

Presentation Wexford Newsletter

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Autumn 2019 Newsletter

Celebration as Pres Pupils Achieve Success

The opening term of the year was another filled with excitement as our Leaving & Junior Certificate classes of 2019 became the latest cohort to receive their results at Presentation Wexford.

Principal Mr Ryan congratulated the leaving certificate class on 'their excellent results' and wished them 'every best wish as they go down the many different paths they have chosen'.

Despite the nationwide delay to the release of Junior Certificate results this year, they proved to be worth the wait for our cohort, the vast majority of whom are currently enjoying Transition Year at the school.

Congratulations to all, and we look forward to following the journeys of our Leaving Certificate class of 2019.



Autumn Edition

Welcome to the first edition of the Presentation Newsletter for the 2019/20 academic year with a fresh Newsletter group working to bring you all the latest news from the school. We wish our new first year students in particular all the very best as they begin their journey with us at Presentation.



Science Lab 5 made a welcome return this term after refurbishment.



International Stars! Best wishes to our 2 international gymnasts Aoife Prunty & Aobhe Ormonde who represent Ireland at the European Gymnastic Championships in Israel.



Climate Action! TY Ellen Curran to sit on Youth Assembly on Climate Change in Dáil Éireann.



Principal's

It's hard to believe we are at the Halloween mid-term already.

Address

A very warm welcome to all of our 150 first year students who begin their educational journey with us here in Presentation Secondary School, Wexford. We also welcome many new transfer students who have joined us here in the school. We all hope that you have many happy years here with us all.



It has been a busy term as always, and we are very happy that Lab 5 is now open after a long year of refurbishment. Thank you to everyone involved it is a welcome addition to our wonderful campus. We hope to start work on our new extension in January 2020, this new building will comprise 2 classrooms, a science lab and toilets which will add even further to our campus and will be a much needed resource for our staff and students which now number 832.

Well done to the Leaving Cert Class & Junior Cert Class of 2019 on their excellent results in their recent state exams. I would like to wish our Leaving Cert Class of 2019 every best wish as they go the many different pathways that they have chosen.

At our school, we pride ourselves on the strong relationships that exist between our enthusiastic students, supportive parents/guardians along with the professionalism and dedication of our staff to ensure a holistic education for all our students. We encourage our students to actively participate in all areas of school life to help them achieve their full potential. In doing so we strive to create a caring and supportive environment where all students are known, valued and respected.

Can I remind Parents/Guardians & students that student entrance to the school is by the Grogan's Road entrance only. If you are dropping your daughter into the school grounds, for any reason, can I ask that you please be mindful of speed limits. In addition, all students must be collected when going home for appointments etc.

William Ryan

Green Schools



The Green Schools committee hit the ground running this year; by kicking off with the first WOW day, or Walk On Wednesday, on the 11th September. Many girls got dropped off at the Park and Stride locations, St. Aiden's Shopping Centre, Tesco and Wexford Park and walking the rest of the way to school, to make a stand against climate change.

On the 20th September they held a Climate Action Protest outside the school at lunchtime; gaining the attention of many passers-by and showing the town where Presentation stand on Climate change.

Also, this year the Green Schools started a new initiative with Wexford Tidy Towns, and set up the first Junior Tidy Towns committee. They meet up every Friday and clean up the litter all around the town. This promises to be of a great benefit to the town.

Another huge achievement, is that Ellen Curran, the chairperson of the tidy towns, has been chosen to join a climate change assembly in the Dáil this year. She was one of only 157 from across the country chosen. We are all very proud of this great accomplishment.

Ms. Whelan, the leader of the Green Schools Committee, is very proud of the group. "I am incredibly proud of the hard work and enthusiasm and dedication that each member of the Green Schools Committee has shown, not just since September, but over the last number of years. The committee has accomplished so many positive achievements for our school and continue to work for environmental change".



-Jody Boyle, Tabea Abramowski and Kaci Blanch

Interschools Victory for Equestrian Stars

September saw lots of new members welcomed into our equestrian club, which is expanding rapidly with each new school year. Our girls didn't have much time to settle back into school life with our first competition at Wexford Equestrian on September 8th. We had three teams competing with a few new faces, both horses and humans, representing our school! It proved to be a very successful start on our mission to keep the title of South East Novice Champions, having won it two years running now. Our teams came 3rd and 6th winning valuable points on both the South East league and the new national league.

At the end of September four of our students travelled to Warrington in Kilkenny. The team of Michaela Walsh, Katie Cullen, Elise Cahill and first timer Katelyn Kent produced 8 super clear rounds and two great jump of rounds to claim 3rd spot.

