her care and guided them with care through their first three years in their new school.

Marcella's retirement has left a void in our staffroom and we will miss her wisdom and expertise. But we know that she has opened new and exciting chapters in her life. Family has always been very important to Marcella and we know she will love spending more time with her husband, her two boys and her dogs. There will be definitely be more time for dancing too! We wish her happiness and joy in her retirement. Retirement only means that it is time for a new adventure and we know there are many adventures to come in Marcella's future

Bernie Bowen

STUDENT COUNCIL RAISE NATIONAL FLAG AWARENESS

On Friday 1st of May 2015 Kinsale Community School Student Council organised a Flag Ceremony to mark the presentation of the Irish Flag from President Michael D. Higgins to our school.



The flag was presented to the Co-Chairpersons of the Student Council Sadhbh O'Hanrahan and Hugh Whelan, 5th year, along with Principal Fergal McCarthy, Mr. D. O'Donovan, History Teacher and Mrs. A. O'Callaghan, Student Council Co-ordinator by the Tomas Meagher Foundation in Waterford, from the site where the Irish Flag was first flown. The 20 body members of the Student Council then organised a commemorative event to celebrate the history of our national flag. Many elected representatives kindly came to join students in commemorating this event. Students made informative speeches about the history of the flag and the significance of the tricolour before the flag was raised up the mast accompanied by the sound of the traditional Irish student musicians rendition of "Amhrán na bhFiann". The flag will take pride of place in the main reception area from September.

TRICOLOUR PRESENTATION

On Thursday 12th March Kinsale Community School were presented with an Irish Flag by the Thomas F. Meagher Foundation. We were one of 300 schools present to hear President Michael D. Higgins give an impassioned speech on the meaning and significance of the Irish tricolour. Kinsale Community School was represented on the day by Student Council members Hugh Whelan and Sadhbh O'Hanrahan and were accompanied by Principal Mr. Fergal McCarthy and teachers Mr. Diarmuid O'Donovan and Ms. Aisling O'Callaghan.



MUSIC AT KCS



Trad Group performing at the Flag Raising Ceremony



Trad Group performing at the Lá Glas



Hurling Report 2014/2015

Our senior hurlers were defending their Cork PPS crown at B level this year, but unfortunately we lost out at the quarter final stage to Mitchelstown CBS on a scoreline of Mitchelstown 2-13 Kinsale 1-9.

Our Munster campaign began with a defeat in the group stage to Scoil Mhuire Gan Smal of Blarney 0-19 to 2-11. With both teams qualifying though this meant that we were next out against Scarriff CC in mid-November. Trailing by a single point at half time, the team performed heroically in the second half to progress on a scoreline of KCS 3-10 Scarriff 1-9.

Our semi-final was against St. Declans of Kilmacthomas in Waterford in early February. The game was played in Killeagh and hopes were high as we journeyed to the game. Unfortunately we never seemed to get to the pitch of the game and everything seemed to click for them. It was a disappointing scoreline of Kilmacthomas 2-12 Kinsale CS 1-6.

Great credit is due this group for the service they have given to hurling in the school over their time here, and we wish them all well in their lives, and sporting careers in the future.

U-16 Hurling

Our U-16 hurlers had a resounding victory over Douglas CS in the first round of this competition.

Our second round opponents were Patrician Academy Mallow. The game was played in blustery conditions in St. Vincents GAA grounds and unfortunately we were no match for the Mallow men, losing by 3-10 to 3-2. With all but two of the panel underage next year we hope for better days ahead.

U-14 Hurling

Once again we competed at A level in this grade. Our first outing

was against St. Colman's Fermoy. A poor opening five minutes proved costly as we lost by 4-11 to 3-4. However the lads did try until the very end and proved to be quite competitive.

They took the lessons learned here and produced an excellent performance against Clonakilty CC in late November winning by 5-9 to 2-3.

Our final game was against Midleton CBS, one of the favourites for the competition. At half time we trailed by 2-5 to 2-4 and had showed some real spirit. One or two minor errors led to Midleton emerging victorious by 5-7 to 3-5.

However this team showed great character and commitment all year and we look forward to seeing them in the famed jersey in the future.

U-15 Hurling:

We embarked on a new journey with this group by competing at the highest level in Munster Schools' Hurling.

A challenge game was arranged against St. Colman's Fermoy, on what proved to be a horrendous day for hurling. However our lads proved that they are well capable of competing at this level and showed strong determination on the day.

