

Presentation Wexford Newsletter

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January 2020 Newsletter

Curriculum Forum 2020

As we enter a new year, the school has continued the process of looking forward to the future of life for students at Presentation, Wexford with our Curriculum Forum 2020 held recently.

A process of exploration that began over 2 years ago saw all stakeholders, staff, students and parents come together for an evening of discussion and engagement around any possible changes to our subject offering in the context of our Mission Statement and ethos.

Facilitator Rachel O'Connor, Principal at Ramsgrange Community School, described it as an 'excellent evening...exemplary practice in SSE and collaboration by the school with all stakeholders highly engaged in reflection and discussion.'

The school's Board of Studies will now consider the feedback, along with the previous surveys of stakeholders as the evaluation continues.



Winter Edition

Welcome to the first edition of the Presentation Newsletter of the calendar year. The hint of a stretch in the evenings heralds the impending arrival of the Mock examinations and we wish our 3rd & 6th Year students all the very best with their upcoming tests. Enjoy!



Junior Problem Solvers! Some of the students who represented the school at St Leo's College, Carlow this term.



International Star! Congratulations to 2nd Year student Katie Law who represented the Ireland U15 team in a friendly at Galway's Eamon Deacy Park this month.



Junk Kouture! Just one of the many wonderfully creative Presentation entries for this year's Junk Kouture.

Principal's A very Happy New Year to everyone; I hope 2020 is a peaceful and happy one for us all.

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Each year when we return after Christmas, we start a fresh new year with the usual buzz of school life. First years are getting well settled and once again, I encourage parents to make sure your daughter is getting involved in after school activities.

It is now an extremely busy time in school—mock exams, preparing for orals, practical's, completing Projects and CBA's etc. A lot of hard work starts to come together; students are making choices re Senior Cycle and Transition Year, and 2nd year options. As well as this we will mark Catholic Schools week between now and mid-term.

Congratulations to all of the students who have represented Presentation Secondary Wexford in so many sporting activities, debating, competitions in the last few weeks and since the start of the year. It also is chance to remind parents and students, of the vast amount of extra-curricular activities that are available here in Presentation Wexford, from camogie, Gaelic Football, Basketball, Badminton, Soccer, Debating, Athletics, Deep-green, Games Club, Walking Club, Couch to 5K to the Feminist Society there is something for everyone on offer.



Currently our 3rd and 6th years are busy preparing for the Pre Leaving & Junior Cycle examinations, we wish them all the very best, the hard work will pay off. Mock examinations are a very important learning experience for students regarding time management and how to read questions carefully as these are the two main pitfalls experienced.

There is also a very excited group of Transition years who will be heading to Co Louth for their activity holiday, and a further 32 students will travel to Italy to hit the slopes in the next few weeks.

We welcomed all of our incoming 1st years who will be joining the school in September 2020 on Thursday the 16th January. I look forward to working with the new 1st year students over the course of the next 5-6 years. On behalf of the school, I thank you for choosing our school as the place where your daughter will spend the teenage years of her life. In hindsight, some of us say "The best days of our lives". We hope that all our students strive to do their best in life.

A reminder to 1st year parents that the parent-teacher meeting will be held on Wednesday the 4th March.

Research shows that students learn more, have higher grades, and have better school attendance when parents/guardians are involved in their education. That is why attending parent-teacher meetings is so important: it is a great way for parents to become involved and stay involved throughout the school year. Parent-Teacher meetings are a good way to meet your child's teachers and learn about your child's academic performance, as well as the teacher's expectations. If you know what is expected in the classroom, you can more easily address any issue that comes up as your child moves through the school year.

By attending these meetings, you also send a positive message to your child that school is important.

Keep in mind that you are an equal partner at the meeting. If you have questions or observations, the meeting is a good time to share them with the teacher. Do not forget to share what you know about your child. Your information helps the teacher better understand and teach your child.

I wish all students, staff & parents every best wish for the half term ahead.

William Ryan



Pres Choir Has Talent!

Congratulations to our school choir who have qualified for the live audience semi finals of Wexford Has Talent at Clayton Whites Hotel on February 1st/2nd.



Equestrian Update

The year 2020 has started well for our Equestrian Club. We welcomed Redmills onboard as a sponsor and received beautiful new saddlecloths for our teams to show off. They brought us lots of luck in our first show on Sunday 19th Jan.

It was our first time to field 4 teams, which shows how quickly our club is expanding!

With 14 teams in our competition, we managed to get 3 of our 4 teams into the jump off. John Doyle, international course builder, set a very testing track and only 5 teams got through to the jump off. Our green team of Emily, Lauren, Elise and Ciara came 2nd, our white team of Mia M, Alice, Eva and Katelyn came 4 and our Red team of Isabelle, Alisha, Michaela and Katie came 5th. Our Navy team of Olivia, Grace and Mia Q all put in great rounds and were not far off the ribbons either.

Congratulations to Katie Cullen on another great win in the individuals and to Emily Roche for placing 5th.

Thanks to all our riders, families and sponsors for all the hard work and support that goes in between the competitions!

Make sure to follow us on Twitter @PresWexEqui for all the latest updates.