October saw us travel to Barnadown, Gorey with three teams. A whopping start list of 29 teams and a seriously tough track built by one of Ireland's top course builders made this one of the toughest competitions we have ever seen. Adding in torrential rain didn't help either. Our Green team of Katie Cullen, Alisha Deery, Ciara Moore and Elise Cahill became one of only 3 clear teams to enter the jump off. Katie and Alisha jumped two foot perfect rounds in the jump off to be crowned winners. To top off a great day we even got a shout out on 2fm Radio for our victory!

Katie Cullen is on top form in the individual competitions, currently winning the National 90cm league having claimed the victory in Wexford and being narrowly beaten into 2nd place in Barnadown.

A special mention must also go Graphedia who has us kitted out in lovely jackets that make the girls stand out from the crowd at shows. Having not been outside the top 3 so far this year, they must be pretty lucky too!

Next up is some training over the midterm to prepare us for our next show in Wexford Equestrian on Sunday 3rd Nov, make sure to follow us on Twitter @PresWexEqui for all the latest updates.



Wexford Futsal Champions

Congratulations to our 1st Year soccer stars who were crowned FAI Wexford Futsal champions this term. Having gone through the qualifiers and finals undefeated, the girls beat Colaiste Bride 2-1 in the final to book their place at the Leinster finals in Tallaght in November. What an amazing start to their time at Presentation!

Victory for 'Laois' in Pres Camogie Blitz

The school's Minor Camogie Blitz was a roaring success this year with matches running on Fridays of the opening term. With great numbers from 1st & 2nd year taking part, it was Laois that ran out winners of the Cup, with Cork claiming victory in the Shield. Well done to all the players and mentors who were involved in an exciting first term of camogie in the school. A big thank you also to Wexford legend George O'Connor for officiating at our Finals Day.



Our U16 basketballers pictured this campaign

Outdoor and Adventure Education at Shielbaggan OEC.

On the 12th and 13th of September, our third years embarked on the annual outdoor education day on the Hook Peninsula. With high winds and raised sea levels, Thursday's water based activity for Ms Colfer's and Mr Lynch's classes was surfing, and the students certainly took advantage of the energetic waves in Booley Bay with huge success! There are rumours some students are interested in auditioning for parts in Home and Away, such was the popularity and success of the activity!

With the sun splitting the rocks on Friday and a calmer sea, Mr Doran's classes took to the rocky surroundings of Slade for coastering. Under the expert guidance of the Sheilbaggan staff, the students enjoyed the challenge by choice adrenaline rush with squeals of laughter carrying inland on the sea breeze!

Back at the centre over the two days, the students explored the indoor caving system donning helmets and head-torches, with cooperation and team work being central to many student overcoming their fears!

The climbing tower, with its varying routes was conquered by most, again with team work being vital to the success of the activity. Our students also got to put themselves in Katniss Everdeen's shoes at the archery range, with mini competitions and we even had a few queries about opportunities to make it to the Tokyo Olympic next year!

Again, Paul and the staff down in Shielbaggan looked after our students very well through their ethos of challenge by choice over both days! Next year's dates are already booked for our current second years!



First Year Parent Morning

There was a great buzz of excitement in the Concert Hall as the first year students, ably helped by some students from TY and 2nd year as well as their teachers, prepared to showcase their classwork to their parents and guardians. Since the introduction of the new Junior Cycle there have been huge changes in the type of classwork the students are now engaged in and the morning gave parents an opportunity to see this and have a chat with other parents and some first year teachers over a cup of tea. The students also spoke about some of the extra-curricular activities that are on offer in the school. Well done to all involved in the morning.



Pres Front & Centre at Junk Kouture Launch

Last year's entry that reached the national finals was front and centre at this year's launch of Junk Kouture with our students Sinead, Emma and Kate rubbing shoulders with Louis Walsh as the competition gets underway for another year.



5th Year Peer Mentors



During September, interviews were held for fifth years interested in becoming mentors to second year students. Following this, the successful students attended a training afternoon to prepare them for their role. They wear a lighthouse badge, presented by Mr. Ryan, to identify them in their roles.

European Day of Languages

To celebrate European Day of Languages 2019, we held a 'Learn A Language' speed dating event in the concert hall. Well done to all students and staff for getting involved.



Maths Week

Presentation, Wexford celebrated all things numerical this term as Maths Week was held. Kahoots, Maths Mazes, Random Acts of 'Math-ness' and help at our Maths Support Centre saw students and staff get involved in a range of number-loving activities.



Stand Up

Awareness Week

Our staff and students donned their colours with pride this week with rainbow bracelets, hand-painting– and our rainbow dress up day to show support for young LGBTI+ people.