Our opponents in championship were Charleville CBS, last year's winners. The team had trained very well and proved to be quite competitive on the day. We displayed some fine skills throughout and entering the second quarter were narrowly behind. However a number of scores for Charleville pushed them out of sight. Our lads kept trying until the very end but lost out on the day on a scoreline of Charleville CBS 6-9 Kinsale CS 1-8.

Mr Niall Murphy

intel ideation

In April transition year students attended a two day Intel Ideation event at the Trident which was facilitated by the Kinsale Lions Club. Students completed a questionnaire and based on the results were divided into groups. Each group was then instructed to read the assignment brief and select a category e.g. dealing with issues that face the older members of the community. Students then proceeded to brainstorm ideas which developed and enhanced their teamwork skills.

After selecting a suitable product idea, the teams then had to decide how to market the product and present their idea to a panel of judges and all other teams. Students focused on various elements of the marketing mix such as product, place, promotion and price.

It took the form of a "Dragon's Den" style presentation where students were graded on their presentation and ability to answer questions put to them. It was a challenging experience for all involved and students had the opportunity to develop a wide range of skills such as interpersonal, communication, teamwork, negotiation and research skills.

Day two concluded with the selection of a winning team. Congratulations to Donal O'Neill, Ciara Manning, Rachel Lysaght, Marie O'Leary, Francesa Donovan, Michael McCloskey and Danielle Donovan on their achievement.

Many thanks to Ms. Hay, Ms. O'Donovan, Mr. Hayes, Ms. Foott, Ms. Woulfe and Ms. Brosnan for accompanying students and to the Kinsale Lions Club for organising and facilitating another successful and highly beneficial event.



Meitheal

At the beginning of 2014, I interviewed for a place on the 2014/15 Meitheal team. Meitheal is a group of 5th year students who provide help to 1st year students throughout the school year. At the beginning of the year we gave the 1st year students an introduction to the school, a tour of the school and we played ice-breakers. Our aim is to get students talking to each other, making new friends and being comfortable with their peers and the Meitheal team.

A couple of weeks after my interview I received the news that I was one of the successful applicants. The next step in my Meitheal experience was to attend a three day leadership training course in Scala, Blackrock. Here we learned communication and leadership skills, how to interact with different types of people and we also practiced our public speaking. In addition to this course, the Meitheal team nominated a chairperson and secretary for the group. These two positions rotated on a monthly basis

and once a month the secretary and chairperson met at Scala to discuss the teams progress

After our training was finished we were ready and prepared with the guidance of our chaplain Ms Honor O'Brien to start in September with our new group of first year students.

Throughout the year we held events for the 1st years such as a Christmas karaoke Day. We also visited the students regularly to check they were all coping with this new chapter in their lives.

Our last job is to accompany them on their tour to the activity centre in Mount Mellarey.

My Meitheal experience has been very positive. I learned a lot and had a lot of fun too! On behalf of the Meitheal team we would like to thank all the teachers who enabled us to go to their classes and gave us time to speak with the 1st year students. A special thank you to Ms Honor O'Brien for her support, advice and encouragement throughout the year. Finally to all of the 1st year students of 2014/2015, we hope that you had an amazing first year at Kinsale Community School.

Alexandra Jeffery (Y5)

Meitheal 2015/16

On the 12th of May ten TY students began their Meitheal leadership programme in Scala, Blackrock. This year's team included Charlotte Hurley, Sara Hurley, Sheila-Marie Kelleher, Melissa McCarthy, Paul O'Donovan, Micheál McCloskey, Colin O'Neil, Niamh Twomey, Stephan McAllister and Marie O'Leary. As the week went on, we learnt how to work as a team, deal with conflict and how to listen to each other. We were given many group challenges over the four days which included making a building out of pins and straws, figuring out puzzles and riddles.

Throughout the four days we were broken up into our own Meitheal team and we worked with the other six schools sharing ideas. Each day we worked on a different skill such as trust building, communication skills, how to deal with conflict, organisational skills and decision and action planning. We all learned how to look after first years needs and how to help them overcome challenges, which may arise.



The facilitators taught us how to run a Meitheal meeting successfully and how to stay on the right track and not to get distracted. Overall I think it was worthwhile and we learned new life skills. It was an enjoyable four days in which we got to socialise with other schools. We look forward to helping new first years settle in to secondary school in August.

Sara Hurley TY1

Chitty Chitty Bank Bank

Running the school bank has been a blast. It has been an enjoyable yet educational experience from start to finish. On being selected for the school bank team, we all

automatically clicked, forming great bonds and friendships. From our launch in October to our grand finale this may we have opened numerous accounts, ran countless competitions and received a gold award at the regional for the AIB Build a Bank competition at the Silversprings Hotel in February. We befriended many students from first to sixth year by helping



them with their banking needs.

