

Welcome All,

In this section of the website, I will keep you updated on recent developments here in the school.

As we near the end of the first half term and approach the Mid-term break, we look back over the last few months. It has been an extremely busy couple of weeks since our return in August.

A massive well done to our Junior Cert class of 2018, who recently received their results. Your dedication, commitment, and hard work paid off. We are extremely proud of your results and we hope that you continue this hard work over the next few years. Our results keep improving each year and the school is above the national average at both Higher level take up and median grade achieved at both Higher Level and Ordinary Level. Well done to all on the excellent results, they are a credit to both teachers, students and parents.

As many of you are aware we recently marked a significant milestone here in the school by marking our bicentenary. The week of the 1st of October this year in Presentation, Wexford was one that we will never forget. The week of celebrations, took 2 years of planning to mark what has been in the making for 200 years. It would not have been possible without a very hard working, dedicated Bicentenary committee of 20 staff members and sisters from the convent & our students who helped out at many of the events during the course of the week.

When we look back over the week, there were so many highlights and events to think about.

- Our choir at our annual CEIST conference.
- The Book Launch.
- Open school for past pupils.
- The lantern walk.
- Student Art work to mark this special occasion.
- Student tours of the convent and its gardens.
- Our bicentenary mass.
- Gala concert.

Thank you to everyone for coming and helping us to celebrate our Bicentenary, here's to the next chapter in Presentation Wexford's history.

Our recent WSEMLL report has now been published and the link to the report can be found below. The Board of Management welcomes this inspection report as a validation of the school's commitment to excellence in education in a caring and inclusive environment. It notes in particular that a "culture of improvement is effectively promoted in teaching, learning and assessment" and that "Holistic development of all students is given a high priority; the school is very inclusive and opportunities are provided for students to develop their capacity for leadership and to contribute to school life."

Recommendations in the report are currently or have been implemented & all of these will be addressed within the terms of the school improvement plan and school focus, 2017-2022. The findings and recommendations are an accurate reflection of the current high standards of education and learning provided to students at the school.

<http://www.preswex.ie/inspection-reports/>

It has been an extremely busy start to the school year for our many extra curricular activities, with many wins for our teams in Camogie, Soccer, Basketball, Equestrian team to name but a few. I am always amazed by the amount of activities on offer here in the school and the commitment of both our staff and students. As always I continue to encourage all our students to take part in the wide and varied selection of extra-curricular activities that are offered here in the school: Basketball, Gaelic Football, Athletics, Equestrian, Soccer, Badminton, Green Schools, Couch to 5K, Deepgreen, Feminist society, choir, Athletics, the list goes on.

We recovered quickly from the recent fire in one of our Science labs, even though the lab still remains out of action, the work behind the scenes continues to get the lab back up and running as soon as possible.

We recently received the very welcome news of DES funding for additional accommodation here on our campus. Part of the new wing will be funded by DES grant, and part by our Board of Management, who continue to strive to make our school campus up to date and modern. The new school wing will consist of 1 Science lab and Prep room, 2 general purpose classrooms, and toilet facilities. We look forward to this additional accommodation starting in the next few months which can only help with enrolment demands in Wexford Town and the surrounding hinterland.

On the the 14th November we will have an Open Night here in the school for current 5th & 6th class students in local primary schools, I encourage prospective students to come and see what we have to offer here in Presentation, Wexford. We have a long-standing tradition and culture of success, achievement and excellence in the academic, sporting, artistic and scientific arenas. We have high expectations of our students in all they do, be it academic, sporting or cultural. Presentation, Wexford has a vibrant, enthusiastic and dedicated teaching staff who are committed to helping students achieve their potential. We also have a welcoming and friendly environment for pupils, as well as excellent facilities in the heart of the town. We are very proud of the fact that we are the 1st home of education in the town and a long history since 1818. Come and see for yourself and get to meet our students and teachers on the 14th November.

As Principal here in Presentation Secondary School, my door is always open to staff, parents and students and I am looking forward to working with all members of our school community in a challenging and positive environment, always upholding the values on which we were founded. I wish all our staff and students a relaxing mid term break.

William Ryan

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