Semi-Final Heartbreak for Senior Camogie Team

Another excellent campaign for our senior camogie team came to a halt at the hands of an excellent Presentation Kilkenny outfit with a 4-8 to 3-7 defeat in the Leinster 'A' Senior Championship Semi-Finals.



Silver Medals for Senior Soccer

Congratulations to our senior soccer side who were runners up in the FAI Schools Leinster Girls Regional League 19/20. The girls had wins over Colaiste Chill Mhantain, Gorey CS & St Mary's Arklow, while winners CB Carnew scored in the last minute to claim a 2-1 victory. The girls now look forward to their Leinster Quarter Final.

Meanwhile, our U15 team continued their good run with a recent league win over Enniscorthy VC after Loreto KK had advanced past them in the Leinster Cup Quarter Final after extra time.

Our 1st year team advanced to the next round of the Leinster Cup with victory ver St Raphaela's, Stillorgan.



Play-Off Success for Basketball Stars

It has been a busy few weeks for our basketball squads at Presentation Wexford as our U16 & Senior teams booked their place at the National Basketball Arena for the All Ireland QF & SF.

Our U16 squad, who qualified for the play-offs as South East Champions had a one point win over Heywood College before defeating St Brogans Bandon and now face Castletroy in the All Ireland semi final in the National Basketball Arena on Feb 6th.

Our Senior team, who qualified for the play-offs as runners up, upset the odds to defeat heavily fancied St Andrew's & Piper's Hill. Their memorable journey came to an admirable end at the National Basketball arena as they lost out by 35-32 to a strong Mercy College, Sligo side in January.



Our U16 South East Champions



Wexford County Cross Country



Interprovincial Shield for Leinster's Ciara



Congratulations to 6th year student Ciara Bridges who was a member of the Leinster Schools GAA Panel that won the Interprovincial Shield this month with victory over Ulster in the final.

In the inter girls County Cross Country Presentation Wexford came first with Claragh Keane winning the event. The team also consisted of Ciara Martin, Ailbhe White, Ciara Dolan and Uisce Moroney. Freya Thompson came third in the minors and Arwyn Thompson also performed well in the junior section. Well done to all of our athletes!

Claragh Represents Ireland at Celtic Games

Another newsletter and another note of congratulations to our incredible athlete Claragh Keane. Claragh once again represented Ireland at the Celtic Games on January 11th on another proud day for the school, her club and family.



Green Schools Bid for 4th Flag

Our Green Schools Committee are vying for their 4th flag this term, this time for travel! The first WOW (Walk on Wednesday) event was held in January and we await news of our bid following our recent inspection. Thanks to all staff and students who have joined the bid to help make our school that bit greener!



Green Code for Our 4 Themes



What we do today will affect us tomorrow,

If we don't reduce waste now, the Earth will be in great sorrow.

Presentation girls are saving energy, So our Earth won't become history.

We saved so much water, All for our sons and daughters.

Help the greenschools by taking a walk or carpool!



Leaving Certificate Subject Fair

Incoming 5th year students got an insight into the subjects available to study at LC level at our recent Subject Fair. Always one of the most popular events on the calendar, students get the chance to chat to their peers about the nuts and bolts of each subject as they weigh up their options and choices.



Science & Drama Workshops for 2nd Years

January saw 2nd years immersed in CSI & Drama Workshops as they explored the world of crime scenes with a special focus on the JFK assassination. Meanwhile, our LC AG Science group were pictured on their recent visit to Slaney Farms base in Enniscorthy.



Junk Kouture

Phenomenal effort & creativity from our Junk Kouture entries this year. Best of luck to all of these talented students with their bids to qualify and well done to Ms Murphy on her work coordinating the creation process.

Help update our Red Read Wall!



Are you reading in 2020? Put the title of your latest book on Ms. Leacy's **Red Read Wall** (borrow a window marker from room 6) #readers do better in all subjects AND it helps you de-stress.

Science Exhibition



3rd year students Orlaigh, Roisin, Claragh, Kate and Emma represented the school excellently delivering presentations and exploring innovative ideas at the Science Exhibition at the **Wexford Arts Centre** this month.



Megan O'Reilly, Grace Brennan agus Sinéad Kirwan ag glacadh páirte sa dara babhta den chomórtas dí-ospóireachta náisiúnta in Inbhear Mór.



Transition Year Journalism students pictured outside RTÉ studios after a tour of the Donnybrook Campus recently.

Reduce Food Waste Competition

POETRY PHOTOGRAPHY ANY MEDIUM

Food Waste & Climate Change Competition

Open to all students

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Closing Date - 31st Jan 2020

Oven Door Li'l Dinner Voucher for first 50 entries

VS Ware Points for all entries

POSTERS VIDEO SHORT STORY

A Presentation Wexford Parents Association Competition

Queries and Applications to parentscouncil@preswex.ie

Parents' Association Food Waste Competition deadline has been extended to February 5th.



Well done to 1st Year student Eva Cashman who performed as one of only 20 dancers in the **Irish National Ballet's** production of the Nutcracker at the Pavilion Theatre.



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