We worked hand in hand with businesses around Kinsale and we appreciate all their sponsorship. Thanks to Supervalu, Kinsale sports shop, Daisy Chain, Salvis Den, Curtin Electrical, The Blue Haven and Auntie Nellies. We were guided in the right direction every time by our student officer Nicola Creedon of AIB Kinsale, who never turned away our desperate calls for help on showing up on her office door at the local branch.

Mrs. Woulfe stepped up to the plate once again and took on the school bank team, teaching us how it was going to be ran. Big shout out to Sharon, Maureen and Mark in the office for all their patience with our numerous requests throughout the year. Thanks to Brendan Barry our trustee care taker for all his constant assistance.

We loved every minute of our year long experience. We would like to thank every their help and support and we wish next year's team all the best!!!!!!!

Charlotte Hurley – Manager
Adam Higgins – Assistant manager
James Barry – Financial controller



Michaela O'Driscoll - Marketing manager
Mary-Claire Scanlon – Customer services representative
Richard Barry – Customer services representative

Pictured are Nicola Creedon (AIB) and Seamus Harnedy (Cork Hurler) with Principal Mr Fergal McCarthy and School Bank Members.

Student Council

2014-2015

This year was a busy one for the 2014/2015 Student Council.

The year began with the election of the members. We then set out our ultimate aim – getting a new water fountain for the school. After hard work and dedication from all council members, we have succeeded in having a new fountain included in the plans for the new school. This fountain will bear a plaque mentioning with this year's student council.

Coming up to Christmas, we organised a non-uniform day fundraiser for the Jamie Wall foundation, and successfully raised over 1000 euro.

Post Christmas, the Student Council went into study mode, but various functions were carried out – the Joint-Chairpersons, Sadhbh and Hugh, were invited to receive an honorary tricolour flag on behalf of the school at a national ceremony attended by Michael D. Higgins in Waterford.

Once we had received the flag, we set about organizing our Ceremonial Flag Raising day. This was an event organised solely by the Student Council with the trad group providing a musical interlude, and it was a great success, with local TDs and councillors in attendance.

It has been decided that in order to complete projects already in progress, the student council representatives from this year will continue on in their positions as year reps for the next school year. This two-year term system will stay in place for future student councils.



Finally, after a long year of dedicated work, the Student Council were rewarded with a trip to the Further Education College, where we received pizzas and a performance of a play by the students of the college.

We would like to thank the school, in particular Deputy Principal Ms. O' Brien and Principal Mr. McCarthy for arranging this and their support of the student council throughout the year. But our biggest thanks go to Miss O' Callaghan, the Student Council Co-ordinator – we want to thank her for her invaluable assistance and help throughout the year, and wish her the best of luck in the coming months.

Ciara Gimblett, Sadhbh O' Hanrahan and Hugh Whelan (Student Council Members)

SCIENCE

Trip to Aras

In early April, a delegation from Kinsale Community School, were invited to Aras an Uachtarain for a reception with the President Michael D. Higgins. Ciara Judge, Emer Hickey and Sophie Healy Thow were recognised for their wonderful achievement in winning the Google Science Fair. The president also congratulated the school on their huge successes in the Young Scientist Exhibition throughout the years. Ciara Judge was also recognised for her generous donation to Chernobyl's Children's Fund, which helped to pay for an operation to save a child's life. Adi Roche was also present at the function.



ELLY LILLY QUIZ



Kinsale Community School represented by Fiona Deasy, David Graham, Jake Hyland and Ellen Kelleher participated in the Elly Lilly Junior Science quiz which was held in UCC on the 14th May. KCS came 5th from over 20 schools.

SCIENCE FOUNDATION IRELAND AWARD



Congratulations to second year students Cathy Hynes and Eve Casey who were presented with the SFI Special Award from Science Foundation Ireland which requires that students demonstrate how their project would have significant benefits for people in Ireland. Cathy and Eve were selected as winners for their BTYS project entitled "Sugar on Trial: A comparative study to assess the relative sweetness of beet and cane sugar and the resultant potential for sugar reduction".

SCI-FEST 2015

PFIZER QUIZ



KCS Chemistry students Eoghan Gilleran, Eoin Hurley, Aisling Rice and Katie Wall participated in the Pfizer Senior Chemistry which was held on 29th April in the Pfizer social club, Ringaskiddy.



On the 17th of April, Kinsale Community School achieved another great success in the Scifest competition held in CIT. Emily Kellett won the intermediate Life Sciences category award; James Barry, Luke Henderson and Tadhg McCarthy won the intermediate Physical Sciences Category award; Hannah Kellett, Ramiya Renolds and Aisling Hurley won three awards including the overall runner up award. Mr Holly and Ms McCartan also picked up well deserved teacher's awards.

