

Presentation Wexford Newsletter

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Easter 2019 Newsletter

Students Plan Next Steps at Careers Night 2019



Professionals from the wider Wexford community were met with curious minds on Thursday February 28th as the school hosted another successful Careers Night. The Parents Council and the school's Guidance Department endeavoured to give our senior students a flavour of potential further education and career pathways on the night, with professionals on hand to represent careers in business, law, marketing, education, social work to name but a few.

Speaking on behalf of the guidance department, Mr Damien Nugent outlined the importance of the opportunity for our students go get to ask questions of the people who have gone before them and plotted careers in various areas.

"As part of the school's focus, 3rd level progression holds a significant stature within the guidance department and school community. With that in mind, the fact that over 60 professionals gave their time to speak to our students and give them an outline of the job that they do is just invaluable exposure. Along with the professionals, we had a number of third level and further education colleges who had displays and informed students of the courses and opportunities that they provide. This ensured that any student who attended thye event, be they in TY, 5th or 6th year, gained an appreciation for the opportunities available when it comes to 3rd level or further education progres-sion. I really think the careers night was an overwhelming success and the students gained valuable information when it comes to the teasing out process of deciding their next step after secondary school."

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Easter Edition

Welcome to the Easter edition of our school newsletter. Thank you for taking the time to catch up with the major events from another busy term at Presentation Secondary School and we hope you all enjoy the break.



Leinster Champions! Our 1st Year Soccer team were crowned Leinster 'A' Champions this term!



2nd Year Student Sanija Laze pictured at the CEIST Student Leadership Conference 2019



Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder qualify for Junk Kouture Finals

Principal's

Address



Welcome to our Easter Newsletter. Where has the year gone since September? As we enter the final term post Easter, our focus here in the school is on supporting our 6th and 3rd year students who are preparing for the State Examinations, building on the learning experiences so far this year, preparing for end of year awards ceremonies, graduations and celebrations of achievement. The 3rd & 6th Years have been busy with orals, practicals, course work to name a but a few. We wish them continued success and remember to remain calm and focused.

It has been a very busy term with many trips. All our Transition years spent the week before mid-term in Carlingford Adventure Centre, taking part in activities such as kayaking, sailing, orienteering, paint ball to name but a few. Our senior Geography students and teachers from our Geography department travelled to Iceland, taking in the many wonderful natural sights of Iceland. A group of students and teachers enjoyed the slopes of Marilleva in Italy. I would sincerely like to thank all the teachers who give up their own time to lead and travel on all school trips and for the organisation that goes in to same. To the Parents/Guardians thank you for allowing the students to travel on these wonderful trips. I am sure memories were created that will last a life time.

We have had busy times with excellent Literacy Week and Seachtain na Gaeilge organised by our wonderful teachers, there has been success on the Soccer and camogie pitches, as well as the equestrian field, basketball courts & the fashion field in the form of Junk Kouture.

I would also like to thank the Parents Council, our staff and all the professionals who were in attendance at our recent Careers Night here in the school, thank you for giving your time to the school.

I take this opportunity to remind you all once again, that entry for students is only on Grogan's Road. For any one driving into school, can I ask that you please take your speed slowly as students and teachers are often walking through the grounds of the school.

Finally, as Easter approaches fast, I thank everyone for their continued hard work on behalf of the school. I encourage students to put their heads down in final preparation for exams, awards etc. your hard work will pay off in the end. Please take the time to read our newsletter, which is just a snapshot of what goes on here in Presentation Wexford. Thank you, Mr Gaynor and your reporters.

Yours,



Mr Ryan presents students with their Junior Cycle Profiles of Achievement awards.

Leinster 'A' Champions 2019

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Maynooth PP 1

IT Carlow

Our 1st year soccer team claimed an historic maiden Leinster 'A' title with a powerful 3-1 victory over Maynooth PP on Monday March 11th.

The Grogan's Road girls took an early lead through Grace Nolan before Anna Kelly equalised for a battling Maynooth side before half time.

