

Welcome to the 2nd newsletter of this academic year. It has been a very busy few weeks, since Mr Gaynor and his team of TY reporters issued the 1st newsletter of 2016/2017.

Wow, tempus fugit! By December 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.

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> years sit their House Exams, I am sure that the 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, Presentation Day, staff in-services, etc.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> years, are having Block teaching this week, and I am sure they will be looking forward to the break over the Christmas holidays, remember ladies, it is a marathon to June and not a sprint!

Students have been on many trips such as Curracloe Beach, Killowen Farm, Wexford Nature Reserve, Carlow, the Opera House, the National Art gallery to name a but few, 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.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> November we had our annual whole school community celebration of Presentation day. Wonderful music, readings and art work were on show during the service in Rowe Street. A massive thank you to all those involved, teachers, students and staff.

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.

The school is currently working on a new Mission and Vision for the school, and on the 10 November over 60 people, staff, students, parents and members of the wider community came to the school to share their knowledge, thoughts and hopes for the school going forward, it was a wonderful night of engagement and participation.

Finally, as the festive season approaches I would like to commend the Transition Year students for the time and effort they are putting into their Annual Panto, Snow White Babes in the Woods. A massive thank you to Paul Walsh and all the teachers & staff involved in putting on this production. Tickets are available from the school, the two evening shows are Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> December, and Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> December, a great way to start the holiday season.

I look forward to the school panto next week, & I take this opportunity to wish all of our staff, students and parents a peaceful, Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2017.

William Ryan