BTYS SUCCESS

On Wednesday 7th January over 50 Kinsale Community School students travelled to the RDS accompanied by the Young Scientist Co-ordinator Mr Shaun Holly and a team of Science teachers. A massive 22 projects from Kinsale Community School qualified for this year's BT Young Scientist Exhibition. This year we had a qualification record of 65% compared to the national average of 20%. The Young Scientist team in the school have been working tirelessly over the past few months and over the holidays in preparation for the competition. Their hard work and efforts paid off and the students travelled home with 20 National Category Awards and the National Teacher of Excellence Award. Congratulations and best wishes to all those involved.

Overall - Teacher of Excellence – Shaun Holly

1st Place (Junior Biological & Ecological Science) – Cathy Hynes and Eve Casey
Project Title: Sugar on Trial: A Comparative Study to Assess the Relative Sweetness of Beet and Cane Sugar and the Resultant Potential for Sugar Reduction

1st Place (Junior Social & Behavioural Science) - Orlaith Cummins, Lucy Plant and Amanda Draper
Project Title: Reading speed, comprehension, and recall: A statistical study of iPad vs. Paper based reading in 12-16 year old students.

1st Place (Junior Social & Behavioural Science) – Mia Hynes
Project Title: A statistical study on people's attitudes and awareness to allergies and anaphylaxis.

2nd Place (Senior Biological & Ecological Science) – Sadhbh Hanrahan, Ciara Walsh and Ali Hill
Project Title: An investigation into the antimicrobial activity of selected Irish seaweeds

2nd Place (Intermediate Technology) – Lorcan O'Brien and Neil O'Brien
Project Title: There's more to light than meets the eye

3rd Place (Junior Social & Behavioural Science) – Jennifer McCarthy
Project Title: A statistical study of the public's attitudes towards female participation and aggression control in mixed gender martial arts.

Highly Commended

Susan Timmons and Esha Healy-Thow (Junior Biological & Ecological Sciences)
Project Title: To investigate whether there is a relationship between plant biomass and leaf area and to determine the effects of herbivory on plant biomass.

Emily Kellett and Orla Nyhan (Intermediate Chemistry, Physical & Mathematical Sciences)
Project Title: The development of a prototype citizen monitoring water quality test kit.
Madi Hayes and Robyn McCarthy (Junior Chemistry, Physical & Mathematical Sciences)
Project Title: Is the hydrogen fuel cell our future?

Frank Curtin, Kane Curtin & Mackenzie Cahill (Intermediate Social & Behavioural Science)
Project Title: A statistical study investigating international opinions on armed and unarmed standard police forces and their protective methods.

Mia Kovacs and Alannah Humphreys (Intermediate Social & Behavioural Science)
Project Title: A Statistical Analysis of the Public's Perception of Feminism in Modern Society.

Maebh Delahunty, Aoife Gilleran and Ciara Morrison (Intermediate Social & Behavioural Science)
Project Title: A statistical analysis to investigate the public's attitudes towards mental illnesses and the differences that emerge between age categories.

Marieke Buckley and Niamh Twomey (Intermediate Social & Behavioural Science)
Project Title: A statistical study investigating the public's awareness of male suicide, support services, and education of young people regarding suicide.

Jessica Sheehan and Max Shanahan (Intermediate Social & Behavioural Science)

Project Title: A Statistical Study of the Effect of Change Blindness and its effect on Road Safety.

Bethan Lewis and Kerry Murphy (Junior Social & Behavioural Science)
Project Title: A Statistical Study of the effects on domestic life due to the incoming water charges.

Hugh Whelan and Ken McVitty (Senior Social & Behavioural Science)
Project Title: A study using statistical methods of public attitudes to and awareness of climate justice

Special Award (Science Foundation) - Cathy Hynes and Eve Casey (Junior Biological & Ecological Sciences)
Project Title: Sugar on Trial: A Comparative Study to Assess the Relative Sweetness of Beet and Cane Sugar and the Resultant Potential for Sugar Reduction

Special Award (Geological Society) – James Barry, Luke Henderson and Tadhg McCarthy (Intermediate Chemistry, Physical & Mathematical Sciences)
Project Title: Earthquakes in Ireland! What's shaking us?

Special Award (RSA) – Jessica Sheehan and Max Shanahan (Intermediate Social & Behavioural Science)
Project Title: A Statistical Study of the effect of change blindness and its effect on road safety.