Goals from Sophie Colfer and striker Katie Law secured victory for the Pres in the second half to see them lift the cup.

The team will now play the winners of Pres Thurles and St Mary's Newport in the All-Ireland Semi-Final on Thursday May 9th in what has already been an amazing season. Having won the FAI Wexford Futsal competition, the girls have also qualified for the Leinster League semi final where they play Moyne CS.

Team: Ciara Pierce, Grace Noonan, Tegan Fortune, Robyn Beary, Olivia Garnett, Sophie Colfer, Amy Sheil, Oliva Morris, Muireann Hynes, Katie Law ©, Grace Nolan. Subs: Ellen Murphy, Katelyn Redmond, Tara Waldron, Catherine Harney, Lauren Brennan, Ava Dillon, Mary Hammel, Katie Walsh, Nicole Roche.



Equestrian Stars Crowned League Champions

Congratulations to our equestrian team and Ms Kenny who clinched the Wexford Interschools Novice league trophy once again this term to be named back to back winners. It is another fantastic achievement for this dedicated and talented group. Pictured l-r: Lauren Reck, Emily Roche, Ciara Moore & Alisha Deery. Supporting Team Portia Cahill, Ms Kenny, Michaela Walsh, Megan Murray Byrne, Eva Mulligan, Amy Mulligan.



Kveðja frá Íslandi



On the 14th of February this year 36 students and four members of the Geography department set off to the land of Ice and Fire...Iceland. On day one the group arrived into snowy Reykjavik after lunch and headed to a Hellshied Power station. This being one of Iceland's many geothermal power stations providing 99% of the country's power needs. All on the bus knew we were close to the station when the smell of rotten eggs filled the bus. Sulfur was the cause and a smell we recognised from then on! After a talk and a video all returned to the Hotel Cabin base for dinner and bed.

Day two was a bright and cool day and our first visit was to the Seljalandsfoss waterfall where group selfies became an important aspect of the trip! Unfortunately the path behind the fall of water was closed due to icy conditions so we travelled on to Reynishverfi, a black sand beach with Basalt stacks like those in Co. Antrim. The highlight for some was the walk down to Mýrdalsjökull Glacier but for a small group of brave climbers it was the hike to the viewing platform on top of Skógafoss waterfall. The slide down the mountain was even better!!!

Day three turned into a bitterly cold trip so a quick jump of the bus to see the Kerrid crater was rewarded by a luxurious few hours in the heated waters of the Secret Lagoon. To swim in naturally heated volcanic water was something we will never forget. The trip ended with a visit the National Park and Gullfoss waterfall and the Great Geysir. All in all a fantastic trip with a great group of students.

Marilleva 2019

Our students hit the slopes of Marilleva once more thanks to Ms Colfer, Ms Conway and Mr Nugent on another excellent ski trip.



Walkout for Equality

Presentation students joined the Union of Students Ireland on their Walkout for Equality to celebrate International Women's Day on March 8th.

TYs advance to National Junk Kouture Fianls

There is great excitement in the school as TY group 'Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder' have qualified for the national finals of Bank of Ireland's Junk Kouture competition. Emma Dempsey, Sinead Kirwan and Kate Donnelly's design wowed the judges at the regionals and Ms Murphy is looking forward to the showcase at the 3Arena on May 2nd.

"What an incredible achievement this really is for the three girls", declares a proud Ms L. Murphy.

"To bring their idea to fruition shows just how determined, creative and hard-working they really are. They deserve every success that comes their way and I hope that they inspire others with their message that every person should be proud of who they are because beauty truly is in the eye of the beholder."



Kate, Emma and Sinead with their design pictured with South East Radio's Alan Corcoran.

History Groups on Tour

Our History students got to grips with local and national history this term with tours to Vinegar Hill, Kilmainham Jail & Glasnevin cemetery.



Sweet Threads Qualify

Congratulations to our mini-company Sweet Threads who qualified for the senior category of the Wexford enterprise Awards this month.



