

Presentation Wexford Newsletter

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Autumn 2020 Newsletter

Class of 2020 Recognised

As a community, we have all had to find novel ways of celebrating and acknowledging milestones in this socially distanced space we now live in, and despite not being able to bring the entire class of 2020 together, the school was finally able to welcome some of the students from the year nobody will ever forget to the building this term.

Congratulations to Aine Fitzgerald, Elise Zacherl, Aoife Prunty, Shauna Sinnott, Grainne Berry, Shauna Reck, Jessica Sludds Bynre, Sinead Kennedy, Jessica Scallan (missing from photo) & Aoise Davis who were awarded the Top 10 CAO points totals.

Aine & Elise both also received a scholarship in recognition of earning an incredibly tally of over 600 points. Sinead was also awarded an Entrance Scholarship from Maynooth University for her achievement.

Clara Bell Browne (CEIST Award), Grainne Berry (Principal's Award) & Aoife O'Neill (Student of the Year) received their awards.

Finally, our outgoing Head Girl team received a small token of appreciation for their work leading the student body last year. A big thank you to Clara Bell Browne, Aine Fitzgerald & Head Girl Aoise Davis.



Autumn Edition

Welcome to the first edition of the Presentation Newsletter of the school year 20/21. In these strange times, it's nice to reflect on the achievements of our student body who have shown great resilience and positivity as we reach the half-way point in our term. We've added some interactive icons and pictures so keep an eye out for some clickable links! Enjoy!



*Construction has finally commenced on our much awaited **new wing** here in the school. It has been a long wait for much needed accommodation with extra science space & general classrooms on the way. Thank you to DES & our Board of Management for funding.*



*Students from last year's **TY Journalism Class** after receiving their Newsbrands Ireland Press Pass Award this term.*

Principal's Welcome All,

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As mid-term break is upon us, I would like to say thank you. It has been a very busy few weeks here in PSS, Wexford.



I want to take this opportunity to thank the entire school community for all their efforts so far this year. Together, we have all managed to re-open our school, keep it open, and keep it running smoothly. Huge strides have been made in terms of our blended learning plans, through our usage of Microsoft TEAMS & Office 365.

Thank you to the Parents/Guardians, Students and Staff in our school for the levels of care, attention & responsibility that is being shown over the course of the past few weeks. We are well settled back now to the "New Normal". Thank you all for your cooperation, understanding and support. It has not been an easy journey for any of us. The first term has been a strange one but by working together, by cooperating and helping each other we can achieve more.

I ask you all, Parents/Guardians/ Students to work with us to encourage everyone to follow all guidelines set out by NPHET not only in school but outside school as well. We all have a responsibility to follow all HSE advice, protocols and exercise caution, calm and consistent messaging. We have a duty of care to all in our school and those outside of our school.

Everyone has responsibility together; we are all in this together and need your support to encourage all of our students to follow the guidelines.

Wishing all our school community & the wider community well and hope you have enjoyed a healthy and relaxing midterm break.

William Ryan



New Head Girl Team

Head Girl Elizabeth Nwosuocha, pictured with deputies Jamie Benson, Kate Rossiter Gargan & Sinead Kirwan this month. At this stage, they have settled into their roles as they lead the school community. Congratulations and best wishes again to all four girls as they continue their leadership journey.



Equestrian Team Claim Hat-Trick of Titles

A lovely photo of some of our Equestrian Team members receiving their prizes for winning the Doagh Novice league Wexford Equestrian Centre this month. Well done to each and every one of our students (more not photographed) who all contributed to gaining points to win this league for the 3rd year running.



Recognition for Irish International



3rd year student Katie Law pictured with Principal Mr Ryan holding a framed **Republic of Ireland** jersey that now hangs proudly in the school. Congratulations once again on a fantastic achievement having represented your country.

TYs at IOAC

A big thank you to all the staff at the International Outdoor Adventure Centre, Tagoat for looking after our Transition Year Students for their bonding day at the start of the academic year.



Green Schools Claim 4th Flag

Our Green Schools Committee were delighted this term as they were notified of being awarded their 4th flag, this time for travel! The popular WOW initiatives (Walk on Wednesday) were among the events held that impressed the inspectorate and raised awareness across the school. Thanks to all staff and students who 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!



Chloe Scoops Wexford Enterprise Award

Congratulations to Chloe Hall of Chloe's Creations who was a Merit Award Winner at the 19/20 Wexford Student Enterprise Programme Awards.

Chloe is pictured here with Principal Mr William Ryan and Mr Ciaran Walsh.



Curracloe Field Trip

The start of October saw our 6th Year Geography students take to Curracloe Beach as part of their Field Investigation.



Friendship & Stand Up Week

Well done to everyone for taking part in our **Friendship & Stand Up** initiatives over the past few weeks. Lots of laughter and colour on display!



Stewardship

Well done to our Transition Year students for their great shows of stewardship over the last term with members from the Biodiversity module and other classes looking after the upkeep of our green areas, getting ready to attract the butterflies & bees next Spring.



Student Council

Our Student Council received their training for the year 2020/21 year from The Irish Second Level Students' Union last month. The ISSU is the national representative body for school students in the Republic of Ireland. The ISSU is led by students, for students. Congratulations also to the newly elected members to our council.



Presentation 'Movember'



Singers go Viral: Chloe Breen & Ciara Doherty sang 'Oceans' as part of our Opening of School Year Prayer Service and it has been viewed by over 20,000 people across our social media channels. Click pictures to watch.



As a staff we have decided to raise funds to help promote men's mental health in support of ourselves, our fathers, partners, brothers, sons etc.

Globally, the rate of suicide is alarmingly high, particularly in men. Too many men are 'toughing it out', keeping their feelings to themselves and struggling in silence. Movember is aiming to reduce the rate of male suicide by 25% by 2030, and we want to help them get there. Help me stop men dying too young.

Click the link to support if you can.

<https://movember.com/m/14299055?mc=1>



Evening Study is back running at the school. Contact Mr Gilshinan in Room 19 for information– limited places available. Saturday Study has also returned, see website for calendar and opening hours.



*Students taking advantage of some fine Autumn weather on the **new benches** in our outdoors spaces.*



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