Special Award (EPA) – Hugh Whelan and Ken McVitty (Senior Social & Behavioural Science)
Project Title: A study using statistical methods of public's attitudes to and awareness of climate justice.

Finalists

Alana McSweeney, Clare Bernard and Sarah Cotter (Junior Chemistry, Physical & Mathematical Sciences)
Project Title: Effects of radiofrequencies

Deirdre O'Reilly, Anna Walsh and Karen Dwyer (Junior Social & Behavioural Science)
Project Title: A statistical study on the influence of aqua phobia as an impediment to swimming in Irish society.

Hannah Kellett, Ramiya Reynolds and Aishling Hurley (Junior Biological & Ecological Science)
Project Title: A study of how the

light emitted by bioluminescent Dinoflagellates is affected by common chemical pollutants in Irish waters.

Joseph O'Donovan and Casey Ring (Junior Technology)
Project Title: Wireless appliances accessed via your smartphone.

Ciara Manning and Molly Dunican (Intermediate Biological & Ecological Sciences)

Project Title: Using seaweed as a biomonitor for measuring pollution in sea water.



BTYS Award Winners



Geographical Society of Ireland Award



Environmental Protection Agency Award



CAPPANALEA 2015

Stuck in a moment and we can't get out of it!!

OMG!!

Students enthusiastically launched themselves into the designated activities of kayaking, abseiling, orienteering and hillwalking. These activities continue hail or shine and reports from the frontline say that the adrenalin rush is far greater when the rain falls and kayaks have to break the ice on the lake!!

Cappanalea was again the testing ground for the biggest group ever of 94 second year students who braved the elements spending 3 days in the wilds of the Kerry Mountains. This long anticipated trip lived up to its reputation putting the students through challenges both physical and mental! For many it was the first time away from parents. Homesickness, allergies, cuts, fatigue, apprehension, excitement, fear and fun were all part of this 3 day trip.

The trip isn't all about activity though. In fact a far more important element is the networking that takes place between students. Some who have hardly spoken to others find themselves co-dependant in an activity. The same weekend programme is run for companies for corporate team building which breaks down barriers and develops a sense of shared goals and responsibilities.

We started with a cultural element when we visited Muckross House where students got insights into the lives of the gentry in the 19th century and also saw life beyond the green door a la Downton Abbey!! I hope they appreciated the luxuries we all take for granted after this eye opening experience.

Huge thanks to Ms Dullea and Ms Hay for giving up their time to make these two weekends possible.

Cappanalea is located on Carragh Lake... 8 miles outside Killorglin...25 miles outside Killarney...you get the gist! It is very remote with almost no mobile phone signal and no TV...

Tony Cierans
Tour Leader



WOODWORK



Billy Mulcahy (Y6)



Marie Dempsey (Y3)



Oisin McGuire (Y3)



Timmy Murphy (Y6)



Sadhbh O'Leary (Y3)



Chris Healy (Y3)



Rebecca Daly (Y3)



Daire Fenton (Y3)



Ethan Moru (Y3)



Finán McAllen (Y3)



Gary Ward (Y6)



Jake Hyland (Y3)



Michael Sheehan (Y6)



Jason Cowhig (Y6)



Kevin Collins (Y6)



Jordan Keohane (Y3)

BASKETBALL

What a year!!! All roads led to the National Basketball Arena in Dublin, not once, not twice but three times this year. On all three occasions, we were the only school involved in the National Finals without a club in its area. To reach this stage in competition is testament to the excellent athletic ability of our students.

This was a hugely successful year for our U16 Girls Basketball Team. After being crowned Regional Champions in December, they progressed easily through their All Ireland Qualifiers to meet Coláiste Íosagáin, Portarlinton in the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght. They again overcame their opposition to send them into an All-Ireland decider with St. Louis Community School, Kiltimagh. However a slow start on the day proved to be a major factor in the closing stages of the game with our girls staging a superb comeback, only to be defeated on a scoreline of 44 to 39. Captain, Abbie Jeffery, TY, played a leading role in this comeback and was awarded Most Valuable Player due to her outstanding display on the day.

Team: Abbie Jeffery (Captain), Hester McCarthy (Vice-captain), Sadhbh O' Leary, Carlota Martinez, Anna Martinez, Tracy McCarthy, Katie Daly, Mary O' Donovan, Julie Moynihan, Georgia Gould, Juliette Cronin, Dominika Andron, Weronika Mozolewska, Ana Carrasco, Saoirse Hill, Eva Clayton, Cara O' Dwyer, Angel Wodi.