Future Sparks

Our transition year students rubbed shoulders with some famous faces at the AIB Future Sparks event at the RDS last month, bumping into former Irish international and Strictly star Peter Stringer.



Carlingford Adventure



Transition Year students pictured at their annual trip to Carlingford Adventure Centre this term.

IMTA Pres Maths Team



Well Done to 6th Year Maths students Megan Dempsey, Ellen Fletcher McHugh, Nicole Murphy and Emma O Connor who participated in the IMTA MATHS Quiz in Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy this term.

Subject Craft Fair 2019

Suzie Brennan and Eleanor Hammel, 5th year, pictured at the subject Craft Fair showcasing LCPE. Presentation is among the small number of schools chosen for the pilot scheme.



Green Schools Bidding for 4th Flag

Our Green Schools Committee are currently working for the school's 4th flag for travel. In February, the girls participated in a walkability audit with Edwina from An Taisce to identify potential park and stride locations for our school. Students are currently filling in the 'Scores on Doors' which informs the committee how they travel to school on a daily basis. The findings will then be collated and they will try and encourage students to travel to school in a more 'green' manner when they organise WOW (Walk on Wednesdays).



GAA Stars Selected for Leinster



Congratulations to 5th year students Ailis Neville & Ciara Bridges, both members of the Leinster team who won the shield in the Post-Primary Gaelic Football Interprovincial tournament.

Champions Cup & Pro 14 Visit Presentation

A big thank you to Leinster CCRO Corey Carty for dropping by this term with the European Rugby Champions Cup and Pro-14 trophy.



Minor Camogie Round-Up

Our Minors are starting to hit top gear after a slow start to their campaign when losing to a determined OLOL team on a score line of 3-3 to 2-2. In sloppy conditions our girls could not find an answer to unlock a resolute OLOL defence. They tried hard in the 2nd half which they dominated for long periods but eventually came up short.

Next up for our minor girls was a home game against Colaiste Bride. In an eagerly contested first half our girls lead by 2 points but would face into a stiff wind in the 2nd half. A dominant 2nd half performance backboned by a strong defensive effort saw our girls pull clear at the end, winning 4-9 to 1-4.

Presentation's last group game took place last Friday against Borris VC. The girls got off to a great start with a salvo of early goals putting them into a controlling position, one which they held until the final whistle. Borris came back into the game before half time leaving 5 between the teams at half time. With the wind at their back for the 2nd half the girls eventually put the game to rest with a late scoring burst to finish on a score line of 4-8 to 2-5.

It looks like we will top the group (on scoring difference) and secure a semi final place which will be played in the coming weeks. This hardworking and talented team have further scope for improvement and with competition for places increasing a Leinster final place looks a real possibility for the girls.



Final Heartbreak for 2nd Year Basketballers

Our 2nd year basketball team had an agonising one point defeat in the South East 'C' Final to Our Lady of Lourdes Rosbercon last month. Having defeated Ard Scoil na Mara at the semi-final stage, the girls battled brilliantly but unfortunately came up just short in a 23-22 thriller.

Following the final, the girls travelled to Youghal for the All-Ireland Playoffs on April 1st, opening the day with a great 27-21 win over Poballscoil na Trionoide. St Joseph's Ballybunnion and KCC, Lucan just pipped our girls in the final games but another great tournament for the squad and Ms Colfer.



Athletics

Pictured are Uisce Moroney, Fiona Cousins, Ciara Martin, Ciara Dolan, Lisa Redmond and Claragh Keane who won silver at the South Leinster Cross Country event in February.

Wexford/Wicklow Post Primary Gaelic Football Blitz



Literacy Week 2019

Students and staff came together once more to celebrate Literacy week third year, with the World Book Day dress-up the highlight of a jam-packed week of events. From black-out poetry and short story competitions, to book pitches and word trails, Ms Power and her library team provided something for everyone on a week to bask in all things literary.



Essay winner Senior Category, Megan, whose powerful piece 'My Dad, My Hero.' Will be available to all, to read in our library. Congratulations Megan.



