

Welcome to the 1st newsletter of this academic year.

It has been a very busy few months since we returned this year. Wow, tempus fugit!

By November we have achieved so much in the school for each year group and as a whole school. Students have settled into routines, revision for house exams is underway, 6th years are looking at their options for further study next year. 3rd years considering their options for next year.

Well done to last years leaving cert and junior cert students on their excellent results, the years of hard work paid off and it is a testimony to not just the students hard work, but, also the hard work and dedication put in by their teachers, parents/guardians.

This year following budget 2017 the Minister of Education announced that schools with over 700 students would receive an additional Deputy Principal. We welcome Ms C Ryan to the management team here in Presentation Wexford, and wish her every success on her new journey here in the school.

The amount of events and activities that are organised here in Presentation Wexford, never ceases to amaze me, and the support, dedication and indeed commitment that both our staff and students show to the school.

As I write this, our 1st, 2nd & 5th years are preparing for their House Exams, I am sure that they hard work they have put in since September will pay off. We have also had the parents' information nights in school, parent teacher meetings, various staff meetings after normal school hours, School Mass, staff in-services, European day of Languages, Science & Numeracy week, Friendship week, Well-being days etc.

Students have been on many trips such as Curracloe Beach, Farm Visit, the Opera House, the National Art gallery to name a but few, which shows the wide variety of activities that are carried out.

From a sporting point of view, all sports have been out and taking part in events, the extra-curricular activities that are offered here is wide, Camogie, football, Futsal, Equestrian, Basketball, Badminton, Debating, Green Schools, Deepgreen, Choir, Feminist Society, Games Club, there is something for everyone. We encourage students to try one of these activities if they haven't done so far this year.

The school is approaching a big celebration of 200 years in Wexford in October 2018, and already the school has started to organise celebrations, if there are any past pupils, past staff or parents who would like to get involved in the events please let us know. Please see our facebook page for more information.

As part of the ongoing changes here in the school, we now have a Five year school focus and school plan, where the main areas that we will be working to improve upon between 2017 and 2022 are; *Academic Achievement, Attendance, Positive Behaviour, Well-Being, 3rd Level Progression, School Community.*

As part of the Mission and Vision review last year – the school has a new Motto – “Our Best, Always”. We hope that students will always strive to achieve their best with us here in Presentation Wexford, it is through planning over the next 5 years that the school can only improve on its excellent position already.

Thank you to Mr Gaynor and his team of reporters for yet another excellent newsletter.

William Ryan