As Regional Finalists, our U19 Girls Basketball Team progressed easily through their preliminary qualifiers brushing past opposition from Cahersiveen and Kilkenny on their way. Led by their captains, Clare Tyner and Nicola Coleman, they competed in their All Ireland Qualifiers in Longford with a place in an All-Ireland Semi-final at stake. Unfortunately, success did not come their way, losing out by a basket to the eventual All Ireland Finalists on the day.

Team: Clare Tyner (Captain), Nicola Coleman (Vice-captain), Rhona Hurley, Abbie Jeffery, Sharon O' Leary, Mackenzie Cahill, Marieke Buckley, Alex Jeffery, Elena Perez, Georgia Gould, Sadhbh O' Leary, Carlota Martinez,

Nicole McCarthy, Hannah Quinn.

Our 2nd Year Boys Basketball Team fully invested their time and energy into basketball due to a common bond in a love of the sport. Avid basketball fans and dedicated sports fanatics, this team aspired to play on the National Stage. Having achieved County and Regional Titles, this team reached the All – Ireland Semi-final with an undefeated record. Led by inspirational captain, Darragh Crowley, their opponents on the day, Coláiste Phádraig, Lucan, settled quickly into the game. A spirited display by the team saw them battle to go into the second half only two points down. However, the Dublin side prevailed, eventually defeating our team by six points and going on to win the All-Ireland Title.

For many of this team, their dream of playing and scoring in the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght was realised on the day.

Team: Darragh Crowley (Captain), Andrew O' Connell (Vice- captain), Simon Dorney, Adam O' Leary, Conor Keogh, Joe Bohan, Conor O' Brien, Donnacha O' Mahony, Ross Mooney, Jack ETTY, Brian O' Neill, Aidan Ryan, Benait Garcia de Bikuna, Miłosz Rudak, Rhys Reynolds.

As newcomers to our school and the sport of basketball our First Year Boys Basketball Team improved through each pool game in the County League to give an exhibition of basketball while capturing the County Title in Neptune Stadium in Cork. Co-Captains Rhys Reynolds and Benait Garcia de Bikuna were presented with the County Trophy on the day and the team were excited to receive their county medals. In their All-Ireland Qualifiers they were pitted against seasoned basketball teams from Kerry and Waterford and were unlucky not to advance to the National Finals.

Both boys teams were inspired and coached by TY student, Abbie Jeffery. On behalf of all teams and coaches involved, we would like to express our sincere thanks to the following people who facilitated, supported and aided our

success throughout the year:

Mr. Fergal McCarthy, Principal and Ms. Kathleen O' Brien, Deputy Principal Staff of Kinsale Community School: notably Sharon Hegarty, Maureen Graham, Mark Lombard, Brendan Barry, Gerard Hogan, Aisling O'Callaghan, Ita O' Donovan, Maria Brosnan, Shaun Holly and Niamh Johnston.

Parents and Guardians of our students. The many students who travelled to Dublin to support our teams.

Riverstick Community Centre Committee: notably Trish Pounds, Lydia Coleman, Nicola Barriscale and Peter Deane.

Past Pupils: Shane Mooney, Mateusz Rudak, Troy Dillon, Aaron O' Sullivan, Timmy Broderick, Jack Deegan and James Moore.

Kiely's Coaches, especially Denis O' Mahony.

Our TY & 5th Year students who selflessly gave of their time this year to aid in our involvement in Regional and All-Ireland Competitions: Hannah Quinn, Richard Barry, Gavin O' Leary, Stephen O' Neill, Sharon O' Leary, Siobhán O' Riordan, Kevin Fitzgerald, James O' Mahony, Kerri O' Reilly, Clodagh O' Donovan, Orlaith Nyhan, Clara Mulcahy, Mackenzie Cahill and Marieke Buckley.

This year saw a real International flavour to our basketball teams. We had the pleasure of having many of our International Students involved in our teams. They have left a lasting impression on our students and school community: Carlota Martinez, Anna Martinez, Ana Carrasco, Elena Perez, Benait Garcia de Bikuna, Seamus Neufeld and Oban Neufeld.

We also would like to wish the very best of luck to our Sixth Year Students Nicola Coleman, Clare Tyner and Eoin Healy in their exams and future lives. These students have paved the way for our younger basketball players and have left a lasting legacy to future stars.

Ms Marie Hayes, Ms Elaine Bennett and Ms Aine McKenna (Basketball Coaches)



1ST YEAR BOYS - COUNTY CHAMPIONS



2ND YEAR BOYS - ALL IRELAND BRONZE MEDALISTS



U16 GIRLS - ALL IRELAND SILVER MEDALISTS



FAREWELL AND THANK YOU!