Seachtain na Gaeilge

Bhí deis againn Seachtain na Gaeilge a chéiliúradh ón 11 – 15 Márta. Bhain chuile dhuine idir taitneamh agus tairbhe as agus ba iomaí imeacht a bhí againn.

Bhí Tráth na gCeist ar siúl ar an Máirt don dara bliain agus bhí deis ag na daltaí obair le chéile trí mhéan na Gaeilge. Bhí na ceisteanna bunaithe ar eolas ginéarlta na ndaltaí agus thaitin sé go mor leo bheith in ann smaoineamh as a stuaim féin.

Ina theannta sin, bhí comórtas litrithe don chéad bhliain ar siúl agus thug sé sin deis dóibh focail agus frásaí Gaeilge a litriú os ard agus bronnadh duaiseann ar na mic léinn ab fhearr. Ba mhór an buntáiste í sin dóibh toisc gur fhoghlaim siad idir fhocail is frásaí nach raibh ar eolas acu cheanna féin.

Anuas air seo, eagraíodh comórtas na seanfhocal rud a thaitin leis na daltaí go léir. Thug sé seo léargas dóibh ar sheanfhocail atá againn agus d'fhoghlaim siad cuid mhaith ar oidhreacht agus stair na hÉireann toisc go raibh orthu taighde a dhéanamh bunaithe ar na seanfhocail éagsúla. Cuireadh gné cultúrtha os a gcomhair rud atá fíor-tábhachtach i sealbhú teanga.

Eagraíodh toraíocht taisce ar an gCéadaoin agus bhí ar chumas na mac léinn leideanna Gaeilge a iamsiú agus bheidís in ann duais a fháil faoi dheireadh. Thaitin sé seo go mór leo.

Chuireamar deireadh le Seachtain na Gaeilge leis an gcéilí agus d'fhoghlaim na daltaí na céimeanna go léir do na rincí éagsúla agus bhí orthu na céimeanna a ghlao amach i nGaeilge. Meadaíodh muinín na ndaltaí agus tarraingíodh a suim ó thús go deireadh. I measc na nduaiseanna a bhronnadh bhí uibheacha cáscá, suaitheantais agus pinn.

Ní dhéanfaidh dearmad ar an seachtain seo go deo na ndeor.



Comhghairdeas, Buaiteoirí na Scoláireachtaí 2019

I mbliana bhuaigh Lisa Whiteacre agus Sanija Laze, daltaí ón Dara Bliain páirtscoláireachtaí chuig Coláiste Laighean.



2nd Year students during their CSI Workshop in Science this term.



Presentation Wexford Celebrates LGBTQI+ week, raising funds for BeLong To Youth Services.



Our French Exchange students pictured at St. Stephen's Green on their recent visit.



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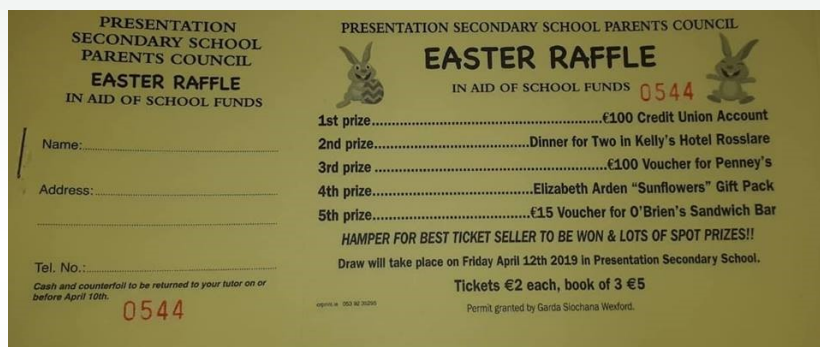
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Irish Athletics Star



Claragh Keane, 2nd Year, represented Ireland at the Celtic Games in Belfast this term In a remarkable achievement, competing a year out of her age group. Well done, Claragh!



A big thank you to our Parents Council for organising the Easter Raffle with some excellent prizes sponsored by local businesses!

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