LC PE Update

The sixth year students are currently busy completing their Physical Activity Project which comprises 20% of their Leaving Cert grade. The students have selected a broad range of sports for their personal projects, varying from show jumping, rowing, gymnastics, soccer, football, rounders, camogie, football, athletics and cross-fit. The students conducted one week of data collection, including fitness testing, nutrition and hydration diaries, sport psychology profiling, and video analysis, from which they have identified four performance areas for improvement. The students then set goals for their chosen areas and devise a six week program of training and improvement. A further week of performance testing and analysis will follow this improvement program and the students will have to conduct analysis and reflections on their work. Their projects are then compiled electronically using their videos, photos and a written report by the Friday 13th December deadline. Best wishes to all the students undertaking their project work.

Evening Study

Evening Supervised Study continues daily in the school. This is open to all students.

If you wish to join please see Mr. Gilshinan (Room 61) or Ms Byrne (Room 7) for further details.

A big thank you to **Irish International star Rianna Jarrett** for joining us at our soccer quiz before their trip to Barcelona over the Halloween break. Best of luck to all involved.



Glendalough



Our Transition Years enjoyed another successful trip to Glendalough as part of their **Gáisce Award**. Thank you to all of the staff who joined the girls on their hike and we hope you didn't get too wet!

Charity Collections

The Transition Years were raising money for Bernardos and the Irish Society for Autism this term. They raised a lot of money to help the charities. They sold keychains and bags for the Irish Society for Autism all over the town. The charities are very appreciative of the work of these students. They got to experience the generosity of the people in town and they got to meet and chat with plenty of new people.



TY Student Rubs Shoulders With Bressie at Beat Radio

Congratulations to TY student Cyan Doyle who joined Beat Radio as part of their TY Media Week. Cyan joined other students from the South East in putting together a radio programme that was aired on Beat 102 103. Cyan is currently studying Journalism as one of her modules in Transition Year.



Three Rocks Trail

TY students went on a preparation hike for their Glendalough trip. They hiked 8 kilometres on the Three Rocks Trail and the Forth Mountain Quarry and had a fantastic day together enjoying the lovely scenery.



Barcelona Soccer Trip	28 th - 31 st October
2nd Year Wellbeing Day	5 th November
6th Year CAO Information Night	6 th November
5th Year Study Skills	7 th November
Science and Technology Week	11 th – 15 th November
TY IT Carlow Open Day	14 th November
3rd Year Parent Teacher Meeting	19 th November
College Awareness Week	18 th – 22 nd November
6th Year WIT Open Day	22 nd November
First Term House Exams	25 th – 29 th November
Christmas Carol Service	13 th December
1st Year Christmas Celebration	19 th December

Parents' Association Mid-Term News

We had our AGM in at the beginning of this month, many thanks to all who attended. We bid farewell to a few committee members and welcomed 13 new members. It's great to have an enthusiastic number of committee members and we have great things planned for the year ahead.

Save the date: Table quiz on 13 Nov at 6.45pm

The first event on our list is a table quiz on Wed Nov 13th, always great fun and its open to all members of the family. It is a fundraiser to provide the girls with additional canteen appliances. However, we hope it will also be a good fun evening for all and a way to meet others and socialise within the school community. So come on girls, bring your brother, your parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends!!! All welcome and great prizes to be won.

In the new year we have a competition lined up for all students who wish to enter...details to follow closer to the time.

And of course, the good 'ol Easter Raffle, one can never eat enough Chocolate!!

Thanking you all in advance for your support.

Enjoy the Midterm!

Your Parents' Association Committee

Contact: We would love to hear your comments or suggestions at parentscouncil@preswex.ie

Art Award for Dara Kelly



Congratulations to Dara Kelly, 3rd Year, who was awarded a certificate of commendation in the 65th Texaco Children's Art Competition for her piece.

Prefects

Pictured are our 2nd, 3rd & 5th Year prefects for the new academic year.



Meitheal Leaders

It has been a busy term for our new Meitheal leaders as they help our 1st year students settle into life in their new surroundings. Here they are pictured at the party organised to mark the end of their first term.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Our aim as a school is to encourage full attendance. To achieve this parents are encouraged to;

- Set high standards for their child in relation to attendance and punctuality
- Engage with the school if there is a problem about their child's attendance and support plans to address the problem
- Ensure that their child regularly attends and arrives to school on time
- Avoid taking their child out of class unless there is a serious reason
- Avoid taking their child on holidays during term time

Thank you for your cooperation to date. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns regarding attendance and punctuality.

Ms B Ryan



New school hats and scarves available for €10. Contact Mr Gilshinan for further details.



Well done to everyone for dressing up for **Trick or Treat for Temple Street** on our last day before the break. Enjoy the Mid-Term!



Technical Graphics was introduced as an option for our new first year students for the 19/20 academic year.



Welcome to the newest members of the **Library Team**. The successful applicants were 1st year, Cait & Fleur, 2nd year, Esther & Mary and Weronika 3rd year (missing from photo Sinead Kent 6th year.)



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