GAEILGE

OIREACHTAS VISIT

GRADAM NA GAEILGE



Bronnadh Gradam na Gaeilge ar Faye Murphy, iarrscóláiríe na scoile seo, ar an 23ú lá de mhí Aibreáin i gColáiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh.

Bronnadh an Gradam uirthí as an éacht a rinne sí i rith na bliana an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn timpeall na hOllscoile. I measc na rudaí a bhí eagraithe agus déanta aici ná: Cuardach Craiceáilte a eagrú i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge; Tuaris Gaelach a dhéanamh go Tiobraid Árann agus go Cill Airne; Clubanna Comhrá a chur ar siúl dhá uair in aghaidh na seachtaine agus daoine a spreagadh chun frestal orthu; céilí a eagrú ag am lóin amuigh faoin aeir agus go leor rudaí eile.

Bhuaigh sí €500 mar chuid den duais. Faye Murphy le Diarmuid Ó Mathúna, urraitheoir Gradam na Gaeilge.



Kinsale Community School was recently invited by Michael McCarthy T.D., as chairperson of the Joint Committee on the Environment, Culture and the Gaeltacht, to offer three Senior Cycle students the opportunity to make submissions to the Committee through the medium of Irish. The occasion was a part of Oireachtas celebrations of Seachtain na Gaeilge 2015. The submissions focussed on three contemporary issues relevant to young people: protection of mental health, alcohol and drug misuse, and the proposed constitutional change to the voting age. Kinsale Community School was one of three schools present and the only all-English medium school in attendance. Caitríona O'Reilly (Year 6), Hugh Whelan (Year 5) and Cúán Wilson-Tobin (Year 4) debated eloquently and powerfully as Gaeilge, and each was highly praised not alone by various politicians on the day but also by their teachers Ms Geraldine Sheehy and Ms Donna Dempsey as well as School Vice-Principal Ms Kathleen O'Brien and School Principal Mr Fergal McCarthy. Treise leo triúr!

View the committee meeting at:
<http://media.heanet.ie/oireachtas/asx>.

FIRST PRIZE IN NATIONAL IRISH LANGUAGE SHORT FILM COMPETITION

Kinsale Community School recently took first prize in a national Irish language film-making competition. Gaelchultúr invited entries for its St Patrick's Day Frása an Lae short film and a group of TY students set enthusiastically about creating, producing, directing and starring in their very own short movie. The students involved included: Conor McCarthy, Sarah McCarthy, Órlaith Nyhan, Mary-Claire Scanlon, Maebh Delahunty, Océane Brophy, Sara Hurley, Jerome Bernard, Cúán Wilson-Tobin, Clodagh O'Donovan, Clara Mulcahy. Kerri O'Reilly, Mía Kovacs and Alannah Humphreys directing and editing skills were simply invaluable, while Grace Hurley's (Year 2) Irish dancing skills were outstanding. A €200 voucher for Irish language resources will be forwarded to the school and the film is available online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VUWrCfeVriM&feature=youtu.be>



LÁ GLAS

Friday 13 March 2015 was designated Lá Glas in Kinsale Community School as part of celebrations of Seachtain na Gaeilge 2015. Staff and students alike were invited to participate by wearing something green to school. There were plentiful examples of creative thinking from green tights to green shoes, scarves, wigs, sunglasses, nail polish. Bhí an lá ana-ghlas ar fad!



Banimpire na Farraise

Ó áilleacht an domhain,
Chomh cothrom le bláth san earrach,
A tonnadóirí chomh hard le crainn,
Agus a scéal brónach.

Ar luas lasrach bhuaíl sé leí,
Agus screadáil sí le scanradh,
Mar mharaigh sí a leanaí,
Bhí sí croíbhriste sa deireadh.

Thosaigh sí ag caoineadh,
Deora le pian do na marbh,
Nuair a thosaigh sí ag smaoineamh.
“Bhí an toirpéad cosúil le tarbh”.

Chuir sé a ceann ina roithleán,
Bhí deatach ag stealladh as a croí,
Ní raibh aon bhindealán,
Nó dochtúir ann a rinne aon tríthí.

Gan choinne, thit sí as a chéile,
Chuaigh sí go tóin poill ar na carraige’
Níl aon cheiliúradh nó féiile,
Do Bhanríon na Farraise.

Le hEnrica Farmer (2ú Bliain)

Dán ar an Lusitania

Chuaigh an Lusitania ó Nua Eabhrac
Go dtí Learpholl
Bhí sí ar an long ba thapa
Agus ba mhó.

Scaoil U-Bád Gearmánach
Í le toirpéad.

Ní raibh Meiriceá ró-shásta,
Dúirt siad: “A leithéid!”.

Seoladh í i Mí Mheán Fómhair
Naoi déag agus a seacht,
Níl fhios ag aon duine
Cá raibh an U-bád Gearmánach.

Le Daniel Graham (2ú Bliain)

Student Enterprise Awards

It was an early start for two groups of TY students who travelled to Skibbereen with their mini-company teachers Ms Sinead O’Donovan and Ms Maria Brosnan for the Student Enterprise Awards on Monday 9th February. The two teams were selected to represent KCS at the Student Enterprise Awards by a panel of judges at a Trade Fair in the school in January. Each team developed very unique and interesting products as part of the mini-company module.

Fach Enterprises based their product idea on their experiences of problems with everyday technology such as phones and music devices. The team consisted of 5 team members - Cathal Whelan, Cúán Tobin, Sarah McCarthy, Kelly Crowley and Daniel Horgan. Their product is aimed at users of iPhones, iPods and iPads. The team developed an iPhone Charger Protector to help alleviate the problem with frayed wires. After sketching & designing the product on software in the Tech room, the prototype was 3D printed with the expert help and advice of Mr O’Connell in the Engineering Department.

The Scilly Walkers Mini-Company based their product idea on the local Scilly Walk in Kinsale. The product comprises of a book called “A Scilly Adventure on the Scilly Walk Kinsale” and follows a story of a seagull and his dreams of becoming human. The team consisted of 4 team members - Rachel White, Kate Delaney, Melissa McCarthy and Katelynn Campbell. Their product is aimed at tourists and families with young children. The product consists of hand-drawn illustrations and also includes a set of crayons, stickers and a bookmark.



The Scilly Walkers Best Display Award

Both teams performed excellently against stiff competition. Their hard work and efforts paid off and both teams were presented with awards by Michael Hanley of the West Cork Enterprise Board. Fach Enterprises were awarded “Best Innovation” and The Scilly Walkers were awarded “Best Display”. Congratulations to both teams and their teachers.



Fach Enterprises Best Innovation Award

U16 Ladies Football County Final

KCS U16 girls had a fantastic win in the County Final against St. Peter's Community School Passage West on Monday 11th May which was played in Passage West. KCS beat Dunmanway and Loreto to reach the final. KCS started the game against a very strong breeze which did not deter their determination and they battled gallantly to remain in close contest with St. Peter's. The defence was lead superbly by Faye Aherne in goal with her defenders working very hard to protect the goal. With fantastic defending from Tracy McCarthy and ably assisted by Claire Bernard, Anna McShane, Orla Kelly and Hester McCarthy, KCS made it very hard for St. Peter's to convert their opportunities. Up front excellent decision making by Niamh Cronin enabled Mary Collins and Georgia Gould to score a goal each. At half time, KCS trailed by 3 points; 2-6 to 2-3.

In the second half, KCS played with the strong breeze but were finding it hard to get past the strong St. Peter's defence. Deirdre O'Reilly worked extremely hard in defence as too did Niamh Steenson blocking some very on target attempts. Up front, Fiona Keating really started to dominate the wing forward position and made some fantastic runs. With Jenny



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Murphy and Georgia Gould in charge of midfield, quality ball was being delivered to the forwards. Up front, Sadhbh O' Leary was causing problems for the St. Peter's defence. Georgia Gould scored two fantastic long range points which settled KCS. Aisling Hurley found herself up front and scored a goal from a rebound shot which levelled the game. St. Peter's had a penalty which they put over the bar. A goal from Sadhbh O' Leary and a point from Jenny Murphy meant that KCS ran out eventual winners on a score of 4-07 to 2-10 in what was a thrilling performance from both teams from start to finish. Well done to the girls on what was an excellent display of skill and determination.

Scorers: Georgia Gould, Sadhbh O' Leary (1-02) Mary Collins, Aisling Hurley (1-0) Jenny Murphy, Hester McCarthy, Fiona Keating (0-1)

Panel: Faye Aherne, Claire Bernard, Niamh Steenson, Anna McShane, Deirdre O' Reilly, Tracy McCarthy, Orla Kelly, Georgia Gould, Jenny Murphy, Fiona Keating, Hester McCarthy, Dara Tyner, Mary Collins, Sadhbh O' Leary, Niamh Cronin, Dara Wall, Aisling Hurley, Michelle Collins, Rebecca Corkery, Siomha Dolan, Hannah Kelwett, Lorraine Collins, Juliette Cronin, Kellie-Marie Crowley.



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